

AUSTRIA'S NEW ANCONA REPLY EASES TENSION

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REPLY REACHED STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY

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Washington, Dec. 31.—The text of Austria's Ancona note was received early today at the state department. The work of translating the note from the diplomatic code will take several hours and arrangements for the publication of the document will be made later.

The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing stated in the forenoon that the first section of the note had been translated and that he expected to have the complete translation of the document in his hands before night.

Officials who read the unofficial version of the reply in the newspapers apparently were much gratified at its nature. The danger of a diplomatic break between the United States and Austria-Hungary is no longer considered imminent. Officials said that additional correspondence was sure to ensue.

Secretary Lansing denied to comment on the note until he had received the complete official text. It was considered doubtful whether the official text would be given out either today or tomorrow unless some provision for its publication was appended to the text by Ambassador Penfield at Vienna.

Secretary Lansing received a brief resume of the contents of the note. He declined, however, to make it public or to comment on it.

PAN-AMERICAN TREATIES URGED

Convention to Arbitrate Certain Matters Suggested by Lansing for Pan-American Union Nations.

PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT GIVEN THE PROPOSAL

Arbitration Would Include Disputes Over Boundaries and Prohibition of Sale of Arms to Revolutionists.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Lansing has suggested that all nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American union should join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and in the prohibition of the sale of all war materials to revolutionists.

The proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin-American Ambassadors and ministers at Washington to their home foreign offices for consideration. The proposal is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American Scientific Congress is a part, for the preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all American nations.

WATT IS ADDED BY POE'S PAPER TO COLONEL

Beneficiary of a Sort of "Back Handed Boom in His Plans to Succeed Commission W. T. Lee."

SUPPORTED BECAUSE OF TAX REFORM IDEAS

Progressive Farmer May Be Able to Do a Great Deal For Watt, Although Non-Partisan Paper.

(By W. T. Lee.)
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Walter W. Watt's candidacy for a national commissioner to succeed W. T. Lee is a sort of beneficiary of a back-handed boom, if anybody knows what that is, in Dr. Clarke Poe's paper this week.

Dr. Poe has infinite credit for saying that he is not concerned with boosting anybody's candidacy, but he does believe that somebody should start a crusade to equalize assessments in North Carolina. Under the present editorial dealing with the subject, he observes that there is a general interest in this subject, and that Mr. W. W. Watt is the only one in the state who is making the basis of his candidacy for a place on the state tax commission which is also a state tax commission.

The editorial is the fulfillment of a prophecy made some weeks ago that Mr. Watt's friends would expect a substantial support from the paper edited by Dr. Poe. The paper is a non-partisan organ of a non-partisan organization, and it is not surprising that it should be the need of some one in office who will take cognizance of the rich rascals who escape taxation and the poor devils who pay them all.

BRITISH WARSHIP NATAL GOES DOWN

Sinks After Explosion—Powerful Vessel Although Laid Down 11 Years Ago.

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made today.

The Natal's sinking was the most severe loss which the British navy has sustained for several months. No British naval vessel of importance had been sunk since last May, when the Triumph and the Maledive were torpedoed at the Dardanelles.

The Natal, although a powerful man-of-war, was laid down 11 years ago and her displacement was only half that of the largest British sea fighters. The ship had a complement of 704 men and a displacement of 13,550 tons. The vessel was 480 feet long with a beam of 73 feet. Her jarg-set guns were 9.2 inches, of which she had three forward and three aft. She was armed also with four 1.5 inch guns, 24 two-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

SEVEN STATES GO DRY TODAY

Prohibition Effective in South Carolina, Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas, After Today.

OVER 300 SALOONS GO OUT OF BUSINESS

South Carolina Has "Gallon-a-Month" Law; Effort will Be Made to Make State Absolutely Dry.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—South Carolina will be numbered among the prohibition states after midnight tonight. The state dispensary system under which 15 of the 44 counties of the state operated liquor dispensaries and around which the political battles of the state have centered for nearly a quarter of a century, will cease to exist after sundown this afternoon.

The law which becomes effective at midnight was adopted at a special election on September 14 last by an overwhelming majority.

Individuals under the new law are permitted to have one gallon of whiskey per month for personal use. Certain spirits are permitted churches and for arts and sciences, according to a decision of the attorney general. State Senator Carlisle of Spartanburg has announced that he will introduce a bill in the general assembly which meets next month to repeal the so-called "gallon law" and to make the city absolutely dry.

STATEMENT FOLLOWS OYSTER BAY VISIT

Declares Republican Tide Is Turning Rapidly Toward the Discard.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Further light on the attitude of Theodore Roosevelt towards the presidential nomination has been shed by Edward B. Clark, one of the best known newspaper men in Washington and a personal friend of the colonel.

Mr. Clark has returned from Oyster Bay, where he held a long conference with the former president. Mr. Clark spent Christmas eve at the Oyster Bay residence and talked at length on many political matters, the least of which was not the presidential nomination.

MAYOR OF FOREST CITY OFFERS HIS RESIGNATION

Following the resignation of Mayor R. V. King, J. S. Bridges, chairman of the city council was chosen to fill the vacancy until a permanent man could be had. Mr. King has been mayor since last May. He has also been engaged in the mercantile business here for a number of years, but will move to Anson county the first of the year where he has purchased a large farm.

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7 NEGROES KILLED IN RACE CLASHES

Excitement Not Subsided But No Further Trouble Is Expected.

Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—The excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between white posemen and negroes near here, in which seven negroes were killed and two white men seriously hurt, had not entirely died down. Intellectual white citizens who spent last night in efforts to prevent further outbreaks, expressed the belief that there would be no more trouble.

Five negroes were shot and killed and two were burned, according to reports reaching here, as the result of three pitched battles between negroes and various bands of white men seeking the capture of Grandison Goolsby, a negro farmer, and his two sons, Mike and Ulysses, accused of the assassination of Henry J. Villipigue, an overseer, who had threatened one of the younger Goolsbys. Villipigue was shot in the back Wednesday night and his wife had a narrow escape from being hit by several shots which were fired after her husband was struck.

The negroes reported dead after an all-day hunt which began Thursday morning with the news of Villipigue's death and which culminated in pitched battles where Grandison Goolsby, his two sons, both of whom were burned in a cabin in which they had taken refuge. "Hoah" Jewell, Charles Holmes, James Burton and Early Hightower.

GOVERNOR HAMMOND DIES SUDDENLY

Minnesota Executive Was Inspecting Farm Near Clinton, La.—Apoplexy Cause.

Clinton, La., Dec. 31.—Governor W. S. Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel here yesterday from apoplexy, which physicians stated might have been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poison. He was stricken in the lavatory of the hotel and died before the physicians summoned could arrive.

Visiting Farms in South.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—Governor Hammond, who died at Clinton, La., yesterday departed for the south last week ago to inspect some farm lands he owned in that state. At the office at the state house it was stated that he had been expected to return tomorrow and that no intimation had been received here of his being ill.

HARCOURT RESIGNS

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Dec. 31.—An special cablegram from London received here says that the Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the British cabinet to become viceroy of India.

APPARENTLY NEGLIGENT

"Fully appreciating the attitude of the commander, who had in view the rescue of the passengers and crew," says the note, "the Austro-Hungarian naval authorities have arrived at the conclusion that he apparently neglected to take sufficiently into consideration the panic among the passengers which rendered disembarkation more difficult and the spirit of the regulations that Austro-Hungarian naval officers should refuse assistance to no one in distress, even an enemy. The officer was therefore punished for violating the instructions embodied in the rules in force for such cases."

RESULTS OF INQUIRY

The Austro-Hungarian government does not hesitate in view of the circumstances to draw the appropriate conclusion concerning the indemnification of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize, but for the damage caused by the floating vessel the Austro-Hungarian government cannot well be made responsible or for the damages resulted from the incorrect disembarkation or the capsizing of the lowered boats before the torpedo was fired. The Austro-Hungarian government must suppose that the Washington cabinet is able and willing to communicate to the Austro-Hungarian cabinet the necessary information referring thereto.

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