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In Washington They're Expecting Something Important Developments Re Peace?-- London Paper Believes Enemy Near to Time When Peace at Any Price Will Be Accepted

New York, Jan. 4.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "The administration policy of absolute secrecy which curtails the moves in the peace negotiations at this stage so far as the United States is concerned, remains unaltered, but this does not alter well defined impressions that important developments are transpiring under the surface."

All officials are silent over the reports that Ambassador Gerard, as a result of a talk with the German Chancellor, probably transmitted a report in detail of Germany's peace terms to make them available to the Entente Allies. Neither is there official comment available on the statement that the Entente reply to President Wilson's note will be in his hands two days before it is made public.

Col. E. M. House, who had advised closely with President Wilson all along the peace movement, conferred at length with the president today. President Wilson's attitude was again described today as being sure that some beneficial results will come of the negotiations and he is holding himself ready for the next step.

SHARP CRITICISM OF WILSON NOTE London, Jan. 4.—Further criticisms of President Wilson's note are printed in some of the morning papers in connection with Spain's refusal of the overture from Washington and the impending reply of the Entente. The Times says editorially: "The wise and dignified action of the Spanish government and the significant attitude of Holland and the principal republics of South America show that independent neutrals are not prepared to follow President Wilson's ill-considered lead. His note offers a great opportunity for laying our ends before Americans in words which cannot be misunderstood. We trust it will be greatly used so that the contrast between our union and the ends of our enemies stands out sharp and clear in American eyes, at the same time, it is the cause of freedom and the cause of bondage stand in ours, when Lincoln invoked upon his rebellious country the considered judgment of mankind."

Referring to Spain's reply, the Post says: "The objects for which the war is being fought," says the Morning Post, "seem nothing to him. He takes the impartial view that both sides claim to be right and both profess to be fighting for the same objects. The validity of their claims and professions he does not trouble to consider."

1917 ESTIMATES FOR POLICE DEPT. INCREASE \$8,026

Higher Salaries For Policemen Chiefly Responsible

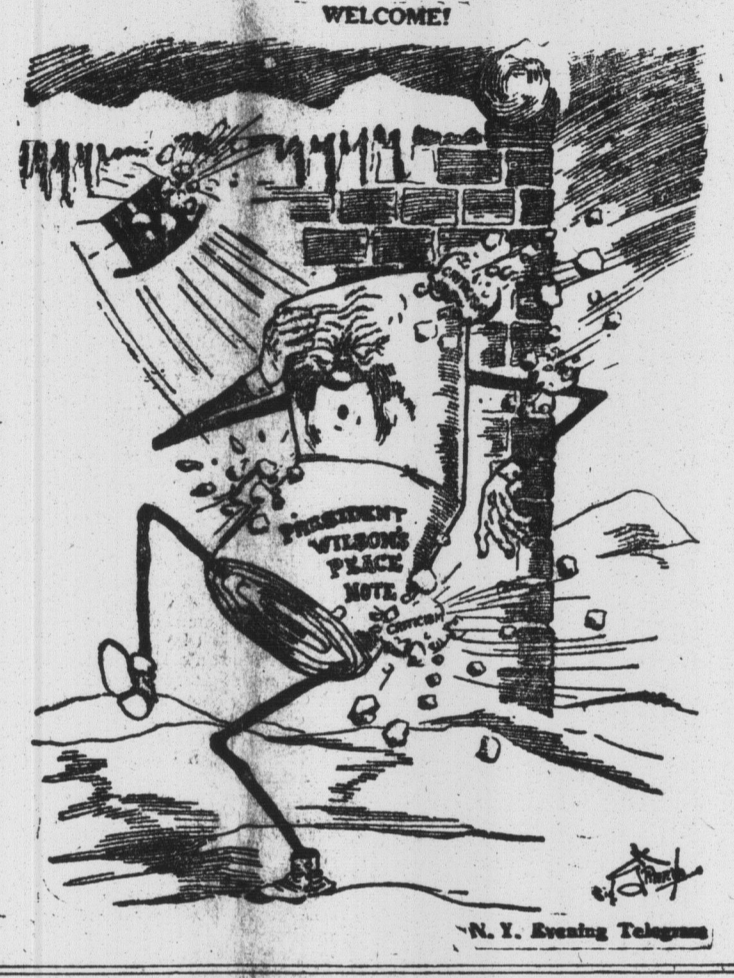
FIGURES PRESENTED TODAY All Share in Increase From Chief to Janitor—New Men Provided For—Uniforms to be Groyed This Year

An increase of \$8,026.10 in the police department estimates was shown in the figures presented by Commissioner McLellan to a committee meeting of the council today. The council decided to meet each day at 11:30 a. m. until all the estimates are passed. Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Police Estimates 1917, Police Clerk, Detective, Sergeant, Constables, Mounted, etc.

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Violation Of Swiss Neutrality Regarded In France As Probable

Paris, Jan. 4.—(New York Tribune)—The possibility of a German invasion of Switzerland is assumed more and more by the French. He says that Germany is a leader in "Victory" over Great Britain to take over more of the French battle line to the west of the French troops may be liberated to form an army of manoeuvre ready to strike at any needed point.

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ALLIES' STROKE THAT WILL OUTDO THE GREATEST YET

That is Expected From Haig Who is Piling up Munitions and Assembling Troops For Terrific Smashing Blow

London, Jan. 4.—(New York Times)—While peace talk is flying back and forth over the wires both belligerents are girding themselves for the greatest fighting yet. Berlin talk of war to the knife will be met by an allied counter-stroke which will make even the unparalleled effort of the last two and a half years seem feeble by comparison.

General Haig's report, reducing to the simplest terms the battle of the Somme, is a preparation of the public mind for what is to come with fighting weather. His statement that half the German army was engaged from July to November with thoroughly demoralizing results to the enemy reconciles the country to pouring its life and resources without stint into further effort.

Man power and fighting tackle are being piled up mountain high back of the Somme lines. The government and people now trust Haig and will back him to the limit. His call for a strengthening of the aeroplane arm received instant response in ending the government hesitation about methods and hastening the appointment of Lord Cowdrey.

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John Coholan, Ferry Collector, Passes Away After Few Days of Illness

John Coholan, a highly esteemed citizen, passed away last night at his home in Main street after a brief illness, in his eighty-seventh year. He is survived by one son, John E., of the I.C.B. freight department, and two daughters, Mrs. Alexander McMullin and Miss Nellie, organist of St. John the Baptist church. His wife, who was Miss Alice McCarthy, died twenty-six years ago.

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CALL ON BORDEN GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN CHARGE

Working People of Regina Pass Resolution Also Against National Registration

Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—At a mass meeting of the working people of Regina last night a strongly worded resolution was passed expressing opposition to the plan of national registration and calling upon the Borden government to resign. Copies of the resolutions are to be sent to Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett.

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DETECTIVES SEEK ONE MAN NOW IN CASE OF "ONYX GIRL" MURDER

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—The activities of the police striving to solve the mysterious murder of Mabel Colbert, an art model, have suddenly narrowed to a definite search for one man. Surveillance, however, has not been lifted from others suspected of knowledge of the case.

INTERESTING TRIBE OF INDIANS FOUND

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Dr. Edward A. Sillars, in company with Mrs. Mary Robert Rhinehart and Rex Beach, both well known writers, has just completed a trip of exploration through islands off the western coast of South America. The crew deserted twice before the end of the trip because they feared that a launch so small could not weather the southern gales.

FERRY SINKS; WOMEN AND CHILDREN DROWNED

London, Jan. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that twenty-two women and children were drowned through the sinking of a ferry boat in a collision on the Moselle near Beilstein.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Includes Montreal, H. A. games last night, Ottawa, Quebec, etc.

These Indians are a serious minded little people, who live a communistic life, in which the woman plays as important a part as the man, said he. "They are the Lilliputians of fact. All matters of importance are settled by the whole vote and talk. If a youth decides to marry he presents his chosen bride to the council, and if she is approved, he makes his demands known. He wants to fish. So he asks for a hut to live in and a mahogany canoe. Then the men get to work and set the youth up in business. These Indians never marry out of the tribe."

SCOTCH BRIDES REACH NEW YORK ON THE WAY TO CANADA

New York, Jan. 4.—The Anchor Line Tuscania arrived here yesterday afternoon from Glasgow and Liverpool one day late, due to a westerly gale a week ago that compelled the liner to lay to all day. The Tuscania brought sixteen first and eighty-one second cabin passengers including nearly a score of prospective Scotch brides bound for Canada.

Among the passengers were Wilfrid Wilson Gibson, a London poet, who will lecture in this country for two months; Sir Frances Webster, owner of Scotch Woolen Mills, and Lady Webster.

LITTLE ONE DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anstey of Prospect Point road have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant son, William Thomas.

WINNIPEG WOMEN INDIGNANT

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Winnipeg women are indignant over an announcement that their employment is resulting in a reduction of the wages paid to men in munition factories.

WHI Withdraw From Work If Men's Wages Are Reduced

The action of one Winnipeg munition factory in cutting wages of the men employees may make a difference in the registration of women for that work," said Major Margaret Cameron of the Winnipeg Volunteer Reserve.

LET US HAVE PEACE

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