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WILSON HOPES FOR AGREEMENT LUSITANIA CASE

Discussion of Germany's Latest Answer to Begin Monday—Undertone of Expectation of Finding Grounds for Agreement—No New Developments—Press Discusses Affair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing will not begin discussion of Germany's latest answer in the Lusitania negotiations before Monday.

It was said that the president already has the proposal from Berlin before him and wants to go over it carefully before he begins conferences with the secretary of state. There was an undertone of expectation that the two governments would be able to find common ground for agreement, in official declarations that Berlin's reply has not made the situation any more serious.

No Berlin Developments.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—There are no new developments here today in the Lusitania case while news is being awaited from Washington. With regard to the proposals of Secretary Lansing on the subject of submarine warfare and the arming of merchantmen, the Associated Press is authoritatively informed that they have not so far been submitted to Germany.

The press continues to discuss the cabled report regarding those proposals of Mr. Lansing. The Koelnische Volks Zeitung, an organ of the Catholic party, says that the proposals are absolutely inacceptable, as their acceptance would signify the abandonment of the entire German submarine campaign against the commerce of the allies. With regard to the Lusitania question, the Volkes Zeitung says that if Mr. Wilson is correctly reported as demanding that Germany recognize the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal and unjustified by the theory of reprisals, then there can be only one answer—a flat refusal.

Up to Chancellor.

The Kreuz Zeitung says it is necessary to emphasize the reasons which should influence Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in deciding not to meet the demands of the United States, and adds:

The chancellor will have to ask what America means by again suddenly raising the question of the general principle involved in the Lusitania affair and demanding that we adopt a position completely at variance with the one we took, clearly and without ambiguity, six months ago. He will have to decide whether this action by America does not reflect intentions which could not be removed by concessions, however great on our part, but could be met only by firm resolution.

BRITISH CRUISER FLIES DUTCH FLAG RAMS SUBMARINE

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—"Further details of the attack by a British auxiliary cruiser flying the Dutch flag, on a German submarine are given from an authoritative source," says the Overseas News Agency. "The submarine signalled the steamer to send boats in order that the steamer's papers might be examined. This was done after an interval. It is stated the steamer was a freighter of 3000 tons with nothing suspicious about her appearance. She flew the Dutch flag and bore the name Melanie.

"While waiting for the boats the submarine submerged. It approached within about 1000 meters of the steamship which opened fire with two cannon of medium type and with machine guns. The submarine escaped only by submerging.

"The steamer then attempted twice to ram the submarine, flying the Dutch flag all this time."

There is no Dutch steamer Melanie, but there is a British boat of this name of 3992 tons.

MOHR CASE IN HANDS OF JURY SINCE MORNING

Fate of Physician's Wife and Negroes Accused of Slaying Her Husband Rests With Twelve Men—Court's Instructions Provide for Separate Verdicts.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5. — Mrs. Mohr not guilty; Brown and Stallman guilty.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—The case of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, Cecil Brown and Henry H. Spellman, charged with the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, the woman's husband, was given to the jury at 10:45 o'clock today.

Judge Stearns in his charge to the jury declared that it was their duty if they concluded the state had proved its case to say "guilty," whatever the consequences in each case or in any case.

Recognizes No Color.

"The law recognizes no color, no creed," the court said. "Pay no regard to the fact that one defendant is a woman and two are colored men. They are three citizens on trial and I charge you not to allow any prejudice or feeling, except an honest desire to do impartial justice, to enter your minds.

"The law in regard to principals in a crime," the court explained, "is this: Where any persons are present, aiding and abetting in the actual commission of a crime—in this case it is murder—they are equally guilty with those who actually commit the crime. Mrs. Mohr has been indicted as an accessory before the fact. If you find she hired, aided, procured or assisted one or both of the other defendants, she is guilty."

Judge Stearns then explained the degree of proof necessary to convict, saying: "All three defendants are indicted together, but you will bring in three verdicts. The verdicts will be individual as though there had been three separate trials."

Principals First.

The court asserted that under the law an accessory cannot be convicted unless one or both of the principals is found guilty, and therefore that it was logical that the jury first determine whether Brown and Spellman were guilty.

At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon no word had come from the jury, which at that time had been considering the case four hours.

Judge Stearns telephoned to the courthouse at 3:40 o'clock that he would not return there until 5 o'clock. No verdict therefore was expected before that hour at the earliest.

STOCKMEN PROTEST BIG HOMESTEADS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Sheep and cattle men from the western states today urged the senate lands committee to defeat or at least radically modify the 640-acre grazing homestead bill, which has passed the house and is now pending in the senate.

Dr. S. W. McClure of Salt Lake City, secretary of the National Wool Growers' association, said it would be impracticable for a man on 640 acres to raise a single sheep because the tract was so small he could not employ a herder and too large to enclose with wire netting to keep out the coyotes. Cattle men, he said, would suffer more from isolated 640-acre homesteads than sheepmen.

SHERMAN ENDORSED BY ILLINOIS G. O. P.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The candidacy of United States Senator L. Y. Sherman of Illinois for republican nominee for president was indorsed today by the Illinois state central committee and a harmony list of candidates for delegates at large to the national convention of the party was approved.

POLICE ALLIANCE WITH CROOKS EXPOSED BY BIG BANK ROBBERY; CITY LIFE DIMS NOVIES

At the top are the four men indicted for the Washington Park bank robbery. Left to right, they are: Harry Kramer, Charles Kramer, Harry Fein, Alex. Bodie. Below are Eddie Mack, leader of the bandits, who confessed and won immunity, and his wife and daughter.

BANK ROBBERY PROVES WORK OF STOOL PIGEON

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Truth has fiction tied to the post—again.

And American detective methods are shown to be 10 per cent finesse, 10 per cent luck and 80 per cent stool pigeon—again.

All in the robbery of the Washington Park National banks down in the shadow of the south side "L," on Sixty-third street.

Incidentally, a new light has been thrown on the life of a modern city—the malicious brotherhood of crooks and crooked police, and the methods used by American police departments in the capture of those that transgress the law.

Nick Carter never dreamed a crime more lurid than this bank robbery. Five men drove up in an auto at opening time. One stayed at the wheel and smoked cigarettes. The others stepped into the bank and returned in four minutes with $15,000 and some small change. All hopped into the car and sped away north into Washington park.

That was all there was to see outside. But inside—

Masks were whisked over their heads as the four bandits entered the big doors. Ten depositors and as many officers and directors held up their hands when a bandit said "Hands up!" One was "Jake" Stahl, manager of the Boston Braves in 1912 and 1913, now vice-president of the Washington Park bank. One of the depositors was Municipal Judge Fry. Each bandit took his position. Three had two blue pistols apiece. The leader, unarmed, went into the cashier's cage and helped himself to all the cash in the drawer. Then, with a final silent flourish of six automatics they all walked out. The quivering auto sped away.

In less than twenty-four hours all five robbers were in jail and the leader had confessed, naming fifteen policemen he says are in league with crooks. The leader is Eddie Mack, well-known pickpocket.

Charges had been made that the gang had been imported by unnamed defeated politicians to discredit the Thompson administration. After the capture, counter-charges were made that the whole affair was a frame-up, with Mack as stool pigeon.

All the loot has been recovered but $2000, which was given to a veteran safe blower, who earned it by tipping off the gang to the job.

State's Attorney Hoyne is chortling, for Mack has given him information that Hoyne believes will send a dozen or more crooked detectives to the pen.

SUIT AGAINST PAPER MONOPOLY

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—Suit was filed in the United States district court here today charging the Colin-Gardiner Paper Company of Middletown, Ohio, and fifty-three other defendants in various parts of the country with having violated the civil section of the Sherman anti-trust law insofar as it has to do with restraint of trade. The suit was filed by the Chicago Oyster Pail Company and $300,000 damages are asked.

The petition alleges that the defendants had been conducting regular competitive concerns in the manufacture and sale of paper board up to September 5, 1905. At that time, it alleges, the paper board association was formed and that this has served to restrain and destroy competition and inflate prices.

ARKANSAS RIVERS ON RAMPAGE; FLOOD CITIES AND TOWNS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 5.—After predicting a stage of 38 feet in the White river by February 8, the United States weather bureau here sent notice to Clarendon, Ark., warning the natives to get out of that town and the surrounding lowlands quickly.

Hundreds of refugees still are isolated at Oakwoods Bayou and Varner by back water. Grady is under seven feet of water. The total flood death list to date is 16.

The entire town of Arkansas City is inundated and water works and electric light plants are out of commission. All able-bodied refugees are at work on the levees there.

Pendleton is under water and those inhabitants who have not fled are living in second stories. Scores of negroes and refugees are housed on the levees in boxcars furnished by the railroads.

RAILROADS SUED FOR VIOLATIONS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 5.—Seventy-three suits against three railroads were instituted in the circuit court here today alleging violation of the maximum freight rate statute. Sixty-nine of the cases are against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, three against the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and one against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. There are nine hundred separate counts.

The total of the claims is $175,000. The thirty-six hundred plaintiffs are composed of farmers, livestock shippers and commission merchants of northwest Missouri.

The petition alleges that the plaintiffs were overcharged on livestock shipments pending an appeal by the railroads to the United State supreme court, which held the law to be valid and that the amount of the overcharges never was returned.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 5.—Charles Strony, an opera singer arrested here last night on suspicion of having been connected with the fire in the parliament house at Ottawa, was released today on orders from the Dominion government.

CLAIM ITALIANS ARE WORN OUT BY REPEATED FAILURES

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—A correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger has sent a dispatch concerning a visit to Doberdo plateau on the Italian front, from which the Overseas News Agency quotes the following:

"The Italians are worn out, owing to their failure in all their efforts and the obvious impossibility of winning success. They have only one desire, that peace may come soon.

"One of the higher Austrian officers said that since the battle at Oslavia the Italians have understood clearly the impossibility of breaking the Austrian lines.

"Some time ago at a point where the trenches of the opposing forces were near each other, the Italian command 'forward' was heard. Instead of advancing the soldiers shouted: 'Forward, captain.' The captain then stepped out again and shouted, 'forward.' He immediately fell, his body pierced by a bullet. The soldiers in the trenches applauded, shouting, 'Bravo, captain!'"

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senate: Not in session; meets Monday.

Judiciary sub-committee decided to hold open hearings on supreme court nomination of Louis D. Brandeis.

Public lands committee heard western men on 640-acre grazing homestead bill.

House: Met at noon.

Resumed debate on Indian appropriation bill.

Brigadier General Goethals continued his testimony on Panama canal needs before appropriations committee.

Ways and means committee democrats formally chose Representative Humphreys of Mississippi as chairman of the new house committee on flood control and selected the committee personnel.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Portland was returning to normal conditions today with practically every street car line in the city operating and with rail and wire communication to points outside the city greatly improved. Snow flurries, however, continue.

CARRANZA TROOPS PURSUING BANDITS HEADED BY VILLA

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 5.—Carranza troops from Chihuahua City are pursuing bandits headed toward Ojinaga, according to a report from General Luis Herrera to the Mexican consulate here today. General Gavira, commandant at Juarez, said Francisco Villa with a few followers is believed to be headed in that direction.

EL PASO, Feb. 5.—Military advices from Madera, western Chihuahua, today reported General Francisco Villa again in the vicinity of the Santa Clara ranch, west of the Mexican Central railroad. They also stated that General Pedrosa with fifty men of Villa's band had offered to surrender at Las Cruces, about thirty miles north of the Santa Clara ranch.

On receipt of the Madera advices Gavira said he had ordered troops from Juarez south to the Santa Clara district.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Department of justice agents are keeping close on the trail of General Felix Diaz because of reports of a proposed expedition from southern Mexico into Guatemala.

Assistant Attorney-General Warren today said that Diaz is now in New Orleans under close surveillance.

CANADIAN PROBE OF OTTAWA FIRE

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 5.—Sir Robert Borden, the premier, announced today that the government proposes appointing a committee of three to investigate the cause of a fire which destroyed the parliament buildings. He has asked the opposition leader, Sir Wilfred Laurier, to name one of the three commissioners. They will be armed with far-reaching authority and will have the dominion secret service at their disposal. Their investigation will begn at once.

KING GEORGE MAKES PUBLIC APPEARANCE

LONDON, Feb. 5.—King George today made his first public appearance since he suffered injury from an accident while reviewing the British troops in France last October. His majesty attended a performance of Verdi's requiem in memory of the soldiers who have fallen in the war.

TEUTONS START NEW OFFENSIVE UPON SALONIKI

of an offensive movement by the German and Bulgarian forces which have been stationed along the Greek frontier is reported in a Saloniki dispatch to the Balkan agency. It is said an artillery duel has been in progress for two days in the neighborhood of Doiran and that the British heavy guns are dominating those of their adversaries.

Airships Raid Bulgars.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—An official Bulgarian report was forwarded from Athens to the Temps says that 470 men were killed and more than 500 wounded during the recent attack by French aeroplanes on Bulgarian camps.

The attack is said to have been made by seventeen aeroplanes. More than 200 bombs were dropped on the Bulgarian camps at Petrich, in the Strumitsa valley. The battle was over in twenty minutes.

No Peace Treaty.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Vienna newspapers state that peace pour parlers with Montenegro have not yet begun, according to a Vienna dispatch transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The reason given is that neither Prince Mirko, second son of King Nicholas, who remained in Montenegro, nor the three Montenegrin ministers who also remained, possesses any authority to engage in the negotiations.

VIENNA, Feb. 5, via London.—The Austrian authorities have evidently changed their minds about the possibility of negotiating peace with the members of the Montenegrin cabinet left in that country. It is now announced that the negotiations have not yet begun and will be deferred until the ministers are furnished with indisputable credentials to make a binding peace.

It is asserted in army circles that the Montenegrin people are manifesting a strikingly friendly attitude toward the Austrian troops.

GET-RICH-QUICKS HAVING HOT TIME IN NEW YORK

County Commissioner Frank H. Madden, Mrs. Madden and E. B. Hanley have returned from a 10,000-mile trip, which included Washington, D. C., New York, Chicago, New Orleans and Los Angeles. They report business booming in the east and Roosevelt favorite for the G. O. P. nomination. They straightened out the complaint filed against their Copper River cannery by Indians and had a most successful and enjoyable trip. Mr. Madden said:

"New York is plumb crazy. I never saw anything like it. A dollar is not as big as a nickel. The stock boom has created a new bunch of get-rich-quick millionaires and they are spending money like drunken sailors. All the fancy hotels are full to overflowing and prices are most exorbitant. You cannot get a seat in a dining room, and where they have an ice-skating area in the center, as they do in most, as skating is the latest fad, they charge you $2 for a seat and you can't get anything to eat short of $7 or $8 more. I never saw anything like it.

"Los Angeles, on the other hand, presents the other extreme. Everything is quiet. Although there are many tourists, they are tight-fisted farmers from the small towns and farms of the middle west and never spend a nickel. The best hotels have put room rents down to $1 to $1.50 a day, rather than remain vacant."