

# ENTENTE IS TOLD TO CONSIDER PEACE FRENCH DRIVE GERMANS FROM VERDUN POSITION

## Embassies Jealous of Neutral Opinion

BRITISH EMBASSY FORWARDS ADVICE TO LONDON

Says Foreign Office Should Not Flatly Turn Down Proposals of Germans For Peace Lest Opinion of Neutral World Be Turned to Teutons—Same Action Taken by Russian and French Embassies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The British embassy today advised the British foreign office in London not to flatly refuse to consider the German peace proposals for the sake of neutral opinion.

Because of the close understanding between the embassies, it is believed that the French and Russian embassies took the same action.

The ambassadors of the entente powers feel that for the allies to ignore the proposals would turn opinion of the neutral world, which hopes for peace, in favor of Germany.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Germany stands ready to give the entente powers and their allies in the war a full statement of terms in a peace conference.

This announcement was made today by Count Von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, after a conference with Robert Lansing, secretary of state.

## HURD ENDORSES FILM ON VICE

SAYS IT SHOULD BE SEEN BY EVERY MOTHER AND FATHER. WILL BE REPEATED TONIGHT FOR LAST TIME.

"The picture is one of the greatest moral lessons I have ever seen. I endorse it heartily. It should be seen by every mother and father."

## Hugo Munsterberg Dies Suddenly in Class Room

Professor Hugo Munsterberg, the noted German psychologist of Harvard University, dropped dead while giving a lecture to a class of girls at Radcliffe College, this morning. After falling to the floor, he died within a few minutes, but with his last breath tried to quell the excitement of the students.

"Girl Next Door," which was exhibited last night at the opera house and which will be repeated tonight for the last time.

The film is based on the investigations and revelations of the Illinois Vice Commission and shows many prominent men of the nation, notably James R. Mann, father of the Mann white slave act.

It has been endorsed by many leading social reformers and in big cities has drawn full houses night after night.

Every person who played a part in the lengthy investigation is shown in the picture as far as possible. Vice conditions as they existed before the old Twenty-second street district licenses were closed are portrayed as truthfully as possible in contrast to the desolate, black aspect of the blocks of closed and boarded resorts as they now are.

Hundreds of characters have taken part in the picturization. Scenes of the sessions of the commission in Chicago, Washington, and other cities will be shown.

The stories told by the girl witnesses before the commission, including the white slave stories, are reenacted. The scenes are laid all over the country. The reels are connected by a running story telling the history of one girl from her first false step to her appearance as a witness before the commission. The experiences through which she passed as well as those of other witnesses are told.

## Confesses to Obtain Relief

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—James Feley, age 55 years, today went to jail after voluntarily confessing to the murder of a man 18 years ago in Alaska. Feley said the crime preyed on his conscience until he concluded relief would come only when he made a full confession.

## STRANDED DIVER MAY BE TAKEN TO OCEAN

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 16.—Sailors from the coast guard cutter McCulloch today waded out into the ocean and by swimming twenty feet reached the United States submarine H-3. A ten-inch hawser was made fast to the diver. Tonight at high tide the McCulloch will attempt to tow the submarine to deep water.

## Says He Will Talk Peace Because He Is Victorious



KAISER WILHELM Emperor of the Germans

## FOREST POWER IS DEVELOPED

TWENTY NEW WATER POWER PROJECTS UTILIZING NATIONAL FOREST LAND BEGUN DURING LAST FISCAL YEAR.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—In the fiscal year 1916, says Henry S. Graves, chief of the forest service, in his annual report, twenty new water power projects which utilize national forest land began operation. This was an increase of 18 1/2 per cent in the total number. In the fiscal year 1915 the number of new projects which began operation was twelve. Forty-two per cent of the total developed water power of the United States utilize national forest land, the forest service figures show.

Development of relatively small projects is particularly in evidence, according to Mr. Graves, in the Rocky

Mountain states. California leads in the amount of power under permit and in operation. The number of transmission line permits in effect was increased by thirteen during the year. The forty applications for power project permits received in 1916 included eight from Alaska—a notable evidence, according to the report, of increased local interest in power development on national forest lands there.

Concerning the report prepared by the forest service in response to a resolution of the senate calling upon the secretary of agriculture for information regarding the ownership and control of water power sites and any facts bearing on the question as to the existence of a monopoly in the ownership and control of hydro-electric power in the United States, Mr. Graves says: "This report presented in far greater detail than has ever been attempted before an exhaustive analysis of the general power situation. It showed a marked concentration of definite and complete control of a large percentage of developed water power by a very few companies. Data presented regarding interrelationships through common directors and principal officers indicated a marked tendency toward a

## PLANT WRECKED BY EXPLOSION AT GREAT LOSS

CHECK SHOWS NO LOSS OF LIFE HAS RESULTED

Damage of Half Million Dollars Is Suffered by Llewellyn Iron Works of Los Angeles—Same Plant Was Partially Wrecked by Bombs in 1910—No Arrests Made, But Incendiarism Is Suspected.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Two explosions this morning wrecked the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Fears of loss of life were dispelled when a complete check revealed that all persons in the building are accounted for.

The police suspect incendiarism. This plant was partly wrecked by the explosion of a bomb in 1910.

When the plant was wrecked this morning two explosions were heard by the workmen. Flames immediately enveloped the plant. Before fire fighting apparatus arrived the plant was doomed to destruction and attention was turned to saving adjoining property.

No arrests have been made up to late this afternoon.

## Asks \$3,000,000 to Aid Families

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the support of families of militiamen now on the border was asked of the house today by Representative Edmonds.

Half of Town Consumed SHAMOKIN, Dec. 16.—Fire which has destroyed half the business section of Shamokin was controlled this morning.

Convict Escapes SACRAMENTO, Dec. 16.—J. Sokos, serving a five-year term at Folsom, quietly escaped at the Southern Pacific depot here today. The road gang from the prison was being returned from Shasta county and the train had stopped at the depot a short time.

## NORTHWEST ALONE USES GRAIN BAGS

GOV. WITHYCOMBE IN CALLING ATTENTION TO ANNUAL GRAIN GROWERS' CONVENTION POINTS OUT THIS FACT WITH COMMENT

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 16.—"Wheat growers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are practically the only large producers in the country who handle grain in bags rather than in bulk," says Governor James Withycombe in a letter to the governors of Washington and Idaho, inviting them to be present or send representatives to the annual grain growers' convention. This convention will be held in Corvallis January 3, 4 and 5, during Farmers' Week. Both governors have an-

## But Teutons Gain in Balkan Battle

ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO SEND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS TWO SPECIAL DELEGATES FROM THEIR STATES REPRESENTING THE WHEAT INTERESTS.

"The advantages of adopting the bulk system," continues Governor Withycombe, "are patent to anyone who has given the subject painstaking consideration, but to make any such far-reaching reform as would involve changing the system is of course extremely difficult. Not only has the natural prejudice born of long practice to be overcome, but also economic problems of considerable scope have to be met. The tidewater movement would have to be provided for the new method of handling grain, at considerable expense. The farmers' machinery for storage facilities, the railroads' carrying facilities, the exporters' equipment, must all be changed to a considerable degree.

"In the past, I think it can be said fairly, men of large interests and conservative vision have not always identified themselves with meetings to consider this matter. In this coming convention a program of very great worth has been prepared and perhaps for the first time in this convention representatives of every interest involved will participate."

## WATER USERS DISCUSS COST

DIRECTORS OF ASSOCIATION ARE MEETING TODAY TO CONSIDER REPORT OF \$30 AN ACRE CONSTRUCTION COST

To discuss the question of construction cost of the Klamath irrigation project, the directors of Klamath Water Users Association are in session today.

The board is discussing the report of the central review board, composed of officials of the reclamation service, which declared the cost to be \$30 an acre over the lump unit comprising Poe Valley, the land between Klamath Falls and Merrill, and some territory around Merrill and above Tule Lake. The local review board found the construction cost to be \$25 an acre.

## \$3,054 Received in 1915 for Sportsmen's Licenses

Two thousand five hundred and ninety-one licenses to fish and hunt in Klamath county were issued by C. R. DeLap, county clerk, during 1915, according to the report sent by him to the state officials.

For these 2,591 licenses \$3,054 were received. Of this sum Klamath county got only \$163.55 and the state got \$2,890.45.

## NINTH ARMY REACHES THE ROAD FROM BEZEU

While Admitting Defeat at Verdun, Berlin Claims German Forces Have Reached Second British Line Southeast of Zillebeke—Russian Warships Direct Bombardment at the Flour Mills on the Black Sea.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Germans this morning reached the second British line southeast of Zillebeke.

It is admitted that the French have pushed the Germans from the advance position at Verdun to the prepared second line on Talouridge heights.

In the Balkan fighting, the ninth German army has reached the road between Buzeu and Bimincul.

Bulgars Take Town SOFIA, Dec. 16.—The Bulgarians have captured Perestil.

Russian Ships Bombard PETROGRAD, Dec. 16.—Russian warships in the Black sea today bombarded the Bulgarian flour mills at Balchek.

## TO TELL RESULTS RELIGIOUS SURVEY

At the 11 o'clock service at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow, Rev. Charles T. Hurd will speak on the results of the religious survey of the City of Klamath Falls recently made by the various protestant churches of the city under the direction of the Ministerial Union. The figures obtained will be analyzed and tabulated to show the information for which the survey was conducted. Charts and diagrams have been prepared which will make the results very interesting. The music will be in charge of the Young Ladies' chorus, and Mrs. E. S. Veatch will sing "Come, Jesus, Redeemer," by Bartlett.

At the service at 7:30 in the evening, Rev. Hurd will preach on the topic, "Preparedness and Christianity."

The licenses for 1916 were divided as follows:

Non resident	30
Combination	161
Anglers	1,027
Hunters	1,373

The record sale of licenses this year fell short of the record for 1915, when a total of 2,187 licenses were issued, or 546 more than this year.