

GRAVE DIPLOMATIC SITUATION EXISTS

NO DEVELOPMENTS YESTERDAY IN AFFAIR WITH AUSTRIA

AMERICAN NOTE REACHED VIENNA

Belief is Held That Solution Will Come Soon in Some Way.

Washington, Dec. 11.—While there are no developments today to alleviate the grave diplomatic situation between the United States and Austria, information that the American note on the sinking of the Ancona reached the Vienna foreign office yesterday led to the belief that there would be a definite solution, one way or the other, without more delay.

A copy of the note was given to Baron Zwidzinsk, Austrian charge, when he called at the state department today to discuss a letter he had written to the Austrian consul general at New York, suggesting that passports be purchased for the Austrian residents there in the United States. He explained that the letter was written when Dr. Constantine Durbaba was in charge of the Austrian embassy.

VALUE OF TONNAGE REMAINS HIGH LEVEL

London, Dec. 11.—The value of second hand steam tonnage continues at a very high level. An instance is a deal concluded recently whereby a British shipping concern acquires the "Dewgate Steamship company." This company has six steamers of from 3,000 to 4,000 tons each, the capital is \$750,000 and in 1914 made a net profit of \$65,000; it has \$500,000 cash on deposit, \$250,000 in war loans and \$750,000 to come from uncompleted voyages. The exact purchase price is not divulged but it is believed that shareholders in the British company will get a cash payment of \$10 per share for every five shares held. They will retain their holding in the old company and receive five per cent while it is stated they will be sufficient surplus to form a new concern after the war, when it is expected a drop in ship values will occur. As the fleet totals about 20,000 tons the payment for the transfer works out at about \$75 per ton.

The chief reason for the transfer of such an attractive concern, over and above the good cash payment, is the prospective profit tax and possible further government requisition of tonnage.

HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS FOR PATROL BOATS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Four builders submitted bids, ranging from \$18,000 to \$40,000 for motor patrol boats to be carried on the docks of Elizabeth to be used against submarines. The boats must have a speed of forty-one miles per hour and a cruising radius of 150 miles, carrying rapid fire and a torpedo.

FISH FOR LONDON

Frozen in Canada and Shipped to Supply Market.

London, Dec. 11.—A trial consignment of Canadian fish, shipped frozen, has just been sold for fancy prices on the London market. The government is said to regard the experiment as exceedingly important in view of the Ottawa assertion that with proper facilities, two million pounds of fish per week can be supplied for English markets.

Those who believe that such a trade on a permanent basis would prove beneficial to both Canada and the mother country are urging that a small guarantee per pound be placed on consignments for a time for the benefit of shippers.

PARIS FRENCH PROCEEDINGS

Paris, Dec. 11.—German military authorities have begun fresh proceedings against Dr. Karl Liebknecht, socialist leader of Berlin, according to the German press. The news is based on a report from the German press, which states that Liebknecht is being held in custody.

THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ORGANIZATION OF HOUSE AND SENATE IS ABOUT COMPLETED

UNDERWOOD ON APPROPRIATIONS

Emergency War Tax Will Be Re-enacted Before the Holiday Recess.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The selection of Senator Underwood as a member of the appropriations committee and chairman of the committee on Cuban relations completed the organization of the democrats in the senate, while the republicans got through assignments, which included the appointment of Senators Oliver of Pennsylvania and Brandegee of Connecticut on the foreign relations committee. The House democrats have made their assignments and the republicans will have their slate ready Monday. The emergency war tax, which expires December 31 doubtless will be re-enacted next week, before congress adjourns on Saturday for the holidays.

SOUTHERN COLLEGES IN NEW ASSOCIATION

Differences as to Residence of Football Players Have Been Adjusted.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—Auburn and Georgia, which resigned this season and Georgia Tech, which quit two years ago, became members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association at the annual meeting tonight, but will also remain members of the new Southern Conference formed today by eight big universities, when the association abolished the one year residence rule for football players.

Dean Walker of the Mississippi Agri-cult was made president and Harvey W. Cox of Florida University, vice president for Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

The Southern Conference. New Orleans, Dec. 11.—The Southern conference, an athletic organization was formed here today by seven large southern universities and colleges. The organizers said the conference formed because the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association had abolished the one year residence rule for football players.

The institutions participating in the new conference are: Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi A. N. M., Clemson and the Georgia Tech.

The membership is limited to twelve. The one year rule was dropped. Conference members are prohibited from playing games who don't enforce the one year rule after the existing contracts expire. They intend to break up the old association members of the conference also.

Reverberating to the Balkans. London, Dec. 11.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former German colonial secretary has arrived at Vienna on a political mission. It is said he will also visit Rumania, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria.

For Salvation Army. London, Dec. 11.—The late Edward Mosson Owen, a cloth merchant of Manchester, who died recently, bequeathed \$750,000 to the Salvation Army.

MAY CHARTER SHIP. Washington, Dec. 11.—The department of agriculture is considering the advisability of chartering a ship to carry wheat to Cuba for the winter season.

PROTEST ACTION FRENCH CRUISER BOARDING SHIPS

DESCARTES TOOK AUSTRINIANS AND GERMANS FROM AMERICANS

TRENT CASE WILL BE CITED

State Department Holds That Nation Hasn't Right on High Seas.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A protest, holding that the removal of the citizens of any nation from American vessels on the high seas is illegal is being prepared by the state department for presentation to the French government because of the taking of Germans and Austrians from the steamers Caroline, Ceano and San Juan by the French cruiser, Descartes.

While the state department has not learned if the Germans and Austrians, some of whom were members of the crew of the American ships, intended to become American citizens, the point will be made that there is no justification even of the removal of enemies' subjects from neutral ships, bound for a neutral port.

The famous Trent case, of the war between the states, in which the confederate commissioners, Mason and Sidel, were taken from a British ship will be cited as a precedent.

THE FRENCH MINISTER SEES CONSTANTINE

Athens, Dec. 11.—The French minister had the second conference for this week with the king this morning. Subsequently the entente ministers called on Premier Skoufoudis. It is learned on good authority that energetic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to assist in the removal of the facilities demanded for the allies troops in Salonika. A decisive move on the part of the Greek government is expected momentarily. The interview given by the king to the Associated Press has been republished here. It created a sensation.

COL. JAMES M. SMITH OF GEORGIA IS DEAD

Smithson, Ga., Dec. 11.—Col. James M. Smith, the largest Georgia land holder, whose plantations in Oglethorpe county are unique for the manner of operation, died suddenly here today, aged seventy years. He was a bachelor and reputed to be worth \$4,000,000. His idea was to make his estate as free as possible from outside purchases by the erection of a dist. oil and fertilizer mills.

DENIES REPORTS

V. M. I. Student Said to Have Met Death by Hazing. Lexington, Dec. 11.—Reports that a student of the Virginia Military Institute, who died last night, was injured by hazing was denied by the institute's officials. Sweet was said to have told another student that he was beaten by upper classmen with bayonets.

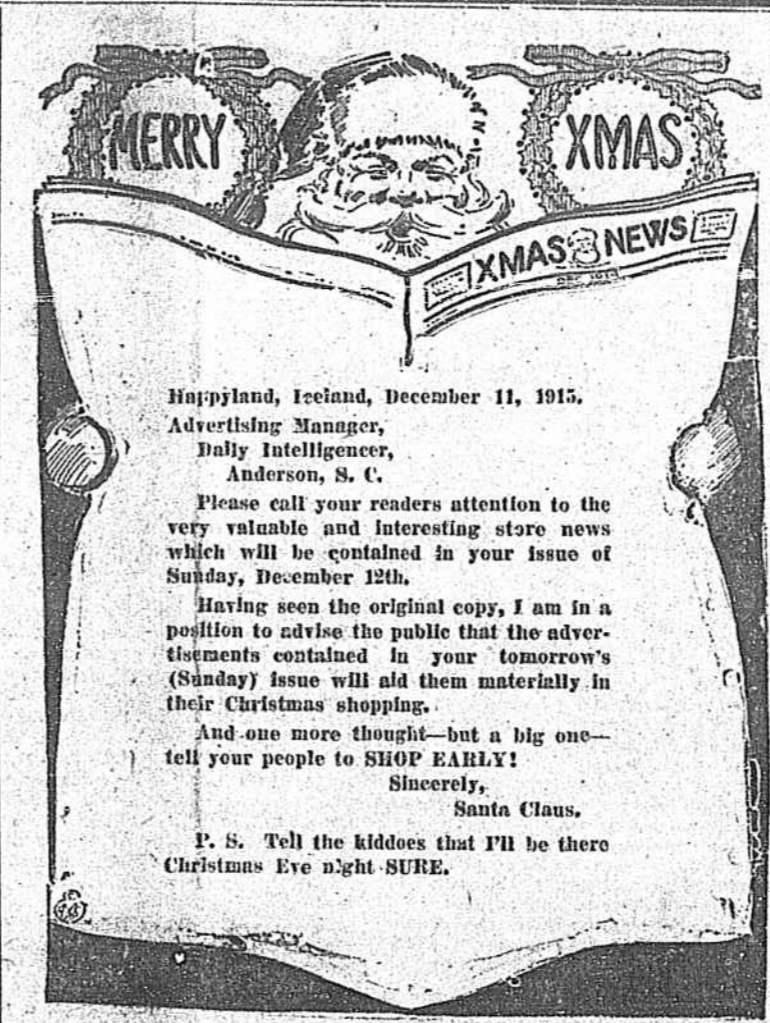
Note Reaches Vienna. Washington, Dec. 11.—American note to Austria-Hungary demanding disclosure of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona and reparation for the loss of American lives, reached the Austrian foreign office yesterday.

The text will be given out by the state department here for publication for Monday morning papers.

Asiatic Fleet Held Up. New York, Dec. 11.—The French cruiser held up on Saturday the New York and Porto Rico liner, San Juan, while bound from New Orleans to San Juan according to message to the line here. Two passengers were removed, the liner was an American vessel.

Coast Guard Busy. Washington, Dec. 11.—Coast guard service during the last year rescued 1,000 persons, the annual report sent to congress says. There were only 100 rescues during the year, the report declares, when about 12,000 persons were rescued from wreck or distress.

Storm Warning. Washington, Dec. 11.—The weather bureau tonight ordered displayed a southeast storm warning from Cape Henry to Savannah. A secondary disturbance is expected moving on from the South Carolina coast.



WRITS OF EJECTMENT AT GREENVILLE MILL

Sheriff Rector Will Not Serve Writs on Account of Weather.

Greenville, Dec. 11.—President B. E. Geer Friday gave to Sheriff Rector writs of ejectment against the following occupants of houses at Judson mill, which explicit instructions that they would be ejected if they did not sign agreement to voluntarily vacate their houses by December 15: D. P. Palmer, J. T. Parker, J. W. Smith, W. T. Pitts, W. C. Williams, W. P. Darnell, D. N. Morgan.

Sheriff Rector did not serve the writs yesterday. Today the weather was too cold and disagreeable, he said, for the defendants to vacate their houses. He announced that he did not intend to serve all the writs before Monday.

The sheriff said he was supplied by President Geer with a list of 12 positions that the strikers may be able to obtain.

President Geer in giving the writs of ejectment to Sheriff Rector yesterday, abruptly announced, stated that he wanted at least four or five of the writs served that afternoon. There are to be 22 writs in all. Of the first batch of eleven it was understood that two of the defendants have since vacated the houses.

WILL EXTEND TIME BRITISH RECRUITING

London, Dec. 11.—Extension of time for the completion of Lord Derby's recruiting plan will be made until Sunday night or possibly Wednesday night, because of the inability of the recruiting stations to handle the seventh hour rush. While no information of the number of recruits received under the scheme, trade union leaders declared that the Derby campaign was successful.

For Naval Academy. Washington, Dec. 11.—The creation of a naval flying corps, the establishment of a training school for navy aviators and an increase in the number of Annapolis midshipmen by about one half, were included in a tentative draft of the naval appropriation bill.

Greeks to Demobilize. Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for the demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

South Carolina Postmasters. Washington, Dec. 11.—The following South Carolina postmasters were nominated: W. B. Hite, Salsburg; G. I. Hutcherson, Summerville; W. J. Stanley, Hampton; J. C. Jenolage, Pickens; A. P. Stuart, McCormick; J. P. Ouz, Edgefield; L. S. Bowen, Prosperity.

Berlin Paper Suppressed. London, Dec. 11.—General Von Hindenburg has prohibited further publication of the Post, a leading conservative organ, says the Exchange Telegraphs Amsterdam correspondent.

ARMIES IN TRENCHES IN WINTER DEADLOCK

SAFE CONDUCT HAS BEEN ASKED

RECALLED GERMAN DIPLOMATIC ATTACHES CAN RETURN TO GERMANY

NO REQUEST FOR SUCCESSORS

Secretary Lansing Believes There Will Be no Trouble When Time Comes.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Safe conduct for Captains Oy-Ed and von Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches, has been asked by the state department.

While the United States has not been requested to ask protection for their successors, Secretary Lansing said that he believed that there would be no trouble in arranging this when they were named.

There is no indication of how soon the attaches will leave.

ATLANTA WILL HOLD ELECTION FOR RECALL

Mayor Jim Woodward and Four Members of Police Commission Subjects.

Atlanta, Dec. 11.—A recall election for Mayor Woodward and four members of the police commission was ordered for January 5 by the city council today on a petition signed by more than 3,000 voters, urging a recall because of the action of the commission in reducing Chief of Police Beavers to a captaincy. Beavers later resigned.

The two other commissioners named in the petition are not included in the election call. The petition is one short of the necessary twenty-five per cent and the council's auditing committee has not checked the other.

DYESTUFF AND POTASH ARE BADLY NEEDED

Washington, Dec. 11.—Measures to obtain the release of dyestuffs and potash, the latter of vital importance to farmers, for shipment from Germany was discussed by Secretary Lansing and Representative Laver, chairman of the committee on agriculture. Failure to move dyestuffs is said to be due to the German embargo.

Final day of receiving under the Earl of Derby's plan finds no diminution in crowds besieging the recruiting stations. In the rush, medical examination has become a perfunctory as signing a recruit's name. It is expected many of those offering may be rejected when called for active service.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLACED UNDER GUARD

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11.—The entire Ogden route of the Southern Pacific railroad, from Ogden, Utah to Oakland, will be placed under guard because six sticks of dynamite, equipped with caps and fuses, were found under a railroad bridge near here. The output of the Hercules Powder company and the Standard Oil is carried over this bridge east.

WATER ANALYSIS Shows It is of Good Quality and Free From Contamination. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 1915.

Sanitary Water Analysis No. 1415 of water received December 3rd, 1915 from Southern Public Utilities Co., Anderson, S. C.

Results in parts per millions. Chlorine . . . . . 0.5 Free ammonia . . . . . 0.01 Alkalinoid ammonia . . . . . 0.02 Nitrogen in nitrates . . . . . 0.00 Nitrogen in nitrites . . . . . 0.00 Total solids . . . . . 64.00

Bacterial analysis—Bacterial indications of contamination—Negative.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. Parker, M. D.

NEWS OF IMPORTANT BATTLES LACKING FOR SEVERAL DAYS

GALICIAN TOWN IS EVACUATED

Italians Still Bombard Gorizia—Allies in Retreat on Front of Saloniki.

London, Dec. 11.—No news of important engagements between the main armies of Europe having been issued for several days, leads to the belief that they have settled down into a winter deadlock in the trenches.

The Russian report that the Austro-Germans have evacuated Lemberg, Galicia, because of the prevalence of scurvy is taken to mean also that they are shortening their lines for the winter.

The Italian bombardment of Gorizia continues, but the complete fall of the town is delayed.

The retirement of the Anglo-French upon Saloniki is still in progress. The Paris Times is insisting that Saloniki be retained by the allies as a base and that reinforcements should be sent to renew the offensive.

This information, which may come from the allies' council of war in Paris, keeps the Balkans the center of interest. An Athens dispatch, asserting that the Greeks will concede all that the entente demands and Rome reports crediting Greece with a decision to demobilize, leave the newest diplomatic developments favorable to the allies.

Persistent German reports says that the Russians are concentrating troops and erecting munition depots along the Rumanian-Danube frontier.

The German reichstag, considering the problem of food supplies, proposes to limit the consumption of commodities in restaurants and help the poorer classes. Copenhagen and Amsterdam continue to send stories of peace riots in Berlin.

ALLIES STILL FALLING BACK

London, Dec. 11.—The latest from the Balkans indicate that the allies are still falling back without suffering the losses endured during the first days of retreat.

The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki dispatch, stating Gjevogil was occupied by two German divisions. Later reports, however, state this important position is not yet within range of German guns. Gjevogil is on the Greek frontier, near Verdun river, and commands the railroad north from Saloniki. The town first came into prominence during the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donnelly of New York, who died in Nish in February.

Diplomatic negotiations with Greece seem no nearer a settlement, although the retreat of the allies makes some definite reply from Athens hourly more vital. In military circles it is considered of primary importance that Saloniki be retained as a base of future operations even though the allied troops are forced to take refuge under the Greek guns, it is generally conceded that the present allied forces are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers whose armies, according to a statement credited to Premier Radoshoff of Bulgaria, now number a million men.

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London, Dec. 11.—Reported German occupation of Gjevogil, Serbia, is premature, says Reuters' Saloniki correspondent. Up to a week Friday afternoon there was an enemy in the immediate neighborhood of Gjevogil.

UNDEVELOPED MARIAS

Hopewell, Dec. 11.—A coal will prevail at Hopewell until the legislature convenes in January. Judge West today refused to grant a charter to the city, holding that the petition presented to the court contained the names of less than twenty voters.

These voters were not the bona fide voters of the town, but were merely those who had been placed on the list of voters by the town board.

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