

Germany Asks Neutrals to Bring About Peace

Asks United States to Transmit Notes

CHANCELLOR MAKES APPEAL TO END THE WAR NOW

Would Have Neutral Nations Who Represent Germany in Capitals of Allied Powers Present Peace Proposals—Action by This Government Depends on the Details of Germany's Proposals.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Proposals for peace negotiations were made by the German government today in notes handed to representatives of neutral powers which are representing Germany in the other belligerent nations. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, chancellor of the German empire, called the representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland to the capitol and handed them the notes. He asked that neutrals representing Germany and her allies bring the peace proposals to the attention of their enemies.

Later in the day Chancellor Hollweg appeared in the imperial reichstag and announced the German government's proposal for peace.

"I am conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation, and before humanity," said the chancellor, in speaking of the proposals to the members of the reichstag. He said he had proposed to the hostile powers a plan for peace.

Hollweg closed his address to the reichstag without stating the definite terms of the peace proposals. The reichstag adjourned, pending the call of the president. Meantime party leaders will confer on conditions of peace.

In his speech, the chancellor said: "For two long years the emperor has been moved by a single thought, 'How can peace be restored to safeguard Germany after the struggle which she has fought victoriously?'"

He said Kaiser Wilhelm now considers the time has come to take official action toward peace. Complete harmony between Germany and her allies has caused Germany now to propose to the hostile governments that negotiations toward peace be started.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—A note from the German government to Pope Benedict says: "Germany is confident the initiative for peace of the central powers will find a friendly welcome with his holiness."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—If Germany's peace proposals are such that she merely wishes the United States to act as a courier in transmitting them to belligerent governments, this government will pass the proposals along without comment.

If Germany's proposals are that the United States, with other neutrals, make proposals in their own names in Germany's behalf, the administration will study the proposals carefully before acting.

This does not mean positively that the United States would not transmit the proposal under the second plan. Robert Lansing, secretary of state, withheld comment on the proposals when asked for a statement today. "I know nothing about it. I have nothing to say," said Lansing.

Cabinet Remodeled
PARIS, Dec. 12.—France has reconstructed her cabinet with a design to carry on the war with redoubled vigor.

MANNING ASKS \$300 FOR WORK ON CITY CHARTER

A bill submitted by Horace M. Manning for \$300 as compensation for legal services was considered by the council last night, and then referred to the finance committee and Mayor Crisler for report. Manning asks for \$300 for his legal services in preparation of the city charter adopted in 1911. His term of service extended from December 20, 1910, to April 11, 1911.

SAYS STRAHORN IS LIKED AT HOME

R. E. WATTENBURG, RETURNING FROM HOME COUNTRY OF RAILROAD BUILDER, TELLS OF PEOPLE'S ESTIMATE OF THE MAN.

R. E. Wattenburg, who has recently returned from a visit in eastern Washington, brings with him a report of the business reputation of Robert E. Strahorn, on his own "stamping ground."

"In that country," he declares, "if you want to work up a good, healthy scrap, just offer a few adverse remarks on the character of Strahorn and you will find your trouble engagements booked ahead for some time. He is noteworthy for his lack of making promises and peddling 'hot-air,' but he has invariably been known to do more than he agrees in a contract, and his word on a deal is all that is desired by his associates in that section."

This kind of report coming from a man's own home, a neighborhood where much of his development work has been done and where his dealings with the people have been many and varied, indicates that Klamath Falls and interior Oregon has been fortunate to secure the attention of such a man at a time when a development such as he proposes means so much to the progress of the country.

BEND GETS A DAILY PAPER

THE DAILY BULLETIN APPEARS FOR FIRST TIME WITH MUCH NEWS—WILL ISSUE IN AFTER-NOON—UNITED PRESS SERVICE

Bend, the enterprising little town north of Klamath Falls, has a daily newspaper. It is called the Daily Bulletin, and made its first appearance on December 6th.

The Daily Bulletin is published by George P. Putnam, secretary of Governor Withycombe, and publisher of the Bend Bulletin, a weekly. The daily is a four-page sheet, and will be issued in the afternoon. It will be served by the United Press.

Robert W. Sawyer is managing editor; Fred A. Woelfen news editor, and Henry N. Fowler associate editor.

STRAHORN ROAD WILL START AT KLAMATH AVENUE

WILL RUN FROM THERE TO A POINT NEAR DAIRY

Councilman Doty Holds Out For City Extending Line Into Country as Far as Possible and Not Pay Expensive Construction Up Link River—All of the Road Will Be Built on the City's Right-of-Way.

The municipal railroad to be built by the City of Klamath Falls will begin at the intersection of First street and Klamath avenue in Klamath Falls and extend southerly and easterly to a point a short distance north of Dairy. This point is where the Bonanza branch line will join the main road, thus completing the road from Klamath Falls to both Dairy and Bonanza. Klamath Falls will own every foot of this road and will own the right-of-way. Robert E. Strahorn, to whom the right-of-way deeds have been signed, will turn over the entire right-of-way to this city. He has agreed to do this, according to C. W. Eberlein, and he must do it, according to City Attorney R. C. Groesbeck, before the city can begin construction.

Whether it is good or bad, the credit or the responsibility, as the case may be, for the road not going above Klamath avenue, goes to Councilman M. R. Doty of the Fifth ward. When the route was first announced by Mr. Strahorn, Mr. Doty stood against letting the city build north or west of Klamath avenue, maintaining that the \$300,000 the city was spending should be used to extend the road just as far into the country as possible, and to let Mr. Strahorn himself, if he cared to, pay the expensive construction from Klamath avenue up Link river to Shipplington. Councilman Doty explained this to Mr. Strahorn when the latter was here; the plans submitted last night by Mr. Strahorn, through his chief engineer, H. N. Bogus, and through City Engineer Zumwalt, declared the route for the municipal road to begin at the intersection of Klamath avenue and First street and to extend to a point near Dairy.

Mr. Doty feels that he has scored a point. He says that now, even should Mr. Strahorn not continue the road beyond Dairy to Sprague river and Bend, Klamath Falls has a line of its own that taps Poe valley, Yonna valley, Bonanza, and Langell valley that the city can electrify the road, operate it independently of any others, if forced to, and make it pay dividends. Of course, few people feel that any such a condition as this will come about. The citizens' committee and the main railroad committee feel positive that Mr. Strahorn very early will build from Dairy to Bend, and even will build the mile or so from Klamath avenue to Shipplington, giving the timber on the upper lake and all the farming territory of the Klamath basin and valley to the east direct connection with Portland.

Freed of Murder Charge
DOWNEVILLE, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary Peterson and King Datto, jointly charged with the murder of the former's husband a year ago at Gold Lake, were freed today on motion of the district attorney, who said there was insufficient evidence to convict.

Entente Troops Less
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—"The entente troops suffered singularly reverses today on the banks of the Cerna," says the official statement.



VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG German Chancellor

Von Bethmann-Hollweg, chancellor of the German empire and the kaiser's right-hand man, today "passed the buck" to Great Britain. Now either England must accept the German peace proposals, which it cannot gracefully do and maintain its political standing, or it must bear the burden of responsibility for continuance of the greatest and most bloody struggle the world has ever witnessed. Serbia alone would suffer, and she would have what she had before the second Balkan war.

Germany Suggests Peace With Status Before War

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—German embassy here today told the United Press that Germany's peace proposals include practical restoration of the territorial status of Europe before the war.

Includes establishment of the kingdom of Lithuania and Poland and readjustment of the boundaries in the Balkans. Bulgaria probably will demand the territory she lost during the second Balkan war, the embassy says.

The informant of the United Press says the proposals include evacuation

COMING OF "DUVE" SHATTERS MARKET

GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS CAUSING TUMBLING OF PRICES ON STOCK EXCHANGES IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Von Bethmann-Hollweg's announcement that

Council Votes to Issue the Bonds

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE AT FOURTH AND MAIN STANDS UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE BONDING OF CITY

Permission to erect a huge Christmas tree in the manhole at the intersection of Main and Fourth streets was granted by the council to Klamath Falls Business Men's Association. This tree will be put up in a few days and kept there until the municipal Christmas celebration is over on the night of December 24th.

On Christmas eve Main street will be closed from Third to Fifth and Fourth street from Pine to Klamath.

IRWIN WILL BUILD A STRUCTURE FOR OFFICE

John Irwin, district attorney, will build an office on the southeast corner of his lot at Fourth and Pine streets, according to an application for a permit from the city council. The permit was granted last night. The office building will be a frame structure and will face on Fourth street. Mr. Irwin will move into the new office soon after January 1.

MAY CHANGE OPEN SEASON FOR DEER

OREGON SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE WILL ASK LEGISLATURE TO MAKE SEASON 15 DAYS LATER, SAYS KLAMATH DELEGATE.

Officers for the Klamath Sportsmen's Association will be elected at the annual meeting tonight at the Commercial Club rooms. A full attendance is asked by J. E. Swansen, secretary.

Secretary Swansen has received a letter from Tom H. Mitchell, Klamath's delegate at the annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's League in Portland, which says that the league went on record as favoring a change in the open season for deer.

The league would change the season from August 15 to October 31, as it is now, to September 1 to November 15. This would make the season fifteen days later, which Secretary Swansen says would inconvenience many Klamath county hunters, especially the farmers, who can get away from their farms in August, but not in September or later.

HUNSAKER IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Jack Hunsaker last night was appointed by Mayor Crisler and confirmed by the council as assistant fire chief, and his salary fixed at \$75 a month. He will live at the fire hall and drive the new fire engine.

FRANCHISE ISN'T VOTED BY COUNCIL

ACTION ON FRANCHISE FOR KENO POWER COMPANY IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY TO MAKE AMENDMENTS

The city council last night did not act on the ordinance granting a franchise to the Keno Power company to distribute electricity in the city of Klamath Falls. Last night was the time set for voting on the franchise.

The matter was taken up and record made of this fact; then a motion to continue consideration of the franchise until next Monday was carried. The council said it wished to make certain amendments to the franchise before granting it, and that these could be provided by next Monday.

Also Takes Four Other Steps Toward Early Beginning of Construction.

Doubts Are Wiped Out by Captain J. W. Siemens, Who Agrees to See that the First Interest on Bonds is Paid December 1, 1917.

By a unanimous vote in each instance, the city council last night took five distinct steps toward early construction of the Strahorn railroad. These steps are:

The ordinance calling for sale of \$300,000 railroad bonds was passed.

The report of City Engineer Zumwalt on plans, specifications, costs, and route of the road from Klamath Falls to Dairy was accepted and placed on file.

The plans, route, cost, and specifications submitted by Mr. Zumwalt were, by resolution, declared to be the basis for bids for construction.

Police Judge Leavitt was directed to advertise for bids on the \$300,000 bonds, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Police Judge Leavitt was instructed to advertise for bids for construction of the railroad.

The bids for the bonds are to be opened January 15. The bids for construction of the road will be opened probably December 25.

The last doubt as to whether or not the bond ordinance would carry last night was considered wiped out just before the vote was taken when J. W. Siemens, chairman of the railroad committee, publicly stated that he would see that the interest was paid on the bonds on December 1, 1917. The council, or certain members of it, was dubious about voting the bonds because no provision had been made for payment of the first interest.

The large crowd of citizens that packed the council room until floor space was scarcely available listened to Police Judge Leavitt call out: "Councilman Sheets, how do you vote upon this ordinance?"

"Yes," responded Mr. Sheets, and then all four of the others followed suit.

Applause was vigorous and sincere.

CLUB WILL GIVE MAGAZINE REVIEW

REGULARLY WILL TELL BRIEFLY WHAT IS IN PERIODICALS ON SHELVES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR FREE USE.

Following the addition at the public library of several new magazines, making a rather complete list of all the more important periodicals of the country, the Women's Library Club has consented to furnish from time to time a very brief review of the various magazines as they arrive each month or week.

The December Atlantic Monthly is full of good articles pertaining to questions of the day, from "A Manchurian Notebook" and "Holy Russia" to "What of England" must interest all who follow the European situation.

Business men who desire systems in their institutions can find systems at the library. Fourteen sale plans for use this Christmas are explained in the last issue.

The illustrations of winter sports in the last number of Country Life are most attractive.

Outing has reasonable illustrations on climbing on snow-covered mountains and skiing for beginners.