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Unconfirmed Advices Say Vienna Government Circles Look for Break in Diplomatic Relations.

LONG CONFERENCES ON REPLY TO U. S. NOTE

Definite Decision As to Char acter of Answer Not Reached However-Dr. Dumba Is Consulted.

Washington, Dec. 28-Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters today, will not Ancona note of the United States, and Teuton diplomatic circles are represent-

Paris, Dec. 28—Unconfirmed led in the old way. alvices from Vienna as publish priation bills in the house are handled the impression prevails in Aus- may to Hungarian government cireles that the forthcoming Aus- procone by an Austrian submarine appropriation bills of congress A dispatch forwarded from Geneva says:

"Accordingto advices from answer to the second American Tisza of Hungary and the . minister, Baron Von Burian. The foreign minister also conferred with Dr. Dumba,

"Although no difinite decision has yet been reached the impression prevails in government circles that the reply will bring about the rupture of diptwo countries."

bassodar to the United States.

"PEACE-TIME" LABORS IN HISTORIC VILLAGE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Baxellies, France, Dec. 28.—In this little village which, in 1871, furnished spiration for the famous painting. The Last Cartridge,"—the Germans have taken up "peace-time" labors. They found, greatly to their surnies, that the bones of the dear German and French soldiers of 45 years spo still lay, unburied, in a vanit in the local cemetery, which was in consequence a veritable catacombs. The most the French had done was to separate the French from the German sections.

skeletons.

The Germans began overhauling the samplery at once, striving first of all to weed out from the confusion of benes such as were not human. The skeletons of former soldlers were then deal into groups, and buried on the last hand side of the central cemetry, building. Fitting, and imposing, mongests then were erected above the lifely graves, which today only serve to helphon the contrast between the crentual fate of the German and the French soldlers of 1870 and 1871. The French skeletons lie in confusion exactly opposite the German temberous:

Present Session to Improve Method of Making Congress Appropriations.

TOO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE IN OTHER LINES

Present System Is Admittedly People of Sampson Sent Christ-Bad, But Committee Decides Against Making Change at This Time.

(By Parker R. Anderson). Gazette-News Bureau The Riggs Building Washington, Dec. 28.

There will be no attempt at this session of congress to establish a 'budget system" of appropriations, although the leaders of both parties regard the present method of handling the annual supply bills as unsystematic and haphazard, Plans for meet the demands of the Unit- the creation of a budget system, howed States in the reply to the and the special committee named by the democratic caucus to devise a system regards it as impossible to make the change at this time.

The special committee named to report on a budget system comprises Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitched as being prepared for the in and Congressmen Hay, Fitzgerald, Garner, Stout and Sherley. The coinseverance of diplomatic rela- mittee, after an investigation, has decided that there is so much work ahead of the present congress that the appropriation bills must be hand-

ed in the Petit Journal says, by more than a half dozen commitceset by the extravagance of end there is no centralized or keeping down the apotals

an Fitzgerald and Congress trian reply to the second Amer man Shericy, the two ranking demoican note regarding the sink- crats on the appropriations committee, are strong advocates of a change ing of the Italian steamer An- They are convinced that the annual handled in a way that would not be will bring about a rupture of countenanced by any great industrial diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria special committee, however, has been be impossible to put through a law for the creation of a "budget committee" at this session and the several appropriations committees are go-Vienna the Austro-Hungarian ing ahead with the making up of the annual supply measures.

The tentative program considered note concerning the singing of by the caucus investigating committee was the creation of a big committhe Ancona was the subject of a tee of forty or more members to take long discussion on Sunday yearly account of the probable expenses, and the revenues of the govnight between the Premier ernment. This committee would adopt a resolution limiting the appro-Austro-Hnugarian foreign ernment service—legislative, execunaval and public improvements. The streets. It was the tuneful talk of an apropriating committee then would old client whom he knew to be serving be required to keep within the limit of appropriations set, and no comformer Austro-Hungarian am- mittee would be authorized to exceed its particular allowance,

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW ARE TOLD

Berlin, Dec. 28 .- The revival of the pomatic relations between the stitution gives a contributor to the Men like Dan a two countries? some facts about the institution under the Russian regime and about so critically ill since the evening before general educational developments in Christmas, is greatly improved and Russian Poland. He says that when governor and Mrs. Craig are much rethe Russians took full possession of lieved i the country a century ago only 25 per cent of the population were un-

the government this percentage has now risen to 70. institution. It was then abolished but was re-opened in 1861. Only eight years later, however, it was transpared into a Russian institution. Russian professors were gradually about 70 per cent of the interference of the sudents came from Russian. By the end of the nine is result of the sudents came from Russian by the sud of the sudents came from Russia tiself, especially from the sastern sections. Ten years and during the so-called Russian row less thank for the restoration of the university more and energetic defends the from Russia tiself, especially from the sastern sections. Ten years and during the so-called Russian row less thank from Russian the Russian row and more came from Russia tiself, especially and the Russian authorities showed at the Russian suthorities showed at the Russian authorities showed at the Russian suthorities showed at the Russian authorities showed at the Russian for the professors should be a state of the state department has institution, and all the lectures were finally given in the state department and attempt to determine whether his an American dittempt to determine whether his an American dittempt to determine whether his an American dittempt to determine the state department has institutions and attempt to determine the state and M was re-opened in 1861. Only eight

Attempt Not to Be Made at But Few Convicts Allowed Christmas Freedom by Governor's Plan Let It Run to Their Heads.

> TWO EXCEPTIONS IN BUNCOMBE REPORTS

mas Box to Collier's Men Who Are to "Write Up" the Old North State.

(By W. T. Bost).

Raleigh, Dec. 28 .-- Meagre reports from the county convict camps show that the first sips of liberty granted to them in Governor Craig's Christmas parole and holiday did not run to their

Capt. Tom Sale at the state prison the means to go home and remained ernment. with the more luckless crowd to enjoy of confections which the progressive

warden annually bestows. Governor Craig's office has many letters commanding him for his kind- tion ness to the ill-favored. Many norththe suggestion along as worthy of future contemplation. Hardly any discord has come from any source. The governor has had few reports yet-he does not expect anything final until the New Year. But nearly all that he has heard has justified him in his breach of tradition discipline.

Asheville reported two incidents not entire y to his liking. Two of the pacelebrated in truly freeman's roled style, the Christmas drunk. were almost as ugly as those who have done nothing worthy of death or of These fellows got with bonds. wrong crowd and drank to drunken-They were indiscreet in the home town of the philanthropist governor who was trying to do something

to help them. In Wake fifteen of an available 20 took their freedom all right and appear to have returned satisfied. Engineer Miller thinks that even more good might have been done had the known earlier that the governor contemplated kindness upon such a grand scale. At the state penitentiary Satur-day a fellow well tanned up drove up to the warden and asked to get one of his friends out. The friend was not eligible. Warden Sale got the sermon all right. He saw how the freed man becomes chained when he steps out and encounters temptation which has been denied him in his period of service.

Victor Bryant of Durham was here Sunday. He had not thought very priations for each branch of the gov- much of Governor Craig's tender course, just doubted it. But Mr. Bryant heard a strange voice on the a term. Bryant followed the train of the voice and lost it. But he knew where the voice should be and found it. It was Dan Andrews, Person county man of money serving six months for violation of the prohibition law. Mr. Bryant had made a manful fight to save him from punishment and falled. The second battle for pardon of Andrews again failed General Bryant But the governor's order let Andrews out and he visited his family and old Then Bryant was converted. friends. Men like Dan Andrews could go home

> Locke Craig, junior, who has been lieved in mind with the promise of re-

The little fellow, who is but thirteen per cent of the population were un-able to read and write, but through and a half months old, is a remarkably systematic neglect of the schools by fine child, able now to walk anywhere The University of Warsaw, founded in 1816, existed till 1820 as a Pollsh institution. It was then abolished but ernor Craig thinks that immediate steamship Angona and talking attretively. His sudden

MR. LOYD-GEORGE MORE U.S.

Will Resign Unless Conscription Pledges to Married Men Are Kept.

London, Dec. 28.—That the pro-ceedings of the British cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen in the fact that after a two hours' sitting yesterday (Monday) the council was obliged to adjourn until today, no decision having been reached as the voluntary recruiting or conpulsion and the discussion having revealed

grave differences of opinion. The Times parliamentary correscondent asserts that the position is undeniably delicate and may become critical today unless handled

irmness and decision.
The Daily Mail asserts that Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies and Lord Kitchener, the war minister, have not yet made their positions clear, while A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, resolutely opposes compulsion, in which he is supported by a majority of the ministers, But David Lloyd-George, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Freder-ick Smith, J. Austen Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long and the Earl of Selborne advocate immediate compulsion

Mr. Lloyd-George, the Mail adds, before the sitting of the council made said that he has not heard from the his position clear to Premier Asquith extend their search to first class mattlary building at Raleigh was eligible Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men for the larger freedom which went to be kept in the strictest sense he could said the allies first will plead militrusties. This prisoner did not have not continue as a member of the gov-

the big Christmas dinner and the box Times and The Daily Mail—all conditions which the progressive scriptionist papers—sees the possibil—which covers it. Furthermore that the ity of several cabinet resignations or action is based on an article in The the other alternative, a general elec- Hague convention which provides The Morning Telegraph and The

so are apprehensive of a crisis or a port. general election, The Chronicle editorially protests against "intrigues and wire pullers

mad expedient of a general electiona gambler's plunge which might entail disastrous consequences. Concerning comparisons America during the civil war, The Chronicle argues that Lincoln's action

was not a precedent because Lincoln was distracted by wholesale desertions, while recruiting was stimulated by extravagant bounties.

Not Yet Determined That Yasaka Maru Survivor Is An American Citizen.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- The sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru will be made the subject of dip-Jomatic negotiations by the States only if it is established that an American citizen was on board when as described in official advices received, a submarine of unknown nationality torpedoed the vessel without warning. This became known after the state department had officially announced that it had no record of ar American passport having been granted to W. J. Leigh, a survivor of the disaster named in consular and press dispatches as an American citizen.

Should it develop that Leigh actually is an American citizen the state de-partment will feel justified in addressing inquiries to Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey in an effort to establish the nationality of the submarine. It is considered practically certain, however, that the craft was Austrian, as it is said in Teu-tonic quarters here that there were no German or Turkish submarines operating in the Mediterranean near

where the Ysaka Maru was attacked State department officials are awaiting information in regard to Leigh with considerable anxiety. If he is entitled to the protection of the United States, the fact that he was

danger has been passed.

Little Alston Grimes, son of the seced Edward Lyell Bristow. consular
retary of state and Mrs. Grimes, is also

Take Packages From Dutch Commercial Interests Facing and Norwegian Steamers Bound for Rotterdam, Dispatch Declares.

ROTEST AGAINST SUCH ACTION ALREADY MADE

Steamer United States Reports Being Held Five Days While Packages of Mail Were Removed.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- The allies, it explained here, intend to seize and examine all mail passing between the United States and European neutral nations which there is reason to believe is intended for Germany. Hitherto, liability to seizure has been confined to parcel post matter, but now it is said the allies are going to

In justification of the action it is tary necessity and second that there is no inviolability of mail destined to The Morning Post equally with The the Teutonic nations because Turkey immunity from seizure of mail does for this feeling. not apply to correspondence destined ern newspapers took it up and passed Chronicle, anti-compulsion organs, al- to or proceeding from a blockaded

> Berlin, Dec. 28 .- The seizure by the British government of American mail who contemplate the desperate and of two steamers on its way to Holland is reported in a Rotterdam dispatch given out here by the Overseas News agency. According to the dispatch, the vessels from which the mail was taken were the Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam from New York December 4, for Rotterdam, and the Norwegian steamer Christian Michelsen, New York, December 3, for Rotter-

> > The foregoing does not make it clear whether the mail seized included

On December 20, the United States The candinavian-Americ postal convention. Washington, it is understood, concurred in this view.

New York, Dec. 28.—The steamer United States, which arrived today from Scandinavian ports, reported that on December 13 she was stopped east of the Shetland islands by a Brit. ish cruiser and taken to Grenock for examination. There the British auand 931 parcels post packages.

held five days at Greenock, the 200 States drew up a vigorous protest at the action and forwarded it to Secretary Lansing. The protest pointed out that in being taken to Greenock the ship was exposed to the dangers of mine fields.

Captain Gotsche of the United States protested when the parcels of mail were removed but without effect. During the ship's detention, an arm-

ed guard was placed on board by the British authorities, but the passengers were not molested.

MOTION TO DISMISS N. H UIRECTORS' CASE DENIED

Judge Hunt Also Denies Motion to Exclude Testimony About S. S. Co. Deals

fense to dismiss the case against for rolling stock. William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, Haven and Hartford railroad, on trial charged with conspiracy to mo-nopolise transportation facilities in New England. Judge Hunt also de-nied the motion to strike out the testimony given at the trial relative to the Mefropolitan Steamship company's deals which involved Edward D. Rob-

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Hogs, strong; receipts 20,000; bulk of sales 6,20 @ 6,65; pigs 4,75@6.

Cattle steady; receipts 3,000; native beef cattle 493.75; calves 6.5029.50. Sheep, strong; receipts 12,000; sheep 6,6027; lambs 7.2523,76.

Future With Greater Confidence Than at Any Time During Last Decade.

DEMAND FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS INCREASING

and Consumption-Especial Activity in Building Materials Production.

> Gazette-News Bureau. The Riggs Building, Washington, Dec. 28.

Having passed through a pre-holiday season of trade which, if it has not exceeded all previous records, at least has outstripped the high marks of the last six years. American business generally is facing the new year with a greater degree of confidence than has prevailed for nearly a decade.

Large figures of domestic production, consumption, and export, coupled with an increasing demand for building materials, and a rise in the price of such commodities, form the basis

reflecting this most satisfactory conditions, their failure is attributable to echnical reasons which are of a temporary nature. In Wall street, the greatest American market for securities, there is an almost unparalleled feeling of confidence.

In a brief review of business at the lose of the year and a forecast for the future, the New York Times of saturday says: "In all save retail lines, the holiday

period at the end of the year is usually given over to inventories and the cleaning up of odds and ends. Just at present, while such matters are receiving their due share of attention there is somewhat more activity beany first class matter, or as is more cause of the unusual conditions both probable, consisted of parcel post mat- at home and abroad. Among recent circumstances which are significant may be mentioned the greater desent a protest to Great Britain on the mand for brick, cement and other orable conflict. subject of British interference with building materials, accompanied by British government took the stand cles. The value of this fact lie in in western Egypt near the Tripoli that parcel post matter must be re- the indication thereby afforded after border but the result is somewhat garded as freight and is exempt from about two and one-half years of duli- beclouded owing to the divergent re-

the protection which is given first ness. In retail business the bulk of ports of London and Constantinople, class matter under the international what has been done within the past fortnight comes under the nead of ish, and Constantinople for the Arabs, holiday trade. It has been brisker, and on broader lines than for half a dozen years before. The money taken in will be a stimulus to buying in the primary and jobbling markets, as it is already apparent. The growth in confidence, which was thorities removed 1961 small parcels so severely shaken in the early portion of the war, is perhaps the most The steamer was released on De- hopeful sign because it leads to encember 18. Because the vessel was terprise. Large figures of domestic American citizens aboard the United which continue to be shown are among the substantial basis for the flicting of damage to German trenches dant reason for the cheerfulness

which the holiday season has shown." House leaders hope to work out a plan for abolishing the present system, but it is admitted that the are exchanging shells. change cannot be made at this ses-

the part of the general public as to ing seemingly has ended, except for how long the excessive demand for isolated battles in Montenegro. steel, which has been increasing so steadily for months, would continue, has requested Bulgaria to withdraw The New York Press finds that all her troops from Albanian territory present signs point to still further and the reply of Bulgaria is expected heavy bookings of orders by the steel to be satisfactory. companies. It says:

"Interests identified with the from and steel trade, said that never before in their experience had known a busier holiday season in their business. The demand for manufactured steel products shows no falling off; indeed it is increasing with big sales, into the third quarer of

"Steel companies have just closed while the demand from the railway Monday at her home at Swannanoa equipment companies is growing will be held today. The deceased is heavier because of the increasing desurvived by the husband and several today denied the motion of the lemand from transportation companies children.

AGED LADY DIES

Mrs. Polite Franks, aged 87, died of the Benner died Sunday afternoon, yesterday afternoon at her home at Skyland following a short illness. She was widely known and had many friends throughout the section where she lived.

The funeral services will be held to morrow at 11 o'clock at the new Salem morrow at 11 o'clock at the new Salem october 4, 1872.

The husband and a son surviva.

Great Artillery Engagements Prevail in the Mountain District According to Paris Report.

THE KING OF ITALY WOUNDED BY GRENADE

Heavy Domestic Production German Papers Characterize Last French War Loan, as Failure Compared with German Loan.

> Paris, Dec. 28-Artillery engagenents of great activity over the whole front in the Vosges are reported in the communication given out this afternoon by the French war office.

> Berlin, Dec. 28-The report that King Victor Emanuel was wounded by an Austrian grenade and is now in a hospital is given out by the Overseas News Agency, which describes the report as sensational rumor.

Berlin, Dec. 28-Characterizing the French war loan as a failure Berlin newspapers say its probable result will be that the French republic in the future will not subscribe to treasury bonds and that therefore the govern-While the securities markets are not ment will be obliged either to issue a new wor loan, notwithstanding unfavorable conditions, or to borow from the Bank of France.

The Nord Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung says the amount actually subscribed to the loan considering the issue price was esuivalent to 10,600,-000,000 marks, as compared with 25,-500,000,000 marks subscribed to the German war loan; that the amount paid in cash to less than one sixth of the cash paid on the German war

The British Indian army corps has been withdrawn from the front in France "for another field of action." King George, in a message delivered to the departing soldiers by the prince of Wales, highly praises them for their courage and endurance and "deeds nobly done in the days of the ever-mem.

Again there has been considerable fighting between the British and Arabs London claiming success for the Brit-

The British have put down an attack of the Turks against Kut El Amara, in Mesopotamia where the Turks had succeeded in breaching the fortified positions and entering bastion of one of the forts. The Turkish losses in the several engagements were estimated at seven hundred-the British killed and wounded numbered

Little fighting of consequence is go. ing one elsewhere except by means of production, consumption and export artillery and sapping operations Both Paris and London report the infeeling which exists. There is abun- at several points on the western line On the Austro-Italian front the Italian bombardment of the Tyrolean sector has grown in intensity and on the Isonzo front the big guns of both sides

On the Russian front and in Galicia there is no change in the situation, There he been much speculation on while in the Balkan theater the fight-

Greece, according to Berlin advices,

they MRS. SHOPE DIES AT SWANNANOA

contracts aggregating 100,000 tons of shell steel. The buying is more active, Mrs. Cora Shope, aged 27, who died

The deceased was a native of Rutherford county, but had lived in Buncombe county for asveral years and was well known by a host of friends in the where she resided,

PUBLISHER'S WIFE DIES AT NASHVILLE

Nashvile, Dec. 27—Mrs. E. B. Stahl-man, wife of the owner and publisher of the Banner died Sunday afternoon.