

SAYS GERMANY HAD ADVANCE "DOPE" WILSON GAVE PEACE HINT TO NEUTRAL POWERS

Charge Germany Put One Over on the United States

FRENCH AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS MAKE CHARGE

Says Advance Information on President's Note to Belligerents Reached Berlin, Causing Kaiser to Make Peace Offers at Opportune Time. Wanted to Engender Ill Feeling Between Allies and America.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—French and British diplomats told the United Press that Germany was informed in advance of the president's intended peace note to the belligerents, and that Germany therefore promulgated her peace proposals in order to make it appear that the president was backing the German peace plans. They declare that Germany achieved a "clever diplomatic victory over the United States," and they think by this maneuver that Germany expected to strengthen her own peace offer or create an ill feeling between America and the allies.

It is their belief that German diplomats in this country in some way obtained advance information, and then wirelessly it to Berlin.

GOVERNOR-ELECT OF ARIZONA IS DENIED OFFICE

GOVERNOR HUNT REFUSES TO GIVE UP OFFICE

Tom Campbell, Governor-Elect, Appears at Capital and Makes Inaugural Speech, But When He Asks Admission to Executive Chambers Sheriff Stops Him—Guards Keep Order Among Throng That Gathers.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Thomas Campbell, who claims the governorship of Arizona by thirty votes, appeared at the capital at noon today and demanded admission. He entered, delivered his inaugural speech, and demanded admission to the executive chambers.

The sheriff refused this. Ex-Governor Sloan soon afterwards filed mandamus proceedings to compel Governor Hunt to give up the office. Several times the throng outside seemed determined to do violence, but Campbell appeared and appealed for order. The crowd finally dispersed. Governor Hunt has promised to appear at the capital tomorrow. Special guards were placed to patrol the capital grounds this morning when trouble was anticipated between Governor Hunt and Governor-Elect Campbell. Democratic Chairman Stoneman issued a statement repudiating Hunt's determination to retain the office in the interest of prejudicial parties.

\$100 IS PAID FOR COYOTES

TWENTY-FIVE HIDES BROUGHT IN BEFORE FIRST OF YEAR TO GET LARGER BOUNTY—BEGINNING TODAY BOUNTY IS ONLY \$2.50

To take advantage of the \$4 bounty offered until January 1st, Klamath county trappers Saturday brought 25 coyote hides to County Clerk DeLap. Beginning today the bounty will be only \$2.50.

The twenty-five hides yielded \$100 to the trappers, who were: J. U. Underhill, 2 hides. Raugh Vaughn, 8 hides. Ray Robbins, 10 hides. James McPherson, 5 hides.

GERMANS CHARGE ON RUSSIAN LINE

IN POWERFUL OFFENSIVE ALONG DOBRUDJA FRONT, RUSSIANS ARE COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW TO SAFETY

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Reports from the front announce that the Russians have been repulsed south of the Riga and in the direction of Smorgon. The Germans stormed two Russian positions near Plank.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—It is announced that the Germans have started a large offensive movement along the Dobrudja front and have compelled the Russians to withdraw. Twenty-three German battalions are said to have participated in the assault against the Russian center.

Looking a Year Ahead

WHAT will the year 1917 mean to Klamath Falls—to this community—to this people?

What will be your personal attitude toward the making of a better town, a more prosperous community a more open-hearted people? The efforts of the individual citizen may accomplish something. The cooperation of a collective people will produce notable results.

Collective co-operation is only possible where confidence and good will exist, and where there is a determination to utilize this combination to the ultimate good of all.

The man who holds a grudge against his neighbor cannot successfully pull in harness with that neighbor so long as that grudge exists. Lose the grudge.

The man who disparages and undermines the reputation of another can not expect the community in general to think well of the assassin of character. Speak gently, and use the soft pedal.

The man who says "go ahead" cannot expect to keep pace with the hustler who says "come on." Step lively and get there.

And one man who says "I will" is worth a hundred of those who say "I can't."

This is the time of the year when the hopper of time is filled with new resolutions. But it is more profitable to act than to resolve. Let us make this a year of action, of deeds, and of results.

Let us make Klamath Falls more than a collection of individuals. Let us make it a community of people with one aim, one ambition, and one great purpose in life, and let us make that purpose the good of man and woman-kind in general, and the growth, prosperity and development of this community in particular.

If we work collectively and earnestly and energetically, we will achieve success, but if we labor individually we will accomplish but little.

The road of life is long, and stormy, and barriers bar our way. But many hands make light work of the heaviest burdens, and collective might may roll the heaviest barriers away.

We may each pursue our own chosen vocations, and yet all labor in the common cause of a better and more prosperous town and countryside.

Two horses pulling in one direction will get the load there. But when one pulls and the other balks the load will stand still. Let us all pull. Will 1917 find us a community of loyal pullers, or a divided aggregation of pullers and balkers, who accomplish nothing but to stand still?

Nineteen seventeen will tell the story, and you will put the words in the mouth of the teller.

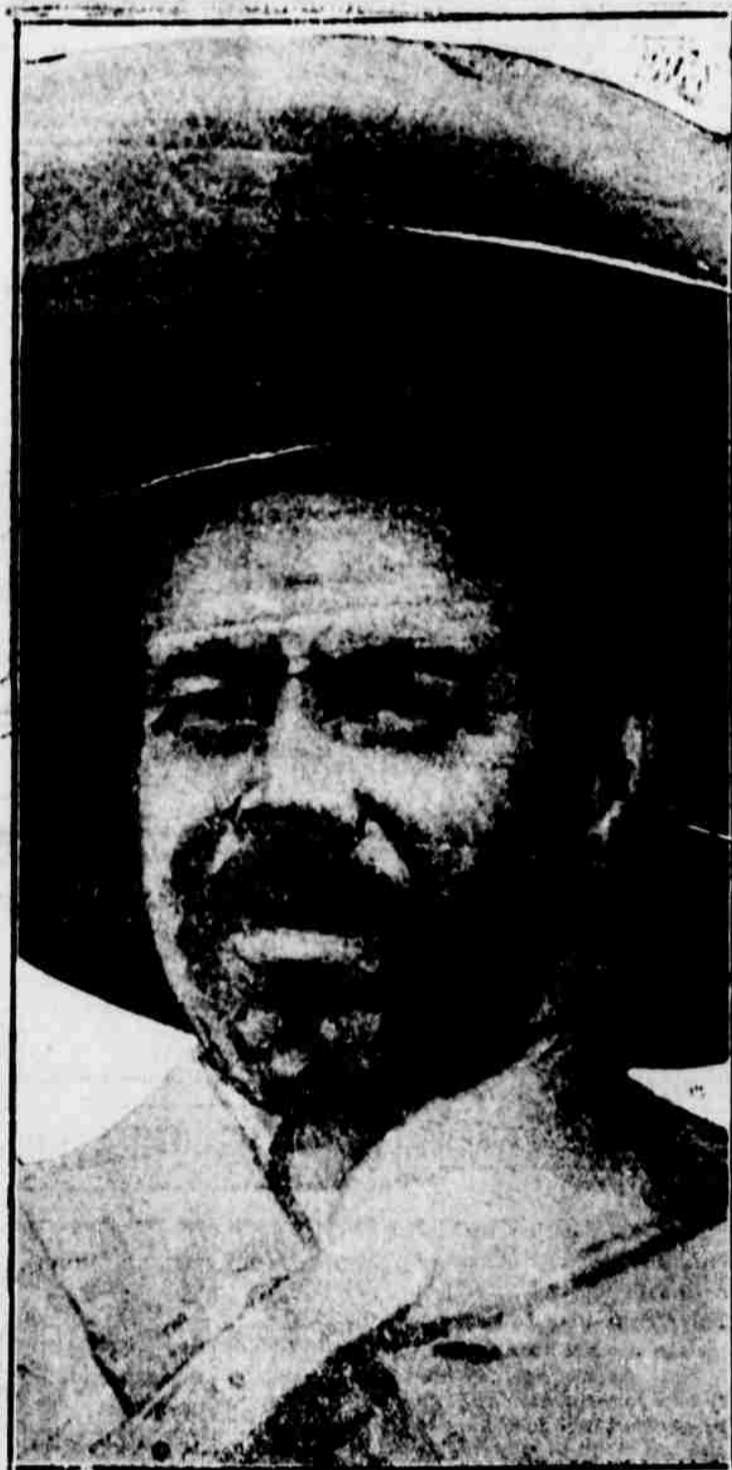
What are these words going to be? Will they be loyalty, cohesion, aggressiveness, success? Or will they be disloyalty, suspicion, disintegration, disaster?

A year of promise is ahead, but promise never makes good unaided and alone. Never before has such great opportunities been within reach of any community.

We must grasp the opportunities with which nature has provided us, and turn these opportunities to individual and collective weal. To do otherwise will be to stand still while others march on to victory, and success.

Shall we stand, or shall we march?

Francisco Villa, Who Routed 8000 Carranza Soldiers in Battle



Neutrals Told to Act for Peace Now

VILLA CRUSHES CARRANZA ARMY IN SHARP FIGHT

OUTNUMBERS FEDERAL TROOPS BY 1,000

Defeated Column Was Sent by General Carranza to Halt Bandit's March on Tampico—Carranza Wounded Arriving at Chihuahua City—Battle Took Place Near Santa Rosalia, Says El Paso Dispatch.

EL PASO, Jan. 1.—American authorities were notified this morning that 8,000 men under Villa met and decisively defeated 7,000 Carranzistas at Lacruz, which is near Santa Rosalia. The defeated column was sent by General Murguia in a last effort to halt Villa in his march toward Tampico. Carranza's troops are reported as having been repulsed near Chihuahua City, where many of their wounded have been arriving.

Christians Makeup LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Superior Judge Jackson's reminder to two dissenting parts of a local church that they were all Christians, and it has not been a week since Christmas, went a long way toward uniting the congregation.

Wilson's Daughter Marries RIVERSIDE, Jan. 1.—Miss Violet Stitt Wilson, daughter of J. Stitt Wilson, former socialist mayor of Oakland, was married here yesterday to Irving Pickel, a Harvard graduate and leading man in the stock company in which she is playing.

E. R. C. Williams Dies After a Long Illness

Veteran Farmer and Dairyman Succumbs to Chronic Heart Disease After Struggling for Months

After an illness of many months, E. R. C. Williams passed away Saturday night at 10:45 o'clock at his home, a few miles south of Klamath Falls. Death was due to chronic heart disease. The deceased was 54 years, two months and twenty days old, and has been a resident of Klamath county for many years. He leaves many friends

SUGGESTIONS CARRIED BY AMERICAN DIPLOMATS

Co-Operation in Move for Peace Was Asked of Neutral Nations by President Wilson, But No Information on Note to Belligerents Was Given to Anyone Before the Message Was Forwarded to Various Countries.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—It was learned today that a hint to all the neutrals that the "time is opportune to act" towards bringing peace was conveyed by American diplomats at the suggestion of this government.

The "hint" in the "instructions" was sent to the American representatives abroad. The state department indicated today that the instructions carried the impression that if the neutrals desired a move toward peace, now was the best time to make such a move.

Co-operation in this movement was not asked. It was officially stated that no government was informed of the president's intended action before he took it.

ALEX DAVIS AND MRS HUSON MARRY

At the home of the bride, Alex Davis and Mrs. W. O. Huson were married last evening at a quiet wedding. Only a few intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will live on East Main street, in the old country club house.

Mr. Davis is a dealer in livestock, and owns considerable land.

Give Dance Thursday

Members of the high school basketball team have arranged a dancing party, to be given at the opera house, Thursday evening, January 4th. All students of the high school and alumni are invited. The dance is for the benefit of clearing the deficit in the cost of basketball suits. The music will start at 9 o'clock.

New County Officers Take Office Tuesday

Oath is Not Administered Today Because it is Holiday—Many Officers to Take Oath Are New Ones

A new set of officers will run the official business of Klamath county, beginning tomorrow. Some time tomorrow County Clerk C. B. DeLap will administer the oath of office to all officials elected last November, except Judge D. V. Kuykendall, who was elected to the circuit court.

Today, the first Monday in January, is the regular time for new officials to take office, but because it is a holiday they will not take office until tomorrow. County Clerk DeLap can't swear in, himself, as he was re-elected, but probably will take his oath of office from Marion Haaks, county judge.

Following are the officials who will assume office tomorrow: George Humphrey, sheriff. C. R. DeLap, clerk.

W. M. Duncan, district attorney. J. P. Lee, assessor. E. B. Henry, surveyor. George Chastain, circuit court clerk. D. V. Kuykendall, circuit judge. J. M. Holman, constable. George Haydon, treasurer. Burrell Short, commissioner. Edna Wells, school superintendent. All of these are new officials except County Clerk DeLap, Assessor Lee, Surveyor Henry, Circuit Court Clerk Chastain, Treasurer Haydon and Judge Kuykendall.

Here From Michigan. Dr. Harvey Ransom is here from Michigan to help care for his father, Dr. W. C. Ransom of this city, who is very low.