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ALLIES WAGE VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE

FIRE RUINS BIG NEWSPAPER PLANT

GERMAN FORCES ARE HURLED BACK ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

ALLIES TO DISCUSS GERMANY'S PROPOSALS

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES HERE ADVISE GOVERNMENTS NOT TO REJECT PEACE OFFERS.

WOULD STIR UP PREJUDICE

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Germany is ready to lay her peace cards on the table. The Teutonic peace suggestions have all been forwarded to the allies with the United States acting as official messenger. The allied representatives, it was announced today, advised their governments not to turn down flatly the peace proffers without a discussion or explanation, lest such a move alienate the opinion of the neutral nations.

The above facts are the outstanding developments in the peace situation as far as Washington is concerned. They made the administration feel tonight that the entire problem is up to the Entente Allies, for the present at least.

Officials believe that "with the ball started rolling," "the wedge of diplomacy" will widen and that the counsel of the allied diplomats here will help serve the purpose of promoting peace talk, laying the basis for later and actual peace negotiations.

GERMANY MUST CHANGE HER GOVERNMENT

Allied Officials Declare They Cannot Deal With Germany Under Present Control.

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—"The Entente Allies cannot make peace with Germany in the present form and under present control." This statement was made Saturday by two allied ambassadors. It was explained in detail by an embassy official as follows:

"What the allies want is not so much a re-arrangement of the boundaries as they do the establishment of a peace which will not be a mere truce and will allow the nations to reduce their armaments. Any peace with Germany under the present autocratic control of that country will bring no guarantee against the re-ignition of war. There must be a total change of the German government to some form of constitutional monarchy with a Democratic parliament controlling the nation."

GARY, Ind.—Inspired by criticism in a newspaper sitting forth that something was rampant, unadvised by police, the police raided the editorial rooms of the paper, arrested five of the staff in a hit game.

I. H. MORRIS—THE STORE TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

SCANDAL IN REVENUE DEPARTMENT CAUSES ARREST OF N. C. MAN

Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, is Charged With Being in With the Conspirators.

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, N. C., one of the "big up" Federal revenue men, has been convicted at Jacksonville, Fla., on the charge of being implicated in the national whiskey fraud conspiracy and will be taken to Fort Smith, Ark., for trial at the June term of court for the alleged part he played in that whiskey fraud scandal. J. H. Surger, former revenue collector, will be tried on a similar charge at Fort Smith.

Government officials stated today that McCoy's conviction is an important step in their efforts to get the men "higher up" in the conspiracy. The big problem that has been confronting the government men is that of obtaining facts to take the place of the confession made by Knox Booth, who suddenly died at Memphis a year ago. Guy Hartman, who was arrested upon his return to this country from Mexico, has also confessed, according to officials.

GIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FREE TO 50 CHILDREN

A most practical Christmas present, and one that will give general delight to the children, is being offered absolutely free by I. H. Morris store tomorrow morning.

Mr. Morris has purchased fifty carpet sweepers, miniature in design, but perfect in workmanship. They pick up lint and dust and are entirely practical. While they retail for fifty cents apiece, Mr. Morris intends offering them free to the first fifty children, who come into his place of business tomorrow morning, accompanied by an adult. There are "no strings tied to this offer" and no one is under obligations to purchase anything. But as the supply is rather limited, those parents who desire to get one of these sweepers for their children are urged to do so as early as possible.

MANY PEOPLE FROM COUNTRY COMING TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A number of residents from the rural districts of the county, who were in the city Saturday, stated that they intended coming to Washington on Christmas day in order to be present at the program that is to be rendered at the Community Christmas tree.

From present indications it is apparent that a large number of people from different parts of the county will be here for the big event and they will undoubtedly help their children with them. It is expected that two thousand persons will witness the program and the presentation of gifts to the children.

More money is needed to make the occasion a success and all those who have not already contributed to the Christmas tree fund are urged to do so as early as possible.

VILLISTAS HAVE TAKEN CITY OF JIMINEZ

IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTION IS TAKEN FROM THE FORCES OF THE DE FACTO GOVERNMENT.

SUPPLIES BEEN CUT OFF

(By United Press) EL PASO.—Proceeding swiftly southward, the Villistas have captured the important city of Jiminez, according to advices received here by mining companies. The occupation of both Jiminez and Santa Rosalia by the bandits severs the only lines of supplies and ammunitions for Carranza's army of the north.

The town of Jiminez is an important railway junction. It is reported that the capture was effected without great resistance on the part of the Carranza garrison in the city. The Villistas attacked the city from all sides and many of the Carranzistas were taken prisoners. Violent fighting occurred in the streets of the city before it was finally captured.

L. H. MORRIS—HEADQUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS.

CITY GIRLS FAILURES.

LONDON.—Flighty, frivolous city girls are the world's greatest failures as farm hands. The pretty maidens in calico frocks whose photos have filled the British pictorial magazines for months are almost useless when it comes to actual work.

This is the verdict of the Wiltshire war agricultural committee which undertook the task of training city girls to get back to the land.

L. H. MORRIS—THE STORE TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

REDUCE COST OF PAPER

Newspapermen Fighting Before Commission to Cut Down the Price on News Print.

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Newspaper publishers here Saturday, testifying before the Federal Trade Commission against a "paper trust," decided to make a "direct appeal" to Attorney General Gregory for a "permanent relief of the present oppression" of newspaper print manufacturers. This decision was reached despite the fact that Commissioner Davis has announced that the commission will continue its investigation. Some of the publishers present, including H. B. Varner, of North Carolina, believe that they won't need the assistance of the commission in obtaining evidence to warrant a probe into the alleged trust.

A Co-operative Plant.

A co-operative newspaper plant factory, to combat the present high prices will be established in North Carolina if present plans materialize. H. B. Varner is leading the fight of the southern publishers before the Federal Trade Commission and R. Weaver, of the Durham Sun, stated that they had the assurance of ample capital to back the project.

"We feel sure with the capital we have on hand," Weaver said Saturday night, "we've all kinds of the right kind of timber that we need and can get it reasonably enough to sell news print at a good profit and still cut lower than the reigning prices that the paper trust is charging. Naturally, the plant will be an enemy for the benefit of southern publishers."

SEVERE STORM ON ATLANTIC SEABOARD

NEW YORK.—One of the worst snow storms that this section of the Atlantic coast has ever known, accompanied by a gale that fashed ships in the lanes of mountainous waves, grounding two vessels and holding others back for a day, wore itself out tonight.

The army transport, Summer, ashore on Barnegat since Monday, will probably be saved. The Norwegian steamer, Juno, ashore since this morning, will probably be taken off Little Egg harbor shoal at the high tide.

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER IS BURNED OUT

Fire Broke Out in Large Printing House Yesterday Afternoon. Loss is \$50,000.

(By United Press) CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Fire Saturday afternoon practically destroyed the Observer Printing House and seriously damaged the plant and offices of the Charlotte Observer. The loss exceeds \$50,000. The Observer was issued last night from the plant of the Charlotte News.

SHOOTING IN KINSTON

Bill Dupre, Prominent Farmer, Seriously Wounded as Result of Altercation.

(By Eastern Press) KINSTON.—Ben Faulkner, white, this afternoon shot and seriously injured Bill Dupre, a prominent farmer of Lenoir county. The shooting occurred in front of the Central warehouse and is said to have been the result of a heated altercation between the two men. The bullet entered Dupre's body immediately above the heart and lodged in his left shoulder. He was taken to the hospital and while his wounds are serious, they will not necessarily prove fatal.

Faulkner was arrested in the office of the Central warehouse. When it was found out that Dupre would live, he was released under a \$500 bond to guarantee his re-appearance in court.

WOMEN STEEL WORKERS.

SHEFFIELD.—Women cranedriv-ers are employed in the steel works here. They wear masculine dress of chocolate brown with blue trimmings.

Local Merchant Buys Up Entire Edition Of Paper

This edition of the Daily News, the first Sunday paper to be published in Washington with a complete press service, is due to the progressiveness of I. H. Morris, one of the prominent local merchants.

Mr. Morris came into the Daily News office about a week ago and stated that he wanted to buy out an entire issue of the paper. He requested a special telegraph news service and gave instructions to make the issue just as bright and newsworthy as we could.

Mr. Morris further stated that it was his intention to bring his large stock of Christmas merchandise to the public in a most forcible manner.

"I want the people of Washington and Loudoun county to know that I have prepared for them the largest stock of Christmas goods that I have ever had to offer them," he remarked. "I also want to give them a Sunday

morning paper, with complete telegraphic reports, to show them that I appreciate their patronage, and am willing to do something in return. I believe they will enjoy reading a paper of this kind on Sunday morning."

Mr. Morris' requests have been carried out to the letter. His advertisements were set up as directed, the press service was arranged and everything else was done to the best of our ability.

This is probably the first time in the State that any merchant has bought up an entire issue of a newspaper. Many have bought one, two, three and four days advertisements for a merchant to be in an entire paper for himself, to say the least, something out of the ordinary.

Mr. Morris ordered this edition to be issued at this particular time in

order to bring the attention of the people to his merchandise during the last week of Christmas shopping. As there are 2,500 copies of this paper issued, and as they are being sent out all over this and adjoining counties, there is little doubt but that he will enjoy a record-breaking business during the coming week.

"If I didn't have the goods," stated Mr. Morris, "I couldn't afford to advertise on this scale. But I know that I have the class of merchandise that will appeal to the buying public at this particular time."

Copies of this paper will also be sent to the leading dry-goods journals in the country and these will undoubtedly give considerable space in telling their readers of Mr. Morris' aggressive plan of advertising. In this manner, Washington will get considerable publicity of a most favorable nature.

VIGOROUS FIGHTING IS NOW IN PROGRESS. CITY OF BEXON-VAUX HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES.

VIOLENT ACTION ON ALL FRONTS

(By United Press)

LONDON.—Peace talk may be under discussion in the European capitals tonight, but the roar of battle resounds on every front. Seldom has there been such a unanimity in the reports from all the fronts in detailing bitter and unrelenting warfare, the kind that was never expected to continue in the winter snow and cold. It seems as though every belligerent is bolstering its own ideas of peace by force of might.

Germany is endeavoring to show that its plea for peace came through strength, and not through weakness. The allies are returning their defiant rejection of proffered peace by hurling forward their massed troops.

Verdun holds the center of interest in all the battle news. Called to the higher command over all of the French armies in the west, General Nivelle celebrated his appointment by a stroke of arms which detailed dispatches tonight gradually led to the conviction here that it was an even greater coup than France's efforts of October 24, when she hurled the Germans from Fort Douaumont and Fort Vaux.

The British are also active and a violent artillery duel is taking place in Flanders. On the eastern coast, separate rear-guard actions marked the retirement north of the Russian and Rumanian forces in front of the Teutonic invaders of Rungia.

Important Town Captured.

PARIS.—The capture of Besonvaux was announced officially tonight as the latest victory of the French offensive north of Verdun, in the initial advance of the first blow struck at the German lines.

The fortifications around Besonvaux fell into the hands of the French after a vigorous dash. Official statements indicate that the French offensive north of Verdun has been resumed with added violence. Yesterday's dispatches told of the capture of German works defending the city. By the capture of the town itself, the French have now advanced approximately eight miles from the outskirts of Verdun and have extended their positions since the assault began to a depth of more than three miles in this particular direction.

ALL WORKING MEN IN SPAIN TO GO ON STRIKE MONDAY

(By United Press)

MADRID, Spain.—A nation-wide strike will become effective on Monday to voice the protest of the workmen against the dearth of food supplies.

Men in all lines of work have joined in the strike. Conditions among the poorer classes are reported to be extremely critical. All the major crops were short, high prices are being charged and much starvation is being suffered.

DEPORTED BELGIANS ARE SENT BACK TO BELGIUM

(By United Press)

BERLIN.—Germany has already returned from six to seven hundred Belgians, whom she had transported from Belgium because of the mistake in classification whereby they had been incorrectly designated as "unemployed."

This information was given out exclusively to the United Press Saturday night. The corrupt governments in a number of Belgian cities repudiated in undesirable political opponents being railroaded in this manner.

JAPAN AFTER ISLANDS.

THE HAGUE.—"If Japan gets Java and Sumatra from Holland as at present, the 100,000 emigrants in the United States can be recalled, so America will also be satisfied," says the Japanese ex-minister and publicist, Yusaburo Takekoshi, in his latest article.

The article is a demand that Japan take advantage of the present favorable juncture to annex the Netherlands East Indies.

IN HONOR OF MISS SMALL.

Mrs. Henry Bridgeman and Mrs. E. L. Brooks entertained Saturday afternoon at a delightful bridge luncheon, which was given at Mrs. Bridgeman's home on West Second street. The event was in honor of Miss Catherine Small.

The home was beautifully decorated, suggestive of the approaching holidays. Holly and mistletoe and cut flowers formed the principal means of decorations. Miss Elizabeth Warren made high scores. The card playing was followed by a three-course luncheon. Each of the guests had brought an embroidered handkerchief and these were presented to Miss Small in a Christmas stocking.

Those present were Miss Catherine Small, Mrs. J. K. Hoyt, Mrs. George Hackney, Jr., Mrs. Richard Hraney, Mrs. Hugh Phelps, Miss Elizabeth Warren, Mrs. Mary Belle Small, Miss Mary Carter, Miss Janet, and Miss Caddie Pavia.

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