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To-Day's Cables

Germany Sounds Prelude To Further Moves

In the Great Game of Diplomacy all Leading to a Peace Discussion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement, another step, despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for avowal of terms.

GERMANY'S REPLY TERMED A "PEACE DODGE"

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace question is transmitted by the Associated Press correspondent to New York and was re-transmitted here. It did not reach London until too late for comment, or even for insertion in the earliest morning editions credited to the Associated Press, and the only present indication of its reception here is furnished by the "Daily Mail's" headline: "German Peace Dodge," and an introductory note which says, "If President Wilson meant, as recent American comment contends, that his note should force Germany to state terms, Germany has countered with this proposal so that she can evade an explicit answer."

GERMAN SHIPPING EXCLUSION OF ULSTER NOT CONTEMPLATED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports that Bundesrath has forbidden the sale (?) of German shipping shares abroad, the object being to prevent the undesirable foreign influence on German shipping.

TWO DESTROYERS COLLIDE IN N. SEA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Nothing special on any front except Egypt, where El Arish is recaptured. Turks also defeated at Maghdaba with eleven hundred and thirty prisoners captured.

ROUMANIA THE CENTRE OF GREAT ACTIVITY

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Roumania continues the theatre of the greatest activities. In northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border and in Dobrudja, the Teutonic Allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Roumanians. 30 miles south-west of Braila, near the town of Filipechti, west of Runk and Sarat, the enemy are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days 5,500 Russians have been made prisoners.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Sno, 1,823 tons gross.

ARKANAS TORADO

LITTLE ROCK ARK, Dec. 27.—From 17 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado which struck south Central Arkansas this afternoon, according to reports received here to-night.

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Russians Full of Fight

Russian Ministers Declare Nation Will Continue War Till Final Victory

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Russian Foreign Minister in Pokroski invited representatives of the press at Petrograd yesterday to an interview at which he outlined his programme and his ideas regarding the present political situation.

GERMAN RAID UNSUCCESSFUL

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An official report from British headquarters in France to-night reads:—"Some 50 Germans approached our lines on Monday night in the neighbourhood of LesBoeufs. 18 of them were taken prisoners and the remainder suffered casualties from our machine gun fire. On Monday night we extended our trenches to the north-east of Armentieres and drove off an enemy working party. Enemy positions, east of Ploegsteert were also raided and casualties inflicted and prisoners secured. In the neighbourhood of LesBoeufs and Gueudecourt we bombarded enemy trenches during the day with satisfactory results. At other places along the front artillery activity continued. On the night of December 24-25 our airplanes carried out successful bombing operations on places of military importance behind the enemy's lines."

GERMANY MUST HAVE PEACE

One great fact stands out of the confused mass of controversy at the present moment: it is that Germany must have peace, and must have it at once and on any terms—her own if the Allies are foolish enough to weaken and throw away all the results of the last year—on any terms she can get if her opponents simply keep on with the reorganization plans they have lately begun, which promise full success if carried out ruthlessly and fearlessly.

ARABIA NOT IN NAVAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A preliminary statement sent to this government by Britain saying the British steamer Arabia sunk by German sub without warning was not at the time and had not been in the Admiralty service were sent today to Germany.

S. S. MARYLAND SINKING

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Maryland was reported sinking late about 360 miles southeast of New York a wireless message picked up here said that the engine room was being rapidly flooded and that aid was being to the vessel immediately, later advices were to the effect that the sinking steamship was 150 miles from Sandy Hook. The Maryland left this port on December 23rd for London, with a cargo of oil, iron pipe, fibre, paper, oil cake and miscellaneous merchandise.

PRESSURE ON NEUTRALS SUSPECTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following despatch was received from an official source in Paris in New York to-day:—"Paris, Dec. 26.—Pres. Wilson's note has been followed by Switzerland's note. In this document the Federal Government declares that it has been in contact with Pres. Wilson. On the other side there are in Paris sure indications that very strong pressure is exercised by the German Government on neutral Governments to induce them to use their action in favor of peace. It is known that similar steps will be taken by other Governments in other countries where German influence is notoriously very strong. In these conditions the understanding which Switzerland claims to have with the United States throws in the mind of the French public certain suspicions on the American intervention. Public opinion in Paris sees in all this the first act of concerted manoeuvres between neutrals. What has not shocked French public opinion coming only from America will strongly hurt that opinion if one can suppose that there is an organized pressure."

ITALY MAKES GREATER PREPARATIONS

ROME, Dec. 26.—The following of peace in air has not affected in slightest measure of Italy's military activity. The new class born in 1898 has been called to report to Colers in January which would be a considerable increase to contingents applied for at the front with 2,500 factories running day and night turning out arms and ammunition.

GENL. JOFFRE NOW MARSHAL OF FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Government have decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of Marshall of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country.

BRITISH HOLD UP GREEK STEAMER

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Greek Line steamship 'Patrie', with 600 passengers aboard, bound from Pireaus to New York, is detained by British at Gibraltar, it is learned to-day from the local agent of the line.

NAVY RECRUITS ARE COMING WELL

The 5,000 men wanted from Canada for service in the Royal Navy will be forthcoming. Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness, who has been in the western Provinces looking after the naval recruiting there, has returned to Ottawa well satisfied with the results achieved. It was intended to raise 2,000 men by Christmas, and that number is in sight already. The first detachment will be mobilized shortly at Halifax.

Last Night's Cables

PROF. POLLARD ON WILSON'S NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Professor Pollard, who holds the chair of English History in the London University, writes to The Times urging that while it is clear that somebody blundered regarding the phraseology and presentation of Mr. Wilson's note it is also clear that the people here are also blundering in the interpretation of it. We have to remember, writes Professor Pollard, that it is addressed to our enemies as well as to ourselves, and has, therefore, to be observed with diplomatic conventions and to assure the sincerity of the enemy professions. Secondly, we should remember our own procedure before the war, we addressed an inquiry respecting German neutrality to France and Germany. France gave a prompt and satisfactory assurance, Germany evaded the question, and invaded Belgium immediately.

BRITISH COMMERCE PROTECTORS SEEN

Skippers Report Strange Powerful Craft Going Westward to Prevent Hun Raids Off Canadian Coast

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For some days skippers on Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to port reports that strange appearing craft are making their way westward. They made no reply to signals and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers even submarines, peiced together these reports fitting in with suspicion now apparently confirmed by shipping men as commerce protectors and described as large and powerful but capable of fair speed. They were designed, it is stated, to meet the German submarines in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast, similar to that made by U-52 off Nantucket Oct. 8th.

SPECIAL IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a telegram to the Dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming Imperial Conference, announced by Mr. Lloyd George. The telegram explains what the Government contemplates is not an ordinary Imperial Conference, but a Special War Conference of the Empire.

WILSON'S NOTE STILL CRITICISED

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The receipt of President Wilson's note obtains unabated newspaper discussion was renewed to-day with the impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note with its disclosures of a Swiss-American consipitation weeks ago and by long cable despatches received discussion speculation and criticism in America of the main question as to how President Wilson's note and similar communications should be treated by the Allies. The remains as already recorded, there is one hand reiteration of the rooted objection of the Allies to inopportune and ill advised interpertrion by neutrals, and on the other hand an appeal for the courteous treatment of neutrals representations, it being urged that the Allies are bound to take this into account for to do otherwise would be to reduce themselves to the level of the aggressors who began the war.

Huns Snub Holland

Answer is Tantamount to Saying, Mind Your Own Business

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The Telegraaf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed on such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch Parliament. That Government requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to Parliament. The Dutch Government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland.

MR. HENDERSON ON PEACE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under consisting conditions we should be nations in bondage, nothing less than that is the price our enemies would exact for peace. To-day Emilio Vanderveld, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium endure German dominion with admirable firmness, nothing but encouragement reaching us from them so that it would seem that the person most hostile to war are those farthest from it. Vandervelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered and Prussianism is laid low."

Five More Ships Sunk

One Norwegian and Four British Ships Are Sent to the Bottom

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's reports despatches received today by the State Department from London tell of the sinking of the Norwegian bark Ansagar. The British steamers Ishtar and Lincoln, Llangos and Murex are not previously reported from other sources.

BRITISH GAINS IN MESOPOTAMIA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An official statement on the Mesopotamia situation issued to-night reads: On the 22nd a British detachment advanced to the right bank of the Tigris. Their position, subsequently, had been consolidated and extended to south and east of Kut-el-Amara. The enemy trenches on the right bank of the Tigris, southwest of Kut-el-Amara has been systematically bombarded. Our cavalry by a night march reached and destroyed the Gassahs front, twenty miles southeast of Kut, which had long been a base of operations for hostile Arabs. Sixty tons grain was destroyed and cattle captured and a number of hostile Arab encampments burned.

FAMOUS PRELATE IS DEAD.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Monsieur Emile Tebbedy, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincare, with the Legion of Honor, for remaining in the city during the bombardment and aiding soldiers and civilization population has died at Belogne Burmer.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT NEW YEAR'S NIGHT ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

(Under the distinguish patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop). A popular programme of Music will be furnished by a number of our leading Singers, Musicians and Entertainers. Tickets—Reserved Seats at Atlantic Boov Store, 50 cents. General Admission, 30 and 20 cents. A few ordinary tickets can be had at St. Patrick's Hall.