

## PLY OF ALLIES IS CABLED TO POWERS

### VISIBILITY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION APPROVING PRESIDENT'S COURSE BEING DISCUSSED BY SENATE—COMMITTEE WILL ACT ON IT FIRST—PRESIDENT IS AWAITING ENTENTE'S ANSWER.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Entente is rejecting the peace proposal of Central Powers was cabled by State Department today for presentation to Germany and the other belligerent governments whose diplomatic interests the United States represents at Allied capitals. To save time the cabled English translation was dispatched from here and Ambassador Sharpe was instructed to forward the French text direct from Paris.

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. A comment was forthcoming from Paris reports from Paris indicating that the reply to the President in Europe would be the same as that given Central Powers.

with such international importance that it should not be acted upon without very careful consideration and not until a Senate committee had opportunity to study the exchanges of belligerent and neutral governments which have followed the original Teutonic note suggesting discussion of peace.

**May Insist on Debate.**

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, might lead to another general debate on the European war situation such as characterized the controversy over the right of American citizens to travel on armed ships.

Senator Stone declared that the issue was whether the Senate should endorse a movement calculated to open the way for bringing about peace in Europe. For the Senate to hesitate would destroy the moral effect of the proposed endorsement.

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

**Discussion in Senate.**

Discussion of the advisability of legislative action approving the course of the President in sending a note occupied the Senate for more than an hour and will be resumed tomorrow. Action was delayed by unanimous consent because Republican members insisted that the question was too important to be disposed of in a single session and should be considered by a special relations committee.

Particular interest attached to statements by Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who had an hour's conference yesterday with President Wilson. Administration officials made it clear that the President did not seek action by Congress, though of course, he would not like to see a proposal to endorse his policy defeated.

**Cannot Be Rushed.**

"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."

A resolution similar to that of Senator Hitchcock was introduced in the House late today by Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, and referred to the foreign affairs committee.

It was stated at the State Department that no more neutral countries had replied to the President's note.

Congratulatory and optimistic telegrams from abroad were received today from the Swedish League for the Democracy of Justice, the central board of the Social Democratic Women's Association, of Stockholm, the Congress of Belgian Socialist Workers, in Holland; the Swedish section of the international committee of women for permanent peace; the general Dutch alliance, the Federation of Christian Teachers, of Holland and colonies; the Swedish peace committee, the Liberal Dutch Labor Federation; the Dutch Theosophical Association of World Peace, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Sweden.

**Hitchcock's Resolution.**

The discussion began when Senator Hitchcock's resolution to approve the note automatically came before the Senate. Democratic leaders urged that the resolution should be passed without delay in order that the President's position might be approved by a coordinate branch of the government which has authority in international affairs.

Senators Lodge, Gallinger, Borah and other Republicans insisted that Senator Hitchcock consent to let the matter go to the foreign relations committee. They expressed the view that the proposed action was fraught

## ATLANTA MAYOR IS RETIRED THREE TIMES

### Unique Mayor of Atlanta Succeeded by Candler, the Noted Millionaire.

Atlanta, Jan. 2.—Atlanta yesterday exchanged "Uncle Jim" Woodward, by far the most picturesque figure in the history of municipal politics in this city and one of the most unique in the politics of the state, for Asa G. Candler, the famous multi-millionaire and philanthropist, as head of the city government.

Few men in politics in American cities have had such stormy careers as "Uncle Jim" Woodward, who has been mayor of Atlanta three times, covering a total of eight years. Without exception he has antagonized every city council with which he has served, and attempts to impeach him were so numerous that they finally ceased to attract attention. His escapades in years gone by brought down upon him the most bitter condemnation, yet four years ago he "came back" and won a stubbornly contested fight for mayor with the support of the very business men who had led the movement to drive him out of city politics a few years before. His vigorous personality has made warm friends and bitter enemies, and he is still a powerful factor in Atlanta politics.

Of late, however, the old man's animosities and enmities have lost their bitter edge perceptibly, and recently he took occasion, at a dinner at which he and Mr. Chandler were guests of honor, to pledge Mr. Chandler his whole-hearted support, although in politics the two have always been implacable antagonists.

Mr. Chandler goes into the mayor's office under probably the most favorable auspices of any chief executive in the city's history. He has the united support of every progressive element in the community and will be backed by the council in all his undertakings.

## PROMINENT FARMER KILLS TWO MEN NEAR BRUNSON

### Killing Followed Dispute Over Tenant Leaving Lightsey's Place—Man Shot at His Home.

Brunson, Dec. 29.—H. A. Preacher and Keb Nettles were killed by P. W. Lightsey, a substantial farmer, at the home of the latter about five miles from Brunson, this morning about 11 o'clock. The killing took place in Lightsey's house and yard, and the weapon used was a double barrel shotgun loaded with buck shot. The men involved are prominent and all have families.

Accounts obtainable indicate that Preacher, who was about 36 years of age, and who was a rural free delivery carrier, went to the Lightsey plantation with a view of moving Nettles, who was a tenant on Lightsey's place. Nettles, it is said, was indebted to Lightsey to the extent of several hundred dollars and for this reason Lightsey objected when Nettles started to move. Early this morning Lightsey telephoned Sheriff J. Herman Lightsey at Brunson and said that he felt his wife was in danger and asked the sheriff to come to his protection. Sheriff Lightsey and a deputy, Eric Harrison, both of whom were present when the shooting occurred, went to the Lightsey farm, and tried to dissuade Preacher and Nettles from entering Lightsey's premises, but could do nothing with them.

Witnesses say that about 11 o'clock Preacher and Nettles, each with a revolver in hand, entered Lightsey's yard, Preacher in front of Nettles. Lightsey was in his house and when Preacher walked upon the porch Lightsey shot him twice through a window. Lightsey then came out on the porch and it is said that Nettles wheeled toward him and Lightsey shot Nettles twice. Lightsey then surrendered to the sheriff and was taken to Hampton, the county seat.

H. A. Preacher, a life long resident of Brunson, and who is from one of the oldest and most respected families of this community, leaves a wife and four children. He had been a rural free delivery carrier from Brunson for about six years.

Keb Nettles, who was about 34 years of age, came to Hampton county from Colleton county, and has been a tenant on the Lightsey place for about two years. He, too, leaves a wife and several children.

Perry W. Lightsey, about 50 years of age, is a native of this county. He has a large family connection and is a man of influence.

## CARRANZA OFFICIALS ADMIT VILLA TOOK WAR STORES

El Paso, Jan. 2.—An official report received here today by Andres Garcia, inspector general of Carranza consulates, from Gen. Francisco Murguia at Chihuahua City, announcing the capture of a large quantity of war ammunitions in a cache at Terros in Western Chihuahua, was the first admission by the Carranza government that Francisco Villa had succeeded in obtaining big stores of ammunition and arms in Chihuahua City during his recent occupation of that place.

The message stated that 6,000 shrapnel shells, 15,000 rounds of rifle cartridges, 400 rifles, eight cannon, a number of machine guns, hand axes, uniforms and army stores of various kinds had been recaptured.

Torres, where according to this telegram the cache was discovered by Gen. Hernandez's forces, is on the Mexican and Orient Railroad.

Refugees arriving today from Santa Rosalia, La Boquilla, Jiminez and Parral said Carranza troops held the railroad line and surrounding country between Chihuahua City and Santa Rosalia with a well established base at Santa Rosalia. This contradicts previous reports that Villa was between Santa Rosalia and Chihuahua City with his main column and had driven the de facto outposts toward the State capital.

Villa, the refugees said, was somewhere south of Santa Rosalia. They confirmed the killing of Howard Gray or Weeks, Dr. C. H. Fisher and the disappearance of Alexander Ricaud. They also reported that Dr. L. H. Knopf, a German physician, had been arrested by Carranza forces at Jiminez because of alleged activities with the Villa army and had been sent to Mexico City under guard.

Government agents here have received a report that wounded Carranza soldiers had been sent into Chihuahua City from the south, indicating a fight with the Villa forces somewhere south of the State capital.

Reports were received here tonight of fighting between outposts of Villa forces and a detachment from the Jaurez garrison at Los Mendanos, thirty-five miles south of Jaurez. The skirmish is said to have been for possession of a train. Carranza officials here deny the fighting.

## PERSHING'S FORCE MAY BE RECALLED SOON

### ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER CARRANZA'S REPLY—ARREDONDO HAS GONE TO MEXICO CITY—OFFICIAL COMMENT BEING WITHHELD.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The sending of Henry P. Fletcher to his post at Mexico City as American ambassador and the subsequent withdrawing of the American expedition are expected among the next developments in the Mexican situation. Official comment is being withheld at this time.

The outcome is bound up with the decision on General Carranza's latest communication in regard to the protocol which gives indication of being of such a nature as not to close the negotiations. It is understood it will not be affected by the absence of General Carranza's ambassador, Mr. Arredondo.

President Wilson has not decided on his next step. It became known on unquestionable authority today that he has not given up hope that beneficial results may come out of the present negotiations.

Mr. Arredondo said good-bye to Secretary Lansing today and will depart tonight for Mexico City. Ramon P. Dnigri, Carranza consul general at San Francisco, will be in charge of the embassy. The reason for Mr. Arredondo's departure has not been made clear. He recently denied he was being withdrawn.

where it was said a statement would be issued later.

There were various undercurrents apparent in official circles today, which gave color to reports that the relations with Mexico were again becoming strained.

Henry P. Fletcher, recently confirmed as ambassador to Mexico, but who never has gone to his post, had an engagement to confer with President Wilson later in the day, and the American commissioners held a long session considering General Carranza's reply to their request for either a ratification or a repudiation of the Atlantic City protocol.

Mr. Arredondo is General Carranza's nephew, and has represented the de facto government here longer than any of his predecessors.

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**Conference on Trade.**

New York, Jan. 2.—It was said here today at the office of the Mexican consul that Ambassador Designate Arredondo would be absent from his post for not more than three weeks. It was said also that he, with chief consular representatives in all foreign countries, including South and Central America, as well as Europe, had been summoned home by General Carranza for a conference to discuss important matters in relation to the future commercial relations of Mexico. The diplomatic officials are expected to meet with General Carranza in Mexico City at an early date.

## YOUNG MAN IS SUSPECTED IN MURDER

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The murder of Marie Agnes Colbert has developed into an amazing story of blackmail and depravity. The arrest of one of the wealthiest young men in the central section of Pennsylvania is expected. He now is in the city under police surveillance. If this astounding story that the police now have is so, he either killed her or saw her killed while he stood in the same room.

The story has it that she was a blackmailer; that it was this wealthy young man whom she was to have blackmailed; that the man who was her brutal master either saw her killed or heard the fight that resulted in her death.

## JAPANESE WILL ARM ALL TRADING VESSELS

Washington, January 2.—Japan, through the embassy here, notified the State Department tonight of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively, and requested information as to whether any special rules had been made by this government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama canal.

This was the first official information that Japan intended such action and was interpreted in some quarters as indicative of fear of German submarine operations on a wider scale. While no submarines have appeared in the Pacific so far, British naval experts think it is quite possible that they may operate there later.

There are no canal regulations imposing special restrictions upon vessels armed purely for defensive purposes, as the United States holds that such armament does not deprive a ship of her character as a peaceful merchantman.

## BRITISH AIR BOARD HEADED BY COWDRAY

London, Jan. 2.—Baron Cowdray has been appointed chairman of the high air board in succession to Lord Sydenham, who has resigned. Lord Cowdray accepted the post on express condition that he receive a salary.

## INTERNAL WAR LOAN.

New York, Jan. 2.—Advices from London today indicated that England is about ready to announce a new internal war loan to supersede the recent large issues of exchequer bonds. The sale of exchequer bonds was withdrawn, dispatches say, and earlier war issues were stronger, in the belief that they will be convertible into the new war loan. There was little activity in American issues, due to the failure of any decisive indications from Wall street.

## WOULD SHIP MORE CANNED POTATOES

New Orleans, Jan. 2.—Members of the Southern Sweet Potato Growers' Association from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, arrived here late today, voted to start a publicity campaign, in an effort to stimulate a demand in the North for canned yams. An effort will be made, it was announced by the secretary, to double the canned yam output of the plants represented in the association. During 1916 more than 300,000 cases of canned yams were shipped from twelve plants. Ralph D. Quisenberry, of Montgomery, is president of the association.

## DECLARES RAILROADS ARE PERMITTED THE DELAYS.

Head of Trainmen Says Plan is to Prove Expense of Adamson Law.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.—W. G. Lee, head of the railway trainmen, in a statement issued here today charged that the railroads of the country are permitting delays to trains and overtime which would not ordinarily be permitted in order to prove the enormous expense that would follow obedience to the Adamson law. Mr. Lee stated that whether the Supreme Court declares the law constitutional or invalid, the brotherhoods shall continue to work for the eight-hour day.

It was learned from an authoritative source today that the general chairman of the four brotherhoods will hold a meeting in Chicago January 11 to consider the situation.

## BIG NAVAL APPROPRIATION

Committee Will Begin Drafting Bill Today.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Work of drafting the bill naval appropriation bill probably will be begun by the House naval committee tomorrow. Chairman Padgett expects to call the committee together then, with a view to laying the bill before the House for discussion by the middle of January if possible. Estimate of the bill submitted by the Navy department totaling \$779,000,000 increased considerably today said, he would keep the bill to keep the

## ANOTHER HIGH COST EVIL

Federal Health Service Fears Spread of Pellagra.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A fear that food prices, by unbalancing the diet, may lead to a wider prevalence of pellagra in the United States during the coming year is expressed in an issue issued today by the public service.

As a result of government researches," says the bulletin, "it was found that pellagra is produced by a deficient, poorly balanced diet. Application of this knowledge reduced pellagra during 1916 compared with previous years.

It is feared, however, that pellagra will increase in food cost out of proportion to the prosperity now enjoyed in this country. The great rise in the cost of forage is causing the people in many localities to sell their cows and thus there is danger that they will deprive themselves of milk, one of the most valuable pellagra preventing foods. The high cost of living has further served to bring about a reduction in many families in the amount of meat, eggs, beans and peas consumed, all of which are pellagra prophylactics.

"In existing economies the general public should bear in mind the importance of a properly balanced diet.

## BRITISH LLOYDS REPORT

London, Jan. 2.—The Nestlé & Co. hails \$3,395 gross from the locality where it is due to the bank.