

HENRY FORD CONCEDES DEFEAT, ABANDONS PEACE SHIP; LEAVES FOR AMERICA

PEACE MAKER ABANDONS SHIP SAILS FOR HOME

Ford Leaves Peace Negotiations in Hands of Women's Peace Association, Finances Voyage and Departs—Admits Peace Mission a Failure—Says It Is Up to Newspapers.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 24, via London.—The Norwegian liner Bergenfjord with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace association.

The Rev. Samuel S. Morrow, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

Before leaving Mr. Ford gave a check for 1,000,000 kroner (about \$270,000) to finance the expedition. He left because he realized that it was impossible to make headway. His party was always at loggerheads and Scandinavian pacifists adopted an attitude of reserve.

When Mr. Ford found all official doors closed he broke down.

Issues Statement Before leaving Christiania for Bergen Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. Newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread.

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right."

In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued Mr. Ford said a company had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, the Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, John D. Barry of San Francisco, Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bethea of South Carolina, and Louis P. Lochner of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegians will join the expedition.

Henry Ford's departure from Europe apparently marks the termination, in its original form, of the most novel of the many movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war.

Relinquished Task Mr. Ford's announcement that the Women's International Peace association henceforth will conduct the expedition, would seem to indicate that, so far as he personally is concerned, he will relinquish the self imposed task which he expressed in the phrase:

"Out of the trenches by Christmas."

It has not been made clear, however, whether Mr. Ford will continue to give financial support to the enterprise.

The Women's International Peace association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at

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NO CHRISTMAS TRUCE TO HALT BLOODY FRAYS

Many Isolated Engagements on Various Fronts Upset Predictions of Universal Celebration—Russian Successes in Galicia—Bulgars Prepare to Attack Saloniki.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Many isolated engagements on various fronts have upset predictions of the universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed. From Galicia, the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembowla, where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines.

Special dispatches to London state that the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Saloniki. The entente forces are engaged in strengthening their positions and express confidence that there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them.

Recapture Summit BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Germans have completely regained the position on Hartmannsweilerkopf, in the Vosges region, recently taken by the French, it was officially announced by army headquarters today.

The French have been driven out of the trenches they still occupied on the northern slope of the peak, it is declared.

Today's statement follows: "Western theater of the war: The enemy's artillery fire has been lively at certain points, especially in the Vosges."

"A nocturnal hand grenade attack against our positions on the heights northeast of Souain was easily repulsed."

"The position on Hartmannsweilerkopf has been completely regained. The French also were driven out of the trench section on the northern slope of the mountain."

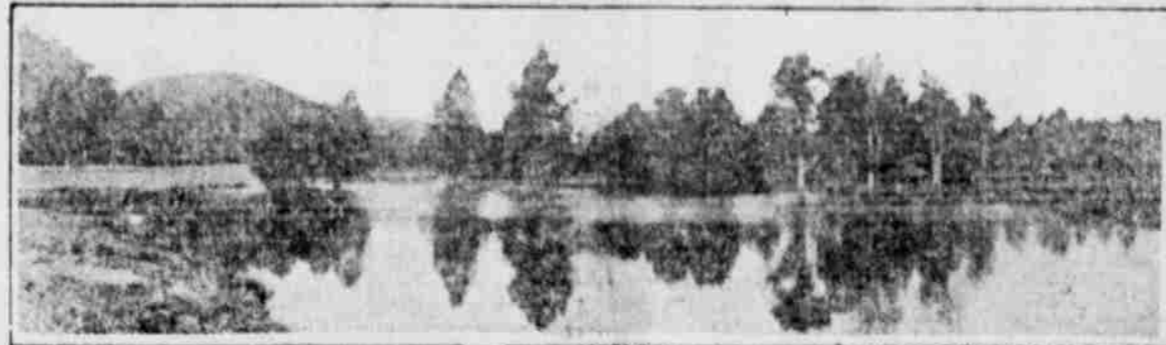
French Statement PARIS, Dec. 24.—A repulse of the Austrians is reported in an official Montenegrin statement received here today as follows:

"The enemy on Wednesday violently bombarded the Mojkovac sector without result and attacked Touriak in the direction of Rozai-Bersna, where he was repulsed with large loss."

"Towards Bielo we pursued the enemy as far as the village of Ivania."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The congressional subcommittee of the joint committee on rural credits had before it today for approval the final draft of a rural credits bill. This committee will report to the full committee next Monday, after which the latter body will make its report to both houses on rural credit legislation.

WHERE WILSON IS HONEYMOONING



View of the lake adjoining the golf course at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., is shown at top. Below to the left is white sulphur spring where fashionables flock to drink the waters and to the right is the Greenbrier, the palatial hotel where the new first lady of the land will reign as social queen.

GREEK ELECTION BRILLIANT VICTORY FOR VENIZELOS

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Athens correspondent of the Figaro sends an interview secured from M. Venizelos, former Greek premier, concerning the recent parliamentary elections in Greece, in which the adherents of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, were successful and in which the Venizelos party abstained in most cases from going to the polls.

"The elections were a brilliant triumph of my policy and ideas. A majority of the voters abstained from voting. I am entitled to say that the verdict was even more categorical than that of last May. It is in vain that my opponents attempt to explain the abstentions by the mobilization. It must not be forgotten that we had 100,000 men with the colors last May and that the army voted in the present elections at several centers and that the part of the army which could not vote contained a large number of my party."

"In certain polling stations only three votes were recorded."

The Athens correspondent of the Havas agency has the following to say concerning the political situation in Greece:

"When parliament reassembles states of siege probably will be voted in order to stop the merciless attacks upon the government's policy. M. Gounaris insists that the present cabinet remain, but unless the situation changes through the king's intervention a reconstruction of the cabinet probably will occur."

REVOLUTION IN CHINA AGAINST YUAN IS BEGUN

TSAI AO, Former Military Governor of Yunan, and Prominent Republican Leader, Heads Revolt Against Monarchy—30,000 Soldiers Sent to Quell Uprising.

PEKING, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement under the leadership of T sai Ao, former military governor of Yunan, has broken out.

The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuen province in western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nanfu in Yunan province.

T sai Ao is a bitter opponent of the monarchy which is to be restored. The government troops of Yunan province have not joined the revolt, the latest advices indicating that they are still loyal. The neighboring provinces are not affected.

T sai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, alleging "his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunan, where he has been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who of late is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda."

It will require about two weeks of marching through the mountains for the troops from the Sze Chuen province to reach Yunan.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR 5,000 ACRES BEET SEED

The following telegram was received Friday by the Mail Tribune. It will be noted that nothing is said regarding location of factory, which, from indications, was assured before the beet campaign began, to Grants Pass:

"Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 24.—The directors of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company had a meeting Tuesday and accepted the contracts to grow sugar beets that have been signed by the farmers of the Rogue River valley, which contracts were heretofore approved by the field superintendents of the company. Arrangements have been made for beet seed to plant 5000 acres of sugar beets."

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the company, held on December 23, financial plans and arrangements of the company were approved, and immediately after the holiday season contractors who are in the business of building sugar factories will be invited to submit bids upon a contract for the erection of the factory that will be built in the Rogue River valley. It is the intention of the company to let the contract before the expiration of January, 1916."

"By next Christmas the people of the Rogue River valley will be enjoying prosperity such as has come to the state of Utah by reason of its sugar industry."

"GEORGE E. SANDERS. "ALEX. NIBLEY."

Work trains are crossing Coos Bay on the new Willamette Pacific bridge.

BRITISH LOSSES IN WAR TOTAL 528,227 MEN

Casualties From Conflict Classified as Follows: Flanders and France, 387,988; Dardanelles, 114,555; Other Theaters, 25,684—Proportion of Officers Large.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written request by P. A. Molteno, member of the house of commons, Premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to December 9, as 528,227.

Detailed figures of the casualties as given by Premier Asquith, corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles given yesterday in the house of commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the premier gave today for the operations to December 9. The casualties were distributed as follows:

Table with columns: Flanders and France, Officers, Other, Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total officers and men, 387,988.

Table with columns: Dardanelles, Officers, Other, Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total officers and men, 114,555.

Table with columns: Other Theaters, Officers, Other, Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total officers and men, 25,684. Grand total, 528,227.

WIRELESS BETRAYS AUSTRIAN SECRETS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A message from Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to Baron Zwiendnik, Austro-Hungarian charge d'affaires at Washington, is circulated in London today by the Wireless Press. It is dated Vienna and was picked up in England on its transit by wireless telegraph to the United States. The communication reads:

"The American note was handed over to me on the 21st. Tell the secretary of state the answer we are now preparing will be guided by the same concern for good relations between both countries as mentioned by the federal government. In consequence of the Christmas holidays our answer cannot be expected before next week."

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (by wireless to Sayville).—Advices from Stockholm report that, in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold up parcel post packages passing through Sweden to or from England in retaliation for the removal by British authorities from steamships of packages for Sweden, 10,000 parcels from England for Russia are now being held at Gothenburg.

SINKING OF JAP LINER SUBJECT OF U. S. INQUIRY

Should Investigation Show Liner Sunk Without Warning by Austrian Submarine, Further Diplomatic Action Will Enue for Abandonment of Destruction Without Notice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean, reported torpedoed without warning, will be made the subject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and forward them without delay to the state department.

The state department's inquiry in the case is based solely on reports that the liner had an American passenger aboard. Although he was reported rescued, it is felt that if the liner was torpedoed without warning, his life was endangered.

Should reports that the vessel was torpedoed without warning and that the submarine was an Austrian be verified officially, it is said further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will undoubtedly ensue in which the torpedoing of ships without warning will be discussed and demand again be made that American lives be not placed in peril by such practices.

After conferring at some length with Secretary Lansing, Baron Zwiendnik returned to the embassy and spent half an hour preparing a communication which was delivered to Secretary Lansing by messenger. It could not be ascertained what the communication contained.

NEW HAVEN CASE UP TO COURT FOR LEGAL DECISIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the conclusion today of five days of arguments on motions to dismiss the case against them, the fate of William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, charged with conspiracy to monopolize commerce, was placed in the hands of Judge Hunt. He has the power to dismiss the indictment against all eleven of the defendants as not having been sustained by the government's evidence or to direct a verdict of acquittal against any of them individually. He announced that he would render his decision next Tuesday. Meantime the court takes a holiday recess.

The long argument was concluded with an address by R. L. Batts, for the government, who reviewed the chief points of the evidence in an endeavor to show that the defendants intended to violate the law in acquiring a monopoly.

THE BATTLE CRY OF CHRISTMAS! Drawn for the Mail Tribune By R. W. ALLMAN

