

FIRST OF ENTENTE ALLIES, CRUSHED MONTENEGRO, LAYS DOWN ITS ARMS

MONTENEGRO SUES FOR PEACE ASSERTS TISZA

Hungarian Premier Announces in Parliament That Tiny Kingdom Has Had Enough Fighting—Unconditional Surrender Demanded Before Discussion of Terms.

BERLIN, Jan. 17, by wireless.—The king and the government of Montenegro on January 13 asked a cessation of hostilities and opening of peace negotiations, it was officially announced today by Austro-Hungarian headquarters.

BERLIN, Jan. 17 (by wireless to Sayville).—The Overseas News agency announced today Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, had announced in the Hungarian parliament that Montenegro had asked for peace.

Montenegro was asked unconditionally to lay down her arms and she had accepted, the premier declared, according to the news agency.

The Austro-Hungarian government replied to Montenegro that peace negotiations were only possible if the Montenegro army unconditionally laid down its arms, the headquarters statement as received here from Vienna says. The Montenegro government, adds the statement, yesterday accepted the Austrian conditions. The report is as follows:

Tisza's Statement "Montenegro asks for peace," stated Count Tisza in the Hungarian parliament. The proceedings under the first paragraph of the order of the day had just been completed when Count Tisza asked permission to interrupt the discussion. He stated that the king and government of Montenegro had asked the inauguration of peace negotiations.

"The announcement caused a great commotion in parliament. "We asked that beforehand Montenegro unconditionally lay down her arms," continued the premier.

"Joyful shouts followed this statement. "Just at this moment," continued the premier, "the news has arrived that the unconditional laying down of arms has been accomplished.

"Since the preliminary condition has been fulfilled," added the premier, "peace negotiations will be entered into immediately."

This announcement, if accurate, marks the first known definite step taken by any of the belligerents in the European war toward the making of peace.

BELGIUM SUFFERS HEAVILY FROM FLOODS

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Reports from the Dutch frontier sent by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News indicate that Belgium has suffered heavily from floods, especially in South Flanders. The river Scheldt has risen several meters and the villages of Wellen, Gavere Synge, and Shelderode are completely inundated.

SPANISH STEAMER BELGICA SUNK; CREW RESCUED

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Spanish steamer Belgica has been sunk. Twenty-three members of the crew were saved.

The last mention of the Belgica in available mercantile records notes her arrival December 12 at Heysham, England, from Sagunto, Spain. The steamer was owned by the International Navigation company of Bilbao. Her gross tonnage was 2195.

KING OF MONTENEGRO



KING NICHOLAS

King Nicholas, aged 73, represents the world's oldest reigning dynasty. Montenegro history began in 1380 when a Turkish army annihilated the Ancient Serbian Kingdom. The remaining Serbs fled to the "Black" mountain, where they set up an independent kingdom and have since maintained their independency.

AUSTRIA OFFERS SEPARATE PEACE TO MONTENEGRO

ROME, Jan. 17, via Paris.—Austria, according to a press dispatch from Athens, is reported to have offered a separate peace to Montenegro on the following terms:

"Austria agreed to guarantee Montenegro all territorial rights in Scutari in exchange for the cession of Mount Lovcen to Austria."

Official announcement was made by the Montenegrin authorities on Saturday that Montenegro had never adhered to or intended to adhere to any separate proposal of peace or to any armistice with Austria.

AUSTRIA PROTESTS SEIZURE OF CORFU

BERLIN, Jan. 17 (by wireless to Sayville).—"The Austro-Hungarian government has entered a verbal protest with the American ambassador at Vienna, F. C. Penfield, against the occupation by French and British detachments of the Island of Corfu, which is a flagrant violation of the London treaties of 1863 and 1864," says the Overseas News agency.

"The Austro-Hungarian government points out that Great Britain and France again have manifested their disregard of the general principles of international law. The American ambassador has been asked to communicate the protest to Great Britain and France."

SERBIAN OFFICIALS ARRIVE AT BRINDISI

BRINDISI, Italy, Jan. 16, via Rome.—Forty members of the Serbian government have arrived here from Scutari, accompanied by diplomats of the allied powers accredited to King Peter.

ROME, Jan. 16, via Paris, Jan. 17.—The Idea Nazionale says the Serbian government will have headquarters at Brindisi for some time. Premier Paclitch, Ljoubia Jovanovitch, minister of the interior; M. Drachkovitch, minister of public works, and a number of other government officials are at Brindisi.

\$3,000,000 DRYDOCK FOR PUGET SOUND ASKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A bill calling for a \$3,000,000 drydock at the Puget Sound navy yard was introduced today by Senator Jones.

TURKISH FORCES DRIVEN BACK IN MESOPOTAMIA

British Capture Positions at Waddi—Russian Attacks, Force Turkish Back in the Caucasus—Artillery Duel on West Front and Activity in East Hampered by Snow Storms.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Announcement was made in the house of commons today that the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia have fallen back to within six miles of Kut-el-Amara.

The announcement was made by J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, who said the Turks had retreated as the result of another British victory. The Turkish positions at Waddi, he said, were carried on Saturday by the British.

Turkish Forces Retreat

BERLIN, Jan. 17 (by wireless to Sayville).—After delaying for a week the advance of strong Russian forces in the Caucasus, the Turks have withdrawn their advanced posts several miles at some points, according to the Turkish official statement of today, received here from Constantinople.

The statement follows:

"In the Caucasus the Russians continued their attacks against Turkish positions on both sides of the Arasa, suffering heavy losses, especially in the district between the Arasa and the Inid valley. Here Turkish advanced posts retired some kilometers after having delayed strong enemy forces for one week."

Regarding operations in Mesopotamia the statement says: "There has been intermittent artillery fire near Kut-el-Amara."

Little Doing in Fronts

BERLIN, Jan. 17, via London.—Army headquarters today issued the following statement:

"Western front: In the town of Lens three inhabitants were killed or wounded by artillery fire of the enemy.

"Eastern front: Military activity is hampered by snow storms along a great part of the front. There were engagements between patrols at some points."

SUBMIT BIDS FOR WILLARD FIGHT

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion pugilist, arrived here today to talk over with Tom Jones, his manager, bids submitted yesterday for a fight between the champion and Frank Moran of Pittsburgh. Jones told friends he wanted a "couple of days to think things over" before deciding.

Among the promoters bidding for the battle who waited here to ascertain Jones' decision were Jack Curley, who made an offer of \$30,000 as Willard's share of the proceeds; Barney Oldfield, the automobile racer, who with Jim Coffroth would take the contest to Tijuana, Mexico; and Billy Wellman, representing "Tex" Rickard of New York. If Curley leads the fight he will present it in New York.

TEN MILLION BOOTY TAKEN BY TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17.—An official statement issued by the Turkish war office says: "Dardanelles front: A hostile ship on Friday successfully shelled Sedd el Bahr. Our seaplanes dropped bombs on ships of the enemy off Mudros, on the Island of Lemnos. "The value of the booty captured by the Turkish forces now amounts to at least 2,000,000 pounds sterling."

HOLD CARRANZA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRE

Evidence Collected Indicates That Carranza Authorities Assured Watson That No Escort Was Necessary—Further Investigation Necessary to Determine Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Evidence collected at El Paso by state department agents indicates that Carranza authorities at Chihuahua assured C. R. Watson, head of the party of Americans killed near Santa Isabel, that no escort was necessary. In that opinion, however, many of the Americans agreed, although they had suggested to the authorities the advisability of sending troops with the party.

Personal Passport

The advice further stated that the Carranza governor of Chihuahua gave Watson a personal passport and that the Carranza immigration authorities at Juarez gave a general passport for the whole Watson party.

These developments are taken to point to responsibility of the Carranza government for not adequately protecting the Americans.

State department officials indicated, however, that they did not consider the advice as being finally sufficient to determine the responsibility of the Carranza government and further investigation will be made.

All Felt Safe on Trip

The state department gave out this paraphrase of its official advice from El Paso:

"Holmes, the only survivor of the massacre, had no knowledge as to whether Watson and his companions requested a military escort or guard for their trip from Chihuahua to Cusuhuirachi. He states that if they did so the authorities declined to furnish an escort or guard. Holmes says that all the members of the party felt safe in making the trip.

"It is reported by a person connected with one of the companies operating in Chihuahua that on the day that the Americans who were killed started for the works he had a conversation with Watson and asked him if a Mexican escort was to accompany his party. Watson replied that such an escort would not escort them as he had talked with the authorities and they told him it was not necessary."

As to what assurances, if any, Watson and his companions had received from Mexican authorities that it would be safe to resume operations at Cusuhuirachi, the department says:

Promised Garrison

"Knowing that the Cusi mines were situated at Cusi and that the purpose of the return of Watson and companions to Mexico was to resume the operations of these mines, the immigration authorities in Juarez, upon application of the El Paso agents of the Cusi company, gave a general passport to the Watson party. The governor of Chihuahua also gave a personal passport to Watson.

"Having passports issued by authorities and a garrison having been established which they understood to number 1000 men, they had ample assurance that it would be safe to resume operations at Cusi."

GARMENT WORKERS IN PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Garment workers numbering about 6000 went on strike here today for higher wages and better working conditions. As a consequence about 250 factories are closed. Nearly all of the strikers are women and girls. All of the factories are picketed. The demands of the strikers include a fifty-hour week, a maximum of four hours a night when working nights, a 15 per cent increase in wages and a maximum wage of \$6 a week for women and \$8 for men.

PALS



John D. Rockefeller gave up \$25,000 (of his time) the other day just to meet Billy Sunday, champion evangelist, in Lakewood, N. J. "It's a great work you're doing," said John D. to Sunday. "He's a great old man," said Sunday of John D. "He's not like the stories you hear about him. He's no grouch."

MISS ANDREWS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 17.—An Illinois Central passenger train jumped the track today near Pisgah, Ia., and four persons were seriously hurt and a score injured.

The accident occurred as the train was approaching a bridge over a creek. The baggage car is believed to have first jumped the track, pulling the other five cars from the track.

Miss Andrews of Medford, Or., a member of the De Koven Robin Hood Opera company, was among those slightly injured. Seventeen others of the opera company were injured, the only one seriously hurt being Phil Bronson, the comedian, of New York. George Walker of Cherokee, Ia., and O. G. Sags, conductor of the train, were injured internally and may die, it was said by surgeons.

Miss Andrews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Andrews of Medford and well known throughout the valley. She joined the company last autumn at New York. Her parents received a telegram from her this morning stating that she had escaped serious injury in the wreck.

ALLEGED SPY TAKEN FROM STEAMER AT SEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Details of the seizure by the British cruiser Vindictive of Conrad Machenstein, an alleged German spy, from the steamship Vaughan of the Transport & Hotel line, were told on the latter's arrival here today from Brazil. He is suspected by the British, it was said, of having been concerned in munition plots in San Francisco.

MORMON COLONISTS FLEE FROM MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 17.—Twenty-five Mormon colonists from the state of Chihuahua arrived here late last night aboard a train that came by way of Juarez from Casas Grandes. A number of others, it was stated, were coming on a special train from Parral due today.

COMPENSATION LAW HELD TO ABOLISH DAMAGE ACTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The supreme court today construed the Washington state workmen's compensation law as abolishing all damage actions in the courts by workmen in the hazardous employments covered by the law, whether against employers or against third persons.

The decision was in a case in which the widow and children of Benjamin Meese sued the Northern Pacific railroad for the alleged negligent killing of Meese, an employe of a brewery at Seattle, alongside the railway's tracks. The district court held the compensation law abolished all actions for damages and dismissed the suit, but the circuit court of appeals held that it abolished litigation only of employes against their employers.

The supreme court today upheld the district court's interpretation and reversed the circuit court of appeals.

ARRESTS FALL OFF WITH PROHIBITION

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—During the first sixteen days of January the police made 408 arrests, as compared with 674 during the corresponding period of December. There have been thirty-one arrests for violation of the prohibition law. Much liquor is being seized in hotels and lodging houses. Seizures and arrests have been made only where attempts were made to sell liquor held over from the wet period. Seizures are not made where the owner is consuming the liquor himself and not selling it.

NEW YORK PLANS \$2,000,000 CHURCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—This city is to have a new \$2,000,000 church edifice. Plans for a new building for the parish of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church in Madison avenue were made public today. They provide for one of the finest churches of the city, to be erected at Park avenue and Fifth street. The new church will have a seating capacity of 1302 persons.

EAST SHIVERING ON COLDEST DAY OF THE SEASON

Cold Wave Spreads Over Region East of Mississippi—Heavy Storm Raging in Southern California—Traffic Delayed—Northwest Still Freezing—Another Gale on Coast.

Tonight and Tuesday—Rain or snow west, unsettled, probably snow east portion, warmer; easterly winds, reaching gale force near the coast.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The cold wave overspread in the country east of the Mississippi today had forced the frozen line down to the middle of the Gulf of Mexico coast and the line of zero temperatures as far south as the Ohio river. Rain and snow, mostly light, prevailed over the east and south and sleet has been experienced as far south as Mobile. Continued cold is promised tonight in the middle Atlantic states with a cold wave extending into Florida.

East is Shivering CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Chicago shivered today in an icy blast from the northwest, with the thermometer at 3 degrees below zero.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—The coldest day of the season was recorded here today with a temperature of 3 degrees below zero.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 17.—The mercury was 4 degrees below zero, according to the official thermometer here this morning, the coldest day of the season.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 17.—The coldest weather of the winter, with the temperature 30 degrees above zero, was reported today from the Texas fruit and produce district around Brownsville. Ample warning had been given to growers, however, and extensive damage is not feared.

Storm in California LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 17.—Street car and railroad traffic was demoralized today throughout this section of southern California as the result of almost continual rains since Saturday night. The downpour still showed no signs early today of stopping.

Washouts at various points delayed all passenger trains from the north and east.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 17.—With temperature of 7 degrees below zero Saturday night and last night, Walla Walla is experiencing the coldest weather in five years, and with one exception the coldest in 20 years. There is more than a foot of snow on the ground, however, and the damage to crops will be considerable. Temperatures of 15 and 16 below.

NEUTRAL ZONE FOR MEXICO PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Establishment of a neutral zone in northern Mexico to be jointly policed by the forces of Mexico and the United States unless disorders are speedily controlled, is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Gore, democrat, of Oklahoma. The resolution referred to the foreign relations committee and would authorize the United States to enter into an agreement with General Carranza to use troops to restore order and make life secure in that portion of Mexico adjacent to the United States. There was no discussion of the floor.