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"PEACE WITHOUT REPARATION IMPOSSIBLE"--LOYD GEORGE

Premier Makes Long Expected Announcement in House of Commons

BRITAIN PLANS INCREASE IN NATIONAL FOOD SUPPLY

Sigs of Preparation Found in Fact That Land is Being Laid Aside by Municipalities For the Production of Grain

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FRANCE WOULD LOWER RATE OF INCOME TAX

Chamber of Deputies in Session Considers Appropriations For the First Quarter of Coming Year

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, France, Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies was occupied yesterday with a consideration of appropriations for the first quarter of 1917. Raoul Peret, reporter for the budget committee, explained that the sum required, had risen since he made his report by eight and a half million francs on account of various amendments adopted, and expenses arising out of changes in the composition of the ministry. The principal interest in the debate centred on modifications in the income tax. The government proposed to lower the amount of income exempted from 5,000 francs to 3,000, to increase the rate and to make a declaration obligatory. These changes were adopted after some discussion by 478 to 5. The Chamber also voted for an amendment introduced by Deputy Dubois suppressing the posts of chief of the general staff, hitherto held by General Castelnau, and inspector-general of services at the base.

ADRIATIC WAS FOLLOWED

Vessel Probably German Raider, Pursued White Star Liner

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—An unidentified ship having one funnel and two masts, in general answering the description of the German raider of which entente vessels have been warned by wireless during the past ten days, followed the White Star Lines-Adriatic last evening, according to passengers when she arrived here to-day from Liverpool. The ship was sighted off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, the passengers asserted. It appeared shortly after a wireless warning to look out for a raider had been received. The Adriatic, under full speed, changed her course and her wake indicated she steamed in a great circle. The stranger for a brief time followed the Adriatic and then bore away in a different direction. The Adriatic carried a gun mounted astern for defense purposes. She was three days late arriving here.

Horrified at Latest Excesses

Vatican Is Not Impressed By Germany's Attempt to Evade Responsibility for the War

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—(New York Times cable)—A Rome despatch to The Daily Chronicle says: "The Vatican is not impressed by Germany's attempt to evade responsibility for the war. The Pope's attitude towards an initiative for peace is unchanged. While he earnestly desires the cessation of the war, he will participate in no peace movement unless he is assured of the consent and desire of both sides. Germany's plea of throwing the blame on the Allies for continuation of the war has no effect at the Vatican, which is horrified at the latest German excesses, particularly at the French and Belgian slave raids."

Seizure of Dutch Mails

Discussed in Holland, Torpedoing of the Palembang Rouses Comment

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—A Reuter's despatch from The Hague says that, replying to a committee report on estimates of foreign affairs in 1917, the foreign minister said that the British government had not replied to the Dutch note of April 11th regarding the seizure of mails. "He said that in reply to a Dutch protest in November, Great Britain had declared her readiness to come to an understanding similar to that reached with the United States, by which universities and public bodies in overseas countries might obtain German scientific and technical publications, this arrangement including certain private persons. Regarding the torpedoing of the Palembang, the minister said that he was unable to adduce facts to contradict the positive declaration of the German admiralty, and that the German government was not ready to submit the case to an international committee. In respect to the sinking of the Bloemerdijk, questions were referred to an Orange book, which will be published shortly. The Dutch steamer Palembang was lost in March, 1916, and was unofficially reported to have been torpedoed while lying alongside a British destroyer, engaged in picking up mines. In reply to enquiries from the Dutch government, the German admiralty declared that no ship belonging to the German navy was near the spot where the Palembang went down at the time. The freighter Bloemerdijk was one of the ships sunk off Nantucket in the raid on shipping on this side of the Atlantic by the U-53. The Bloemerdijk carried grain consigned to the Dutch government, as well as other cargo. In reply to a protest from The Hague, the German government agreed to pay for the ship and grain, leaving the question of the remainder of the cargo to a German prize court."

Spanish Steamer Sunk

Lloyd's Shipping Agency Announces That the Spanish Steamer Ason has been Sunk

London, Dec. 19.—11:25 a.m.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces that the Spanish steamer Ason has been sunk. The steamer Ason of 2,084 tons gross, built at Cadix in 1901, was last reported as arriving at Bordeaux on November 25 from Ayr, Scotland.

Preservation of Game to be Ended

In Great Britain, Another Instance of How War Heals Social Dissensions

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 19.—A London cable to The Tribune says: "Captain Bathurst, secretary of the Board of Agriculture, in announcing in the Commons yesterday that the Government was about to end the preservation of game, really gave another instance of the way the war is healing the social dissensions of Great Britain. During Lloyd George's land campaign in 1909 unexampled bitterness was displayed because the country dweller frequently was unable to obtain the tiniest patch of land to cultivate, while hundreds of thousands of acres were devoted solely to game reserves. If the order remains in force after the war, the whole character of agricultural England will be changed. During the war, the Premier said, shipping would be nationalized in a true sense. Recognize Venizelos Premier Lloyd George announced that it had been decided to give recognition to the agents of former Premier Venizelos of Greece. A Stern Picture Dealing with the war situation, the Premier said he had to paint a stern but not gloomy picture. The Roumanian blunder was an unfortunate one, but at the worst it only prolonged the war, and could not affect it. It might have a salutary effect, he continued, in calling the attention of the Allies to obvious defects of organization. To prevent the Roumanian situation from becoming worse, they had taken strong action. In Greece they were taking no risks. They had decided to recognize the agents of former Premier Venizelos. (Continued on Page Four)

Palermo Sunk Without Warning

Italian Steamship Torpedoed off Spanish Coast Made no Attempt to Escape

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Dec. 19.—The United States Ambassador is gathering evidence from the 25 American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape. MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY A Christmas dinner will be served at "The Korbey" from 1 to 2, Dec. 25th, \$1.00 per plate. Please make reservations early.

"PAPA" JOFFRE

Hands Over Command to General Nivelle

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of those armies. In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff, who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise tendered their congratulations. General Nivelle replied expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the Allied Military Council he alluded to as a merited promotion.



LOYD GEORGE IN CHARACTERISTIC ATTITUDE

Possible to Defeat Enemy

Now, Declares Gen. Mangin

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—In an army order addressed to the men of his command after Friday's success, General Mangin, who was in direct command of the troops which forced back the Germans on the Verdun front, said in part: "After the battles of October 24 and December 15, fought on ground offering exceptional facilities to the defense, with further advantages owing to the weather, none can doubt any longer that it is possible to defeat the enemy. Superior in numbers and disposition of formidable artillery with minute preparation of the ground by good artillery and the assistance of vigilant aviators, a brave and well-trained infantry can break through and then manoeuvre under the high command of General Nivelle."

THREATENS THEATRE CLOSING

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—The Association of Paris Theatre Managers has notified the government that if the proposed new tax on theatres is imposed all the theatres will be closed.

PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The disturbance which over Georgian Bay yesterday morning has moved quickly northward until it is now centred along the Nova Scotia coast. The area of high pressure and very cold weather covers northern Ontario and the western provinces. Local snow falls have occurred in the Maritime provinces and in Alberta. Forecasts: Cold with light snow falls. Wednesday—northerly winds and colder with local snow flurries.

Sinking of Columbia

Germany Replies to American Note On That Subject

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 19.—(By wireless to Saville)—The German Government's answer to the United States regarding the sinking of the American Steamship Columbia by a German submarine has been handed to the American charge d'affaires. The note states, according to Overseas News Agency, that at the time the incident occurred it was impossible on account of the weather to see for a distance of three nautical miles. The wind and sea were rather high. After a warning shot and the setting of the signal: "Send your papers on board," the Columbia set the signal: "I cannot discern your flag," the note continues. This answer seemed to be justified on account of the relative position of the ships and the direction of the wind, which directed the flying flag toward the steamer. The submarine therefore approached under the water and through its periscope made a closer inspection of the steamship, which had stopped. The submarine then emerged near the steamer. While the submarine was proceeding under water it was observed that the steamer carried the American flag and bore the name "Columbia, N. York," and also had wireless apparatus. Judging from her course, the steamer had come from an English or French port. On account of the difficulty of having boats come to the submarine for the purpose of making an investigation, the commander of the submarine gave up his intention of inspecting her papers and signalled to the steamer "You are dismissed," and running above water, left the steamer. Thereupon the steamer resumed her former course.

SAD OCCURRENCE

Mrs. R. C. Burns Has Her Clothes Ignited

Passersby upon Palmerston avenue this morning, summoned by cries for help to the residence of Mr. R. C. Burns, 69 Palmerston avenue, were horrified to find Mrs. Burns almost at the point of unconsciousness in a hallway, her clothing a mass of flames and causing her the most intense suffering. The unfortunate woman was alone in the house at the time, and while tending a gas grate in the sitting-room had apparently, from a fainting spell, fallen upon the gas grate, and, finding her clothes ablaze, had been unable to extinguish them. Swift aid was rendered by those summoned by her to the scene, among them being Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Farrar, but little could be done to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate woman, who was burned so severely that small hopes are entertained for her recovery. Dr. Pearson was summoned to the scene, and Mrs. Burns conveyed at once to the hospital. Latest word this afternoon stated that Mrs. Burns was in a very low condition.

CAPT. BEAUCHAMP KILLED

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—Captain De Beauchamp, who in November made a flight to Munich and dropped bombs on the town, as he killed. He met his end in an air fight near Douaumont, his machine falling within the French lines. In his flight to Munich, Captain De Beauchamp crossed the Alps and covered a distance of 437 miles.

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