

ALLIES RIDICULE PEACE PROPOSALS

GERMANY'S PROPOSALS MEET THE CONTEMPT OF ALLIED NATIONS

LORD NORTHCLIFF EXPLAINS WHY CENTRAL POWERS MADE PROPOSALS AT THE PRESENT TIME

ALLIES FIRM AS PLYMOUTH ROCK

BY LORD NORTHCLIFF.
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LONDON.—Germany's peace proposals are due to facts which small countries have not considered. It has been indicated during the last few weeks that grave internal dissension has arisen in Germany, owing to food shortage. Many of the people are without food and great privation is being suffered. A reign of terror is sweeping the country. Relations are strained between the various states and also with Turkey. Germany's peace proposals at this time are received by England with contempt. As for France, Russia, Italy and Belgium, they are as firm as Plymouth rock. There is absolutely no chance for Germany's proposals being accepted.

ALLIES TO DEFINE TERMS

(By United Press)

LONDON.—Sentiment appears to be increasing that England's answer to Germany's peace note be a definition of the basic terms for peace as set forth by the allies. It is certain that the answer at this time will be a rejection of Germany's proposals, but it is felt that the Allies should meet Germany's strategy by a move which would put the allies first in making known their demands and concessions.

CLAWSON BACHMAN HAS BEEN INDICTED

An item in a recent issue of a Philadelphia newspaper, states that Clawson Bachman of that city had been indicted on the charge of conspiracy and using the mails to defraud investors. Clawson Bachman was president of the Washington Lighting Company before it went into the hands of the receivers. Judging from the item, which is published below, there appears to be no doubt but that the "Clawson Bachman" mentioned therein and the "Clawson Bachman" who formerly resided here are one and the same persons. However, there is no absolute proof of this available as yet. The article in the Philadelphia paper follows:

PHILADELPHIA.—A Federal indictment charging conspiracy and using the mails to defraud investors out of hundreds of thousands of dollars has been returned against Clawson Bachman and J. T. Hayden of this city and A. H. Masley of Steelton, Penn., comprising the firm of

Bachman & Co., investment brokers, which is now in the Bankruptcy Court.

It is charged that the defendants defrauded hundreds of persons through stock subscriptions in the International Gas and Electric Company, a Delaware corporation, by representing that seven subsidiaries were earning sufficient profits to enable the International, the holding concern, to pay 8 per cent dividends. It is further charged that dividends were paid out of the stock subscriptions and that in some instances the defendants retained the dividends by inducing shareholders to reinvest in new stock.

The subsidiaries, according to Postal Inspectors, are the Concord Gas Company, Concord, N. C.; Georgetown Railway and Light Company, Georgetown, S. C.; Syracuse Suburban Gas Company, East Syracuse, N. Y.; Gaston County Gas Company, Gastonia, N. C.; Georgetown Gas and Electric Company, Georgetown, S. C.; New Bern Gas Company, New Bern, N. C.; and the Goldsboro Gas Company, Goldsboro, N. C.

H. P. Bachman & Co., members of the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchange since 1869, have no connection with the firm whose members are indicted.

TODAYS PROGRAM

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BOX PARTY AT THE OLD FORD SCHOOL

A box party and tea party is to take place at Old Ford school house Friday night, Dec. 15, for the benefit of the school fund. Everyone is invited.

NO LET-UP OF GERMANY'S OFFENSIVE

(By United Press)

BERLIN.—Despite Germany's peace overtures, General von Hindenburg's declaration that there will be no rest this winter for the German army, still stands. A high military authority repeated this quotation of the field marshal's remarks in commenting on the fact that Germany carefully weighed the peace question before announcement of it was made, knowing that England did not desire peace because the allies intend to launch an enormous spring offensive.

COLORED MASONS TO HOLD CONCLUDING SESSION TONIGHT

Convention Here Has Been One of the Most Successful Ever Held in the State.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. A. and A. M. had one of the busiest days of the session yesterday. The Grand Lodge officers made their reports. Rapt attention was paid Grand Secretary C. S. Brown and Grand Treasurer A. R. Middleton when they made the most satisfactory reports from their departments ever listened to by even the oldest Grand Lodge member. These reports gave evidence of the growth of the institution.

The Grand Endowment Secretary Col. James H. Young, gave a very elaborate detailed report of his department to the satisfaction of the craft. This department is the insurance feature of the order and has been the subject of especial care of Col. Young for more than a decade. The committee on credentials and returns made its report this morning and showed a collection around \$6,000.00. This is in excess of the collection last year.

Prof. C. M. Epps, of Greenville, read a resolution that purported to compel all lodges to support the annual district Masonic school. Dr. E. L. Madison read a resolution purporting to increase the endowment policy from \$300 to \$350. It was not.

Dr. R. B. McRory, the present Grand Master, was unanimously re-elected as was Dr. C. S. Brown, Grand Secretary, A. R. Middleton, Grand Treasurer and Col. James H. Young, Grand Endowment Secretary. The Grand Lodge of Sorority was convened at 8 o'clock last evening in the C. M. E. church with Dr. C. H. Daniels of Salisbury, acting Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-five deaths occurred in the jurisdiction last year and the eulogy was effectively delivered by Dr. Agroy, of Livingston College, Salisbury. Mrs. Dr. Babco sang a touching and appropriate solo.

At 10 noon, the Grand Lodge moved from the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church in one of the grandest parades ever seen here among the colored people. They traversed the principal streets to the Spring Garden Baptist church, where Hon. P. H. Bell of Plymouth, delivered a very masterful oration. This has been a very harmonious session and very profitable from every angle. Washington has entertained most royally and the large delegation is welcome in praise of the city.

Dr. McRory is a smooth and polished presiding officer and is beginning his ninth year. He is ably assisted in the dispatch of the work by A. E. Jackson, Ed Story, W. S. King, R. Spiller, A. R. Middleton and J. W. Crockett. Bishop R. B. Bruce, Deputy Grand Master, is assisting the Grand Master. The present session will close tonight.

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AUSTRIAN CABINET MEMBERS RESIGNED

BEHEVED THAT PEACE PROPOSALS WERE DIRECT CAUSE FOR THE ACTION ON THEIR PART.

NEW CABINET BEING FORMED

(By United Press)

AMSTERDAM.—The resignation of the Austrian cabinet was announced today in dispatches from Vienna. Alexander Spitzmuller, one of the most prominent statesmen in that country, is attempting a formation of a new ministry.

For some time it has been evident that the Austrian cabinet was not acting with the closest of co-operation. Several heated disputes have taken place over war matters and there has been a general disagreement over many issues that have been brought up.

While full information regarding the immediate cause for the resignation is not yet available, it would appear that the peace proposals, recently issued by the Central Powers, had considerable to do with the action. It is known that some of the members of the cabinet were bitterly opposed to any such steps being taken.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON PROHIBITION

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—The House Judiciary committee today favorably reported on bills for nation-wide prohibition and food probe. They reported without recommendation of woman's suffrage.

The committee on prohibition is said to have been twelve to seven in favor of recommendation for the passage of the Webb nation-wide prohibition bill, providing for a constitutional prohibition amendment which must be ratified by two-thirds of the states.

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TO GIVE DOCTORS ROYAL TIME HERE

Local physicians plan to give the Seaboard Medical Society a convention in Washington next week, which will surpass any ever held by that organization.

No pains are being spared to treat the visitors royally during their stay in Washington. An elaborate program of entertainment has been prepared and includes a banquet, smoker, barbecue, oyster roast and many other features.

The convention will open on December 19 and will continue through December 21.

J. P. MORGAN VISITS BRITISH EMBASSY

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—J. P. Morgan, financial representative of the Entente allies in the United States, paid a secret visit to the British embassy today. The purpose of his action is assumed to be to gather information regarding the possible attitude of the Entente allies toward Germany's peace proposals. It is further assumed that his visit may have a broad effect upon future developments in international financing.

Ignorant of Carranza's Course.

WASHINGTON.—Mexican Ambassador-Designate Arredondo went to New York today to meet Alberto J. Pani, back from Queretaro where he submitted to General Carranza the agreement signed at Atlantic City by the Mexican-American joint commission. When he left here Mr. Arredondo was ignorant of the action taken by Carranza, who says will be placed before the American commissioners at Philadelphia on Monday.

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER PRESIDES, BUT HE IS ILL

LONDON.—The press bureau issued the following statement last night:

"The prime minister presided at a meeting of the war cabinet this morning but he is still suffering from the chill he contracted, his voice in particular being affected. His doctor has ordered complete rest for a day or two."

INVITATIONS SENT OUT

Miss Robena Carter to Become Bride of Mr. C. J. Moore on December 28th.

The following invitations have been sent out:

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Walton Carter request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Margaret Robena

to Mr. Charles Joyce Moore Thursday evening, December the twenty-eighth, at nine o'clock, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Washington, North Carolina

No cards have been sent out in the city. There will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents immediately following the wedding, to which all friends of the contracting parties are invited.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY UNITED STATES: SENT TO THE ALLIES

ADMINISTRATION ACTS ACCORDING TO WISHES OF GERMANY AND THE CENTRAL POWERS

NO OTHER ACTION IS TAKEN

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—Germany's peace proposals reached the State Department during the night. Secretary Crew of the Berlin embassy transmitted them to the department with a confidential memorandum for President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. This note will be used by them as a guide in dealing with the proposals.

The text, to all intents, is identical with press dispatches, which were made known yesterday.

America's first step toward carrying out the wishes of Germany and the Central Powers as their diplomatic representatives in the Entente capitals was taken today within a few hours after the receipt of the official text of the Teutonic peace proposals, which have already been published.

Secretary Lansing, under orders from President Wilson, has dispatched the note to London, Paris, Petrograd, Tokio and to the provisional capitals of Rumania, Serbia and Belgium. The German communications to her enemies have been sent without suggestions or comment by Mr. Wilson. The action completely fulfills the request made by the Central empires of the United States.

It is stated on the highest authority that the President's mind is still entirely open. He is still undetermined as to what steps to take and will reach no decision until he has confidential advice from American representatives at the Entente-allied capitals.

"One point, however, has become clear, and that is that Mr. Wilson will prevent his advisers from giving ardent advice, however carefully worded, so that no move might be received unfavorably by the allied governments. It has been suggested to him that perhaps a concise, clear and full statement, delivered to the American people and to the world, might be the entering wedge to be adopted."

Community Christmas Tree Now Is Assured

The Community Christmas tree for Washington is an assured fact. Mrs. W. P. Baughman has been working strenuously in behalf of the occasion for the last week or more and plans are now in a concrete form.

A meeting of representatives from the different churches was held yesterday afternoon, at which the following committees were appointed: Publicity: J. G. Bragaw, Jr., and Carl Goerch.

Program: Mrs. D. M. Carter and Edmund Harding.

Purchasing: C. A. Flynn, E. K. Willis and Frank Moss.

Decorating: H. B. Charles, Edmund Harding, Misses Mary Fowle, and Mary Cowell, Mrs. James McCluer, Miss Kathlyn Latham and Mr. Butler.

Finance: Mesdames S. R. Fowle, W. T. Hudnell, Dave Bell, J. W. Dalley, S. F. Freeman, J. R. Percival. Stocking Filling: Mrs. S. P. Willis, Mrs. Coxens, Miss Rachel Rumley, Mrs. Frank Rollins and Mr. Frank Moss.

It has been decided to distribute the gifts of confectionery, nuts and fruit on the night of the 25th, the program to start at 6:30 o'clock. There will be a short address by one of the prominent local orators, carols by the children and other musical selections. At the conclusion of the program the fire truck will drive up, laden with the filled stockings and these will be distributed to the children by a real, live Santa Claus.

The finance committee is out today collecting funds for the tree. Forty-one dollars has already been secured by Mrs. Baughman, and this amount has been turned over to Mrs. Fowle, chairman of the finance committee. Those who have donated so far are:

- S. R. Fowle 10.00
- E. R. Mixon 5.00
- Harry McMullan 2.00
- D. U. Martin 3.00
- Frank Moss 1.00
- J. L. Warren 1.00
- Total \$41.00

The finance committee will only visit the merchants of the city. Those who desire to contribute are not seen by some member of the committee are urged to send their contributions to the Daily News, and they will be acknowledged through the columns of this paper.

AURORA SOCIETY NEWS

Enjoyable Dance Given by Parochial Society for Benefit of Church Fund.

AURORA, N. C.—The Parochial Society of the Episcopal church gave a dance Thursday evening, the 7th, for the benefit of the church. Those dancing were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Portery, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dixon, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Brickhouse Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Thompson, Oscar Paul with Miss Lois Thompson, John Bonner with Miss Mattie Hooker, Hardy Thompson with Miss Mabel Laurence, F. Guilford with Miss Kathleen Bryan, Hanson Guilford with Miss Adelaide Watson, C. V. Knight with Miss Emma Edwards, Sam Crutch with Miss Lela Taylor, Mr. Law with Miss Lela Newman, and Archie Bonner.

Mrs. Ida Resdick served punch. Chaperones, Mrs. Ida Resdick, Mrs. Caroline F. Harvey, Mrs. W. J. McWilliams.

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