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WASHINGTON CABLES ENTENTE REPLY TO CENTRAL POWERS REJECTING PEACE MOVE; TEUTONIC DRIVE IN ROUMANIA CONTINUES

WILSON UNDECIDED AS TO NEXT MOVE

Is Waiting for Reply of Entente Allies to His Note Proposing Discussion of Peace Terms by Belligerents—United States Senate Discusses Advisability of Approving President's Course.

SENTIMENT IN GERMANY IS THAT PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF ANSWER OF ENTENTE POWERS AND THAT NOTHING IS LEFT BUT TO PROSECUTE WAR VIGOROUSLY ONCE MORE.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Entente reply rejecting the peace proposal of the Central Powers was cabled by the state department today for presentation to Germany and the other belligerent nations whose diplomatic interests the United States represents at allied capitals.

It was authoritatively stated that President Wilson had not decided what, if any further move in the interest of peace he might make, but was keeping an open mind on the subject while waiting for the Entente's answer to his note proposing a discussion of terms by the belligerents. Discussing the advisability of legislative action approving the course of the president in sending his note occupied the senate for more than an hour and will be resumed tomorrow.

Senate Debate.

The discussion began when Senator Hitchcock's resolution to approve the note came before the senate for consideration. Democratic leaders, including Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, urged that the resolution should be passed without delay or prolonged debate, in order that the president's position might be given approval by a coordinate branch of the government which has authority in international affairs.

Senator Lodge.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee; Senator Gallinger, the minority leader; Senator Borah, and other Republican senators, vigorously insisted that Senator Hitchcock consent to let the matter go to the foreign relations committee for careful consideration. They did not oppose the purpose of the resolution, but expressed the view that the proposed action was fraught with such international importance that it should not be acted upon without very careful consideration of all phases of the war situation, and not until a senate committee had an opportunity to study the changes of belligerent and neutral governments, which have followed the original Teutonic note to the Entente Allies suggesting discussion of peace.

Further Debate Possible.

There were strong intimations tonight that the Republicans will insist upon thorough debate if Senator Hitchcock persists tomorrow in his demand for a vote without reference to a committee. Such a discussion, it was pointed out tonight, might lead to another general debate on the European war situation, such as characterized the controversy at the last session of congress over the right of American citizens to travel on armed ships of belligerents.

Views of many Republican senators were epitomized by Senator Lodge, who declared the resolution opened up a "very large, grave and important subject."

"I trust," he added, "that it will be realized that this thing cannot be rushed through, involving as it does our relations to all the world."

It was stated at the state department, that no more neutral countries had replied to the president's note, and that, though copies were sent to all the South American republics for their information none of them had felt it necessary to reply in any way.

German Comment.

London, Jan. 2.—Comment on the German papers on the Entente reply to the German peace proposal are sent by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, as indicating the universal (Continued on page 2)

ENTIRE PROPERTY OF EASTERN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION TO BE SOLD UNDER HAMMER TODAY

Foreclosure Sale Preliminary to Reorganization will Include St. John Leases, Boston and Yarmouth Securities, and Millions of Dollars Worth of Steamers and Other Property.

If the plans of the special masters and receivers of the Eastern Steamship Corporation are carried out practically the entire property will be sold under the hammer at the court house in Bangor today as part of a plan of reorganization. The property to be sold is in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, St. John and a large interest in the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Co., the latter amounting to \$335,000, the par value of 6,700 shares. No bid will be received at today's sale for less than \$2,216,000.

A certain amount of the corporation's property not included in the Maine sale will be sold under foreclosure at the Suffolk Court House, Boston, next Friday afternoon, where

the lowest bid that will be accepted will be \$200,000. The advertisement announcing the sales consisted of ten thousand words.

Was Originally Morse Concern.

The Eastern Steamship Corporation is the successor of the Eastern Steamship Co., which was formed by Charles W. Morse, the spectacular Maine and New York banker and exploiter, who was sentenced to the penitentiary at Atlanta, when one of his institutions, the National Bank of North America, failed in the panic of 1908, with many others. The company went into the hands of receivers and was reorganized under the name of the Eastern Steamship Corporation.

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TOM LAWSON DENOUNCED BY U. S. SENATOR

Hon. W. J. Stone Speaks His Mind when Charges of "Leak" to Stock Market is Made.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note, involving other charges that somebody made profits on it on the stock market, rained official attention today, when Senator Stone, Democrat, spoke on the subject in the senate, and Thomas W. Lawson of Boston conferred with Chairman Henry of the house rules committee, about a proposed congressional investigation. Senator Stone rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that confidential communications concerning the honor of the nation had fallen into improper hands, but said he had no information as to whether a "leak" occurred, as recently reported. If so, he believed it would be traceable to departmental employees.

Senator Stone then denounced Thomas W. Lawson for his recent declaration that members of congress would shrink from an investigation into stock market "leaks."

HON. MR. BLONDIN POSTMASTER GENERAL?

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The latest suggestion regarding the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Hon. T. Chase Casgrain is that Senator Beaubien be appointed Secretary of State and Hon. P. E. Blondin, the present Secretary of State, be made Postmaster General. This would render unnecessary a by-election and would be following the precedent set by the Laurier government. For many years Senator Sir Richard Scott was Secretary of State.

BARON COWDRAY NEW AIR-BOARD CHAIRMAN

London, Jan. 2.—Baron Cowdray has been appointed chairman of the British Air Board, in succession to Baron Sydenham, who has resigned. Baron Cowdray accepted the post on the express condition that he receive no salary.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER ILL

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Casualty list: Mounted Rifles. Previously Reported Missing, now Killed in Action—Raymond Bergoin, Halifax, N. S. Services. Seriously Ill—Mike Dawson, St. John, N. B. Killed in Action—W. P. Cole, Middle Coverdale, N. B. Infantry. Wounded and Missing—Peter Huard, Bathurst, N. B.

J. D. M'KENNA NEW MAYOR OF SUSSEX

Close Three Cornered Contest—C. Hazen Adair and Seth Jones Tied for Second.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Jan. 2.—Today was election day here. The members of the council with the exception of the mayor were elected by acclamation, but the mayoralty contest, which was a three-cornered one between J. D. McKenna, C. Hazen Adair and Seth Jones, furnished quite a lot of excitement. The contest was a warm one and very close, but when the ballots were counted it was found that Mr. McKenna had 138 votes, while each of his competitors had 130.

The council for the year will be as follows: Mayor, J. D. McKenna; alderman at large, M. Garfield White; Ward 1, Woeden Myles and B. J. Sharp; Ward 2, J. B. Conrad and Henry Robinson; Ward 3, W. Calvert and J. I. Calhoun.

GREAT FIRE IN VALDEZ

Seattle, W., Jan. 2.—Fire that broke out at 2:05 o'clock this morning in the business district of Valdez, Prince William Sound, Alaska, destroyed nearly all the business district of the famous old mining town. It is reported that the fire broke out simultaneously in half a dozen different buildings and that incendiarism is alleged.

JANUARY THAW IS HEADED THIS WAY.

The outlook early this morning is that a January thaw will reach the province late tonight or Thursday. The temperature is much higher in the west. The weather bureau predicts increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or sleet tomorrow.

TEUTONIC ONSLAUGHT IN ROUMANIA CONTINUES

At Several Points on Moldavian Front, However, Russians and Men of King Ferdinand Disperse Bands of Invaders.

BRITISH REPEL GERMAN PATROLS NEAR YPRES, INFLECTING SEVERE LOSSES—SITUATION IN OTHER PARTS OF WAR AREA UNCHANGED—HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN FRANCE AND IN BELGIUM.

Again the Russian and Roumanian forces along the Moldavia and Doubrudja fronts have been compelled to give ground before the advance of the Teutonic Allies. At several points on the Moldavian front, however, Petrograd reports the dispersal of bands of invaders under counter-attacks.

The drive of the Austrians and Germans eastward from the Transylvanian Alps into Moldavia has given them additional points of vantage, while Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army, operating northward into Moldavia, is approaching the bridgeheads of Fokshany and Fundeni. Between the Buzeu river and the Danube, however, the Russians and Roumanians continue to hold their positions. In Dobrudja the Russians have been thrown back on the town of Matchin, opposite Braila. In the fighting on all these fronts, according to Berlin, more prisoners and much war material have fallen into the hands of the Teutonic Allies.

Quiet Elsewhere.

NEW GLASGOW BLOCK DAMAGED—TRENTON FIRE

Heavy Loss in Fanjoy Building, New Glasgow—Woman Burned Severely at Trenton.

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 2.—Fire broke out early today in the Fanjoy building on Provost street and as a result a large portion of the third story was badly damaged. The fire had been gathering force for some time before being noticed. The apartments occupied by Mrs. Cameron, dressmaker, were very badly burned. Mrs. Cameron lost practically all her household effects. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's offices also sustained some damage. Dr. Wright's dental offices on the second floor were soaked with water and his loss will be heavy. Fanjays Limited also suffered heavy loss, the damage being done mainly by water and smoke. Miss Smith's military store on the ground floor was flooded and a large quantity of military goods destroyed. The firemen were quickly on the scene and got in good work in combating the flames.

Dwelling Burned.

On Sunday morning the dwelling house of P. M. Jenkins on the Trenton road was destroyed by fire. Mr. Jenkins was at church at the time. His wife and Miss Catherine Holmes were in the house at the time. The firemen were quickly on the scene, but the flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the house. Miss Holmes attempted to get upstairs in order to save some belongings but was driven back by the flames. She received several bad burns about the face and hands and was removed to the hospital. The loss is about \$1,400 and is only partly covered by insurance.

time ago to protect a mortgage, was purchased today by a syndicate headed by W. Carman Roberts. If alterations which are to be made result in a satisfactory financial return, the arena will be continued, but if not it will be torn down.

Aside from the Roumanian theatre comparative quiet continues on all the fronts, although there have been somewhat spirited engagements on the French lines and in Galicia. Along the entire front of the Austro-Italian theatre there have been vigorous artillery duels.

The situation in Macedonia remains unchanged. The operations on the front in France appear to have been carried out mainly by patrol parties and by the artillery forces of the belligerent armies. Near Vermelles and north of Ypres German patrol parties succeeded in reaching the British trenches, but later were driven out with heavy casualties, according to the London war office. On the entire Belgian front the artillery duels were violent, while in the Verdun sector near Gardaumont and Bezonvaux there has been considerable shelling by both sides. In Galicia, in the Brody sector, the Austro-Germans launched attacks against the Russians, but were repulsed. The Russians attempted to press to the south of Riga and near Drinsk and Stanislau, but did not succeed in making gains.

British Repulse Huns.

London, Jan. 2.—The British official communication issued tonight says: "Early this morning a strong hostile patrol reached our trenches east of Vermelles. It was repulsed with the loss of half its number. Under cover of a heavy bombardment a strong enemy patrol of some forty men endeavored to approach our lines last night north of Ypres. The few men who succeeded in reaching our trenches were immediately ejected. The enemy's losses were heavy. "There was considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day and last night at different points of the front between the Somme and Ancre and southeast of Ypres. Effective counter-battery work was carried out at these points, and also bombardments of enemy positions in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres."

French Statement.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The bulletin issued by the war office tonight reads: "The artillery action was quite active on the Hardsaumont Bezonvaux front, intermittent on the rest of the front." "The Belgian communication: "On the whole Belgian front there was quite heavy artillery activity on both sides. The Belgian batteries successfully shelled east of Ramscapelle, Dixmude and Steenstraete."

EDWARD STRAUSS DEAD.

Vienna, Jan. 2.—Edward Strauss, the composer of dance music, is dead. He was born in 1845.

GOVERNMENT MET LATE LAST NIGHT

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The government met here last night to discuss matters pertaining to the patriotic fund with a delegation from the counties. J. L. Stewart, M. L. A.; D. A. Stewart, M. L. A. and Ald. H. H. Stuart of Newcastle were among those present.

LORD ROSEBERY MAY BE AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A rumor reached Ottawa tonight that there was a probability of Lord Rosebery succeeding Sir Cecil Spring Rice as British ambassador at Washington at an early date.

No confirmation of this of course could be obtained, but the rumor is given some credence here.

HISTORIC MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SOLD

New York, Jan. 2.—Historic Madison Square Garden, which was bid in by the New York Life Insurance Company at a foreclosure sale a short