

# The Intelligencer

## DIPLOMATS ARRANGING NEW DEAL

EFFORTS TO DECIDE NEXT MOVE IN THE BALKANS

### GERMANS ON OTHER FRONTS

Movement of Men and Guns Indicate Drive in France and Russia.

London, Dec. 17.—While the Greek and Rumanian diplomats are arranging new deals to decide the next Balkan move, the Germans appear to be preparing new strokes on the eastern and western front. Petrograd reports German activity in the Dvinsk district where the Teutons have been trying to reach the Dvina river.

The movement of men and guns, which have been reported from neutral countries, indicate a drive on the St. Michel region, where their line penetrates to the Neuse river, where they were active recently.

The only argument against such a movement is that the Neuse is at flood, and the French are destroying bridges as fast as they are built. It is believed that the violent German activities in Flanders and the Artois has been abandoned.

Except in Montenegro and Albania, where the Bulgarian and Albanian troops are carrying on a mountain warfare against the Montenegrins and Serbians. The latest reports of the big battle raging between the Bulgarians and Serbians in the valley of the Sack Drina river, say that Bulgarians, who crossed the river were driven back with heavy losses by the reinforced Serbians. It is possible that the Serbian counter-attack in drive to supplies reaching them from the Italians, who are said to have landed 50,000 troops in Albania.

### SERBIANS HOLD MANY PRISONERS

One of the most striking features of the day's war news is the report that Serbians captured more than 10,000 Bulgarians, Austrians and Germans during the retreat from their country. It is reported from Marseilles that a number of prisoners arrived there en route to concentration camps.

Further particulars regarding the Italian forces sent to Albania with the presumed purpose of cooperating with the allies in the Balkan campaigns, states that thirty thousand Italians landed at Avlona. The sending of these troops presages operations on a large scale, a military correspondent writes.

### OFFERS COMPROMISE ON TITANIC CLAIMS

Nearly Five Sixths of Amount Offered Would Come to America.

New York, Dec. 17.—The attorney for the White Star Line announced today that the company is willing to pay \$600,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic when more than 1,500 were drowned.

Approximately \$500,000 is to go to American claimants, \$50,000 to British and \$100,000 to the United States of the suits.

The claimants' committee, represented by forty-four lawyers, which fixed the damages last summer at \$2,500,000 is said to be willing to accept the proposition, which must be signed by December 30.

### CHIEFTANS WOULD ELIMINATE VILLA

Washington, Dec. 17.—Foreign affairs officials today said they were confident that the Villa chieftain, who was conferring at Chicago, announced that intention to surrender to the United States, with a view of their own immediate surrender to a constitutional government.

### HOMERS DOWNED

New York, Dec. 17.—A group of five Zeppelins were shot down by British fighters in the North Sea, the British navy announced today.

## CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

EMERGENCY REVENUE LAW EXTENDED BY BOTH HOUSES

### ADOPTED AFTER PARTISAN DEBATE

Vote in Senate Strictly on Partisan Lines—House Discussed Defense.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Congress adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays, after the senate adopted the joint resolution which the house passed yesterday extending the emergency revenue law one year.

The adoption followed a lively partisan debate by a vote of forty-five to twenty-nine. The democrats supported it solidly and the republicans were unanimously opposed. President Wilson signed the measure tonight.

Both houses will re-convene at noon on January 4.

Extension of the war tax was the only important legislation during the two weeks congress was in session. This was done to prevent the law from lapsing on December 31. There is a general exodus of the members to their homes tonight.

The house devoted the day to national defense speeches. Discussion of war revenues in the senate became a partisan tariff argument. Senators Penrose, republican, assailed the Underwood law, declaring that the present prosperity in steel was due to the war.

Senator Underwood, in his maiden senate speech, vigorously defended the tariff law, which, he declared, had removed the burden from the poor man.

Senator Penrose declared that the European war was a political blessing for the democrats. He expressed the opinion that if the war had not come, "there would be poverty and bread riots, with the army of the United States called out to preserve order."

### DELEGATES FROM COLUMBIA

New York, Dec. 17.—Three delegates to represent Columbia in the second Pan-American Scientific Congress arrived here tonight. Two of them brought with them to American business men collected. They said the congress' recent message was well received in Columbia and further commended the rapidly growing commercial relations between their country and the United States.

### TRAIL KIDNAPERS

Richmond, N. D., Dec. 17.—Six are reported killed near here tonight when a Great Northern train struck a logging train with several children.

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## TWO GERMANS ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY

CHARGED BY AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### TO DESTROY THE WELLAND CANAL

Koenig Said to Have Been Head of German Secret Service in United States.

New York, Dec. 17.—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American lines, and Richard Emil Lyndecker were arrested tonight by department of justice agents. They are charged with conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal.

Koenig was arrested in the Hamburg-American offices. Since the war opened, it is charged, he has been the head of the German secret service in the United States.

Lyndecker was arrested at 345 Fifth Avenue, where he runs an antique store. The agents declare that they found maps of the Welland canal there. Both admitted being along the canal, but did not cross into Canada.

Lyndecker claims to be an American citizen. Koenig took out his first paper ten years ago. He has not applied for the second.

### EVERYTHING READY FOR WILSON MARRIAGE

Only Members of Two Families Will Be Present at the Ceremony.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Arrangements were completed tonight for the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Galt tomorrow. The ceremony will be performed late in the evening at the Galt home. Only members of the two families will be present. All guests are here.

Most of the members of the wedding party will witness the christening at the White House at noon tomorrow of Ellen Wilson McGahey, the seven months old granddaughter of the president. President Wilson will act as godfather. The godmothers will be Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones.

### BRITISH PREMIER'S WIFE AS PLAINTIFF

London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as plaintiff in a chancery court today demanding an order restraining the Globe from publication of alleged libels. Her attorney said: "For a whole fortnight before the issue of this writ Mrs. Asquith has been deliberately persecuted by the defendant newspaper with accusations of disloyalty and association with German prisoners at Dannington hall. She has been described as a traitor and diegrace to her sex. These attacks she said remained and were only suspended after a writ had been issued.

The prosecution of Mrs. Asquith has been going on nearly a year. It began last spring in another newspaper and that paper had to apologize publicly and at Mrs. Asquith's request give a hundred pounds to the Red Cross fund. The same people who disseminated these libels sent Mrs. Asquith anonymous letters in the plaintiff and imputations were made against her in social circles."

### WHEAT CRUP BELINDA

Washington, Dec. 17.—The department of agriculture estimated that there is a surplus of wheat of 400,000,000 bushels. That would be a hundred and fifteen million bushels less than the last crop, but a hundred million over the five year average.

Charles Edison, Inventor, Poet and Theatrical Producer.



In addition to writing music and good poetry, inventing automobile parts and assisting his wizard father with his inventions, Charles Edison, son of Thomas A. Edison, is spending one-third of his time this winter operating his little music theatre on Fifth Avenue, New York.

The idea of Edison's little theatre, it only accommodates 140 people, is to give expression to artistic American singers and players. Young Edison created the theatre because of his deep sympathetic interest in budding American musical genius.

Another third of his time he devotes to work in his father's laboratories. He is called the "repair man." His work is much in the nature of an efficiency expert, because his duties are to see to it that there are no imperfections in the manufactured products invented by his renowned daddy.

The remaining third of his time he writes poetry under the nom de plume "Tom Sleeper" and music, and plays the gentleman; and it is said of him truly, that he really has a good time.

Charles Edison is twenty-six years of age, and already has to his credit a valuable patent of his own invention for a part of an electric automobile.

### ABYSSINIA WILL STICK TO ENTENTE

Member of French Chamber of Deputies Tells Intention of Emperor.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Pierre Aloye, a member of the colonial committee, told the chamber of deputies today that Lidi Jaosen, the young emperor of Abyssinia has offered 200,000 troops to the allies and had resisted all German efforts to induce him to abrogate his treaty with the entente.

M. Aloye said that in connecting the French part of Jubith with Addis Abeba, the Abyssinians could reach Suez in four days, or Basora, Mesopotamia, in five. The Abyssinians are said to have nearly 1,000,000 modern rifles.

### TORNADO SWEEPED OVER EASTERN MISSISSIPPI

Meridian, Dec. 17.—At least four were killed and forty hurt early today in a tornado which swept several eastern Mississippi counties. It passed into Alabama northeast of here. Four persons were killed at Gillet, a score hurt, and a hundred buildings were destroyed. Monaca Drever, Clark Chaddai, and Culum were struck and several hurt at Gelger, Ala.

### THLUP AVERIES

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Without thought of the fact that they were not here because of a strike of 500,000 employees, they were arrested today when the strikers returned to work.

Illiter Steamers Sunk.  
London, Dec. 17.—Italian steamer Forta said has been sunk. She is of the one hundred tons, and the latest records show her in the Mediterranean.

## WOULD SWAP BOLAND FOR VON RINTELEN

GERMANY ANXIOUS FOR SAFETY TO THEIR SECRET AGENT

### WAS REMOVED FROM STEAMER

Von Rintelen Been Mentioned as Head of Conspiracy to Foment Strikes.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Germany offered to exchange Dr. Henri S. Boland, former postmaster general of Canada, captured at the fall of Antwerp, for Captain Franz von Rintelen, according to word received by Arthur Horemont, former member of parliament, from Premier Borden. Andrew Bonar Law, British colonial secretary, is said to have requested the Vatican to effect Doctor Boland's release.

Von Rintelen was removed from a steamer while en route from the United States to Holland and is reported under death sentence in the London tower. He has been mentioned as the director of the conspiracy to foment strikes in the United States.

### BONDS ARE UPHELD BY COURT EN BANC

Bond Issue Authorized By General Assembly Are Valid Say Judges.

Columbia, Dec. 17.—The bond issues of \$1,250,000 in Richland county, and \$500,000 in Greenville county which were authorized by bills passed by the legislature last session at the session of the supreme and circuit court judges.

The majority opinion in the Richland case was written by Circuit Judge Mendel L. Smith and concurred in by a majority of all. The dissenting opinions were filed by Chief Justice Gary and Circuit Judge Gary and concurred in by Associated Justices Watts and Frazer and Circuit Judges Mauldin and Shipp. The decision in the Greenville case was unanimous the constitutionality of the act creating the bond issues were attacked mainly on the grounds that the legislature could not impose them without a vote of the people. The court says this is a function of the legislature and within its constitutional rights.

### GREENVILLE PEOPLE ARE AETER COUNCIL

Greenville, Dec. 17.—On the surface today a rumor was current that citizens of Greenville are thinking seriously of instituting proceedings for an injunction to restrain the city council of Greenville from expending \$50,000 as proposed in the erection of a new city hall and auditorium. It is known that there is great opposition to the proposition to combine the city hall and an auditorium in a building that is planned to be constructed on a lot on West Washington street. It is reported that three members of the city council are opposed to plans as they now stand.

Developments are being watched with great interest throughout the city.

### AMOUNT DECREASED COTTON SEED CRUSHED

Washington, Dec. 17.—Cotton seed of 1915 crop crushed to December 1, is 4,667,000 tons, 2,725,000 tons less than the same time last year. Linters obtained amounted to 341,200 tons, against 341,000 tons last year.

By states: Alabama—154,000; Arkansas—140,000; Louisiana—15,000; Georgia—34,000; Florida—50,000; Mississippi—178,000; Missouri—9,000; North Carolina—118,000; Oklahoma—11,000; South Carolina—100,000; Tennessee—80,000; Texas—832,000. All other states—21,000.

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## TO DISPATCH SECOND NOTE TO AUSTRIA

VIGOROUSLY RENEWS DEMANDS OF FIRST NOTE ON ANCONA

### VIENNA ANSWER UNSATISFACTORY

President Wilson Will Approve Form Before He Leaves for Honeymoon.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States late today prepared to dispatch a second note to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Anconia. The communication will vigorously renew the demands of the first note, none of which have been complied with by the Vienna foreign office; Secretary Lansing announced.

President Wilson will probably approve the form of the second note tomorrow. Secretary Lansing will then act without further suggestion from President Wilson, who leaves tomorrow on his honeymoon. Should the president's advice be needed, Secretary Lansing will go wherever he is, or if vitally necessary the president will return here.

From an authoritative Teutonic source information tonight said that the Vienna government had no desire to be the cause of breaking diplomatic relations with the United States. It is said that if an avenue would be left by the second note, the American demands would be met.

The second note may start on Monday afternoon. It will be even more vigorous than the first. The president and the cabinet considered Vienna's reply as meaning essentially the same as unofficially cabled.

### REPLY BEFORE THE CABINET

Washington, Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to the Anconia note was left before the cabinet and discussed for more than an hour. The gravity of the situation caused by Austria's rejoinder to the American demands, which is considered excessive, unsatisfactory, and unacceptable remained unchanged.

The next step will not be decided upon until some minor points are made clear. These are not important and may be due to errors of transmission.

Secretary Lansing said after the cabinet meeting he did not know when the text of the note would be made public.

Diplomatic relations, although in danger of being broken are not likely to be discontinued until there has been another exchange of notes so the crisis may not be said to be in a final stage. Meanwhile there are hints of informal negotiations which might result in straightening out the matter. So far as appears the situation will not keep the president from his honeymoon trip.

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