

## AUSTRIA'S NOTE DOES NOT SUIT; ANOTHER TO GO

### LANSING'S REPLY TO BE AN ULTIMATUM

#### Military Tactics of Dual Monarchy in Regard to the Ancona Sinking Are Not Liked by American Officials. New Message to Be Such That no Loophole Will Be Left for Further Delaying.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Austria's latest note in regard to the sinking of the Italian-American liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine, was received last night. It was read in the cabinet meeting this morning. As a result, Lansing will draft a rejoinder, which, it is expected, will be an ultimatum. The indirectness of Austrian diplomats is aggravating to the American officials.

In effect, the new rejoinder will be such as to leave no loophole for prolonged negotiations. The reply just received from Austria is in effect one that bids for such a course.

The only chance of avoiding the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria is for Austria to furnish unquestionable proof of its contentions in the case, and simultaneously admitting that the first Austrian admiral report of the affair, which said the Ancona was torpedoed and attacked while standing still, is entirely wrong.

Even this chance will be worthless unless the proofs, etc., are promptly presented.

## TO ENTERTAIN THE CHILDREN

### REBEKAH LODGE TO GIVE AN EVENING'S FUN TO THE CHILDREN OF ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS

On Wednesday evening, December 16th, Prosperity Rebekah Lodge will entertain the children of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in the west hall of Odd Fellows Temple.

Children of visiting members of the order are also invited to attend this affair, and the committee in charge promises to entertain the little ones between the hours of 7 and 9, giving tired papas and mammas a chance to take in the show, or to amuse themselves in some other manner.

A light lunch will be furnished the youthful guests—Not enough to cause a return of Christmas night dreams, but plenty to stay the little tummies until mamma rolls them out for oatmeal the next morning.

## XMAS SPIRIT AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

### TREES ARE IN EVIDENCE IN CLASS ROOMS, AND EXERCISES ARE HELD AT THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

"Hain't a-goin' to school another day this year!"

Once more the gladsome kiddies are tripping homeward with the announcement that never fails to cause dad to rar' up and blurt out, "whazzat? We'll see about that," before he remembers that school was dismissed until after New Years.

There will be much carrying in of wood, careful scraping of feet, much wiping of dishes, and very little fussing during the coming week, however, as it is set aside for showing Santa what awful good little tykes every Klamath kid is.

Christmas trees are in evidence in all of the schools today, and at some class rooms candy canes, and other little remembrances were distributed. A program was held at the Riverside school this afternoon, and yesterday the following was given at the Central school by the primary grades:

- Song to Santa Claus
- Recitation . . . . . Kittle's Christmas Richmond Hurd
- Recitation . . . . . Mrs. Santa Claus Eleanor Lewis
- Stockings Brigade . . . . . 1st Grade Boys
- Recitation . . . . . Poor Santa Evelyn Lewis
- Song . . . . . Merry Merry Christmas 4th Grade
- What Mother Goose's Children Want 1st Grade
- Christmas Game . . . . . 2nd Grade
- Song . . . . . Christmas Star 1st Grade
- Christmas Mending Bee . . . . . 3rd Grade
- Recitation . . . . . Christmas Secret Ruth Cofer
- Christmas Lullaby . . . . . 4th Grade Girls
- Recitation . . . . . Santa and the Mouse Liddy von Berthelsdorf
- Song . . . . . Hang Up the Baby's Stocking 1st Grade
- Recitation . . . . . Christmas Secret Frances Reed
- Song . . . . . Dear Old Santa Claus
- Recitation . . . . . God Bless Us Everyone Homer Garich
- Recitation . . . . . Christmas Faith Jean Kimball
- Song . . . . . If You're Good
- Dialogue—Mother Goose and Her Flock . . . . . 4th Grade
- Dialogue—Brownies and Christmas Toys in Toyland . . . . . 3rd Grade
- Song—Snow

### Wolgang and Cross Tonight

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Ad West had hopes to make Leach Cross step some when they mix it in ten rounds at the Harlem Sporting club tonight. Wolfgang's right arm is well again, he says.

Champion Willie Ritchie and Young Brown will also mix for ten rounds.

Representatives of a group of Russian banks are negotiating with New York bankers for a new credit to the amount of \$60,000,000 to be used to pay for Russian purchases in the United States. The Russian government earlier this year borrowed \$25,000,000 at New York on bankers' account.

## Will von Nuber Also Be Recalled?



Investigation of the alleged German spies and plotters in this country is going forward rapidly. Captain von Papen and Captain Boy-Ed have word from their government to return. Dr. von Nuber, Austrian consul in New York city, will probably be indicted soon. Wholesale arrests are expected to follow in the next few days, and the government, it was stated, expects to proceed not only against Dr. Alexander von Nuber, but against all German and Austrian consuls who have been mixed up in the alleged nationwide plot to cripple ammunition plants.

## Bulgarians and Serbians Battle Two Days in Wild Snow Storm

### Drina Is Crossed Twice During Engagement. Teutons Are Moving Armies Toward Salonika—Other Late War News

United Press Service  
PARIS, Dec. 17.—Fighting has been resumed by the Bulgars and Serbs in Albania. Three thousand Bulgarians crossed the Drina after a two days' battle in a blinding snow storm, but the Serbs drove them back the following day.

### PACKING PLANT FOR THIS CITY

KLAMATH MEAT COMPANY WILL BEGIN PACKING PORK MONDAY—EXPERT IN CHARGE. IN MARKET FOR HOGS

Klamath county's latest enterprise is to be a packing plant. Beginning Monday, the Klamath Meat company will commence the packing of pork, and in addition to supplying the local markets, will ship to California points, exemptions having been granted by the Department of Agriculture.

United Press Service  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—It is officially announced that the Russians have occupied Hamadan, an important Persian city.

United Press Service  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Late advice says the Bulgarians lost 15,000 men in the Cerna River fighting.

### TAFT LAUGHS AT LA FOLLETTE TALK

United Press Service  
FON DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 17.—Former President Taft gave the following interview today: "La Follette has about as much chance of getting the republican presidential nomination as I have—and I am out of politics."

United Press Service  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Brussels reports the destruction of a German Zeppelin and the death of the crew and passengers. The dirigible passed the outskirts of Namur, bound for Ypres with a cargo of bombs.

### MEXICO AT LAST IS RECOGNIZED

CHILEAN MINISTER IS MADE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO—VILLA IS VIRTUALLY A PRISONER OF SUBORDINATES

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Wilson today appointed Henry F. Fletcher minister to Mexico. At present, Fletcher is ambassador to Chile.

## "FOLLIES" CAST WORKING HARD

### CHORUS OF TWELVE AND SOLOISTS ARE FEATURED IN "STRAHORN STATION SCENE," AS WELL AS CHARACTERS

Work of rehearsing for "The Follies," to be produced Tuesday and Wednesday nights by local talent for the benefit of the Philanthropic Department of the Woman's Library Club, is well along, and those taking part in the skits, etc., are about letter perfect in their parts.

The big local feature, "The Strahorn Station," is the opening number of the program. It runs for an hour, depicting scenes at the waiting room of the union station when Klamath becomes the railroad center she is destined to be.

George J. Walton, the station-master, has figured carefully future time tables, and those who hear his train announcements will know what to expect when all railroads headed this way reach Klamath Falls. Between trains, there will be comedy numbers by travelers and others, introducing local hits.

A big feature of the depot scene is the musical program, for which a chorus of twelve lively young voices have been diligently rehearsing. The latest and best of the season's song hits are used, including some local parodies. The soloists and the chorus with original steps, etc., will do the songs full justice.

Members of the chorus are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Moteschenbacher, Mrs. Philip J. Sinnott, Mrs. H. Roland Glaty, Miss Waive Jacobs, Miss Anna Beebe, Miss Georgia Porter, Andrew M. Collier, John Hubbard, Claude Maxwell, Rhinehart Moteschenbacher and Leonard M. Haines.

Others in the depot scene are Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, Miss Dorothy Weeks, Miss Pearl Bolvin, Beatrice and Katherine Walton, Master Harry Bolvin, Harold C. Merryman, Lloyd Low, Frank Clarke, Clifford Sevlis, Jimmie Lytle, Joseph B. McAllister, John Houston and Phillip J. Sinnott.

Besides this spectacle, there will be quartet numbers, three good skits and some novel musical numbers bers billed as "Musical Moments."

## FREE SPEECH, PRESS TALKS

### TALKS ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND KINDRED TOPICS, AND CARDS AND DANCING TO BE PROGRAM TONIGHT

With a view to putting some new ideas regarding freedom of speech and the press before the public, local people who have established a free reading room upstairs at the corner of Second and Main streets, will hold a meeting tonight, to which the public is invited. J. W. Lindquist will make two talks, "Indirect Censorship," and "The Sacred Cow of the American Press."

## Majors and Feds Confer; Peace Believed in Sight

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After two years of bitter warfare, it looks as though major league baseball peace is in the making today.

## BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP IS BLOWN UP AND WRECKED

### CARRIED DONATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

#### Laden With Provisions for Homeless Victims of War, British Vessel Chartered by American Commission Strikes a Mine or Is Torpedoed, and Goes to Shoals—Officials Will Investigate Case.

United Press Service

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 17.—The steamer Levenpool, under charter by the American Commission for Relief to the Belgians, and bound from New York to Belgium with provisions for the Belgian people, either struck a mine or was torpedoed, and has been sinking.

The British steamer Nyroon reports passing the Levenpool in a sinking condition near Kentispeek. The steamer Pandion and a torpedo boat rescued the Levenpool's crew.

A dispatch said the injured vessel had reached Mucking Flats. If so, it is possible that the cargo can be salvaged.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The steamer Levenpool is an English vessel, but was under charter to the American Commission of Relief of Belgium. The vessel flew the relief flag.

The Levenpool cleared from New York November 14th. She was laden with 6,500 tons of flour, bacon and lard for the Belgian war victims.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Officials believe that the Levenpool accidentally struck a mine, not that she was torpedoed. An investigation is to be made, however.

## BUILD ADDITION TO COURT HOUSE

### TWO STORY BRICK VAULT TO BE CONSTRUCTED, IN ORDER TO PROPERLY PROTECT THE TAX ROLLS AND RECORDS

The unloading of several thousand bricks in the court house yard today gave rise to the question: "Is a new court house to be built on the old site?" An investigation, however, disproved this.

The brick is to be used in the construction of a two-story vault on the west side of the old building. This will be used for storing the tax rolls, circuit court documents, and other valuable records kept in the offices of Sheriff Low and Circuit Court Clerk Chastain.

## Washington Prepares for the Wilson-Galt Wedding

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—With the date of President Wilson's wedding to Mrs. Norma Galt but one day off, final preparations for the big event are now being made. White House attendants are packing the president's belongings for a honeymoon trip.

Plans for the wedding and honeymoon are not to be upset by any new international events. The trip will not be shortened a day because of the Ancona crisis.

It is understood, though, that the honeymoon will be at some point near here, where the president can keep in touch with the White House.

It is believed that the wedding will be held in the evening. No rehearsal of the ceremony is to be held.

The Galt home is today being decorated by florists.

Some of the Federal reserves, it is hinted, are to be permitted to flow into the National League.

etc., are being withheld pending full settlement and agreement. In the event of peace, it is said, the players who jumped their contracts with the National and American managers to accept the tempting offers made by the Federals, will be again taken back into the fold of organized baseball.