

GERMANY ANSWERS PEACE MESSAGE ASKS MEETING FOR ALL POWERS TO TALK TERMS

Germany's Terms Are Not Recited

HANDS NOTE TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS TODAY

Says Work of Preventing Future Wars Can Be Begun Only When Present Conflict Is Ended—Says Most Appropriate Time to Get Results in Immediate Conference of Powers Involved in Present Struggle.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—In answer to the peace note from President Wilson of the United States of America, Germany today proposed a meeting of all belligerents to discuss terms of peace. The formal reply was made in notes handed to American diplomats in Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Probably the most significant part of the note is that which hints that "the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle."

The note declares that "when that moment comes" Germany will be ready "with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

Germany in her formal note holds that the "most appropriate road to reach the desired result" is an immediate meeting of delegates from belligerent states at a neutral place.

The text of the note was transmitted by wireless, and contains no terms of peace.

MARTIN SUES ON PROMISSORY NOTE

Suit to foreclose a mortgage on several shares of stock in the Altamont Investment company was commenced in circuit court today by Alex Martin Jr., against N. J. Chapman. The mortgage was given as security on a note for \$1,000. Plaintiff is suing for \$1,133.33, being principal and interest. Smith & Byson of Eugene are attorneys for Martin.

To Investigate the High Cost of Food



George M. Anderson, United States attorney at Boston, held a conference with President Wilson at the White House, and then began an investigation for the Department of Justice into the high cost of food. In the course of his work he decided he would visit Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit. He will report to the department facts on which legal action may be based.

Mrs. Joe Moore left yesterday for San Francisco to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ray Court.

Klamath County 1917 Tax Levy is 25.6 Mills

Klamath county tax payers for 1917 must pay a tax of 25.6 mills on all property assessed to them. This is the levy fixed by the county court Saturday and includes all items for which all property owners must pay taxes. Last year the levy was 27.7. The state levy is 2.4 mills, and the county levy covering general expenses, redemption of outstanding warrants and interest on outstanding general fund warrants and school libraries, is 8.7 mills. The special levies are divided as follows:
Grammar schools, 4 mills.
County high schools, 1.9 mills.
Agricultural extension work, 1 mill.
New court house construction, 3.3 mills.
Roads, 5 mills.
County library maintenance, .1 mill.
The city of Klamath Falls general levy is 16 mills, with .5 mill for park

purposes. The Merrill levy is 17 mills and Bonanza 10 mills.
When the levy was finally determined Saturday several slices were made from the published budget. The state levy was reduced from an estimate of \$45,000 to \$43,000. The school tax was cut from \$66,000 to \$60,000 because expected receipts from the sale of government timber. New court house construction was cut from \$80,000 to \$50,000. The two items of \$50,000 for the redemption of outstanding warrants and \$20,000 for accumulated interest on same was put into one item of \$70,000. The budget called for \$2,000 for all justice courts of the county, but as the cost for 1916 were under \$2,000, the levy for this purpose was reduced to \$2,000. The extra 1,000 was not taken from the total levy, however, but will be placed in a separate fund for extermination of pests.

ALLIES ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH GERMAN REPLY

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE PESSIMISTIC

Stated Allies Don't Particularly Care for Peace Conference—In That She Has Not Answered Request of This Government for Specific Peace Terms, Germany Is Held to Have Dodged the Issue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—A hasty examination of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace suggestions, in the dispatches from Berlin, have led the foremost administration officials to believe that the allies are not satisfied to meet the Teutonic proposals.

It is stated that the allies are dissatisfied in so far as arranging a peace conference.

It is held that Germany has directly dodged the request of the United States for something specific in the way of peace terms.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note does not augur well for "very rapid advancement toward peace," according to officials of the British embassy here.

One official states: "There is nothing new in the message, nor does it answer President Wilson's or Lloyd George's request for a specific definition of Germany's terms."

The suggestion that the question of organization to prevent future wars be not considered until peace is concluded also met with disfavor in the British embassy.

This question is said to be one of the most vital of the whole situation, and must be made the integral part of any peace parley.

FORMER LOCAL MAN ARRESTED

M. H. McCall, who run barber shop in this city, kills man in Portland, according to a brief telegram

Information to the effect that Martin H. McCall, formerly of this city, yesterday killed a man in Portland, was received here this morning. Details of the killing were not learned.

McCall resided in Klamath Falls from about 1905 to 1908, and while here married Miss Edna Fish. He had no trouble while here, and was looked upon as a respectable citizen. He founded the O. K. barbershop, near the American hotel.

Are Married Sunday.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Matt, Miss Zelma F. Folsom of Spring Lake and E. R. Parker of Bly were married yesterday morning by Hugh J. Marshall of the local Catholic church. Only relatives and immediate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will be at home after January.

Carranza Must Answer Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The settlement of difficulties between Mexico and the United States by peaceful means depends upon what answer Provisional President Carranza of Mexico gives on this, the last day set by the American-Mexican peace commission for him to sign the withdrawal of troops as is agreed in the protocol drawn by this commission. If Carranza does not sign these measures the sessions will come to an end.

LAWSON MAY GET CHANCE TO SHOW WHERE LEAK IS

HAS CHARGED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION GETS OUT

Chairman of House Rules Committee Declares writer on Financial Questions May Be Called Upon to Tell Committee All He Knows About Leak in Important Government Moves in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—If it is possible that Thomas W. Lawson can prove "there is always a leak on important government moves in Washington," especially in connection with European international affairs, he will be given the opportunity to bring forth such proof in person.

Chairman Wood of the house rules committee indicated that Lawson may be invited to tell the committee all he knows.

Lawson first gained prominence through his articles on "Frenzied Finance" in Everybody's Magazine.

Special Service Sunday.

A special service for elderly people will be held next Sunday morning at the Christian church. Old songs will be sung and the sermon will be suitable for old people. Luncheon will be served at the church after the service.

R. W. Tower is a business visitor in the county seat today from his ranch between Keno and Worden.

CIGAR EXPLODES INJURING FACE

CIGAR WAS LOADED AND SENT TO SHERIFF, WHO GAVE IT TO BOY TO SMOKE—SEVERAL TEETH BROKEN BY EXPLOSION

AUBURN, Calif., Dec. 26.—Eugene Bell of Reno, while smoking a cigar which was loaded, had his face badly cut and several teeth broken by the explosion of the cigar.

The cigar was mailed on the train between Los Angeles and San Francisco on December 22d, and was received by ex-Sheriff Conroy. It is believed that the cigar was mailed by some ex-convict.

GERMANS MAKE PRISONERS OF 5000 RUSSIANS

ALSO TAKE A VILLAGE IN WALLACHIA FIGHTING

Austrian Destroyers Raid Straits of Otranto and Send Two Patrol Boats to the Bottom; Also Rout Six Enemy Destroyers—Russians Admit Evacuation of Filipesi in Rumania by the Combined Allied Forces.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The German and Austro-Hungarians have stormed and captured the village of Filipesi in Wallachia. In the last few days the Germans have captured 5,500 Russians, the city of Rimnicul and have advanced into the Sarat mountains.

Raiding Russians were repulsed in the Neagra Valley, and also the British on the western front.

Artillery fire has been increased near Ypres and Labassee in the west.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Reports from Vienna state that four Austro-Hungarian destroyers successfully raided the straits of Otranto and sunk two patrol boats and routed six enemy destroyers of a more powerful type.

One member of the Austrian crew was killed. One of the enemy's destroyers was fired and others were hit at close range.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Infantry-artillery duels are reported in the Cerna region at Monastir, and artillery along the Somme on Christmas night.

MAY SURVEY THE CALIFORNIA LAND

THAT PORTION OF MARSH AREA ON CALIFORNIA SIDE OF STATE LINE MAY ALSO BE OPENED TO HOMESTEAD ENTRY

A letter received this morning from Congressman John E. Raker of California says he is trying to get the marsh lands on the California side of Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Lake surveyed by the government. The lands on the Oregon side have been surveyed, probably as a step toward opening up the lands to homestead entry.

A letter received a few days ago from Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon says he also is trying to get all the lands around the two lakes surveyed.

Both letters were received by Klamath Commercial Club.

Some Word

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Do you know what a "brachyidastionolhermummadigacarsensis" is? You don't? Well, it's an embryo sphebenitoides skeletoforid poliopeped of the paleocene age, the professor of geology at the University of Chicago told his open-mouth students. No one questioned his statement.

Reported Kaiser Transmits Terms

New President Pro Tem of the Senate



Senator Willard Saulsbury of Delaware has been chosen president pro tempore of the United States Senate, succeeding the late Senator Clarke of Arkansas. His selection was partly due to the fact that Senator Ollie James of Kentucky withdrew from the race. The senator is a member of the democratic national committee from Delaware, and he was active in the western headquarters during the presidential campaign.

MATT IS SAVED FROM A WET RESTING PLACE

Only quick aid saved F. R. Matt Sunday from going to a watery grave in Upper Klamath Lake. Mr. Matt was on a long plank on top of the ice near the boat landing at Shippington when he missed his step and put his weight on the ice. The ice gave way, and Mr. Matt went into the icy water to his neck. He is a heavy man, and was dressed warmly. Desperately he clung to the plank until with the aid of a rope he was pulled out.

Snow in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The first snow fell in Los Angeles this morning, but melted on the pavement as soon as it fell.

SEALED PACKETS SENT TO THE UNITED STATES

Report Has It That Germany Has Written Her Terms of Peace, But They Are Not to Be Made Public Unless Entente Formally Requests Them—Reported Germany Allows Pope to Hear the Terms.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Germany today handed to the neutral powers, whose services she has asked in forwarding peace suggestions to her enemies, a sealed packet containing the specific terms which she is willing to accept on signing peace, according to a report circulated here.

The report stated that the packet was to be opened only in case the entente powers in peace proffers actually requested terms of Germany.

It is reported that Germany has permitted Pope Benedict to read the terms.

HENEY MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Political wisecracks are all excited over the prospects of Francis J. Heney being a candidate for governor of California at the next election. In view of the persistent rumors that the Californian is slated for a cabinet position, the boom for Heney started at a Woodrow Wilson banquet here has shattered the good old dope, and even the wisest admit they are at sea.

Heney, aside from saying he appreciated the compliment extended to him, and intimating that the boomlet might be premature, has not discussed the matter. Reports that he will not take a federal portfolio so he can run for governor are current—and so are reports exactly opposite.

Santa Claus Gives Candy to Children at Big Tree

With all his customary mirth, Santa Claus appeared Sunday afternoon at the big municipal Christmas tree at Fourth and Main streets to delight the children of Klamath Falls. He came on a great big auto truck loaded with bags of candy and nuts and fruit.

Just before Santa arrived the little folks were given a sleigh ride over town by W. E. Seehorn in his four big toboggans. This delighted them greatly, and they packed each sled to its fullest capacity. When they were brought back Santa Claus gave each a big bag of candy, nuts and fruits, and wished them a merry Christmas.

Because of the coldness of the weather a big part of the program was dispensed with. Yet the cold was not too great to keep hundreds of people away from the big tree. They came to see the kiddies made happy and in this they were fully satisfied.

The Klamath Falls Business Men's Association, which arranged the out-of-doors celebration, asks that special thanks be given to the girls of the home economics department of the high school for making the large number of candy bags, which were given and distributed by Santa Claus. Much appreciation also is due to W. E. Seehorn for providing free the four big sleds in which the children were taken a ride.