

Greece Accepts Terms Imposed By the Allies

Believed Submission Was the Only Alternative to Starvation

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 15.—Greece has surrendered to the Allies' ultimatum, according to news received from Athens today. The terms are not yet known. The original term called for surrender of arms, the control of the telegraph and postal system and a guarantee of neutrality.

It is presumed that Greece foresaw that she would be starved out by the Allies' blockade. There are indications that during the interim of the establishment of the blockade and today's reported action King Constantine communicated with Berlin in the hope of throwing his lot with the Teutonic powers and effecting a junction of his forces with the Germans in the Balkans.

A Smash-up But No Wedding

"What might have been" are not always the saddest words to be spoken or written.

M. S. Rhodes had decided he wanted to get married. A Miss Rhodes her name according to the best information to be had) also was willing, and the two came from Columbia to this city, hired Mr. RAYOR ELLIOT to take them to Hertford in his car. Clarence and Earl Jackson went along, probably to see the thing well done. In due time the party arrived in the city of Hertford, the register of deeds was sought, and there the Cupid-stricken couple were met face to face with the verdict "You're too young."

Not far out from Hertford and just as the darkness had settled itself over the earth, a car was seen approaching going at a speed of about twenty-five miles so Mr. Elliot got as far on the right hand as possible. The car came on with no slack in speed and ran right face on into Mr. Elliot's car. Both drivers were injured but not seriously, both cars were broken up badly. Mr. Rhodes was badly hurt and the lady sustained slight injury. The other members of the party managed to escape without much hurt. After some little time another car was secured and the party brought back to town.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. N. Loftin will preach Sunday morning from the subject: "Crowning the Christiana Life."

On Sunday evening at 7:30 Mr. Loftin will preach from subject "The Presence of Jesus with Human Flesh."

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. B. C. Henning will preach Sunday morning from the subject "An Imperative Business." Sunday evening at 7:30 Dr. Henning will preach from the subject "God's Defense of His Own Mercy."

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

NEUTRAL NATIONS WILL FOLLOW U S

STATEMENTS MADE BY BEST INFORMED NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mediation efforts or suggestions by the United States on behalf of peace conference would be immediately followed by similar action by all European neutrals.

"The United States and European neutrals should consider any answer of the Entente Allies to the German peace proposal save a flat rejection as an invitation to offer their good services in arranging for a peace conference."

These statements were made to the United Press today by two of the best informed neutral diplomats in Washington, who are known to have discussed the question of peace with Secretary Lansing and presumably presented their views to him.

Action must be delayed, however on the part of European neutrals until next Tuesday when the speech of Lloyd George will give them cue to act.

This is the gist of cablegrams received from foreign offices by neutral diplomats today. The United States and Spain, they say, are the two countries who must lead if mediation is offered, Switzerland, Holland and the Scandinavian countries being too dependent on the good will of both sides to run any risk of offending either by unwise action.

For nearly two hours this morning Secretary Lansing considered the question of supplementing the German peace proposals with some suggestion from this government, but if any decision was reached neither the President or Secretary would throw any light on the subject.

CITY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

The first service of the new Conference year will be held at City Road Church Sunday Dec. 17.

The Pastor will preach both morning and night. The subject for the morning will be: "Christ's care for us." The subject for the evening will be: "God's question and man's answer." The pastor will preach a series of services on Old Testament characters at the evening service beginning to-morrow night.

The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 with Mr. C. R. Pugh as superintendent. The Epworth will meet at 6:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend all these services.

You will have no trouble in selecting the gift for the man on your list if you will visit Weeks & Sawyer's, who're the best clothiers in town.

SCARRED VET BUT AN ALIEN

WHILE MEDICAL EXAMINERS DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT HE IS FIT FOR FUTURE SER- VICE

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 15.—Otto Silvester, an American, former rough-rider in Buffalo Bill's shows, and British Army veteran of more than fifteen years' service was registered here today as an alien despite his heroic service in three wars. The same court that ordered the American adventurer to register also held him to be re-examined for military service.

Silvester suffered three serious wounds, numerous minor injuries and temporary blindness while fighting on the Western front. After being wounded in the head at La Basse he spent many weeks in a hospital but was discharged in time to go into action at Neuve Chapelle. In a battle there the former cowboy was hit in the right arm and left shoulder and blinded by an explosion.

Discharged and sent back to England Silvester recovered his sight and gradually regained his strength sufficiently to work on munitions in one of the big plants some distance from London. But a fellow workman, became suspicious of the expatriate and asked the authorities why he was not registered as an alien. Silvester was promptly summoned.

Silvester's daring exploits, recorded to his credit in the annals of the Western Front scarcely exceed his achievements during the South African War. It was Silvester who carried the dispatch that meant life or death, from beleaguered Ladysmith to General Buller at Colenso. And, riding with the head of the re-entrant column, the same Yank was one of the first to re-enter the town. During the same campaign he was wounded in the fighting at Nicholson's Neck, but he still had enough scrap in his make-up to go through a number of desperate battles on the Indian Frontier.

The medical examiners will decide whether the "alien" is fit for further military service.

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE RETREATING

BUZUA CAPTURED BY GERMAN FORCES AND RETREATING ENEMY NOT ALLOWED TO REST.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Russian forces retreated in Rumania left burning villages throughout Great Wallachia. Buzua has been captured by the Germans and the retreating army is not allowed to rest. They offered resistance in their fortified positions on the mountains but their lines were soon pierced.

Give him a half dozen hole-proof socks and you will be sure to please him. They are packed in beautiful Christmas boxes and are sold at the Old Price, at Weeks & Sawyer's adv.

BOY SCOUTS MEET TONIGHT
An important meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held tonight at eight o'clock. Important business matters will come up and Scoutmaster Ford desires all scouts to be present.

WAGE INCREASE EFFECTIVE TODAY

STEEL CORPORATION CELE- BRATES ITS ENORMOUS PROSPERITY WITH BIGGER PAYROLL

(By United Press)

New York, Dec. 15.—What is perhaps the biggest wage increase in the history of the United States becomes effective today when the pay of 250,000 workers of the United States Steel Corporation is increased ten per cent—the gross annual increase approximating \$20,000,000. The increase was made by the company due to its enormous prosperity—its net earnings are now estimated at \$1,000,000 a day.

The increase is but one of many recently made by large employing concerns throughout the country. Among them are:

Ten per cent increase to 35,000 employees of the American Woolen Company, Boston.

Ten per cent increase to the 33,000 employees of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of New Bedford.

Thirty-five to forty per cent increase to the 32,000 persons employed by the American Clothing Manufacturers' Association, New York (Effective December 18).

Ten per cent increase to the 3,000 employees of the National India Rubber Company, Bristol, R. I.

Ten per cent increase to the 2,000 men employed by independent steel mills at and near Sharon, Pa.

Increase of not less than 25 cents a day to 10,000 employees of the Bygonne, Elizabeth and Claremont refineries of the Standard Oil Company (Action taken after a strike for higher wages at Bayonne in which several persons were shot to death).

The City of New York contemplates a wage increase of \$1,147,190 to 18,488 municipal employees. This had not been determined finally.

In each case, in announcing the increases, the concerns said they were made to enable their employees to meet the advancing cost of living. E. H. Gary, chairman of the Steel corporation said: "Ordinarily the question of wages would not come up for consideration or decision at this time of the year, but in consequence of the abnormal conditions now existing it has been decided to increase the wage rates of our iron and steel companies about ten per cent, effective December 15. As to the other departments, increases will be equitably proportioned."

The increase is the third the company has made during the year. Its payroll for 1915 was \$176,800,864, the 1916 total will be above \$290,000,000 and if high wages continue the 1917 roll will approach \$250,000,000.

The Eastman Kodak company of Rochester, N. Y., the Glove Manufacturers' Association of Gloversville, N. Y., and the Arlington Mills of Lawrence, Mass., are other concerns which have made substantial wage increases.

The lesser concerns have taken similar action as indicated by Chicago figures, where, according to John W. O'Leary, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, twenty-five concerns have made \$10,000,000 increases to 100,000 employees during the year.

WANTED AT ONCE: Four salesladies to work from now until Christmas. MITCHELL'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Dec. 15 16

See our Soirees, Hoops and Prince's Rings.
H. C. BRIGHT CO.
Hinton Bldg.

THE GOLDEN GIRL AND SILVER QUEEN

MARGARET MASON SAYS THE TOUCH OF MIDAS HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY DAME FASHION

By MARGARET MASON

Written for the United Press.
All that glitters is not gold
Oft 'tis silver too
And each maid is metallized
Hat and gown and shoe.

New York, Dec. 15.—Clouds aren't the only things that have silver lining these days. No indeed not if you have noticed the shiny new lingerie. Made of cloth of gold and silver it is and if you own an under bodice or a combination of this precious gheen you can feel positively that you are up to the last scratch of Fashion. And you probably do too. Petticoats of these shimmering fabrics are dreams of moonbeams and sunbeams elaborately incrustated with gold and silver lace as well. In the days of old Kings thought they were going some when they donned suits of gold and silver armour but fashion's queens have certainly gone a few steps further today when they affect lingerie d'or and d'argent.

Entire gowns for evening wear of these precious metallized fabrics are as beautiful as they are popular and Mary Nash in "The Man Who Came Back" is showing a stunning example of a silver cloth one inset with silver lace.

Cloth of gold and cloth of silver slippers have of course become almost too common for words and are bound soon to be only worn by the poor and passio, considering the constantly soaring price of all skin.

Hats, large and carwheel-like of gold and silver lace are much in evidence on heads that show also a suspiciously copper glint. For you really have to be on metal these days and have the metal on you even if it means resorting to the help of henna.

Boudoir caps of gold and silver lace and gold and silver hue also prove that not only plumbing, radiators, munitions and machines may boast metallized caps.

Alas however, they don't act quite the same way and a tired temperamental lady may never hope to let off steam simply by doffing her boudoir cap of gold.

All gold and silver cloth evening wraps with cape collars and cuffs of fur are gorgeous enough to make Henry the Eighth and his famous Field of the Cloth of Gold look like a piker.

Fairy fans of gold and silver gauze and gold and silver cobweb lace flutter and twinkle under the artificial lights like so many silvery dew drops or golden fireflies.

One particularly bright, shining and novel fan I discovered in an artistic new shop the other day. It is of humble paper origin but all beautifully covered with gold leaf, sticks and all. A Chinese hieroglyphic done in a bright blue, green and purple breaks the golden monotony of one of its folds and dangling from its stick, is a silken cord of matching color gay with beads and finished with a festive Chinese tassel or a handy finger ring of jade wherewith to anchor its fluttering beauty ready to its fair owner's hand.

Because of these present precious fabrics, these many metallized modes, divers are the poor swains who go questing the golden girl or la Richard Le Gallienne who are bound to be stung. They will find seemingly golden girls on every hang and silver queens as well. But let them beware and remember that a gold wash and silver plate has a time limit of wear. In the majority of cases the twenty two car-

BESS CITY TO HAVE WHITE WAY

THE PICTURE CITY OF THE PAS- QUOTANK WILL ALSO BE THE MODERN CITY BEAUTIFUL

A great white way for Elizabeth City, that sounds good, and according to the best information that can be had, developments are rapidly being made toward the installation of large modern ornamental light posts on Main and Pondexter streets. The proposition was put before the board of aldermen at their last meeting, and they considered it favorably on the condition that the merchants of the city bear a portion of the expense of installation and upkeep. It is said now that the merchants have agreed to do their part, and that the Gas Company and the Electric Light Company have been asked to submit bids for the work.

Only that portion of Main street running from Martin to Water is to be considered first and that portion of Pondexter running from Main to the bridge, north. The lighting apparatus is to consist of modern light post, about nine or ten feet high, at a distance of fifty feet apart on each side of the street, diagonally across from each other. The light is to be about 300 candle power.

No exact information could be had as to the time the bids will be submitted and the work begun, but it is thought that hasty action will be taken so that the city can see itself at night in the very near future. Interest is keenly manifested in this great attraction to the city's beauty and convenience, and the citizens are looking forward with pride to the beginning of the work.

Earl Frank Makes Escape

Earl Frank the 17 year old boy, who sometime ago escaped from the state reformatory and made his way to this city, later was convicted of stealing eggs from one of the boats at the dock and confined in the county jail here to await a time when he could be sent back to the reformatory, made his escape from the jail just a little while after dinner today and had not been caught up to the time of this writing.

No one had seen anything unusual at cat. o. Earl since his confinement and from all appearances he was accepting his imprisonment in the right sort of spirit. Today the jailer went out for a bucket of coal and left the keys near the grate of Earl's cell. The lad managed to draw the keys near enough with a stick to reach them and soon had unlocked the door of his cell and made his escape. He made so good of his chances that before his escape was known he had gotten hid somewhere. Mr. Shore and his bloodhounds were soon secured and started on the trail. It is probable that the chap will not get far before he will be caught.

JUST AS WE ARE GOING TO THE PRESS IT WAS LEARNED THAT FRANK HAD BEEN RECAPTURED, THE BLOODHOUNDS HAVING TRAILED HIM TO MR. DICK CREECY'S BARN LOFT, WHERE HE HAD HID.

at finish is only gown or lingerie deep, the gold of copper tresses has a henna or peroxide base and base deceit it is. Let the wary wooer be not dazzled by the outer sheen; but let him first test this precious pet in the crucible of love and find if her heart be of gold as well and if she has a sterling character.