

CALLS HIM TO MAKE GOOD HIS CHARGES

Chairman Henry Wires Tom Lawson to Put Up Or Shut Up. INQUIRY TO BE PUSHED AT ONCE.

Leak Scandal Not to Be Dropped by Congress—Representative Henry Will Demand Passage of His Stock Exchange Measure at This Session.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The controversy over Congressman Wood's resolution for an investigation of whether any members of the President's official family profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the President's peace note, got into semi-official form today when Chairman Henry, of the House rules committee, telegraphed Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, to come to Washington and substantiate his published charge that he himself knew of the so-called leak and his prediction that there would be another.

"Put up or shut up," said Chairman Henry's telegram. "Cease slandering and libeling Congress and public officials or make good your charges."

Mr. Henry announced that he would reintroduce his bill next Tuesday to regulate the New York stock exchange.

CLOSE STUDY OF CARRANZA REPLY

Washington Officials Making Careful Examination of General's Answer.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Carranza's latest communication, asking modification of the protocol and covering the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico, is being examined closely today by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American members of the joint commission, who have been summoned to a conference with him here as soon as possible.

Although the document has not been made public it is said that Carranza's insistence upon the unconditional retirement of the American forces is not so strong as formally, chiefly because of the new military situation in Northern Mexico. Neither does he flatly repudiate the protocol already signed by his representatives.

BUT LITTLE SICKNESS IN NEW BERN IN 1916.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 29.—According to statements made by local physicians the year 1916 has been one of the healthiest in the history of New Bern and they attribute this condition to the fact that the residents of the city have done their best to keep the city in a sanitary condition and have done everything possible to avoid any sort of epidemic.

AGAIN PROBING PAPER SITUATION

Investigation of Prices and Shortage Resumed in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Federal Trades Commission re-opened hearings today in its news print paper investigation. Commission plans to present again the facts concerning the cost of paper manufacture and the profit in news print paper.

Under the plan proposed by the manufacturers all publishers will get a small reduction under an arrangement supervised by the commission by which the large publishers would relinquish a part of their normal paper supply for next year.

Commissioner Davies made it clear that the commission was determined to find some relief for the publishers. He said the commission, in the very immediate future, would decide if the distribution plan is feasible. If it is not and the commission can find no other measure for relief, other agencies of the government will be given the facts. Report will be made to Congress on the situation soon.

Some publishers thought Commissioner Davies referred to the Department of Justice, when he spoke of other agencies.

Publishers who testified today were asked for suggestions as to a solution. Representative Cramton, of Michigan, proposed that if it were not unconstitutional that the commission take into its own hands the matter of price and distribution.

Other publishers testified that prices were widely different. J. H. Serby, of Pottsville, Pa., a publisher, declared it all depended on who the publisher was whether he would have to buy in the open market.

C. S. Andrews, also of Pennsylvania, declared his competitor from the same town was able to buy cheaper than he could.

Among the others to testify were H. B. Varner, a North Carolina publisher, and Frank Glass, of Birmingham, Ala., vice-president of the American Newspaper Association.

MEN MUST DIRECT THE NEXT MOVE

Brotherhood Chiefs Decide to Leave The Vital Question to Them.

New York, Dec. 29.—The 400,000 railroad employes affiliated with the four trainmen's brotherhoods will decide the next step to be taken by the authorized committee which has been handling their side of the controversy over operation of the Adamson act, it was announced here today by the brotherhood chiefs.

The brotherhood leaders, after a conference here this afternoon, gave out the statement, in fear that pending litigation and future legal steps on the part of the railroads would delay indefinitely the investigation by President Wilson's special commission.

NEW RECORD FOR GOING THROUGH THE CANAL

Washington, Dec. 29.—The record of passing a ship through the Panama Canal was lowered to 6 hours and 20 minutes December 27, when the Pacific Navigation Line steamer, Acapulco, passed through in that time, which was 5 minutes better than the previous record.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—The Federal grand jury, which has heard a large amount of evidence in connection with the high cost of living, is to conclude its sessions today and will be discharged. No indictments have been returned, according to the United States district attorney.

GERMANS HIT BACK AT THE FRENCH ON VERDUN FRONT

Make Big Onslaught, Which Paris Claims Was Without Success.

BERLIN CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY.

Winter Almost Suspends Fighting In The West—Rumania Is Still The War Center.

Striking back at the French in the Verdun region, on the Meuse, opposite the scene of the recent French success, the Germans made a strong effort last night to penetrate the French lines between hill No. 304 and Dead Man's Hill, the two dominant eminences northwest of the fortress.

According to Paris, the attack was broken up, the Germans succeeding in gaining a foothold in only one trench south of Dead Man's Hill. Berlin claims the French positions were entered on hill No. 304 and on the southern slope of Dead Man's Hill.

The activity around Verdun is virtually the only break in the monotony of the winter trench warfare along the Franco-Belgian front. The battle of the Somme is admittedly in a state of suspension because of the bad state of the ground and the unfavorable atmospheric conditions, according to the British authorities.

From Rumania, where the real activity of the war now centers, Field Marshal von Mackensen is keeping up his thrust along the line of Sereth, in Moldavia, driving the Russians before him, the German reports intimate.

Braila, important as a grain and petroleum depot, is in doubt, being under fire from across the Danube, where the Bulgarians, with German and Turkish assistance, are vigorously assailing the bridgehead. The Teutonic object appears to be clearing Dobruja completely of Russians and effecting a permanent juncture of Teutonic forces in Wallachia at a point on the lower Danube, which would be closed completely to Russian usage and the way would be opened north of the river for a possible advance in Pessarabia, just beyond which lies Odessa.

Take Many More Prisoners. Berlin. (By Wireless to Sayville), Dec. 29.—In Rumania yesterday the Teutonic troops captured several positions, taking 1,400 prisoners, 18 machine guns and 3 cannon.

RICHMOND WAS CLOAKED BY FOG

Regular London Mist Made Virginia Metropolis Dark Today.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—Richmond had a saturation fog (100 per cent. humidity) at 8 o'clock this morning with a temperature of 68 degrees, which was spoken of at the weather bureau as quite remarkable.

Street cars and automobiles ran with their lights on until the fog had lifted. A West Hampton interurban car ploughed through a string of wagons, killing four mules.

CRACK SAFE AND MAKE GET-AWAY

Robbers Loot Texas Bank and Escape in Automobiles—Posse In Pursuit.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 29.—Robbers blew the safe of the Hageman State Bank at Hageman, Texas, fifteen miles northwest of Sherman, today and escaped in an automobile with \$5,000.

Officers are in pursuit of the robbers, who had about two hours' start. Telephone wires were cut before the robbery was undertaken.

TURKEY'S REPLY RECEIVED.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received today at the state department. It is substantially the same as that of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

MORE COUNTRIES LINE-UP BACKING THE WILSON NOTE

Norway, Denmark and Sweden Address a Note to The Belligerent Nations.

APPROVE ACTION OF UNITED STATES.

Acting Especially In Behalf of Humanity—Danish Socialists Cable The President.

London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian governments have sent a joint note to the belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson.

A Reuter's dispatch from Copenhagen says the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian governments have instructed their legations to address the governments of the belligerent countries in which the Scandinavian governments, adhering to the note of President Wilson concerning the measures to be adopted for facilitating a durable peace, declare they would consider themselves falling in their duty towards their respective people and towards humanity, as a whole, if they did not express the most profound sympathy for every effort that may contribute towards putting an end to the suffering and losses, moral and material, which are ever growing in consequence of the war.

A Reuter's dispatch from Copenhagen says the Danish Socialist Democrats have cabled President Wilson expressing their sincere wish that the President's effort to end the war and establish a lasting peace may succeed.

DESTROY PIGS BECAUSE FEED IS TOO HIGH.

London, Dec. 29.—Because of the high cost of food stuffs, farmers have been destroying litters of young pigs at birth, much to the dismay of a government agricultural committee, which has been conducting a campaign to induce stock raisers to help ward off a pork famine. Farmers defended their action with the statement that the government was allowing export of meat to Holland which ought to be kept in this country. The consequent increased price of feeding pigs, the farmers contended, made it impossible for them to make a profit on their pigs.

MAKE THIS YOUR PERIOD AND WIN OVERLAND AUTO

Winners of The Valuable Prizes Are Now In The Making and This Period Will Go Long Way Toward Determining Who They Will Be.

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Carolina Beach Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$50 Diamond Rings.

One of the most important periods of the contest started last Saturday morning and will close two weeks from tomorrow night—Saturday, January 13, 1917. After this period there are only two more weeks of the contest. At that time an Overland Automobile, Ford Automobile, Carolina Beach Lot, \$100 in Cash, \$75 Victrola, \$50 Kitchen Range, \$40 Kitchen Cabinet, \$25 Wrist Watch, will be awarded the people who have secured the most votes in the contest, and two \$50 Diamond Rings will be awarded for special work during certain periods. All others who remain active until the close will receive ten per cent. commission on all new subscription money that they turn in during the campaign.

REPLY OF ENTENTE FINISHED AND IS READY TO GO

Will be Handed American Minister in Paris Sometime During Next Week.

ANSWER LONGER THAN EXPECTED.

Said to Meet With General Approval—Wilson Note Will Next Be Answered.

London, Dec. 29.—As result of conferences which have been in progress for several days the entente's reply to the German note is now completed. It could go forward today or tomorrow, except for the necessary formality of transmitting it to all of the allies before final decision. It means that delivery will be made early in the middle of next week; perhaps Wednesday. The delivery will be made at Paris, after which the communication will be forwarded to Germany through American channels.

The reply is very long; much more lengthy than the German note. This it is pointed out has been one of the matters discussed during consideration, the objection having been made that it was too long and should be short and sharp. There were so many points for elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went to war that it was found necessary to extend the note to considerable length.

Unusual optimism is shown here as to the result of the final form which the reply has taken and it is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington.

Reply to the American note will follow in a few days after delivery of the reply to the German note.

SOUTHPORT MAY OWN ELECTRIC PLANT

Southport, N. C., Dec. 29.—There is talk here of Southport owning its own electric plant, which could then be used better in connection with the waterworks plant and upon which depends much now that the town has entered into a contract, under a bond of \$5,000 for performance, with the government to furnish water to Fort Caswell.

WHITE MAN INCITED THE BLOODY TRAGEDY

PRESIDENT FAVORS BOND ISSUE TO MEET PART DEBT

That Only Way to Help Wipe Out The Big Government Deficit.

HE AGREES WITH OTHER LEADERS.

Tax on Income and Inheritance Would Raise Rest—Panama Canal Bonds Available.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has tentatively agreed with administration leaders in congress on a bond issue to meet part of the treasury deficit which confronts the government for fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, estimated at \$180,000,000. With Secretary McAdoo the President is working on other plans for raising the additional revenue.

The President has pointed out that he believes a bond issue should be used only to meet temporary and emergency expenditures. Many of these have been caused by the Mexican situation.

The treasury already has authority, by act of congress, to use Panama Canal bonds and about \$240,000,000 of these are available. They will bear 3 per cent. interest.

Plans for raising other revenue under consideration include the income and inheritance tax and special taxes on internal revenues and imports.

The deficit figures differ, according to congressional and administrative viewpoints. Secretary McAdoo estimated in his annual report that the actual deficit in the working balance of the treasury on June 30, 1918, at \$185,583,000, on account of the appropriations unexpended, combined with the left-over balance.

The congressional appropriation committees, basing the estimate on actual appropriations, calculate it will be something like \$313,000,000.

QUITS POSTMASTER AT SOUTHPORT

R. S. Newton Wires His Resignation and Contest Now On For The Job.

Southport, N. C., Dec. 29.—The fight for the postmastership of Southport has now opened in full blast. Shortly before noon today Postmaster R. S. Newton wired his resignation to the Postmaster-General at Washington and requested that some one be placed in charge of the office, as it is understood that he contemplates moving away from Southport.

At once those who desire the position, and their friends, got active, and the wires have been kept hot ever since, with more activity to follow. Those in the race for the positions are J. W. Ruark, Will Davis and R. O. Daniels. Effort is being made by the friends of the latter to have him take charge pending appointment, while those who are against Mr. Daniels naturally want to keep him out, thinking that such a move would give him the best of it.

JAP. LOST IN THE DISMAL SWAMPS

Artist From New York Disappears in The Wilds of North Carolina.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Takeo Shiota, a prominent and well known Japanese artist, who lives at 254 Fifth Avenue, New York city, has been lost in the Dismal Swamps, near Moyerock, N. C., since yesterday about noon. Searching parties were at once formed and are at work. The swamp in this section is very dense and wild.

Negroes and White Youth Claim Neighbor of Reeves The Ring Leader.

PRISONERS REMOVED TO PLACE OF SAFETY.

Robbery and Old Feud Were The Motives For The Crime Christmas Eve Night—Five Members of Louisiana Family Were Killed.

Minden, La., Dec. 29.—Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here, Christmas eve, have confessed, according to the county officers, implicating Henry Waller, a farmer, and neighbor of Reeves, and John Long, a 20-year-old young man. Long, it is said, also made a confession, declaring Waller instigated the crime and with an axe killed Reeves, his wife and three children.

Robbery and an old feud between Waller and Reeves are given as the motives. The negroes claim that they were forced to aid in the killing. Waller, Long and the negroes have been spirited away from Minden. It is reported that they have been taken to the penitentiary at Baton Rouge.

GIVES HIS CLERKS A BIG BANQUET

New Bern Postmaster Shows His Appreciation—A Surprise Marriage.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 29.—In appreciation of their excellent work during the holiday season, Postmaster L. G. Daniels last night tendered the clerks and carriers in the local postoffice an oyster roast at his home on East Front street.

Every employee of the postoffice was on hand at this occasion and it was thoroughly enjoyed and before departing each and every one of them voted Postmaster Daniels the most genial of hosts.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Tabernacle Baptist church was held last night and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season. An appropriate program consisting of songs, prayers and recitations had been prepared for the evening and a large audience was on hand to participate in this.

Santa Claus was on hand to make the occasion a merry one and those who attended declared it was one of the most successful entertainments ever held here.

A marriage which came somewhat as a surprise to the friends of the contracting parties took place at Goldsboro last night when Miss Jennie Coplon, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Coplon, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Sol Lipman, also of New Bern.

Accompanied by the parents of the bride, the young couple left for Goldsboro yesterday afternoon and upon arrival there they went at once to the home of Rabbi J. L. Mayerberg, where the ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipman returned to New Bern on the midnight train and will continue to make their home in this city.

Mr. Lipman, who owns and conducts a tailoring establishment, is one of New Bern's most prominent young business men. His bride enjoys a wide circle of friends and the best wishes of these for a happy and prosperous life have been showered upon the young couple.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, who owns a magnificent estate two miles west of New Bern, today received three fine Jersey cows and three Berkshire hogs which he intends to place on his farm and use for breeding purposes.

Dr. Sloan is a great believer in stock-raising and is of the opinion that this can be made one of the greatest stock-raising sections of the State and is doing everything possible to bring this about.

His farm is now stocked with some of the best breed of cattle and swine and he intends to improve this as time goes by.