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WAR BREAK WITH AUSTRIA.

Reply to United States Is Considered Unsatisfactory and New Note Will be Sent at Once.

Russian Invasion of Bulgaria Delayed by Massing of German Troops on Eastern Front—Teutonic Allies also Mass Force on Grecian Frontier to Await Result of Election Before Invading Territory—Gigantic Aeroplane Raid Proves Destructive to Austrians—No Change in France.

Washington, D. C., December 17.—The Austrian reply to the United States demand in the Ancona case are considered wholly unsatisfactory. The message was considered at length by the cabinet today, after which Secretary Lansing was given absolute authority to deal with the entire subject. The note fails to respond in any way to the American position and is regarded either as a delay for time or a rejection of the United States demands. Secretary Lansing will dispatch a note within a few days stating that unless Austria replies to the original note with a disavowal and promises indemnity, amicable relations no longer will be possible. The consensus of opinion of the cabinet is that a break must come.

ENDORSE AUSTRIAN REPLY.

German Papers Believe Ancona Case Depends on Questions of Fact. Dec. 17.—German newspapers with the exception of the full-page reply to the United States. Their opinion is believed to reflect the official views of the matter. The message is that the issue has been reduced to a question of facts and the papers state that these will be arbitrarily settled by strong counts.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The reply of Austria's reply arrived at one o'clock this morning and the work of decoding was immediately begun in order that the message may be considered at a cabinet meeting at 11 o'clock. Austria's demand for a bill of particulars will be granted, but the administration is determined to bring the matter to settlement without unnecessary delay. Wilson has practically given Lansing full power to deal with Austria as the secretary thinks best.

PUP UP TO AUSTRIA.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The responsibility for any future relations between the United States and Austria must rest with Vienna. This was made plain today when it was stated at the State department that America's second note will not be an ultimatum but will simply reiterate the demand for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and makes it clear that the United States cannot discuss the principles of submarine warfare which have been settled for all time. If Austria has any new evidence on the Ancona case this country will be glad to consider it, otherwise a prompt disavowal is expected.

It is expected that the United States note will be on the way to Vienna by midnight. The officials hold out no hope that a break will be avoided.

AUSTRIAN NOTE MADE PUBLIC.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Austrian note has been made public. It varies little from the press accounts. After referring to the sharpness of the American note in a rather supercilious way, Austria agrees to enter into a discussion of the case and asks for the facts upon which the United States based its demand.

GERMANY THREATENS GREECE.

Athens, Dec. 18.—Germany has protested to Greece against the erection of new fortifications by the allies at Saloniki. The German minister told the Greek premier his country "views with deep regret the apparent intention of Greece to depart from its neutrality." The newspaper Hestia declares that the Teutons and Bulgarians are seeking an excuse to invade Greece.

GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK.

London, Dec. 18.—The German battleship guarding the entrance to the Belt was blown up and all aboard were lost.

GREEKS WON'T INTERFERE.

Saloniki, Dec. 18.—The Allies were formally notified today that Greek troops will not interfere with fighting on Greek soil should the Teutons con-

tinue the pursuit of the Anglo-French.

DERBY RECRUITS CALLED.

England Calls Large Number of Men to Colors. London, Dec. 18.—A Royal proclamation has been circulated calling to the colors on January 20th groups one, two, three, four, five of the recruits attested under Lord Derby's plan. These classes include single men from 18 to 42 years old. It is unofficially stated that Lord Derby's plan has added one million, seven hundred thousand recruits to the army.

GERMANS RESUME OFFENSIVE.

Gen. von Hindenburg Begins Attack on Riga Front. Petrograd, Dec. 18.—Gen. von Hindenburg has begun an offensive on the Riga-Dvinsk line. The attack opened with a cannonade which is still in progress.

Austrian Submarine Sunk.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from The Hague states that an Austrian submarine struck a mine near Cattaro in the Adriatic and sank with all aboard.

Skirmishes in France.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A battle with bombs east of Rocquencourt, and artillery duels at several points were the only operations during the night.

LAST WORD TO AUSTRIA.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing and other officials believe there is little expectation that Austria will yield to the American demands on the Ancona case. The last word to Austria is now en route to Vienna. It is likely it will be delivered there Thursday. On the final reply to Austria hinges the future relations between the two countries. Confidential official advices indicate that the anti-American element controls in Vienna.

SEEKS DATA ON FERTILIZER.

South Carolina Congressman Urges Trade Commission to Take up Price Question. Washington, Dec. 18.—It has come to the attention of Chairman Lever of the house committee on agriculture that the prices of nitrate of soda and acid phosphate for the coming crop year have been doubled practically over prices for last year.

To the mind of Mr. Lever the matter is of such serious importance to the cotton growers of the South as to warrant him in asking the trade commission to make a thorough investigation into the matter with a view of ascertaining if these increased prices result from natural causes or from a combination of the sellers of these two ingredients of commercial fertilizers. Mr. Lever has the promise of William J. Harris, the Southern member of the commission, to look into the situation very promptly and thoroughly.

LITTLE FAITH IN FORD.

Norwegians Admire Idealism But Doubt Success of Expedition. Christiania, Dec. 20.—Henry Ford's peace expedition leaves for Stockholm Wednesday. Ford expects to add ten Norwegians to the expedition before departure. Ford is reported to be suffering with influenza. The American delegates were tendered a reception by the Norwegian students association. The association president in his welcoming address said he admired the delegates' idealism, but doubted the success of their efforts to restore peace.

President Taft Ill.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 20.—Former President Taft was taken from a train here ill today and placed in bed at the home of George Eberton, a college classmate. Mr. Taft was seized with chills on the train. His condition is not believed to be serious.

WITHDRAW FROM GALLIOLI.

ALLIED FORCES ENGAGED IN DARDANELLES WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER POINTS.

Election in Greece Results in Victory of Neutrality Party, Meaning That Policy of Nation Will be Unchanged—Berlin Reports Sally of Teutonic Fleet—Allies Prepare for Attack at Saloniki.

London, Dec. 20.—The Allied troops are being withdrawn from Gallipoli, the war office announced today. The official statement said that all troops on the Anzac and Suvla bay fronts are being sent "elsewhere."

It is reported that the troops withdrawn may be sent to the Balkans and Egypt. The withdrawal of the Allied forces will release a quarter of a million Turkish troops for other service.

ONLY INSIGNIFICANT LOSS.

British Make Safe Get Away from Gallipoli. London, Dec. 20.—The war office statement regarding the withdrawal of troops from Gallipoli says: "All troops at Suvla and Anzac, with guns and stores have been transferred to another sphere of operations. There were only slight insignificant casualties."

BATTLE IN PERSIA.

Russians and Persians Engage in Severe Fighting. Bucharest, Dec. 20.—Severe fighting between Persian grenadiers and Russians has occurred around Kuhn and Mahadan, Persia. The Persians retired, after heavy losses.

GREECE REMAINS NEUTRAL.

Anti War Party Wins Victory in Elections. Athens, Dec. 20.—The neutrality party, led by former Premier Gounaris, was victorious in yesterday's elections, according to the latest returns. This means that Greece's attitude will be unchanged. The Greek press struck a blow at former Premier Venizelos's pro-ally policies.

SALONIKI BEING FORTIFIED.

Allies Mounting Big Guns to Sweep All Approaches. Saloniki, Dec. 20.—Big French and British guns have been planted to sweep all approaches to Saloniki. A blizzard swept down the Vardar valley destroying a part of the Allies' cantonments.

GERMANS HUNT FIGHT.

German Fleet Search North Sea for British Warships. Berlin, Dec. 20.—A part of the German fleet has put to sea, but failed to encounter British warships, the admiralty officially announced. "A detachment of the fleet searched the North sea for enemy ships. Friday and Saturday they cruised into the Skagerrack. Fifty-two vessels were searched. No British ships were seen anywhere."

BATTLE IN NORTH SEA.

Rotterdam, Dec. 20.—Heavy cannonading has been heard off the Hook of Holland in the North Sea. The continued firing indicated that several ships were engaged.

British Loss at Kutelmar.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The British losses during the Turkish attacks at Kutelmar aggregate a thousand men, the war office report declared.

30,000 Austrian Prisoners.

Rome, Dec. 20.—Thirty thousand Austrian prisoners were captured by the Servians in the Balkans and transferred to Albania, will be taken to Italy.

French Lose Position.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The war office admitted today that French troops evacuated a position on the north bank of the Aisne, after holding it three days.

Montenegri GUILTY OF TREACHERY.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The war office official statement accuses the Montenegri of treachery.

VILLA NOT BARRED.

Revolutionary Leader Will Seek Safety in United States. Washington, Dec. 20.—Francisco Villa will not be barred from the United States. The immigration officials announced that no special orders have been issued regarding Villa's entrance. They believe he will be admitted by the El Paso authorities. Reports reaching here say Villa will arrive at El Paso sometime today.

MORE GERMANS ARRESTED.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO BLOW UP CANAL.

Wide-Spread Conspiracy of German Agents to Destroy Canals and Munition Plants Gradually Being Unearthed by Secret Service Agents.

New York, Dec. 17.—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Lyendecker were arrested tonight by agents of the department of justice, charged with conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal.

Koenig, under the name of Stemmler, it was charged, was responsible for obtaining from Gustav Stahl the affidavit, in which he said he had seen guns on board the Lusitania the day before she sailed on her last voyage. Stahl was convicted on a charge of perjury and sentenced to eighteen months in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

Koenig was arrested at 45 Broadway in the offices of the Hamburg-American Line. Before the war he was in charge of the steamship company's bureau of investigation, but since then it is charged he has been the head of the German secret service in the United States.

Lyendecker was taken into custody at his office at 345 5th avenue, where he has been selling antiques. The agents of the department of justice declare they found in his office maps and drawings of the Welland Canal. Both men are said to have admitted that they had been along the canal on the American side, but asserted that they did not cross into Canada.

BANK CLERK ARRESTED.

New York, Dec. 18.—Continuing the search for Germans accused of plotting the destruction of the Welland Canal the police today arrested Frederick Schendel, aged 27, a clerk in the National City bank. In his room were found documents stolen from the bank giving in detail the amounts of money shipped here by the Allies, the names of munition ships, with the amount of munitions carried and maps of the canal. Schendel is said to have confessed that he kept Koenig supplied with information.

Schendel was held on \$25,000 bail on the charge of stealing documents from the bank. Several other arrests are expected.

CONFERS WITH CHANCELLOR.

United States Ambassador and Bethmann-Hollweg Hold Extended Conversation. Berlin, Dec. 18 (via London).—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor, today sent for James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and the two held an extended conference concerning German-American relations. No statement regarding the subjects discussed was obtainable, but the Ancona affair and the threatening reflex effect on German-American relations may possibly have furnished the occasion for the conference. It was learned only today that the text of the Ancona note published here, on which Austro-German newspapers based their comment, is incomplete, the phrase regarding the stopping of the ship having been omitted in transmission.

CHICAGO TO STOP CRIME.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The first move to clear Chicago of crime and purge the police department, pronounced last week by Mayor Thompson to be "rotten and honeycombed with grafters in collusion with crooks," was taken tonight by Chief Charles Healy of the police department, who sent out a drastic order to police captains to suppress crime or suffer suspension.

Chief Healy's order warned commanding officers that charges would be filed with the civil service commission against any captain whose district showed an increase in crime without a corresponding increase in arrests.

Each captain is to be held strictly accountable for crimes in his district. The mayor in a statement made after a conference with Chief Healy the assistant chief of police and the president of the civil service commission said that he and the other conferees were convinced that there was collusion between members of the police department and criminals. He asserted that murders of policemen had been numerous and that some of the officers apparently had been victims of plots within the department.

COTTON GROWERS WARNED.

SOUTHERN CONGRESS GIVES ADVICE TO PLANTERS.

Past Has Shown That Salvation of Country Lies in Diversification of Crops—Told to Prepare for Boll Weevil.

Charleston, Dec. 17.—Immediately following the morning session of the Southern Commercial congress today an informal conference of the members of the Southern Cotton congress was held in the convention hall, presided over by E. J. Watson, the president of the congress, at which after a brief discussion the president was authorized and instructed to issue to the cotton growers of the South a brief but emphatic appeal, looking to the handling of the situation the coming year.

In accordance with that action President Watson before leaving Charleston tonight issued the following statement to the cotton growers of the South:

"Inasmuch as a price has now been restored for cotton and is seemingly having the effect of making many producers in the cotton belt forget the lessons of the past 18 months and fail to plant substantial acreages to grain and other food and feed crops, in accordance with instructions given me I do most earnestly appeal to all farmers in the South to again follow the programme that was urged and adopted for the year 1915 in their planting operations.

"Every farmer is especially urged to plant an ample acreage of wheat and oats, to use all natural soilings crops possible, to raise hogs and cattle and poultry in sufficient quantity to supply as far as possible the needs of the Southern States; to make use of lime and raw phosphate rock, to bring into play inoculation of legumes and to employ in every possible way nature's methods of fertilization of the soil; when all this is done then to plant only a reasonable acreage to cotton and a large acreage to corn and cow peas and in this manner make cotton a true surplus crop as it always should have been made.

"It is of vital concern to the welfare and prosperity of the South that bankers, merchants and all others join heartily in the execution the coming year of the programme so successfully followed in the year 1915, and the Southern Cotton congress earnestly urges every agency wielding influence in the Southern States to join in the effort to successfully execute such a programme."

THE PRESIDENTIAL HONEYMOON.

President and Bride in Seclusion at Hot Springs, Va. Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20.—The president and his bride are enjoying their honeymoon in seclusion. An auto ride was the only outside diversion today. They spent a part of the day on the sun veranda outside their suite. The president has expressed a desire for complete seclusion, and no visitors will be received. All meals are taken in private dining room. The president after breakfast dictated replies to official cablegrams of congratulations. The weather today is perfect.

ROUMANIAN GENERAL SUICIDES.

Munich Newspapers Announce That Commander of Second Corps Has Taken Own Life. Geneva, Dec. 19.—Munich newspapers announce the suicide of Gen. Joneco, commanding the Second Rumanian corps. According to the story, the general was suspected of having been bribed by one of the powers. The minister of war ordered an inquiry and his suspicions being confirmed he sent two officers to inform Gen. Joneco of the result of the investigation. Two hours later Gen. Joneco killed himself.

TO OPEN CANAL SOON.

Light Draft Vessels Can Pass Today. Panama, Dec. 18.—The Panama canal, which has been closed since September last by the worst slide in its history, will be opened again tomorrow for the passage of vessels drawing less than 20 feet. Providing that no further earth slides occur the canal will be ready for the transit of vessels of all drafts shortly after the first of the year.

Villa Well Received.

Washington, Dec. 20.—State department has instructed the war department to see that Gen. Villa is accorded the best treatment by the American officers on the border.

DRAINAGE WORK ADVANCED.

ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR SOUTHERN STATES.

Next Convention to Be Held at Port Lauderdale Near Reclamation Operations.

Charleston, Dec. 17.—At the conclusion of the regular programme this morning, accepting the suggestion of Commissioner Watson as president of the National Drainage congress, the members of that congress who were present at the open forum proceeded to the immediate formation of the Southern States Drainage and Reclamation association.

Immediately the election of officers was entered upon, resulting in the selection of Samuel G. Stoney of Charleston, president, and W. H. Marshall of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as vice president. The executive committee chosen consisted of: Alabama, J. A. Wade, Montgomery; Florida, T. J. Campbell, Palm Beach; South Carolina, J. Watson, Columbia; North Carolina, Dr. Jos. Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; Georgia, Dr. W. McCallie, Atlanta; Virginia, George W. Kolner, Richmond.

Commissioner Watson in calling attention to the fact that the South Carolina drainage law had just been upheld in the court and announcing his resignation as president of the South Carolina association, urged the complete reorganization of that association for active work. This was entered upon with the selection of Samuel G. Stoney of Charleston as president and J. Monroe Johnson of Marion as secretary. The new president was instructed to call a meeting for the purpose of completing the reorganization at some point in the State at the earliest possible moment.

Before the session closed Mr. Marshall presented an invitation to the Southern States association to hold its annual meeting during the month of February at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the invitation was unanimously accepted. The point indicated is near the extensive reclamation work now in progress in the State of Florida and special arrangements will be made for all delegates to carefully study this great undertaking at first hand.

BETHEA SPEAKS AT CHRISTIANA.

Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina Tells Norwegian Students of Peace Movement. London, Dec. 20.—A Copenhagen dispatch to Reuters says that members of the Ford peace party spoke last evening before the Norwegian student union in Christiania. The American minister, Albert G. Schmedeman and the rector of the University of Christiania, were in the audience which crowded the hall.

Henry Ford was prevented from speaking by influenza, but the Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Miss Katherine M. Brewster and Lieut. Gov. Andrew J. Bethea of South Carolina, addressed the meeting.

Lewis P. Lochner, general secretary of the expedition explained the intentions of Mr. Ford and his co-workers. The Norwegian chairman of the meeting gave assurances of the students' genuine interest.

NEWSPAPER MEN QUIT?

Correspondents Said to Be About to Desert Peace Party. London, Dec. 19.—A Christiania dispatch to the Morning Post says that several newspaper correspondents, as the result of a quarrel, will quit the Ford peace expedition while the steamer is in that port.

FATHER SAVES CHILD.

Frank Edgerton Leaps Forty Feet From Bridge. Central Village, Conn., Dec. 18.—To rescue his 5-year-old daughter, Hazel, from drowning in the Moosup river, Frank Edgerton of this place leaped 40 feet from a railroad bridge into the deep, swift stream here today and after a desperate struggle reached the child and brought her ashore. Neither father nor daughter suffered greatly from the adventure. The child had made a misstep and slipped through the bridge.

WAR AMONG PACIFISTS.

Ford Party Too Busy Settling Disputes Among Themselves to End War. Aboard Oscar II, Dec. 18.—The Ford peace expedition has abandoned hope of getting the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. All efforts will be devoted to restoring peace among the peace delegates. The breach over the preparedness program has not been healed.