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READY TO DISCLOSE HER MAIN
PEACE TERMS IF DOOR LEFT OPEN

The Hague Hears This Semi-Officially About Germany

No Statement By British Government Until Wilson Note Dealt With in Communication With Allies—Varying Views of President's Action

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that, should the Entente Allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

BRITAIN SILENT
London, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the Entente.

RUSSIA REJECTS
Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The official reply to Germany, in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made as purely a matter of form and will contain no new point. It is said that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity do not permit of its serious consideration.

ILL-TIMED;
ILL-JUDGED
Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The Post says: "President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the allies are concerned, his intervention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The allies will readily give the president credit for the best intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged."

"The president's assurance that the recent German overtures had no pre-empting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time, it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroit that we should be so appealing to the United States at a moment when the allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her own apparently favorable position cannot possibly be maintained.

"On the other hand, there is the possibility that Mr. Wilson's efforts are directed toward eliciting from Germany concrete terms of peace, which she withheld in her extraordinary approach to the Entente. In that case a useful purpose may be served, for we then would be in a position to judge whether wariness is associated with the consciousness of criminality which Germany has been found guilty in the judgment of the civilized world, and the extent to which this will induce her to yield to the allies' insistence upon the most unflinching guarantee against future barbarism."

Views of One M. P.
London, Dec. 22.—Noel E. Buxton, Liberal M. P. for North Norfolk, expressed in the House of Commons the hope that the "government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace."

He paid a tribute to the generosity of the United States towards Belgium and to the help it had given to the Allies in the war and said: "There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the war because of the vision of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

LONDON SEES THE MOTIVE
London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is prominently displayed in the morning papers. Headlines such as "President Wilson's strange peace essay," "President Wilson's Peace Feeler," "Amazing Note" indicated in slight measure the astonishment caused by the communication.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the motives or causes which inspired the president to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

One section of the press, utterly rejecting any idea of the possibility of peace negotiations as the outcome of the recent German note, flatly attributes the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count Von Bernstorff in America and what they describe as the inactivity of the late British government. The more general impression is that the agitation in America for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Mr. Wilson's action.

It is also suggested that the president may have received special information from the German government and is aware of the extent to which Germany is prepared to go toward "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

This is the view expressed by the Daily Chronicle. Some discussion is also devoted to the chances of congress passing food export measures and possibly an embargo on cotton and war materials.

Wilson Answered
The Morning Post regards President Wilson's "detachment" as passing belief and reminiscent of the attitude of the antique gods.

Going through the president's statements in a highly ironic vein, the Post says: "We have supposed by this time even the Americans realized what the nations were fighting about, but as they profess ignorance we shall attempt to explain the matter to them. Germany set out to conquer Europe."

If the United Kingdom, like the United States, had stood aside, the Morning

AMERICANS ON
ANOTHER VESSEL
SENT TO BOTTOM

British Horse Ship St. Ursula Torpedoed on Voyage From Saloniki to Montreal

Washington, Dec. 22.—An official report to the state department from the American consul at Malta said that the British horse ship St. Ursula, bound from Saloniki to Montreal, in ballast, with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on December 18. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine and its periscope, but not its flag. The survivors, including the six Americans, were landed at Malta six hours afterwards. Four men are missing. The state department has ordered further investigation.

MEMBERS OF BOYS' CLUB
ARE NOW AT THE FRONT

Pte. L.D. Callahan Wouldn't Stay in England—News of Other Young Heroes

The St. John Boys' Club has an honor roll of twenty-two, which means that this number of former members have answered the call of king and country.

Harry Scott, caretaker of the Club, has just received a letter from one of them, P. D. Callahan, written Dec. 8, in France. He says:—

"I thought it about time to get into the activities of the St. John Boys' Club. Here I am in France, and getting ready to go to the trenches. I might as well get into the club as to be out of it. My friends were on a draft for the R. C. B's, so I got my name on it and came with the bunch. Nearly all the boys from the club are over here. Bob Mason and Howard Piers and Bob Stafford are here. I have not seen any of them yet, but I expect to soon. The 104th are broken up and a draft of them are over here. They went to the firing line the other night, and a few of the club boys were with them. I saw Harold Gaynes, Fish, Mike McCann and Frank Adigan before they went up. Dick O'Regan was in the hospital with a slight wound, but he went back to the trenches the other night. That was the night we came in. I did not see him, but some of the boys did and told me. I suppose I will soon run across Howard Piers and Bob Mason here, as all Canadians are at the same base. Tell the boys to write. A fellow likes to get letters from home."

Pte. Callahan asks to be remembered to all the boys and girls of the club. Pte. L. D. Callahan, R. C. B. No. 817020, Pte. L. D. Callahan, R. C. B. No. 817020, Pte. L. D. Callahan, R. C. B. No. 817020, Pte. L. D. Callahan, R. C. B. No. 817020.

THE TURKEYS

The prices in the local market today for turkey ranged from 42 to 45 cents a pound, even 50 was asked. This morning a report came in that a farmer offered to sell ten barrels of turkeys for 35 cents wholesale, but the farmer did not show up. There is another report that a carload or two will be in this afternoon or tomorrow from Sussex and vicinity and that this would force down the price.

"It is the fault of the public that turkeys are so high," said a North End butcher this morning. "If the people did not encourage the farmers by purchasing fowl at such exorbitant prices they would not think of placing such a price on them." When asked if the sale this year was as large as last, he said, "by no means." He said he felt that many who would buy if the price was more reasonable would look twice before they spent \$5 for part of one dinner.

A Fredericton despatch says that the high price of Christmas poultry is being maintained there and turkey's sold in the market this morning from thirty-seven to forty cents and geese at \$2 each.

BARF. SHORE ON VOYAGE FROM P. E. ISLAND
Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 22.—The British bark Mary Duff, from Charlottetown, P. E. I., for New York, was thrown on the rocks at Yarnpaul Cove, in Nantucket sound, on a gale today.

Killed in Train Collision
Winsted, Conn., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Central New England Railway between New Hartford and Winsted today.

service in paving the way to peace negotiations. The president is carrying out that policy as we all hoped and expected he would. We all feel that the suggestion is a very laudable one, and it is possible that it may result in finding the basis for negotiations, and that, of course, everyone will endorse."

Austria-Hungary Torn
By Troubles at Home

Near Famine There—Two Sections of Dual Empire Grow More Antagonistic; People Demanding Peace

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sun publishes the following:
Rome, Dec. 21.—Alarming news about the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary, practically amounting to a famine, has reached the Vatican from diplomatic sources.

This news greatly concerns the Pope, who fears the reign of the new Emperor Charles under such unfavorable auspices will end disastrously. Internal conditions in Austria are said to be very serious. Antagonism between Hungary and Austria is acute. Political complications are threatened and the anti-war agitation is now widespread and cannot be repressed by the authorities.

BRITISH TAKE
EL ARISH, NEAR
THE SUEZ CANAL

Position Captured by Men in Khaki Yesterday

FIGHTING ON THE WEST
Big Guns Again at it in Neighborhood of Ypres—Both Sides Lose Machines in Air Combats

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt on the Mediterranean and a draft of them are over here. They went to the firing line the other night, and a few of the club boys were with them. I saw Harold Gaynes, Fish, Mike McCann and Frank Adigan before they went up. Dick O'Regan was in the hospital with a slight wound, but he went back to the trenches the other night. That was the night we came in. I did not see him, but some of the boys did and told me. I suppose I will soon run across Howard Piers and Bob Mason here, as all Canadians are at the same base. Tell the boys to write. A fellow likes to get letters from home."

British Report
London, Dec. 22.—The official communication on the campaign in France given out by the war office at midnight reads:—

"Last night a strong hostile raiding party approached our lines opposite Lens. Only a few of the enemy succeeded in reaching our trenches. They were promptly ejected and the enemy was repulsed. Our casualties were very slight. One enemy machine was destroyed and six others were driven down damaged. Four of our machines are missing."

"Today the artillery activity continued especially marked along our front between the Somme and the Aisne and in the neighborhood of Ypres."

"The improvement in the weather yesterday led to considerable aerial activity. In the course of our raids a ton of explosives were dropped on points of military importance behind the enemy's lines. Much fighting occurred in the air. One enemy machine was destroyed and six others were driven down damaged. Four of our machines are missing."

French Report
Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvemont, north of Verdun, during last night.

Macedonia Front
Paris, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday. Along the easterly end of the line, on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

BY-LAW MATTER
Frank Moran was reported by Police-Master Quinn for allowing his horse to wander about the street and not having a foot strap. The defendant said in court today that the horse must supply the harness for the carriage, which he did not furnish him with a strap, although he had one now. The court made known that all firms must supply footstraps for delivery horses. Moran was allowed to go on condition that there would be no repetition. The fine of \$10, however, was struck.

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NORFOLK, THIS AMT. BY THE PEOPLE OF THE LAST WINTER. TO BRING THEM!

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Light snow falls have occurred in Ontario, while in the other provinces the weather has been generally fair. A disturbance now centered near the middle Atlantic coast is likely to cause stormy weather in the maritime provinces.

Ottawa Valley—Snow today; Saturday fair and colder.

Gales, Then Clearing
Maritime—Winds increasing to gales from east and southeast with sleet and rain. Saturday, strong winds and gales from westward, clearing.

New England—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight. Saturday, fair and colder; north to northwest gales.

Brigadier General McLellan referred to the barrister-ships and men today making it possible for Christmas to be celebrated in this country. He advocated the organization of cadet corps in the High School and suggested that Major Powers take up the work. He also suggested that the girls take up a subscription to procure tablets on which the names of the members of the school now fighting in France could be placed. He paid a glowing tribute to the achievements of Major Powers, who is home from the front on a short leave of absence.

Major Powers then addressed the school and proved to do all in his power to assist in the organization of cadet corps. Mr. Coster and Revs. Ralph Sherman, and F. S. Dowling also congratulated the

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET RECOVERS

Opening Shows Substantial Gain From Low Levels of Yesterday's "Peace Panic"

New York, Dec. 22.—The stock market rebounded at the opening today from the low levels reached during yesterday's three million share "peace panic" market. First sales showed two to four point gains.

U. S. Steel opened on a sale of 25,000 shares at 104 to 104 1/2, up 3/4 and 3/8. Subsequent sales revealed gains ranging from fractions to more than six points. Central Leather sold up 6 1/4 to 82. Union Pacific jumped 4 5/8 to 148 1/4. Lackawanna Steel, 5 to 80; Republic Steel, 8 1/2 to 75; Crucible, 4 to 56; New

York Central, 2 to 108 1/2, and International Paper to 72.

Stories of ruin for smaller traders who were caught yesterday, and tales of big "killings" by professional plungers divided attention today. Rumors that big bankers planned to meet to form some plan for supporting the market today were denied, while big bankers declared, if yesterday's market was a panic, it was a "safe and sane" panic. Brokers' offices were ablaze into the early morning today while clerks caught up with the mass of work involved in the recent transactions.

PROMOTION AND
HONORS ARE WON
BY FRENCH GENERALS

Paris, Dec. 22.—Brigadier Fendou Francois Germain, one of the commanders in the victory at Verdun on December 15, has been promoted to general of division. Brigadier Guyot D'Amieres De Salins, who commanded the division which retook Fort Douaumont, has been given the cross of a commander of the Legion of Honor.

General Foch has been awarded the military medal, the highest distinction a general officer can receive. This medal is a simple decoration which was created for soldiers in the ranks and non-commissioned officers. The only commissioned officers who can receive it are generalists who have already won the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

JAS. J. O'KELLY DEAD

London, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist M. P., died in London this morning. He was born in Roscommon, seventy-one years ago.

Mr. O'Kelly had an adventurous career. He was one of Farnell's earliest recruits, and went through the ritual of suspension and removal from the House which marked the early eighties.

While still an M. P. he accepted a commission to go up the Nile during the Sudan campaign and interview the Mahdi, but Lord Kitchener barred that enterprise.

Mr. O'Kelly fought in the Franco-Prussian war, having a commission in the French army.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning three prisoners charged with drunkenness were each fined \$8 or two months in jail by Acting Magistrate Henderson. Another, a soldier, it being his first appearance, was fined \$4 or one month in jail.

Hugh McCarthy, given in charge by his wife on an assault charge, pleaded not guilty. The policeman, who made the arrest, testified that he had seen the defendant's wife cut about the face. McCarthy was remanded.

Frank Hills failed to appear for a deposit which he left last night when arrested on the charges of drunkenness and using obscene language.

FINES MISS PANKHURST \$10

London Magistrate Punishes Sylvia for Her Pacifist Disturbance
London, Dec. 22.—An outcome of her attempted peace demonstration at the East India Dock gates by Sylvia Pankhurst, militant suffragette and some sympathizers, a sentence of 40 shillings fine or seven days' imprisonment for obstructing a highway. The sentence was imposed in the Thames Police Court.

Miss Pankhurst said that police interference was responsible for the trouble.

PRESENTATIONS TO OFFICERS IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Col. W. H. Grey, who has been acting as instructor to the 298th Highlanders, last night received from his non-commissioned officers and men a silver tea service and oak table. The men of D Company presented to him a case of pipes and Major Mercereau received from the men of C Company a cigarette case.

FUNERAL

The funeral of Frederick Vran took place this afternoon from Messrs. Chubbain's undertaking room. Services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Scovell and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

German Submarine's Course Is Run

Paris, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. The U-45 recently sank steamers of Saint Nazaire.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 22.—Eight children and two aged women are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which early today destroyed the Kansas Masonic Home, in the western part of the city.

Ninety-two persons were in the building when the fire broke out. The temperature was eight above zero.

The home was thrown in darkness by a boy sleeping in the basement, who pulled a switch to shut off the supply of fuel oil to the furnace. On the third floor of the structure the children were sleeping. Their rooms were filled with smoke, and firemen found many unconscious. The rescuers were driven out by flames and they fear that at least eight little children were left in the building.

LONDON TIMES AGAIN
MAY INCREASE PRICE

London, Dec. 22.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase in the price of the paper.

It intends to maintain the present size and advise the revival of the old custom by which news agents arranged that each day's copy should be shared by several London households and finally mailed to the provinces or abroad.

KAISER TO CALL U. S. AMBASSADOR TO TALK OVER MEDIATION

New York, Dec. 22.—G. M. Schwab says period of depression will come some time in this country, and it may be severe, but it will not become acute until at least three to five years after the war is ended.

Berlin hears that the Kaiser will soon summon Ambassador Gerard to discuss with him possible American mediation and action.

Bonar Law, in Commons, says aim of Great Britain is peace, but she must insist on security of it in time to come.

President Wilson, following Secretary Lansing's wartime statement, announced officially that neutral attitude of this government would under no circumstances be changed.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Uncertainty as to the peace outlook tended to make wheat prices nervous today, but also operated to prevent wide fluctuations either way from yesterday's closing figures.

Opening prices, which ranged from 1/4 off to 1/4 advance, with May at 168 1/2 to 165, and July at 186 to 186 1/2, were followed by moderate declines all around, interrupted by temporary rallies.

A QUARTER CENTURY

John F. Fitzgerald, a shoemaker with D. Monahan & Company, Union street, says that within the Christmas season he will have been at his trade for a quarter of a century, and that he occupies the same bench today that he sat upon just twenty-five years ago. This is probably a record. In that long time he very seldom missed a day from work. Mr. Fitzgerald has many friends who will join in wishing him many more years of activity.

Succeeds J. D. Archibald

New York, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford was today elected president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to succeed the late John D. Archibald. Mr. Bedford has for some years been vice-president and treasurer.

Has Given His Life.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—W. B. Martin of Port Hawkesbury, N. S., previously reported missing, believed killed, now is reported killed in action.

Prominent Londoner Dead

London, Dec. 22.—Parry Hannan Marks, editor and chief proprietor of the Financial News, died in London last night, aged 61 years.