

FULL LEASED WIRE DISPATCHES

CIRCULATION IS OVER 4000 DAILY

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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

BELIEVE GERMANY PREPARING FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

London, Jan. 5.—Germany is about to attempt another great offensive on the western front against the allies.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, Famous Writer, May Serve on Federal Tariff Board



IDA M. TARBELL

According to information which seems to be credited in well informed circles in Washington, President Wilson has under consideration the appointment of Miss Ida M. Tarbell, the famous author, investigator and publicist, as a member of the federal tariff commission.

BIG TEMPEST IN POLITICAL TEAPOT

H. L. C. HITS COURTS San Francisco, Jan. 5.—And now the high cost of living has struck the courts of law.

WOOD'S CHARGES BASED ON HEARSAY AND IDLE RUMORS President's Secretary, Tumulty, and Mrs. Wilson's Brother Named

WHALE WRECKS LAUNCH San Pedro, Cal., Jan. 4.—A thrilling tale of being shipwrecked off the California coast by a sixty foot black whale was told this afternoon by Mike Stanovich, a fisherman, following his rescue.

TUMULTY DENOUNCES CONGRESSMAN WOOD FOR MENTIONING HIM Says He Did Not Know of Note's Existence Did Not Talk to Baruch

COULD NOT NAME FACT HE COULD VOUCH FOR Did Not Try to Verify Rumors Lawson To Appear Monday

BILLIK HAS FACED GALLOWS FIVE TIMES IN PAST FIVE YEARS He Is Overjoyed at Being Pardoned But His Family Is "Horrorified"

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PRESIDENT WILSON FEELS SITUATION CRITICAL

DOORS OF PEACE SWING TO AND FRO BUT ARE NOT SHUT Matter In Such Uncertainty It Will Not Be Discussed in Cabinet

Colonel Harts, U. S. A., Will Be the Master of Inauguration Ceremonies

AMERICA WILL BE INVOLVED IN WAR IF IT CONTINUES Lewis Says Opposition Will Be Construed Abroad As Partiality



COL. WM. W. HARTS

Washington, Jan. 5.—With the door of peace believed to be swinging uncertainly, deep annoyance was expressed in official circles today at what was regarded as a Teutonic propaganda designed to influence this government's next move.

Colonel William W. Harts, United States army, will have a prominent part in the coming inauguration ceremonies if he retains his present assignment of superintendent of public buildings and grounds in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 5.—"I agree with Secretary Lansing or anybody else who says the war cannot continue without America being involved in it," said Senator Lewis in the senate this afternoon while urging passage of Senator Hitchcock's note endorsement.

"Find Out" Why Food Is Dear, Government Tells G. W. Anderson



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BERNARD LEWIS KILLS HIMSELF TO AVOID ARREST

Shot Rings Out As Officers Come to Arrest Him For Murder of Girl

WOMAN'S UNDERSHIRT IS FOUND ON HIS BODY

Circumstantial Evidence Is Strong That He Killed Mazie Colbert

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—An ever-growing chain of circumstantial evidence was this afternoon closing around the name of Bernard Lewis, scion of a wealthy Pittsburg family, who committed suicide in an Atlantic City hotel as detectives burst into his room to arrest him in connection with the murder of Mazie Colbert.

TO LEASE NIAGARA

Washington, Jan. 4.—The house today passed the Wadsworth bill, authorizing the secretary of war to grant to water power users the entire twenty thousand cubic feet of water a second divertible by the United States from the Niagara river under a Canadian treaty.

British Lose Heavily

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 5.—"Sanguinary losses" were inflicted on British troops on the east edge of Loix by a detachment of Albenburg infantry which penetrated into the fourth hostile trench, today's official statement said.

Capture Rumanian Towns

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 5.—Capture of Slobozia and Rotesti in Rumania was announced today by the war office.

Youthful Robber Killed at Seattle

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—With three police bullets in his body, young Ernest Whitfield, identified holdup man, died at the city hospital here at 3 o'clock this morning.

SNOW FALL IS HEAVY

La Grande, Or., Jan. 5.—Snow has been falling in Union county the past four days and is beginning to cause alarm.



Th' turnin' point in many of our lives comes when we're in a auto. Ever notice how quickly a grocery cigar "I break up a conversation"

SPUDS \$1 A BUSHEL

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Potatoes sold today at \$1 a bushel in Chicago's exclusive groceries, while eggs retailed at 65 cents a dozen.

Hitchcock Resolution Endorsing Peace Note Passed Senate Today

Washington, Jan. 5.—Shorn of any idea of endorsing either war or a break with Germany or approving interference in European affairs, the Hitchcock resolution, approving President Wilson's note to belligerents passed the senate today, 48 to 17.

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