

SWEDEN'S PEACE NOTE DELIVERED TO ALLIES

MORE TALK OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH GERMANY

SWEDISH NOTE SIMILAR ONE TO THAT SENT BY PRESIDENT

Urges Consideration of Terms
of Peace by Belligerents.

SUPPORTS SWISS MOVE

Press Statement Announces
This, Says London Paper.

FRENCH ARE SUSPICIOUS

Notes Coming From Countries
Where German Influence Is
Strong Raises Doubt.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Official information has been received here that Sweden has addressed a peace note to the belligerents and sent copies to neutrals urging consideration of terms for peace.

HANDED BELLIGERENTS.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 27.—The Tageblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss Government. The London Daily Telegraph stated this morning that it understood that the Swedish Government had sent a note to the belligerent nations similar to that dispatched by Switzerland.

GERMAN PRESSURE SHOWN.

New York, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch from an official source in Paris is published in New York today:

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's note has been followed by Switzerland's note. In this document the federal government declares that it has been in contact with President Wilson.

On the other side, there are in Paris some indications that a 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 countries where the German influence is notoriously very strong.

Suppliants of States.
In these conditions the understanding which Switzerland claims to have with the United States throws in the mind of the French public a certain suspicion on the American intervention. Public opinion in Paris seems in all this the first act of a concerted manœuvre between neutrals. What has not been decided by the French public opinion coming only from America will strongly hurt that opinion if one can suppose that there is an organized pressure.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Richmond, Que., Dec. 27.—O. Greig, an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway, was run over and killed here this morning in the train yards by a Sherbrooke and Richmond train.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 25; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 stations to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 23.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—3 a.m. Forecasts.
Today—Bitter, with occasional sleet or rain.
Thursday—Westerly winds; colder.

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Weather Notes.
A fairly important disturbance centered near Lake Superior has caused snow in Manitoba and Northern Ontario and sleet and rain in the Lower Lake Region.

In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and also in Alberta, the weather was best and cold.

WOULD FOSTER PEACE

The Hague, Dec. 26.—Via London, Dec. 27.—The Dutch section of the world's union of churches held a crowded meeting tonight in the largest church in the city. The speakers endorsed President Wilson's "act of faith" in the sending of his note to the belligerents and exhorted their brethren in belligerent countries to foster an atmosphere in which the idea of peace might be developed.

COLLAPSE WILL BE INEVITABLE IF PEACE FAILS

Austria - Hungary Can No
Longer Stand Burdens of
War Pressure.

GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS

Prospects of Early Peace Ex-
cited Populace to Emo-
tional Outbursts.

London, Dec. 27.—(New York Times cable.)—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says:

"Since the peace offer was made, King Charles has been in constant consultation with his advisers. He saw Count Tisza twice. Count Berchold is almost always in attendance, and as is well known, he has great influence with the emperor, who considers him the most able diplomatist of the monarchy.

"Among the many and most difficult problems confronting the emperor are grave international questions, the turning question of man power, and the overhanging political crisis in Austria.

Burden Too Great.
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ULSTER INCLUDED IN NEW PLANS OF IRISH HOME RULE

Informal Discussion for the
Settlement of Whole Question
Now Proceeding.

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian. New proposals which are being considered provide for something in the nature of a new constitution for Ulster and Nationalists in an Irish parliament. Home rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions which do not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS IGNORE 8-HOUR LAW

Refuse to Consider It Pending
Supreme Court Ruling.

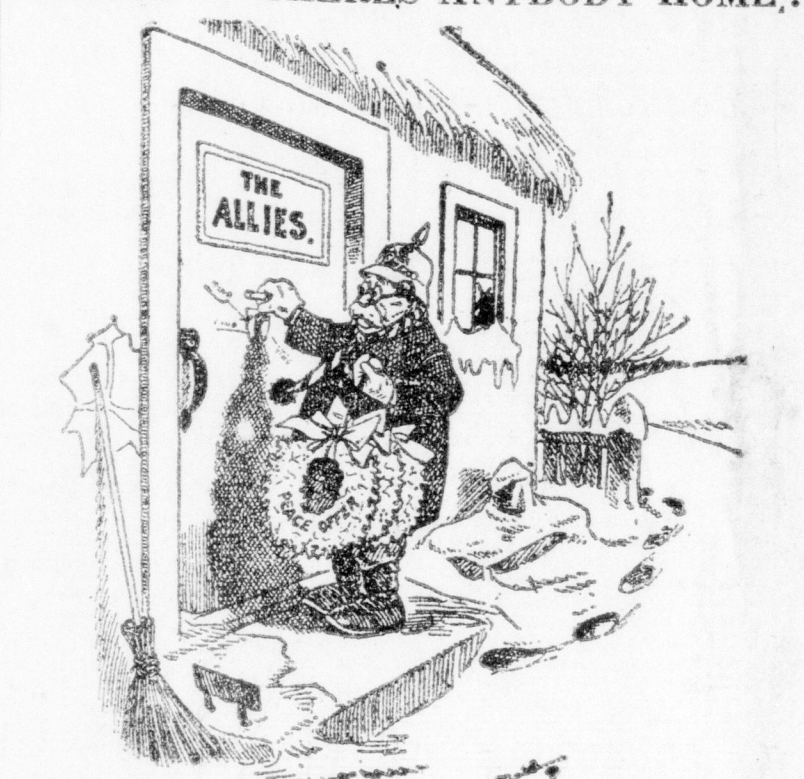
New York, Dec. 27.—Pending the decision of the supreme court of the United States on the question of the constitutionality of the Adamson 8-hour law, the railroad managers declare they will not be parties to any action that might tend to nullify or anticipate in any way the court proceedings. The railroad workers of the country are being notified that the Adamson law will be ignored in making up payrolls after January 1, and until such time as the issue is finally determined in the courts.

The notices contain the first formal declaration that pending the decision of the court there will be no compromise on hours or wages between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

SOLDIER FOUND SHOT.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 27.—Joe Sequin, a soldier on his way to join his regiment at Montreal, was found lying in the snow wounded in the hand here last night. He claims to have been shot by an unknown man.

WONDER IF THERES ANYBODY HOME?



Advertiser Illustration. —Rochester Herald.

TWIST PEACE NOTE TO OWN ENDS, SAYS NEW YORK TRIBUNE

German Eagerness in Answering
Document Brings This Comment
---Issue Evaded, Say Others

New York, Dec. 27.—Editorial comment on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note, is published here this morning as follows:
World: Germany's answer to President Wilson's note completely evades the issue. The president requested from each of the belligerents a definite statement of the objects of the war and the terms upon which it would consider peace. Germany replies by proposing an immediate conference "of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place," knowing that this proposal had already been emphatically rejected by the Entente governments.

AMERICAN NOTE SUPPLIES MUCH NEEDED WHITEWASH FOR GERMANS

Pall Mall Gazette Declares It Is Triumph for Germany To
Pull Wires of Power Who se Subjects her Subs Sank
With Impunity.

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of the German Government's reply to President Wilson's note is characterized by the evening newspapers today as evincing Germany's eagerness to bring the war to an end. The standard says: "It would be a mistake to neglect the German peace manœuvre, but it would be even more fatal to waste time over them. We trust the Government will give President Wilson a perfectly courteous but also a definite reply, and then get on with the war as energetically as possible."

MONASTERY AT OKA DESTROYED BY FIRE

With Chapel. Building of Trappist
Monks Goes Up In Flames.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The monastery and the chapel of the Trappist Monks at Oka was destroyed by fire this morning.

The fire began about 5 o'clock this morning in some newly constructed work in an outbuilding used by the lay helpers of the monks. It spread rapidly through a corridor connecting with the monastery and seized upon this building and chapel adjoining. When the fire broke out the monks were all at prayer in the chapel. They fought the flames vigorously but were unable to control them owing to the poor water pressure. One hundred monks resided in the monastery. The buildings destroyed were erected on the site of a monastery burned down in 1902. They were completed in 1912 at a cost of \$400,000. A famous library of old manuscript was lost. The monks saved a part of the valuable sacred vessels, the gifts of patrons in Canada and the United States.

The winter supplies of the monastery connected with the monastery were not touched. The students were not in residence owing to the Christmas vacation.

FISHERMEN SALVAGE "SINKING" SCHOONER

Bring Three-Masted, Reported Sunk,
Into Harbor.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The fisher folk of Great Point gained a rich prize today when they brought into port here, apparently seaworthy, the 3-masted schooner Roger Drury which was abandoned yesterday by her crew. The schooner was reported to be in the small steamer Petrel, however, found her riding the seas easily. The Roger Drury was bound from New York for St. John, N. B.

The schooner Daniel McLeod and pavolet, the latter of British registry, which were thrown on the Rip at Great Point in the day with his opening argument for the prosecution.

WAITING VICTORY BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE TERMS

Allies' Peace Reply Now Re-
fers Only Generally
To Objects.

WILSON ANSWER LATER

No Action On Neutral Moves
Until Central Powers
Replied To.

London, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the Entente Allies regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Central Powers and their allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris and is now the subject of discussion between the various ministers.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken by Great Britain and the other countries of the Entente with regard to Mr. Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the Entente Allies have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the Allies.

Those participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty of expressing the general purposes in concrete form, so that the reply may be definitely responsive and as the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the Entente Allies are contending.

The reason for not stating the specific terms is said here to be that the terms of the Allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statement of terms now would be upon a basis which would be open to question. Therefore it is held that Germany is in a position to state her terms whereas the Entente terms become definite when military successes have been achieved.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FIX TOTAL DEATH TOLL CAUSED BY TORNADO

Central Arkansas Wire Com-
munication Wiped Out.

SETTLEMENTS ARE GONE

One Negro Colony Loses 17
Members—Fears For State
Convict Farm Entertained.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Reports today from Central Arkansas, which was swept by a tornado yesterday, show that ten persons are known to be dead and that a score of others may have lost their lives. Of the known dead five are white and five are negroes. Wire communications with parts of the district swept by the storm has been cut off, and it may be a day or two before the exact number of dead is known and the property loss established.

Much apprehension was felt here today regarding the fate of the state convict farm at Tucker, southeast of here, where 325 state prisoners were at work. The farm was believed to have been directly in the storm's path, and as all wire connection with it was lost, accurate information on the situation there, however, is lacking.

Maryland Is Not in Position
From Which She Sent
Out S. O. S.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland which reported by wireless on Christmas night that she was sinking had not been found today. The coastguard cutters Aconnet and Gresham which had proceeded from Woods Hole and Boston, respectively, to the position approximately 200 miles southeast of this island. Waters the Maryland sounded her distress calls, sent word this morning that they had found no trace of the steamer.

The cutters had cruised in those waters for several hours after it became known that the vessel's wireless had been cut off of commission, evidently by a flood of water which swept into the engine-room.

\$639,300,000 IN GOLD IMPORTED INTO STATES

Huge Shipments Sent From Canada
Swell Total of 1916.

New York, Dec. 27.—With only three business days of the year remaining after today, gold to the amount of \$639,300,000 has been imported into the United States from all sources during 1916. This includes a fresh consignment of \$4,600,000 from Canada, deposited at the Philadelphia mint to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. The total of gold imports was brought up to \$639,300,000 with the arrival at the assay office here today of \$50,000,000 from Canada consigned to the same firm.

HELD UP BY SUB

Four Greek Steamers Sent Into Canary
Islands by Germans.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—Via Paris, Dec. 27.—Four Greek steamships, the Omires, Aristides, Icaropina and Contandaris, have arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, two of them bound from America with cargoes of wheat and corn after having been stopped by a German submarine. They were permitted to enter Las Palmas only on condition that they should discharge their cargoes at that port.

GERMANS SO ANXIOUS FOR PEACE THEY ARE ARRANGING MEETING

Have Already Sent Delegates to The
Hague to Arrange Accommoda-
tions---Wish Is Father to
the Thought.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note. The dispatch says:

"In view of the preparatory meeting of the delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson, German agents have arrived at The Hague, and are making inquiries for hotel accommodations for German delegates."

SERIOUS BREAK IN HYDRO LINES HOLDS UP MUNITIONS WORK

Hundreds Thrown Out of
Work in Toronto.

NO CIVIC CARS RUNNING

Ice Is Blamed For Bringing
Down Circuits Near
Cooksville.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A serious breakdown in the provincial hydro lines early this morning has put hundreds of munition workers and other factory employees out of work for the morning. The trouble commenced about 4 a.m., when the power went off for about five minutes. After an interval of about an hour it went off again and stayed off till 6:30, when domestic lights went on, but the lighting in the streets was very dim, the candlepower. After a short interval all lights went out, and people going to business had to grope their way in the darkness at 7 o'clock.

In the portions of the city served by the civic cars the greatest inconvenience was suffered, all the cars being put out of commission and motorists had to walk to the nearest point where they could get a taxi. Many, however, did not trouble to do this, as walking was extremely difficult on the ice-covered streets, which in some places had a glass-like surface and made the operation dangerous.

Blame It On Ice.
It was stated at the hydro offices at 9:30 a.m. that the trouble was on the line between Cooksville and Dundas. The wires were brought down by the accumulated weight of ice. Sir Adam Beck, who reached his office early this morning, announced that two circuits were down between Cooksville and Dundas stations. He credited it to the sleet storm last night. At 10 o'clock he stated that the service would be restored in half an hour.

Chief Engineer Gaby of the hydro commission stated that between 40,000 and 50,000 horsepower was cut off by the break in the line.

Call It Unfortunate.
"Most of the munition factories and other works are at a standstill this morning, as well as the civic cars," said Charles P. W. Ellis of the Toronto commission. "It is a very unfortunate occurrence, as the hydro has been giving excellent service. At 11 o'clock the power came on again. The double transmission line had been broken between Dundas and Cooksville, both lines at the same point by the weight of sleet."

LONDON UNAFFECTED.
According to an official announcement made by Chief Operator C. H. Colby of the city hydro department, London was unaffected by the break. The only interruption to the service here was a five-minute break at 4:35 this morning.

"We are on another circuit, and would therefore be unaffected by the Cooksville break," was Operator Colby's explanation.

\$1,000,000 LINKS FOR N. Y. CANADIANS

Extriated Some of Dominion Plans
Wonderful Golf Course.

New York, Dec. 27.—One of the finest golf courses in the country with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars is to be laid out on 1,400 acres of ground, near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia.

COMPLETING JURY

Small Murder Case May Start in Earn-
est Today.

Onsleepe, N. H., Dec. 27.—Efforts to complete the jury which will sit in the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with the murder of his wife were continued today. Four jurymen were accepted yesterday. County Solicitor Phil said he thought it possible that the actual work of the trial might be started late in the day with his opening argument for the prosecution.

BREAK CERTAIN IN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY IF PEACE FAILS

No More Note Writing by
America Will Follow.

OUTLOOK SEEMS GLOOMY

Violation of Pledges or New
Sub Campaign Will Un-
settle States.

AN EDUCATIVE CAMPAIGN

Wilson's Peace Note and Lan-
sing's Statement Charac-
terized as This.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, Dec. 27.—

One of the highest U. S. officials told the United Press today that present plans call for no more note writing to Germany. He added, if the Marins, Arabia and other cases develop clear-cut violation of Germany's pledges as in the Sussex case, or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails, then a break in relations can be the only answer. He declared that President Wilson's "peace" note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent "verge of war" statement were in a measure educational, so that the country would not wonder what it was all about in event matters came up to the breaking point.

CABINET CAREFUL IN ITS REPLY TO LABOR PROTEST

Afraid To Say Too Much or
Too Little On Registra-
tion Objection.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A very carefully-framed reply will go from the prime minister to the labor men of the country who have protested against compulsory service and have asked for an open and public definition of national service.

A meeting between Premier Borden and the labor representatives took place yesterday. An understanding was reached which the prime minister was to embody in a letter. The letter was to have been sent yesterday afternoon, but the delivery of phrasing a reply is shown by the fact that it has not yet been forwarded. Instead of the matter being closed up and pecked away, the whole cabinet is in session this morning writing the letter to President J. C. Walters of the Trades and Labor Congress.

It is to be the act, in the reply, to say neither too much nor too little. The Government has to look carefully at both sides of the situation.

The labor representatives have declared against compulsory service. It is assumed that the Province of Quebec shares this view.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO DISCUSS SITUATION

New York, Dec. 27.—According to a news agency dispatch from London this afternoon, a ministerial conference on the international situation was held at Premier Lloyd George's official residence, 10 Downing Street, today. Foreign Secretary Balfour made his first appearance in conference since his recent indisposition.

SMOKES FOR RETURNED MEN.—Through the generosity of the business men of London, every returned soldier in the city is being supplied with either 50 cigarettes or 10 cigars. Many of the men have already received their present. The packages are being distributed through the Soldiers' Aid Commission.