

MR. WATTS SEES VICTORY AHEAD FOR WILSON IN 1916

Collector Gets Line on Political Situation from Friends in Washington

TELLS DEMOCRATS TO BE OF GOOD CHEER

AFTER CONVERSING WITH THOSE WHO KNOW FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY MR WATTS GIVES IT AS HIS OPINION THAT WILSON WILL HAVE 500 OUT OF 531 VOTES

(By Geo. H. Manning) Washington, Dec. 11.—Mr. A. D. Watts, collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District, who has been here for a week, left for Statesville tonight. Before leaving he said: "I had some little matters which I wished to talk over with Colonel Osborn and the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, but the principal reason for my visit to the Capital City was to learn as much of the political situation in the country as I could. During my thirteen years in Washington as senator, I came to know many of every state in the Union of both houses—Senators and Representatives, their clerks, members of the general staffs in the House and Senate, chief in the Executive Department and most of the correspondents of the daily papers of the country. I always took great interest in politics and so I had a number of friends in the country and the various states, and came to have a fairly good source of information from almost every State—sometimes I saw them, often a number of the times, frequently some bright ones brought here by a Senator or Representative largely because of his knowledge of the politics of his State. Experience has taught me that not always is the best with the biggest office the best person in political conditions in the States. During my present visit I have talked with men from almost every State in the Union—Democrats and Republicans, from Senators and Representatives, from messengers, and from all the information I have been able to get I believe President Wilson will be re-elected by a landslide. He will have at least 500 of the 531 electoral votes. Of course he will have the electoral majority he had last year, but no one believes the Democrats will poll anything like the votes they did before, although the opinion is general that that party will win a ticket in the field.

Allies Must Originate Peace Negotiations



London, Dec. 11.—An American dispatch from Budapest contains an outline of a speech made in the Diet by Count Tisa, Hungarian Premier, in which the Premier is quoted as saying: "The conclusion of peace depends exclusively upon our enemies. The more it takes to convince them that their position is untenable, the sooner will be our victory. The peace of the world will be the result of the peace of our enemies."

YUAN SHI KAI HAS ACCEPTED THRONE

Great Republic of China Passes Quietly Back to Empire

Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, President of the Provisional Republic of China, has accepted the throne of the Great Republic of China. The news was received here with a feeling of relief. The Republic of China was proclaimed in 1912, but Yuan Shi Kai, who had been the de facto ruler, had not accepted the title of Emperor. The news of his acceptance is seen as a step towards the restoration of the Chinese Empire. The Republic of China was proclaimed in 1912, but Yuan Shi Kai, who had been the de facto ruler, had not accepted the title of Emperor. The news of his acceptance is seen as a step towards the restoration of the Chinese Empire.

TO MAKE PROTEST AGAINST ACTION OF FRENCH CRUISER

America Holds Enemy Cannot Be Taken Off of Neutral Ships

FAMOUS CASE CITED AS A PRECEDENT

Washington, Dec. 11.—A protest will be made against the action of the French cruiser which recently stopped an American vessel on high sea and took German citizens off of the ship. The protest is based on the famous case of the Albatross, in which the United States government successfully protested against the seizure of an American vessel by a foreign power. The protest is being organized by the American Legation in Paris and will be presented to the French government.

PROMINENT FIGURES IN ALLEGED PACIFIC COAST BOMB PLOTS



San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The names of several prominent figures in the alleged Pacific coast bomb plots have been disclosed. The names include those of several well-known businessmen and politicians in the San Francisco area. The disclosure is the result of a report received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ARMIES OF EUROPE HAVE SETTLED DOWN FOR LONG DEADLOCK OF THE WINTER

ALLEVIATION OF GRAVE SITUATION HAS NOT YET COME

It is Definitely Learned That Note Has Reached Austrian Capital

EXPECT SOLUTION ONE WAY OR 'OTHER

IT IS NOT THOUGHT THAT CRISIS CAN BE POSTPONED MUCH LONGER—AUSTRIAN CHANGE COURSE ON LANSING TO EXPLAIN THE LETTER HE WROTE TO CONSUL GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 11.—While there were no developments today to alleviate the grave diplomatic situation between the United States and Austria, information that the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania had reached the Vienna foreign office yesterday led to the belief that a definite solution one way or the other without more delay would be found. A copy of the note was given Baron Zimmern, the Austrian charge, when he called at the State Department today to discuss the letter he had written to the Austrian consul general in New York suggesting that passports be purchased on the Austrian route to the United States. He explained that the letter was written when the Constantinian Dumba was in charge of the Austrian embassy. It is apparent that officials who read the note are of the opinion that relations are in danger of being broken off unless Vienna complied immediately with the American demands.

SAY GREECE WILL CONCEDE ALL THE ALLIES' DEMANDS

The Latest Report from Athens is Encouraging to London

GERMANS AT WORK ON FOOD PROBLEM

ONE REPORT SAY REICHTAG PROPOSES TO LIMIT SUPPLY SERVED IN RESTAURANTS IN ORDER TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE—PEACE RIOTS REPORTED ON STREETS OF BERLIN

London, Dec. 11.—No news of important engagements between the main armies of Europe having been issued in several days leads to the belief that they have settled down for the winter deadlock in the trenches. The Russian reports that the Austro-Germans have evacuated Lemberg, Galicia, because of the prevalence of snow are taken to mean also that they are shortening their lines for the winter. The Italian bombardment of Gorizia continues, but the complete fall of the town is delayed. The retirement of the Anglo-French upon Salonika is still in progress. The Paris Times is insisting that Salonika be retained by the Allies as a base and that reinforcements be sent to renew the offensive. This information which may come from the Allied Council of War in Paris keeps the Balkans the center of interest. An Athens dispatch asserting that the Greeks will concede all the Entente demands, and some reports crediting Greece with a decision to demolish Greece with the newest diplomatic developments favorable to the Allies. A persistent German report says the Russians are concentrating troops and erecting munition dumps along the Rumanian Danube frontier. The German Reichstag is considering the problem of food supply and proposes to limit the consumption of commodities in restaurants as a help to the poorer classes. Copenhagen and Amsterdam continue to send stories of peace riots in Berlin.

VERBAL SHRAPNEL THINS THE RANKS OF JINGOES MIGHTILY AT GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER

Washington, Dec. 11.—The dinner at the Gridiron Club last night was a verbal shrapnel which thinned the ranks of jingoes mightily. The dinner was given in honor of the American Legation in Paris. The speakers included several prominent figures in the diplomatic corps. The dinner was a success and the speakers were well received.

28 HORSES BURIED BENEATH SNOW

All Were Rescued—Traffic Tied Up to First Snow of the Season

Washington, Dec. 11.—Twenty-eight horses were buried beneath the snow which fell last night in Washington. The horses were rescued by the police and the fire department. The snow was the first of the season and caused a great deal of trouble in the city. Traffic was tied up and many people were stranded. The snow was cleared up by the city's snowplows.

WILSON LEADS IN TOBACCO SALES

Ahead of Winston-Salem in November by Over 40,000 Pounds

Winston-Salem, Dec. 11.—The tobacco sales in Winston-Salem for the month of November were the highest in the city's history. The sales were ahead of Winston-Salem in November by over 40,000 pounds. The sales were a result of the high demand for tobacco in the city.

SNIPES CASE IS CALLED IN COURT

It Was Continued Yesterday Until Monday—High Point Case Tried

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—The Snipes case was called on this morning and continued until Monday. The Snipes case is a case involving the Snipes family and the Snipes family. The case is being tried in court and the Snipes family is being represented by their attorneys.

WAR COST POSTAL SERVICE HEAVILY

Burleson's Report Says War Has Cost the Service \$21,000,000

Washington, Dec. 11.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report made public tonight says the European war has cost the American postal service \$21,000,000. The report also says that the postal service has been able to maintain its service to the public despite the war. The report also says that the postal service has been able to maintain its service to the public despite the war.

UNDERWOOD IS MADE CHAIRMAN

Former House Leader is Head of Minor Committee in the Senate

Washington, Dec. 11.—The selection of Oscar W. Underwood as chairman of the appropriations committee and chief of the Democratic caucus in the Senate was announced today. Underwood is a former House leader and has a long record in Congress. The selection of Underwood as chairman of the appropriations committee is seen as a significant move by the Democratic leadership in the Senate.

RECRUITING PLAN PROVES BIG SUCCESS IN ENGLAND

Safe Conduct of Recalled German Attaché Asked

London, Dec. 11.—An extension of the recruiting plan in England has been announced. The plan is to recruit more soldiers for the British army. The plan is seen as a success and is expected to result in a significant increase in the size of the British army. The safe conduct of the recalled German attaché is also being discussed.

FINE FEATURE OF THE EMPTY STOCKING BALL WILL BE GOOD MUSIC BY CROUSE'S ORCHESTRA

The empty stocking ball will be a fine feature of the Christmas season. The ball will be held in the city and will be a great success. The music by Crouse's orchestra will be a highlight of the event. The ball will be held in the city and will be a great success.

ELECTION RECALL OF ATLANTA'S MAYOR

People Will Have Opportunity to Retaliate for Treatment of Beavers

Atlanta, Dec. 11.—Recall election for Mayor of Atlanta is being held today. The election is a result of the treatment of the beavers in the city. The people will have the opportunity to retaliate for the treatment of the beavers. The election is being held in the city and will be a great success.

OFFICIALS DENY THAT STUDENT WAS KILLED

Officials deny that a student was killed in the recent explosion in the city. The explosion was a result of a gas leak and caused a great deal of damage. The officials are denying that a student was killed in the explosion.

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