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Count Czernin of Austria Makes Revelations of Interest

Declares Proposal to Give up Alsace Would Not be Listened to—Seeks to Led Down Kaiser Rather Lightly—Austria's Efforts to Get Out

Vienna, Monday, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Austria's desperate efforts in 1917 to withdraw from the war were described in a statement made to the Associated Press today by Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. General Ludendorff, the German chief quartermaster-general, was the great stumbling block, and Austria feared, in undertaking a separate peace with the Entente that Germany would declare war on her.

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PLACE AT THE PEACE TABLE



Lille Mothers Demand That Kaiser Be Placed on Trial

Paris, Dec. 10.—Legal action against the former German emperor has been commenced by an organization of "Lille mothers." The demand for prosecution states that the commanders of the German army in April, 1918, directed that minor girls be carried away from their families, that they were submitted to odious treatment and forced into close contact with notorious women.

TAKING ACTION ON THE MATTER OF MILK SOLD HERE

Testing of Samples Brings Shut-off For Two Producers

Talk of Prosecution by Dominion Department—Said That Time is Coming When Milk Inspector Will Be Stationed Here

As the result of a complaint by a lady to the local board of health to the effect that the milk she was receiving from a certain dealer in the city was very poor, Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district health officer of the southern district of the province, with headquarters in St. John, made a trip to the milk train recently and took samples of the milk sent by the producers from whom the dealer was receiving. Tests, he reports, showed that the milk was very poor, most of it being below the government standard. On the following morning, Dr. Brown secured some more samples from the same producers. He found that from two of the producers milk which had fallen below the standard the day previous was still below and as a result the local board forbade the dealer from selling the milk received from these two producers. This is as far as the local board can go, but John C. Ferguson, dominion food inspector for the province, in conversation with the local officials yesterday, said that it was his intention to prosecute the offenders.

KRUPP WORKS TO BE GIVEN OVER TO THE ARTS OF PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—According to the Cologne Gazette the directors of the Krupp munition works have announced their intention to transform the plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace, and have requested the workers there to make proposals for the manufacture of peace materials.

CLYNES GOING TO PEACE CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 10.—Former Food Controller Clynès will be one of the British representatives at the peace conference, according to an announcement made today.

HEAD OF FAMILY HOME AGAIN

Sergt.-Major William Kirkpatrick, of Rothsay, has returned home after three years' work in the Forestry Battalion in France and needless to state he has received a wonderful welcome from family and friends. The sergeant-major is one of the older class of volunteers, a man with a son old enough to join up too—Corporal Wallace Kirkpatrick, now in Germany with the army of occupation. His special capabilities in practical farming and woodsmanship experience prompted him to enlist with the forestry corps. It was not long before the Rothsay man's individual worth was discovered and his S. M. stripes tell how he rose from a private position. Mr. Kirkpatrick says he would not have missed his war career for anything. While away he and his son had some enjoyable furlough jaunts in England and Paris.

WEATHER REPORT

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

A RAY OF LIGHT ON WILSON FREEDOM OF SEAS PROPOSALS

London, Dec. 11.—The Express says that, as a result of informal conversation regarding President Wilson's freedom of the seas proposals, the British government is now in possession of concrete suggestions which are more understandable than the "free seas" clause in Mr. Wilson's fourteen points.

CANOPIC IS AT BOSTON WITH 1,474 SOLDIERS

Boston, Dec. 11.—The White Star steamer Canopic, with forty-seven officers and 1,474 enlisted men from overseas, anchored last night one and a half miles east of Graves Light, just outside Boston harbor. The steamer, the first to bring home-coming troops here, will dock today in Charleston.

Half Million Fire Loss

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—Fire today destroyed the power plant at the naval operating base at Hampton Roads with a loss estimated at \$500,000.

British View Of Freedom of Seas

Firm Resolution as to Essentials and Open Mind as to Secondary Matters, Says London Times' Law Writer

COMMENDS WORK OF CANADIANS IN ACTION IN RUSSIA

Artillery Praised by Maj. Gen. W. E. Ironside, Commanding Allied Forces in Archangel

London, Dec. 11.—The legal correspondent of the Times describes the main British position on the question of the freedom of the seas as follows:—

"A readiness to continue as heretofore the freedom of the seas in times of peace, which has been carried out by England, for example, as to the admission of foreign vessels to coastwise trade, more than by any other important commercial country, and to agree to the conversion into a free sea of any sea now treated as a closed sea.

"A strong conviction, greatly strengthened and hardened by the lessons of this war, to maintain the minimum of safety for our people and empire, and to be no party to any agreement conflicting or tampering with it.

"A belief that the conditions of war-faith are so changing that we must be careful to protect ourselves against perils ahead.

"A readiness to consider any changes put forward by neutrals consistent with these essentials;

"A desire to co-operate in rendering impossible hideous crimes committed at sea.

"A readiness as far as is compatible with safety in the full sense to promote any practicable scheme for a league of nations.

"In short, a firm resolution as to essentials and an open mind as to secondary matters."

WHITMAN LOSES FIRST ROUND OF THE FIGHT

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Governor Whitman has failed in his attempt to obtain an immediate examination of ballots cast at the November election in New York and Bronx counties. The court of appeals yesterday affirmed the decision of the appellate division holding that the governor might not have access to the ballots until after a certificate of election had been issued to the successful gubernatorial candidate. Alfred E. Smith, Democrat, has been elected on the face of available returns.

GRILLED FOR NEARLY HALF A DAY AND THEN FREED

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—All but one of the suspected plotters arrested at the Hotel Bristol on Monday have been released. The exception was Herr Beck, a lawyer, who is charged with having formed a student guard and furnished 600 rifles for the men involved in the Berlin disorders on last Friday.

EX-KAISER DECLINES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATEMENT ON ATTITUDE BEFORE WAR

London, Dec. 11.—William Hohenzollern will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of war in 1914, according to the American correspondent of the Express. The correspondent has finally succeeded in having submitted to Herr Hohenzollern questions as to his pacific attitude before the war and his steps to prevent hostilities. Count Von Benthinck, the host of the former emperor, received the correspondent after the questions had been laid before Herr Hohenzollern, and is reported to have said:

ROOSEVELT ON POWER AT SEA

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram.) New York, Dec. 11.—Roosevelt believed the time has come when the United States and Great Britain can agree to universal arbitration treaties, Britain to be the first in sea power with America second.

Foch Refuses To Loosen The Blockade

Paris, Dec. 11.—(Havas Agency)—Marshal Foch has refused the request of the German armistice delegates that they be permitted to communicate with the provinces west of the Rhine now being occupied by the Allies. He declared that it was necessary to maintain the blockade of Germany as provided by the armistice.

MEN CAPTURED BY RAIDERS RELEASED; WERE BADLY USED

London, Dec. 10.—Five hundred Englishmen, Americans and others, a majority of them members of crews from ships captured by the German commerce raiders, Moewe and Wolf, have arrived at Aarhus, a seaport of Denmark, from Germany, and complain of their treatment by the Germans.

AMSTERDAM, DEC. 11.—Discussions over the prolongation of the armistice between the Allies and Germany will begin at Tervet on December 12, according to the North German Gazette. All shipping on the Rhine is now under the control of an inter-Allied commission.