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Unsettled. Probably occasional rain and cooler.

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WEATHER
Maximum yesterday, 40; Min. today, 33; Prec. .00.

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LEAK RUMORS INVOLVE MANY WITH TUMULTY

Congressman Wood Bases Charges Solely Upon Hearsay and Letter Received—Implicates Tumulty, a Mr. Bolling, brother-in-law of the President, and Wall Street Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Smoldering rumors that somebody made money in the stock market with "leak" information about the sending of President Wilson's peace note, blazed up today at a notable session of the house rules committee at its first hearing on Representative Wood's resolution for investigation. Specifically declaring he made charges against no one and was presenting only information that had come to him, Wood brought in the names of Secretary Tumulty, "a Mr. Bolling," a brother of President Wilson's wife, whom he did not further identify; Bernard Baruch, a New York stock operator; Otto Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Thompson & McKinnon and Lamson Bros. & Co., Chicago brokers; E. F. Hutton & Co., New York brokers, and F. A. Connelly & Co., a local brokerage house in which Wood said the "Mr. Bolling" he referred to was a partner.

Based Upon a Letter. Much of his information, Wood said, came in a letter from A. Curtis, an independent New York stock broker. Wood disclaimed intending to give the impression that he believed that Mr. Tumulty or anyone else, for that matter, profited by the so-called leak; that he was merely stating what had come to him; that he realized danger of making such statements in public and for that reason he had preferred to make his statement in secret session, which the committee denied.

At the conclusion of today's session, Chairman Henry announced that Secretary Tumulty would appear without subpoena, and that subpoenas had been ordered for Curtis and Baruch. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who has joined in Wood's agitation for investigation, will be heard tomorrow, and Thomas W. Lawson will be heard Monday.

Wood qualified his statement with a declaration that what information he had was only hearsay. Representative Wood also declared that a Washington brokerage firm, F. H. Connelly & Co., of which "a Mr. Bolling," a brother of President Wilson's wife, is a member, had profited by stock transactions during the market flurry. Their deals were transacted by the New York firm of E. F. Hutton & Co., Wood said.

Baruch Subpoenaed. The rules committee, after a brief executive session, announced that subpoenas had been ordered for the appearance of Bernard Baruch and A. Curtis, a Wall Street broker, mentioned by Representative Wood in his testimony. They probably will appear Monday.

"I am informed," Representative Wood testified, "that Barney Baruch had information about the note to the European belligerents two or three days before it was sent and that on two or three occasions about that time he was in consultation with Mr. Tumulty at the Baltimore hotel in New York."

Representative Bennett of New York, a member of the committee, said on the floor Wednesday that Baruch was reported in New York to have sold short 15,000 shares of Steel on a rising market shortly before the note was made public.

To Question Lansing. At the outset of the hearing Representative Campbell of Kansas moved—

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GREECE REJECTS ALLIES' DEMANDS

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Greek government, acting in harmony with the king, has decided to reject certain clauses of the entente note demanding reparation in consequence of the recent fighting at Athens. Reuter's correspondent at Athens telegraphs:

TUMULTY ASKS PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR CALUMNY

President's Secretary Flatly Denies That He Ever Knew of President's Peace Note, Had Not Been at Baltimore Hotel in Year and Never Talked With Baruch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—When Secretary Tumulty learned that Representative Wood had mentioned his name, he issued a formal statement demanding a public apology and denying flatly that he even knew of the president's peace note before it was made public. Secretary Tumulty's statement follows:

"I am very glad to say publicly that I did not know of the existence of the president's note on peace until the newspapers were informed.

Denial is Absolute.

"Very frequently the president, who knows that I am bombarded by newspaper men and others for information, saves me embarrassment by keeping such affairs absolutely secret. In fact, I have often suggested that this be done.

"I have not been at the Baltimore hotel in a year; never talked of peace with Mr. Baruch before or after the peace note was sent, and never lunched with him in my life.

"I have met him, as I have a great many good friends from time to time in hotels, at the theater and elsewhere.

"I think Mr. Wood owes me a public apology for mentioning my name at all merely on hearsay and rumor."

Curtis Denies Letter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The only "A. Curtis" known to the New York stock exchange as a broker is Allen Curtis of the firm of Curtis & Sanger of New York and Boston, members of the exchange. When inquiry was made today as to whether Mr. Curtis was the broker referred to by Representative Wood, the firm got in touch by wire with Mr. Curtis in Boston, who replied as follows:

"Mistaken identity. I never wrote any one."

No other broker by that name seemed to be known in the financial community, although it was thought possible he might be a curb broker, or an independent operator.

Hutton Ignorant Also.

The financial community was deeply interested in the testimony before the rules committee. Officials of the stock exchange said, however, they saw no reason to take official cognizance of the alleged operations referred to. At the office of E. F. Hutton & Co. it was said by a representative of the firm that "nothing is known of transactions."

Bernard Baruch was said to have been at his hunting lodge in South Carolina, and his associates at his office declined to make a statement.

McKinnon Denies It.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—When informed of the testimony of Representative Wood before the congressional committee relative to the telegram said to have been sent by R. W. McKinnon, of Thomson & McKinnon, brokers, to their branch manager at Oshkosh, Wis., advising short selling, Mr. McKinnon today declared positively that no such telegram had been sent by him or with his knowledge and that he had no information of the president's peace note until it was published.

POSTMASTER BEST RECRUITING AGENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Vina C. Mullinix, postmaster at Wilder, Tenn., was the army's best individual recruiting agent during December.

Under the section of the national defense act, appointing postmasters recruiting agents, she obtained six recruits for the regular service from a town of 500 population. The government pays \$5 per man.

"If one twelfth of the number of postmasters available as recruiting agents had done likewise," a war department statement says, "the regular army would now be considerably in excess of the authorized strength."

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING KAISER WILHELM INSPECTING TROOPS AT VERDUN!



BRIDGEHEAD AT BRAILA SEIZED BY MACKENSEN

Russian Danube Port of Braila, Granary and Oil Depot in Danger From Attacks on Both Sides of Danube—Town of Galata Also Threatened—Russians Attack in Galicia.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The Russian bridgehead position before Braila was captured yesterday by Teutonic troops, the war office announces. Four Rumanian towns were captured and 1,400 prisoners were brought in.

Russian troops began an attack early this morning on German positions on the northern part of the Russo-Galician front, north of Friedrichstadt, the war office announced today. The battle is still in progress. Four Russian attacks near Dvinsk were repulsed.

Braila in Danger.

The Rumanian Danube port of Braila, important as a granary and oil storage depot, apparently is in imminent danger from the converging attacks of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces on both sides of the Danube.

On the westerly side of the stream, where Braila lies, the bridgehead position protecting it has been pierced by the Austro-German forces, according to today's German army headquarters statement.

To the east, across the river in Dobruja, the German and Bulgarian forces which captured the Matchin bridgehead are continuing their advance toward the town.

Galata Threatened.

This forward movement, moreover, threatens not only Braila, but the town of Galata, twelve miles to the north, the capture of which would deprive the Russians of virtually their last hold on the shores of the Danube west of the Bessarabian boundary.

Von Mackensen's attacks on the frontal line of the Sereth running northward from Beila, to which line the Russo-Rumanian forces have retired, are progressing successfully, according to Berlin, which reports the capture of two additional towns in the Rimnik Sarat sector.

On the northern end of the front in Russia the German lines have been subjected to attacks in the Riga-Dvinsk district. The Russian offensive here, centering in the vicinity of Friedrichstadt, is apparently of an important nature, Berlin reporting the fighting still in progress.

WELSH MATCHED TO BOX RICHIE MITCHELL.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion boxer, has been matched to meet Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee, before a local club on January 16, according to word received from New York today. The boys are to weigh 135 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the contest.

NO SECOND NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS FROM PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The state department late today authorized the statement that President Wilson was not contemplating sending another peace note.

Counselor Polk gave out the following statement:

"The report that the president is preparing to send a new note to the belligerent powers is false and without any foundation. The president has no second note in contemplation."

Following the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing announced that President Wilson had authorized him to say that the American government had no other note in contemplation and that such information was being sent to all American diplomatic representatives abroad.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the question further, but it was understood the reason for the announcement was apprehension on the part of the administration that the reports that another note would be sent would affect the entente reply to the president's first note expected here in the near future.

SOTHERN'S CONDITION REGARDED SERIOUS

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The condition of E. H. Sothern, the actor, who is seriously ill at a local hotel with stones in his kidneys, was slightly improved today, according to attending physicians. It was believed likely that an operation would be necessary. Local physicians, however, were awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Sothern (Julia Marlowe) and Dr. Joseph Bissell, the Sothern family physician, who were expected to arrive from New York today.

Dr. Bissell performed an operation on the actor twenty years ago for the same complaint.

Five Years Annual Tax Levies

Taxation under Medynski plan contrasted with taxation under the Hanson plan, per \$100 valuation on Medford property.

| Year | Hanson plan | Medynski plan |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1917 | 40 | 54 |
| 1918 | 36 1/4 | 51 1/4 |
| 1919 | 38 1/4 | 53 1/4 |
| 1920 | 38 1/4 | 53 1/4 |
| 1921 | 38 1/4 | 53 1/4 |
| Total five years: | 192 1/4 | 225 1/4 |

For 21 years, excess tax of Medynski plan per \$100 valuation, annually, 30.67 mills. City operation, school, state and county levies constant at 36 mills and valuation \$4,000,000.

TORNADO'S TOLL ELEVEN CHILDREN \$50,000 DAMAGE

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 5.—The second tornado to visit this section of the country within two weeks swept an intermittent path across Oklahoma and Arkansas yesterday, claiming a total of eleven lives, all school children, and so injuring many more that it was believed today that the death list would mount much higher.

All the loss of life and the bulk of the property damage was effected in the valley town of Vireton, Okla., thirteen miles northeast of McAlester. Preparations were being made for the noon dismissal at the country school there when the tornado entered the valley and swooped down upon the village. The school house was dashed off its foundation and screaming children and timbers were hurled through the air by the fury of the blast. Bodies were picked up a hundred yards from where the school house stood, being blown across a ravine and well up on the opposite hillside.

The dead scholars ranged from 6 to 18 years old. Four are believed to be so badly injured that their death is momentarily expected.

The Choctaw Indian mission at Vireton was destroyed.

Vireton, Reheville and Quinton, Okla., the latter twenty miles northwest of Vireton, also suffered from the tornado.

What is believed to be the same tornado caused damage estimated at \$50,000 at Success, forty miles north of Little Rock, Ark., and caused severe loss of property at both Dardanelle and Danville, Ark.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Bremerton navy yard, near Seattle, probably will be designated to construct the \$7,000,000 ammunition ship for which private builders have made no offer. The yard recently received appropriations of nearly a million dollars for the installation of shipbuilding equipment.

SENATE FAVORS WILSON'S EFFORT TOWARD PEACE

Senator Jones' Substitute for Hitchcock Resolution, Approving Request for Peace Terms Without Indorsing Note Itself, Passed by Senate by Vote of 47 to 17.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Jones' substitute for the Hitchcock resolution indorsing President Wilson's peace note, which approves the request for peace terms without indorsing the note itself, was passed late today by the senate.

The vote was 47 to 17, progressive republican senators voting solidly with the democrats for the substitute.

As announced by Senator Jones, republican of Washington, it would be made to read:

"That the senate approves and strongly indorses the request by the president in the diplomatic notes of December 18 to the nations now engaged in war that the nations state the terms upon which peace might be discussed."

Speaking in the senate today in support of the Hitchcock resolution to indorse President Wilson's peace note, Senator Lewis, democrat, declared the European war could not continue without the United States becoming involved in it.

Senator Gallinger, minority leader, after conferring with republican senators, submitted a substitute resolution to say:

"That the senate of the United States, in the interest of humanity and civilization, expresses the sincere hope that just and permanent peace between the warring nations of Europe may be consummated at an early date and approves all proper efforts to secure that end."

By a vote of 27 to 33, the senate rejected Senator Gallinger's substitute for the Hitchcock resolution.

BROTHER'S DEATH KILLS MINNESOTAN

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—Andrew Jackson of Minneapolis, Minn., died in a hospital here today from a shock he suffered when he was advised that his brother had died in Portland. Mr. Jackson was hurrying from Minneapolis to Portland to the bedside of his dying brother when he was notified on a train approaching Spokane that his brother had died. When Mr. Jackson arrived here last night he was suffering from a shock and was taken to a hospital.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Mexican railroad men who arrived here last night from the south reported the Mexican Central line open and in operation as far as Jimenez. They also reported fighting in the vicinity of Diaz, 25 miles south of Santa Rosalia, when they left Santa Rosalia for the border.

SUICIDE SOLVES MYSTERY VEILING MODEL'S MURDER

Circumstantial Evidence Convinces Police That Bernard W. Lewis Who Killed Himself to Avert Arrest, Was Murderer of Maizie Colbert, Artists' Model.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Circumstantial evidence which the police say convinces them that Bernard W. Lewis, son of a wealthy retired Pittsburgh coal operator, who ended his life in an Atlantic City hotel last night was the slayer of Maizie Colbert, the artists' model, was revealed early today by an examination of the young man's body.

Lewis was identified by Elwood Powell, the chauffeur, who drove him and the Misses Ethel and Mabel Kyle to their home in Germantown last Thursday night, as the man he later took to Miss Colbert's apartment. Philadelphia detectives, who went to Atlantic City last night, say that Lewis' hair matches that found clutched in the dead girl's hand and that Lewis was found to be wearing a woman's undershirt, which corresponds to garments worn by Miss Colbert. A bloodstained handkerchief was found in his pocketbook. Lewis left no written statement, however, as far as could be learned.

Mystery Solved.

In view of these developments, the authorities say, they feel that the mystery virtually has been solved. At the same time, it was declared, several men who were friends of Miss Colbert and were suspected of having knowledge of the crime, will be kept under surveillance until there is no doubt regarding their connection with the case.

The Misses Kyle, school teachers, through whom the police learned of Lewis' identity, maintain that he is innocent of the murder and that he committed suicide because he believed his reputation had been ruined.

"Mr. Lewis was the victim of a ghastly blunder," one of the teachers said.

"He called upon us three times yesterday and at four o'clock, the hour of his last call, he seemed excited, but protested his innocence. 'Isn't this horrible,' he said. 'I don't know what to do to stop this notoriety.' He said that he had placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and that everything would be all right."

Prepared for Death.

Less than five hours after this conversation Lewis had shot himself as he was about to be arrested. That he had anticipated arrest and had made preparations to end his life was indicated by the fact that the 22-caliber rifle that he used for the deed was new. He had planned a towel over the transom of his bedroom door and on the bureau was a box of cartridges and an extra cartridge lay on the window ledge within his reach in the bathroom.

Several newspapers containing accounts of the Colbert murder were found in his room. He had little luggage and only about \$6 in cash was found in his pockets.

The police declared today that they had built up a remarkable circumstantial case against Lewis. They had issued a warrant against him, charging him with defrauding Powell, the taxi-cab chauffeur, who waited eight hours outside of the Colbert apartments, out of \$15 fare and had planned when they located him to accuse him of being the owner of the wilted and bloodstained collar found in the girl's room. They believed they

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SAN MARINO REGENT STOLE TWO MILLIONS

ROME, Jan. 5.—Olinto Amati, twice regent of the republic of San Marino, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling two million lire of the republic's funds, according to a dispatch from Rimini, the capital of San Marino. He is reported to have made a number of unsuccessful speculations.