

PRESIDENT PREPARING SECOND TREATY TO AUSTRIAN ANCONA

Continuance of Friendly Relations of Two Countries Will Depend on Reply to Be Requested at Once.

IN MEANTIME HINTS OF POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT

That Vienna Has No Desire to Cause Break in Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson began work this morning on the second note to the Austrian government on the sinking of the Ancona. The friendly relations between the United States and Austria, it was stated authoritatively, are near the breaking point and their continuance will depend entirely on the reply that Austria will be asked to make immediately.

From an authoritative Teutonic source came the information that the Vienna government had no desire to be the cause of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary being severed. It was said that if the second note left an avenue for it, the foreign office probably would agree to all the demands made by the United States.

The second note will be called to Ambassador Penfold for presentation to the Vienna foreign office at an earliest possible moment. It is considered probable that it will be started by Monday afternoon. It has been determined, it was said, that the note shall state the position and views of the United States emphatically, that it shall be even more vigorous than the first note, which was the most drastic of all the diplomatic communications of the United States has sent during the present war.

Diplomatic relations, between the two countries, although in danger of being broken off, are not likely to be continued, at least for there has been another exchange of notes with Vienna, and so the crisis may be said not to be in its final stage. Another note setting forth why the reply is not acceptable will go forward to Vienna, before the situation takes on its final phase. In the meantime there are some hints of formal negotiations which might smooth the troubled situation.

The frequent calls of Baron Ziehl, the Austrian chargé, at the state department give some indication along that line and those who expect that in the end the difficulty will be adjusted count on the influence of Berlin to counsel Vienna to avoid any break with the United States. So far as appeared today the situation has not affected President Wilson's plan to go on a honeymoon. Before leaving the capital, however, he will see Secretary Lansing on the outlines of a reply to the Austrian note. If there should be further change in the situation, Secretary Lansing would go to confer with the president at the place where he will spend his honeymoon.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to the American note in regard to the sinking of the Ancona, was received at the state department before the night and early this morning was being deciphered to the public. The note has not yet been delayed in transmission, was reported just ahead of the reply. The president said that the reply had been forwarded to him by the Vienna foreign office on Wednesday at noon and

Arrested for Plotting to Destroy Welland Canal

New York, Dec. 18.—Charged with conspiring in a military enterprise to destroy the Welland canal, the waterway which connects Lake Erie and Lake Huron, three men are under arrest today awaiting arraignment before a United States commissioner, while a fourth is in the custody of the government authorities.

Those who are under arrest are Paul Koehn, formerly head of the business of investigation of the Hamburg-American Steamship line, who is charged with being the leader of the conspiracy, and Richard Leadenbeck, retailer of art goods in this city, a naturalized American, alleged to have been the one who suggested that he had immediately forwarded it.

TRANSPORT WAS BLOWN UP BY FLOATING MINE

Italian Ship Struck Mine While Rushing to Aid of Steamer, Going Down.

Rome, Dec. 16.—(Delayed)—Details have just been announced concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer *Umberto* in the Adriatic sea, recently wrecked by a floating mine which was blown up by the Italian ship *Umberto* while rushing to the aid of the steamer *Umberto* which was struck a mine and was about to go down.

SEED CORN SHOW IS IN SESSION

Fred Sams Wins G. E. Lee Prize for Best Report on Work.

The heavy rains of yesterday and last night reduced attendance at the annual Seed Corn show held here today. At noon 83 entries had been made and the contest was in progress. The prize for the best report on the work of the Corn club committee of the Asheville board of trade, called the meeting to order and the contest was over. The prize of \$10 in gold offered by George E. Lee of this city was won by Fred Sams of Stockville.

Madison County Man Gets Rich in Army

Major James Deaver Said to Be Worth \$100,000—Has Recently Retired.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—Sergeant Major James Deaver, United States marine corps, west coast enlisted man in the United States service, was retired here recently after thirty years continuous service with the United States army, possessing real estate, stocks, bonds, mortgages and personal property valued at more than one hundred thousand dollars.

Deaver had no capital when he entered the marine corps in 1885 and has been dependent entirely on his military pay for so long as he may live. By strict economy Deaver managed to save several thousand dollars in the first fourteen years with the marines, and when he was transferred to Seattle in 1899 he had a small fortune.

Major Deaver was born in the city of Madison, N. C. 57 years ago. Major Deaver has been visiting relatives and friends at around Marshall Sunday, December 15, for the first time in Seattle, Washington, via the Panama canal.

ISHI DOCTRINE MAY BE FORCED ON CHINA BY THE JAPANESE

Peking, Dec. 18.—With the Ishi doctrine prevail in the far east? This question is over shadowing all others now in the Chinese press. The efforts of Japan to delay the monarchical movement in China, following immediately upon Baron Ishihara's taking over the foreign office in Tokio, has moved the Chinese press to christen Japan's assumption of the Ishi doctrine.

This policy of Japan, now some-what known as the Ishi doctrine, is discussed by the Chinese press as comparable to the Ishi doctrine of the Japanese. Chinese resent very bitterly the attitude of Japan in her relations with China, and demand that China shall not grant Japan the right to establish a special trade mission in Japan.

CONGRESS HAS TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY OFF DEBT

Adjourned Until After Christmas Following Passage by Senate of Bill Extending Emergency Tax.

WILL RECONVENE AT NOON ON JANUARY 4

House Devoted Day to Discussing National Defense — Tariff Argument Develops in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The capital for the past two weeks the scene of congressional activity today was practically deserted. Virtually all the members of congress, following the adjournment last night, were homebound, not to return until the re-opening of the national legislature on January 4. One of the final acts was the passage of the house joint resolution, extending the emergency revenue law until December 31, 1919.

The adoption of the resolution in the senate yesterday afternoon, following the adjournment of the house, was a vote of 45 to 29. The measure had the full support of the democrats and some opposition of the republicans.

From the adjournment there was a general exodus of members for their homes. The day in the house was devoted to speeches on national defense. Discussion of the war revenue resolution in the senate resolved itself into a tariff argument, republicans assailing the Underwood law as inadequate and condemning the general tariff policy of the administration.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, in his first senate speech vigorously upheld the tariff which bears his name and challenged republicans to compare it with the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the finance committee, in response to questions from the republicans, said he understood to be the administration's plan to propose further revenue legislation after the holidays, and that his impression was there would be issuance of bonds to defray increased government expenses.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, who led in the minority attack on the resolution, interrupted Senator Underwood's speech to draw a picture of the present position in the steel business was due to the war and the purchases by belligerent governments.

BASEBALL LEAGUES WILL ADVANCE INTO GREECE, REPORT

Officers and Club Owners of Big Leagues Met For Conference in New York City Today.

MAY END THE WAR AND CAUSE REORGANIZATION

National American, Federal and International Leagues Are Represented at Peace Gathering.

New York, Dec. 18.—Peace in organized baseball seemed nearer late last night when a conference between the national commission representing the National and American leagues, and the officers and club owners of the Federal league adjourned. The chief point of discussion at the meeting was the legality of the National and American leagues concluding an agreement before Jim by the Federal league.

The conference is regarded as the most important club in the two major leagues, notably the National and American leagues. Members of the National and American leagues were at the Waldorf Astoria hotel today, ready to welcome the peace envoys of the American league, headed by President Ben Johnson, who are sent from Chicago to Chicago to meet the other league.

The American league men left Chicago yesterday and 3 o'clock was the hour set for the opening of the conference. So far as is known, no conference committee for the National commission has been appointed today.

To represent the Federal league are President James D. Gilmore, Harry Stinson, of Oklahoma, owner of the Newark, N. J. club and Chas. Wessner of Chicago. Phillip Hall, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals has been invited by Mr. Sinclair to come and take part in the conference.

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WEATHER FORECAST. FAIR AND COLDER.

It Is Said Teutonic Forces Are Preparing to Cross Border to Attack Allied Troops at Saloniki.

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN GREECE TOMORROW

King Constantine Remains In Disposed—Whether Bulgarians Will Invade Greece Is Vital Question.

London, Dec. 18.—The unprecedented military situation in Greece has developed a new crisis. The allied troops, which according to the British papers number 200,000, are fortifying themselves about Saloniki, digging trenches and placing guns. It is reported that the German are preparing to advance into Greek territory to attack them.

Whether the Bulgarians will also cross the Greek border is a vital question to the Greeks. It is believed that a Bulgarian advance would re-ignite old animosities and would draw Greece into the conflict.

London, Dec. 17.—With affairs in Greece assuming a quieter character, there is a partial deflection of interest in the European capitals to the Italian plans regarding Albania. The general belief seems to be that the operations in this new field of war will be on a grand scale. Italians in strength are already safely ashore at Avlona, as well as at certain new points of strategic importance. For years Avlona has been regarded by both Italy and Austria as the key to the Adriatic and it has been a maximum in south central Europe that whoever commands Avlona commands the Adriatic.

Avlona for several months has been occupied by light forces of Italians for police purposes. The anxiety with which Italy has watched the Albanian coast is due to the existence of good harbors in contrast with the almost total absence of such harbors on the Adriatic elsewhere.

Should Avlona fall into hostile hands, the Italian fleet would be greatly handicapped. The Greek general elections are to be held tomorrow, but it is not expected that their result will have any controlling influence on the policy of the government. The party of former Premier Venizelos has refrained from putting any candidates into the field and the party of King Constantine is still undivided.

According to the Athens correspondent of the Times the premier minister at Athens has told Premier Skoufoulidis that Germany will be permitted to attack the French and British troops in Greece. The landing of the Italian forces in Albania is likely to prove an important factor in the Italian war, constituting a large proportion of the electorate cannot vote.

WILSON TO BE MARRIED

Tyler Was First, Cleveland Second to Be Married During Presidential Term at Washington.

THIRD MARRIAGE IN THE WILSON FAMILY

Bride Is Active in Charitable Philanthropy — Likes to Hear Mr. Wilson Read Poetry.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson's wedding day dawned bleak and dismal, while a drizzling rain gave promise of the most disagreeable weather of the late autumn. The ceremony will be solemnized at the home of Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt. All arrangements for the ceremony had been completed early in the day.

Although the details of the wedding plans have not been disclosed, it has become known that the couple will go south on their honeymoon. Mrs. Herbert Smith, rector of Sainte Margaret's Protestant Episcopal church, will officiate at the wedding ceremony, which has also been officiated at the christening of the white house, before the members of the wedding party, of Helen Wilson, the president's only granddaughter.

The christening took place in the Blue room at the White House. Wilson was god father and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and Miss Helen Woodrow Boney, the president's constant, are god-mothers.

President Wilson paid an early morning call on Mrs. Galt, after a brief visit to her bank where he made a deposit box and going off to work.

One room at Mrs. Galt's home has been reserved for wedding presents. Many gifts have been received from members of the Wilson family, of the president and Mrs. Galt to discourage the giving of presents by those outside the circle of friends and relatives. One unique gift was a small bale of cotton sent by a Texas admirer of the president.

President Wilson planned to devote the afternoon to official work and to the clearing up of his administrative business before departing on his honeymoon. He will dine with members of his staff at Mrs. Galt's home after 7 o'clock and will leave soon for the wedding ceremony.

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STUDENTS RENDER CLOSING PROGRAM

Mock Trial at High School Last Night—Play and Tree at Murray School.

Representatives of the Cooper and Athenian societies of the Asheville High school matched wits last night in a mock trial which resulted in the conviction of George Benson on a charge of murder. Claude Ramsey was Irvin Munkie of the Athenian defended Benson; James Harris and John Lawrence for the Coopers appeared as prosecutors; E. Leonard presided as judge and Harry Woodard served as clerk.

Holiday programs were carried out in all the grades of Murray school yesterday. One of the most enjoyable was the Christmas play given by members of the fifth grade. In the kindergarten there was a Christmas tree and the pupils were dressed to represent toys.

Fifth grade students in the play were: Lucille McLean, Henry Wilson, Gertrude Tennant, Golden Cantwell, James Blair, Herman Langille, Grace Sanders, Kathleen Whitte, Pauline Waddell and Charles Klutz.

EXPORT LUMBER TRADE IMPROVING

Shipments From Western Carolina an Increase—Canadian Building Great Fleet.

As the lumber industry is considered to be one of the barometers of business conditions, those engaged in that business in western Carolina are optimistic of future general conditions by reason of improvement in the export trade. The war almost completely paralyzed foreign shipments for a while, with consequent depression in domestic markets. Recently, however, the New York concern with a branch office in Asheville secured an unusually large order from abroad and with better facilities for transport many cargoes from this territory are crossing the Atlantic.

The following recent Washington dispatch will be of interest to lumbermen:

"Government aid for the Canadian Pacific coast lumber industry is planned in a bill to be introduced in the next British Columbia parliament, providing for construction of a great fleet of lumber carrying ships. The bill will have government support, according to a report reaching the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce today.

"The measure would provide a bond issue for building twenty vessels of more than 2,000 tons each, capable of carrying 2,000,000 feet of lumber each. Such a fleet would more than triple export facilities for Canadian Pacific lumbermen.

"The Canadian government already has put an agent in London, the commerce bureau was informed, to aid in marketing the expected increase in Canadian lumber shipments."

NEW PASTOR WILL SPEAK AT Y.M.C.A.

Rev. L. T. Cordell of Haywood Church to Address Men—Boys' Meeting.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 7 o'clock will be addressed by Rev. L. T. Cordell, pastor of Haywood Street Methodist church. The subject for the subject, "The Spiritual Blessings of Religion." Rev. Mr. Cordell was sent to the local church by the last conference of the Western North Carolina Methodists, filling the pulpit formerly occupied by Rev. E. M. Boyle.

The musical program for this meeting is very attractive and consists of singing by a large number of men who will be led by C. H. Bartlett. Revival hymns will also be used during the services. Miss Lucile Dinkins will be the accompanist.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the boys' meeting will be held and it is urged by the association management that all boys of the city who so desire attend this meeting, as an interesting speaker has been secured and an attractive musical program arranged.

WOMEN TO STUDY CIVIC PROBLEMS

Speakers to Address Biltmore Association — Robert C. Goldstein First Speaker.

Outlining plans for activities during 1916, the Woman's Betterment association of Biltmore announces that a new feature of their meetings will be addresses delivered to them monthly by Asheville speakers on problems of community welfare. Mayor Julius P. Kibbie will co-operate with the association in securing speakers who are students of questions connected with municipal improvement.

For the first meeting in January Robert C. Goldstein has accepted an invitation to address the women of Biltmore. Mr. Goldstein has shown marked interest in social and civic problems and is an effective speaker.

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