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GREECE REPLIES TO MEMORANDUM

SAYS SHE EXPECTS GREEK SHIPS TO BE PROTECTED

THE CARPATHIANS AND CROWN LAND

Of Bukovina Claim Most Attention in the Eastern War Theatre.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—Germany's threatened submarine blockade of the waters around the British Isles and France and the question of the use of neutral flags by merchant ships belonging to belligerents, today continued to overshadow in the public mind in England and in the neutral countries of Europe the news from the theatres of war.

Greece has replied to the German memorandum to the effect that she expects Greek ships to be protected by the regulations governing navigation on the high seas and coasts not effectively blockaded, while Holland and the Scandinavian countries are taking steps for joint action.

The American steamer *Wilhelmina*, with grain aboard, for Hamburg has arrived at Falmouth. It was thought possible she had been ordered there by one of the British patrol ships, as the British government had announced it intended to prevent her from proceeding to Germany and would submit the question of her cargo to a prize court.

A Falmouth dispatch, however, says the captain of the *Wilhelmina* declared he had proceeded to that port of his own free will.

Outside of these questions of international law, the chief interest lies in fighting in the east, operations in the west having lapsed into a period of calm, with only a few small engagements on narrow fronts, which have been discussed in the campaign as a whole.

In the east the Germans, checked in their efforts to break the Russian lines before Warsaw, have transferred many troops to East Prussia to meet the Russian offensive there. This offensive threatens to drive a wedge between Tilsit and Insterburg, and, so, to turn the fortified position in the extremely difficult country of the Mazurian Lakes.

If this movement succeeds, the Russians would overrun a considerable part of East Prussia and again would be on their way to Koenigsberg and Danzig.

The campaign in the Carpathians and in Galicia is not so easy to follow, as official reports are sparing in information. It is evident, however, that while the Russian offensive in the western passes is being pushed with strength and has proved partially successful, it has been met with stronger opposition in the eastern passes, with the result that the Russians have been compelled to fall back in Bukowina. They have recently done this only to give the Austrians battle when they debouched from the Russian end of the passes, and it is presumed that this is their intention now.

Operations are on so large and complicated a scale that it may be weeks before any definite decision is reached.

FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Preliminary to General Campaign in 1916 Party Concentrates Its Activities in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Preliminary to a general campaign in 1916 for national prohibition, the national committee of the Prohibition party will concentrate its activities in Massachusetts this year, according to an announcement today by the State committee of that party.

Prohibition leaders already have started preparations for the election in this State next fall, it was said. A fund of \$10,000 is to be used in the State campaign.

Failed to Reach Vote. COLUMBIA, Feb. 9.—The senate spent tonight debating the prohibition referendum without reaching a vote, adjournment being taken shortly before midnight until 1:30 tomorrow.

Submarine Tender Launched. SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—The 3,500-ton submarine tender *Bushnell*, of the United States navy, was launched here today. Miss Reueline Warwick *Bushnell*, a descendant of the revolutionary naval officer who devised the first submarine, christened the ship. The *Bushnell* is 90 per cent completed. Her contract price is \$1,000,000.

THE ADVISER OF FINANCIERS

NORMAN B. REAM, PROMINENT CAPITALIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

LEAVES FORTUNE OF \$75,000,000

Said to Rank Among the 25 Richest Men in the United States.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Norman B. Ream, financier and director in many railroads, banks and industrial corporations, died today.

Mr. Ream is understood to have died after an operation for intestinal trouble from which he had suffered for several years. He was in his seventy-first year.

Mr. Ream was rated among the country's most prominent capitalists. He was one of the organizers and directors of the United States Steel Corporation, a director of the Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Pere Marquette, Seaboard Air Line and other railroads, and a member of most of their executive committees.

His career was typical of the boy who begins life in humble station and rises to wealth and distinction. He was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and served through the Civil war. In 1871 he became a livestock and grain merchant in Chicago. He was one of the pioneers in organization of the steel industry and was active in bringing together the various western steel plants which formed the Federal Steel Company. When that was absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation in 1901 Mr. Ream became a director of the corporation, and has since served as a member of its finance committee, making his office in this city and his home in Woodstock, Conn.

At the time of his death he was a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the National Biscuit Company and the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York. Of late years he had devoted much attention to building up the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad, in which he was a large stockholder. He was said to rank among the 25 richest men in the United States.

Mr. Ream's position in the financial world as "adviser of financiers," it is said to have been unique. He was closely associated with the late J. P. Morgan, Marshall Field, George M. Pullman and other prominent financiers who are said to have sought his advice in many of their early undertakings.

An estimate made in the financial district today placed Mr. Ream's fortune at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

TURKISH CRUISER BOMBARDS YALTA

In Response Russian Vessels Go to Turkish Side of Black Sea and Attack Trebizond.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—The Turkish cruiser *Midilli*, formerly the German cruiser *Breslau*, has bombarded Yalta, a port on the Black Sea in the sea. No damage was done. In response to this action Russian cruisers went to the Turkish side of the Black Sea and bombarded Trebizond. The text of the announcement conveying this information follows:

Sentries between Sebastopol and Yalta reported the cruiser *Midilli* approaching Yalta, upon which port she fired several shots. Four stores were damaged, but no one was killed or wounded. The vessel then withdrew. In response to this action Russian cruisers were sent across the Black Sea to Trebizond, which Turkish port they bombarded the same day.

ASKS FOR REWARD Atlanta Florist Files Suit to Collect Reward For Arresting Murderer of Navy Phagan.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 9.—Robert Barrett, a local florist, today filed suit in the superior court against the city of Atlanta to collect the \$1,000 reward offered for the arrest of the murderer of Mary Phagan. Barrett claims he discovered the strand of hair and the bloody where the girl was killed, and which Barrett alleged to be the murderer, and conviction of Leo M. Frack. Barrett charges that city officials disapproved his claim for the reward.

Expected to Sail Today. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 9.—The steamer *Dacia*, which Great Britain has indicated will be seized by British cruisers because the validity of her transfer from German to American registry is questioned, and which failed yesterday to sail for Rotterdam because a number of her crew refused to make the voyage, was expected to leave tomorrow. She carries a cargo of cotton for Germany.

EXPLAINS THE PROCLAMATION

GERMAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SAYS DECLARATION IS MISUNDERSTOOD

DOES NOT MEAN A BLOCKADE

Says All Questions As to Its Validity Promised on This Theory Are Excluded.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, via The Hague to London, Feb. 9.—(10:35 p. m.)—Gottlieb von Jagow, the German foreign secretary, who was visiting Berlin in the absence of Emperor William on the eastern front today explained to the correspondent of the Associated Press the nature of the recently announced German naval measures to be taken against hostile commercial shipping, over which, he said, there seemed to be a misapprehension abroad owing to delay in the transmission of the memorandum accompanying the proclamation. The phrase "submarine blockade" as used in the foreign press, the secretary said, perhaps also was responsible for this misapprehension.

"The announcement was not a declaration of a blockade," said Herr von Jagow. "All questions as to its validity promised on this theory are excluded. The proclamation designated waters around Great Britain and Ireland as a war area, announces Germany's intention to conduct war operations in this region, and particularly to destroy commercial ships of the enemy."

"England months ago declared the whole of the North Sea a war area. German warships heretofore have destroyed merchant ships belonging to the enemy only when there was every certainty that their passengers and crew could get away safely. But in the future this forbearance must be subordinated to military considerations and since England, by measures inadmissible under international law, has paralyzed neutral commerce with Germany in an attempt to force upon the German civilian population death by starvation."

"Any," continued Herr von Jagow, "hostile merchantmen have no right to sail."

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Receiver Appointed For Old Drug Firm

General Business Depression Causes Meyer Bros. Drug Co. to Surrender.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 9.—A receiver was appointed today for the Meyer Bros. Drug Company, a large wholesale firm, on petition of three creditors, whose claims aggregated \$40,000.

They allege that the debts of the firm to other creditors exceed \$500,000. The firm was established 60 years ago, and according to the petition, its business ran into the millions annually.

Because of the general business depression, it is stated, the firm has been unable to collect accounts aggregating \$400,000 and therefore could not pay maturing debts, obtain credit for necessary purchases or borrow money for such purposes.

Cornerstone of Lincoln Memorial. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Laying of the cornerstone of the Lincoln memorial here will take place Friday, the 16th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, without any formal ceremonies. It will mark completion of the heavy foundations which have been under construction a year in Potomac Park. Completion of the memorial will require three years more.

Secretary and Mrs. Daniels Entertain. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary and Mrs. Daniels gave a dinner tonight to members of the cabinet and their wives on board the presidential yacht *Mayflower*. Other guests included Miss Gandy, Mrs. Daniels' sister; Justice McKeeney, of the supreme court; J. P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, and Mrs. Tumulty, and Representatives Webb and Small of North Carolina.

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DOUBLE MURDER

Bodies of Priest and Housekeeper Found With Rope Around Neck of Each.

(By Associated Press.) NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 9.—A double murder, veiled in mystery was discovered today when the bodies of the Rev. Joseph Zebria and his housekeeper, Miss Iva Gillman, were found in the rectory of Saint Andrew's Lithuanian church here. There were bullet wounds in both bodies and a rope was tightly tied about the neck of each.

Miss Gillman's body was found in an attic room, the door of which was locked and the key broken in the lock. Mr. Zebria's body was on the floor of his study on the first floor. The rectory had been ransacked. Tools used by burglars were found in the house. The police say they have no clue to the identity of the murderer. It is known the priest had received threatening letters demanding money. The circumstances indicated the police say, the priest was killed first, and Miss Gillman, coming to his rescue, was pursued upstairs and shot and strangled.

Children Dying From Lack of Nourishment

Eight Hundred Thousand Inhabitants Face Starvation in Serbia.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Famine threatens Serbia unless the people can obtain food grain and farm tools, according to a statement issued tonight by a committee, formed to seek aid in America for Serbia women and children whose homes have been devastated by the Austrian invasions.

Eight hundred thousand inhabitants face starvation, the committee said, and added that six of the most fertile cities of Serbia, half the children are dying from lack of nourishment and medicine and from cold and exposure.

All of the able-bodied men of Serbia are at the front, said the statement. The women and children must plant and cultivate the crops, but now the farms are devastated, buildings and implements burnt, and livestock destroyed.

Railway Completed. DANTE, Va., Feb. 9.—The last spike in the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio extension from Elkhorn City, Ky., to this place, was driven here today by George L. Carter, who conceived the "Clinchfield Route." The extension passes through Sandy Ridge tunnel, which is 8,000 feet long and is said to be the longest in the south.

Nicholas Williams McIvor Dies in Japan

Was Born in Cheraw, S. C.—Was Appointed Consul-General to Yokohama in 1893.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Feb. 9.—Nicholas Williams McIvor, formerly United States consul-general and judge of the United States circuit court at Yokohama, died today at St. Luke's hospital here of uraemia.

Nicholas W. McIvor was born in Cheraw, S. C., in 1850 and was educated at Trinity College. He studied law at Harvard. He was appointed consul-general to Yokohama in 1893 and during the Sino-Japanese war held via protestant over the Chinese of Japan.

Prior to going to Japan Mr. McIvor practiced law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

To Teach Mutilated Soldiers Trades. PARIS, Feb. 9.—(4:50 p. m.)—The French cabinet has decided to create a national school where mutilated soldiers will be taught trades. It will be located at St. Maurice, near Charenton.

Greece Expects Protection. ATHENS, via London, Feb. 9.—(2:27 p. m.)—In response to a declaration of a war zone about the British Isles, Greece today declared that her rights be respected. Referring to the German declaration that English vessels were to use neutral flags, the government contends that Greece cannot be held responsible for the acts of other nations.

The government intimates that Greece expects her ships will continue to enjoy the guarantees provided by international law.

Join British Cruiser. HAVANA, Feb. 9.—A French armored cruiser, apparently the *Gonde*, arrived off the port today and joined the British cruiser *Bristol*, which for some weeks has been alternating with the British cruiser *Berwick* in watching the port and cruising outside Cuban territorial waters. There is much speculation in official circles regarding the purpose and the presence of these cruisers.

TO PURCHASE HOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A resolution authorizing a commission to purchase Monticello, the historic Virginia home of Thomas Jefferson, and to preserve it as a memorial was introduced today by Representative Henry of Texas. The president, secretary of state, two senators and two representatives would compose the commission which would be authorized to pay \$500,000 for the property.

RUSSIAN ARMY GROWS STRONGER

DECLARES PREMIER GOREMYKIN IN ADDRESS AT OPENING OF DUMA

M. SOZNOFF REVIEWS WAR

Russian Foreign Minister Says the Allies' Goal is Assured.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—(via London, 11:15 p. m.)—The short session of the Duma opened today in the presence of ministers, members of the council of empire, diplomatic representatives, and a throng that filled the balconies. The opening was presided by an impressive religious service in the immense foyer of the chamber in which cabinet ministers and the Duma officials participated. The session itself opened with the singing by the entire assemblage of the Russian national anthem.

President Rodzianko made a complimentary reference to work of the allies in the war, whereupon the entire body of members rose and faced the box in which sat the ambassadors of France, Great Britain and Japan and gave them an ovation.

The present sitting of the Duma is continuation of the adjourned session of last August and therefore there was no election of officers.

Premier Goremykin, addressing the house, said: "Now that the successful issue of the war is becoming more than ever apparent the profound confidence of the Russian people in our final triumph is becoming an absolute conviction. The army, notwithstanding losses, is stronger than ever. Its exploits and the valuable services rendered by the allies bring ever nearer the desired goal."

"The close union of the Russian people brought about by the war has been rendered stronger by the conquest of Galicia, the only jewel hitherto lacking in the imperial crown. No less satisfactory is the gradual rapprochement between the Russian and Polish people."

"Since last I addressed you a great event has taken place. Turkey has (Continued on Page Four)

Smallpox Adjourns Arizona Legislature

Assembly Chambers Being Fumigated—Governor Hunt Among Those Exposed.

(By Associated Press.) PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 9.—An outbreak of smallpox in the Arizona legislature forced both houses to adjourn for two days today while the assembly chambers are being fumigated. Samuel Briscoe, a representative, and W. B. Lanier, reading clerk, are ill of the disease. Many legislators had visited Briscoe before his ailment was diagnosed as smallpox.

Governor Hunt was among those who were exposed to the contagion. He shook hands with Briscoe. The governor, most of the legislators and a number of other State officers were vaccinated today.

Inquiry at Standstill. YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Inquiry into the deaths of eight aged inmates of the German Old Fellows' home here was virtually at a standstill tonight. Coroner Dunn was awaiting a report from an alienist, who has been under observation in a New York city hospital. Fred Mors, the former nurse at the home, who in a recent confession said he was responsible for the death by administering poison and anaesthetics.

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BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA

Largest Warship to Be Constructed in United States Will Be Launched March 16.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 9.—The 31,000-ton battleship *Pennsylvania*, the largest warship yet to be constructed in America, will be launched here March 16, according to an announcement today by the builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Miss Elizabeth Kolb, of Germantown, Pa., has been named to christen the ship.

Secretary Daniels and other government officials, as well as officers of the State of Pennsylvania, plan to attend the launching, it is announced. The *Pennsylvania* is to be of 4,000 tons greater displacement than the newest United States superdreadnaughts, the *Texas* and *New York*.

VILLA INVITES THE DIPLOMATS

ASKS THEM TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN ANY CITY UNDER HIS CONTROL

WILL BE SHOWN EVERY COURTESY

Advices Concerning Military Activity Tells of Defeat of Carranza Forces at Monterey.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—General Villa today formally invited the diplomatic corps to Mexico City to take up residence in any city under his control. The invitation was extended through his representative here, Enrique C. Lorente, who conferred at length with Secretary Bryan.

No recognition of the Villa government was asked for, but the diplomats were promised that if they came within the region under Villa's jurisdiction they would be shown every courtesy and convenience. While Secretary Bryan made no comment, it is understood the invitation will be transmitted informally through the state department to the Brazilian minister at Mexico City for consideration of the diplomats generally.

There have been reports that owing to friction with Carranza authorities some diplomats are considering leaving Mexico City and Carranza is understood to have invited them to go to Vera Cruz, his capital.

Advices concerning military activity in Mexico received by the state department told of the defeat of Carranza forces at Monterey.

Elicio Arredondo, Carranza agent here, tonight gave out a telegram from General Carranza saying it was not true that the State of Coahuila had declared itself independent, but that since the arrival of the Constitutionalist army in Mexico City it had recognized and continues to recognize this chiefdom.

The telegram also said there was no truth in reports that conditions in Tampico were bad for Americans. "In this connection," Carranza said, "I wish it clearly understood once and for all that this government is in no sense anti-foreign in its tendencies. One of my highest desires is to treat all foreigners with a careful and considerate justness."

Will Standstill Five Minutes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The American Express company announced today that the business of that company over 73,000 miles of railroad in this country would be brought to a standstill for five minutes at noon tomorrow as a mark of respect to the memory of James C. Fargo, for 30 years president of the company, who died last night.

ABANDON HOPE SETTLING STRIKE

Negotiations Between Ohio Miners and Government Conciliation Broken Off.

FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM

Commission Has Transported or Arranged For Transportation 280,431 Tons of Food.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 9.—Hope of a settlement of the strike of 15,000 eastern Ohio coal miners was abandoned tonight when negotiations between miners and operators directed by government conciliators were broken off. All parties to the conference admitted tonight there was no present hope of a settlement of the strike which has lasted up the coal mines since last April. Daniel J. Keefe and Hywel Davies, conciliators appointed by the department of labor, concede that their labors are ended. They will so report to Secretary of Labor Wilson.

Coal operators will meet tomorrow, it is understood, to discuss the advisability of reopening the mines on an open show basis.

Neutral Flag Saves Ship.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Captain C. G. Green, of the British steamship *Batiscan*, here from Rotterdam, for a new relief cargo for Belgium, told today how his ship possibly was saved from being torpedoed because it flew the neutrality flag, reading "Commission for Relief in Belgium."

With Cleveland Americans. LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 9.—Floyd Wright, outfielder of the Kentucky University baseball team, signed today to play with the Cleveland Americans. He will not be graduated, but will report at San Antonio on February 26.

IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE END

SENATE SETTLES DOWN FOR ANOTHER ALL-NIGHT DEBATE

SESSION BEGAN EARLY MONDAY

Leaders Declare Fight May Last For a Week With Interruption.

(By Associated Press.) WILL SEEK Closure Amendment. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Formal notice in writing that he would seek a closure amendment to the senate rules to end debate on the administration shipping bill at 2 o'clock p. m., February 10, and cause a final vote to be taken three hours later, was given by Senator Reed late tonight when the senate had been in continuous session for more than 36 hours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate settled down early tonight for another all-night debate on the administration ship purchase bill after Republicans and insurgent Democrats failed early in the evening to end the session, which began early yesterday. When the end would come no one would predict.

Administration leaders declared the session might last for a week without interruption. Opposition leaders, however, said an effort would be made tomorrow to break the deadlock.

Republicans were surprised at the strength commanded by the administration forces when Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, moved that the senate adjourn until noon tomorrow. They had hoped that Senator Norris, progressive Republican, would not stand with the Democratic majority on the motion. Senator Norris, however, voted against adjournment as did Senator LaFollette. Senator Kenyon voted with the administration forces for the first time since the beginning of the fight. The vote was 48 to 46.

Had the opposition alliance forced adjournment Republicans had planned to try to displace the bill tomorrow by a motion to take up for consideration the postoffice appropriation measure and then an attempt may yet be made. Should it succeed administration leaders probably would be unable to get the pending measure before the senate again between now and March 4.

In the light of the vote tonight Democratic leaders were confident their lines would hold, although some Republicans intimated that Senator Norris might soon desert the majority unless the filibuster could be broken and the continuous session ended.

After the strenuous all-night session Monday the day in the senate was an exciting one, enlivened by parliamentary entanglements and denunciations of proceedings by insurgent Democrats.

FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM

Commission Has Transported or Arranged For Transportation 280,431 Tons of Food.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—According to a weekly report by the commissioner for relief in Belgium, issued today, the commission has transported, to date or arranged for transportation, a total of 280,431 tons of food in 46 ships. The report shows there has been unloaded today at Rotterdam 85,180 tons of food from United States ports; that there are six steamers in transit to Rotterdam carrying 40,450 tons of food; that the commission has three steamships representing a tonnage of 21,900 tons now loading in various ports of the United States; 11 ships in transit to American ports to load 64,300 tons of cargo, and 11 ships representing a tonnage of 68,600 tons on a charter for future loading.

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