

PEACE CANNOT COME UNTIL SERBIA AND BELGIUM ARE FREE

American Officials Believe Allies Will Insist Upon Restoration

DISARMAMENT CROPS UP

All Belligerents Must Be Ready to Part With Large Portion of Their Guns, Is Thought In Washington

(By the United Press) London, Dec. 18.—American Ambassador Page today delivered the German peace note to the British foreign office.

Restoration Belgium Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 18.—United States officials are convinced there can be no formal discussion of peace until Germany and Austria avow willingness to restore Belgium and Serbia and all the nations involved are ready to disarm on a rather large scale. In his forthcoming speech Premier Lloyd-George is expected to insist on such action. This on his part would serve as a "pass-back" back to Germany. Moreover, officials believe he will outline fully what the Allies are fighting for, but in no circumstances will he voice approval of the rejection of German terms.

What America Expects The United Press is in position to give an outline of the government's position on several angles of the peace negotiations. It is believed Germany offered peace because her own people are becoming restive. They have demanded greater representation. They are becoming skeptical of military purposes and are convinced that the war, with the German victories, appears to be a war of conquest rather than of defense, as claimed.

It is believed the people of all countries want peace, America included, so long as there is no sacrifice of the principles for which they are fighting.

No reason is seen why Lloyd-George should fail to outline general peace terms for the Allies. Unqualified rejection of the Teuton proffers would immediately react to England's disadvantage in neutral countries, it is believed. It would also embitter the German people to unite more solidly behind the governmental form which England desires to destroy. The German people then would be convinced that their's is a war for existence, and would urge ruthless, unrestricted pursuit of it. It is pointed out that Germany would not fight to the end to resist a demand for restoration of Belgium and Serbia, but would fight to the last to preserve demands for the life of its own nation.

Expect Much From United States.

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Central Powers have urged the Pope and the United States to back up their peace proposals, according to reports had here.

All Depends On Lloyd-George.

London, Dec. 18.—Ambassador Page fulfilled his mission today without making any comment on the note. Lloyd-George, better, hopes to resume his duties today after a week's illness. The premier will find the nation squarely back of him if, as expected, he meets the German peace proposals with an unqualified refusal. It seemed certain today that the premier will be able to address the House of Commons tomorrow, outlining the policy of the new government and stating Britain's view on the Germans' peace proposals.

START RAISING THE STEAMER POWHATAN

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17.—Tugs and barges connected with local wrecking concerns this afternoon began the actual work of raising the Merchants

DON'T WORRY, THOSE WHO BOYST SALARIES ARE LOSING LITTLE

Western Union Can Afford Bonuses to Messenger Boys—New York Simply Revels In the Greatest Wealth in History

By LOWEL MELLETT, (United Press Staff Correspondent) New York, Dec. 18.—New York is rolling, reveling, rollicking in wealth. This is a "never before in history" story.

New York banks today hold in reserve \$814,794,200, and from every quarter of the globe money is pouring in—actual yellow gold by the millions, to be changed from the coin of other nations into the coin of the U. S. A. Wall Street has become a gambling table onto which is being thrown money from the earnings, winnings and savings of Americans and money from the coffers of kings.

While the large majority of New York's six millions are fighting the Universal desperate battle with the rest of living, on the surface it appears that everybody has money to spend. They are spending it for luxuries and pleasures.

Party or more block in Manhattan are given over entirely to the ancient trio, wine, women and song. War bet's districts have given night life Broadway a new life. Men whose wives it is to take money from spend it as they never were able to take so much of it before.

And in Babylon could be seen down inside New York's winter pleasure grounds without being noticed. Nebuchadnezzar wouldn't have a reputation outside his own island.

Casarets have sprung up like mushrooms and dance halls thrive as in any new gold camp.

"Business is three times as big as the biggest we ever saw before this season," said the manager of the largest cabaret in the city.

Hotels are crowded, theaters are full and crowds that the "shop study" do not account for, fill the department stores.

We then are depleted of goods and deliveries are far behind.

New York is spending its spending money and getting what it can for it.

But it keeps on. From farmers in the west to at least one monarch on a European throne, they are sending their money to New York. The winter part of it is expected to be the best section of the city has led by the name of Wall Street.

On the stock exchange millions of dollars have come to be considered the top for time, whereas, two years ago \$2,000 shares was a good day's trading. When every new and new, the trading reaches two million shares scarcely is it noticed.

Over and over about the floor of (Continued on Page Three)

BYRANT TAYLOR, SUIE OF POWERS, PASSES ON

Byrant Taylor, 35, for about two years past superintendent of the Lenoir county road force, and an efficient employee of the Board of Commissioners, died at his home in the northern part of the city Sunday at 11:30 a. m. following an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, with interment in Memorial cemetery. Pastors P. B. Smith of Gordon Street Methodist church, and H. A. Hamble of Queen Street Methodist church, conducted the service. Mr. Taylor was a member of a Christian church in the county. He was a native of the county. Surviving him are his wife and two brothers.

and Miners liner Powhatan, sunk on Wednesday of Wiloughby Beach, following a collision with the British tanker Telena. Divers have completed the task of stopping up the great rent in the ship's side.

PANI HAS NOT TOLD THREE MEN CONTROL BUTTER PRODUCT'N OF UNITED STATES

Sit In Elgin, Ill., Each Saturday, and Name Price for Which Next Week's Output Shall Be Sold. Charges Newspaper

(By the United Press) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—What Carranza did with the border protocol is still an unknown quantity here this afternoon. Alberto Pani, who presented the document to the first chief, occupied the entire morning session of the International Commission today in presenting a verbal report of an interview with Carranza.

Pani offered no written document to the commissioners.

Wilson's Celebrate Wedding Anniversary (By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 18.—The President and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their first wedding anniversary today with an early round of golf. They will be a family dinner tonight. The executive couple will then entertain friends at the theater.

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER OFFICE DESTROYED

(By the United Press) Charlotte, Dec. 18.—Complete restoration of the Charlotte Daily Observer plant, partly destroyed by fire late Saturday, is expected. The Observer is being printed in the News office. The loss was fully \$50,000.

MUST SING YOUR NEW GOWN FOR YOUR HUBBY

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Singing models the first in the history of fashion, it is said, made their appearance at the convention of the Designers' Association of Women's Clothes here today. Special melodies are sung with different styles.

A new or check suit takes a complete new gown or pink suit a dashing train, great receiving something to receive. It is to illustrate the popularity of clothes and to illustrate the woman with the feet that the new quality is shaped to a new extent by the taste with which they are made.

WOULD RAISE BIG SUM TO HELP END THE WAR

Washington, Dec. 18.—Frederick C. Wilcox of New York, who recently has been elected editor in chief of the National Bulletin for the Rockefeller Foundation, told a number of serious and representative who met tonight at the home of Miss Mabel C. Brewster of the Red Cross, that he had a \$1,000,000 collected in his own name and offered for relief of the war-torn Europe would be a powerful peace influence at this time. He said such an act would lead to a more popular demonstration for peace among civilian populations of warring nations, because they would be anxious for the assistance in rehabilitating their homes and restoring normal living conditions.

ADAMSON SAYS NO CHANGE IN HIS LAW

Washington, Dec. 17.—Reports that railroad and brotherhood heads in peace conference have planned to propose the repeal of the Adamson Act and the substitution of a workmen's agreement of their own making for it today, aroused Representative Adamson, author of the law, to declare that Congress would "spank both sides to the controversy if necessary."

Mr. Adamson, who is the House representative of President Wilson in railway legislation matters, is willing to co-operate in any plan employees and employers may evolve for the interpretation of his law as applied to working conditions, but will vigorously oppose repeal of it, as he believes it will be the national interest.

NO FIREWORKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT

City Council following the lead taken by other East Carolina cities, Saturday night in special session took action prohibiting the use of fireworks in the fire district during the holidays. They will be tolerated in other parts of the city. City officials declare the danger to property in the downtown section is too great to allow Young Kinston full away. Likewise there is the bother to pedestrians, especially women, and the frightening of horses and possible loss of life of drivers to be taken into consideration.

KINSTONIANS WANT CONGRESSMEN WARN ENGLAND, BY WAY OF ILLUSTRAT'G POINT

Strong Resolutions Adopted at Mass Meeting Sunday Night and Forwarded to Washington—Rev. Mr. Davis Spoke Twice

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LEGISLATIVE FIGHT OVER DRY AMENDMENT

(By the United Press) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—With the opening of the Nebraska Legislature's thirty-fifth session here January 2, interest will center on the wet and dry line-up and the legislative battle for laws to make effective the amendment passed by almost 30-20 majority at the recent election.

The wets, realizing that prohibition would carry, centered their fight toward the last on winning enough members of the legislature to block, if possible, passage of laws aimed to make prohibition effective.

The dries have a slight majority in the house. In the senate the majority of the members are personally wet, of the thirty-three members, six are known as "law enforcements." These are men who before election admitted that they were personally not in favor of prohibition but would be governed as legislators by the verdict of the people on the prohibition amendment. These "law enforcements" combined with the dries outnumber the out-and-out wets in the senate.

NOT MUCH FOR COCO LEFT AROUND CITY

(By the United Press) Some tobaccoists say that not more than a quarter million pounds of tobacco remain to be sold on the local market. When the market suspends the middle of this week for the holidays, not to resume until well on in January, there will be less than one midwinter day's breaks left in the continuous territory. The chances are that the warehouses will be open a very few days in January.

WESTMINSTER CONCERT ENTERTAINERS HERE

The Westminster Concert Entertainers, a number on the local scene being had here this winter under the auspices of the Mothers' Club, will give a performance in the basement of the First Baptist church Monday night at 8 o'clock. The attraction is one of the best in the entire course, according to all reports. A full house is looked for in spite of the promiscuous inclemency. The proceeds will go for a playground benefit.

TWO DROWNED WHEN CAR PLUNGED THRO' BRIDGE

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Omer E. Hartley of Jacksonville, and her four-year-old son, were drowned and six other persons bruised late today when an automobile plunged through an open draw at Amelia river, between Jacksonville and Fernandina and tumbled twenty feet to the water.

RADIUM RECEIVES A SCIENTIFIC KNOCKOUT

New York, Dec. 17.—After exhaustive tests upon rats, mice and guinea pigs the use of radium as a cure for cancer and tumors has been found to be a failure, according to the annual report of Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker Cancer Research Fund of Columbia University, made public today. For cases on which operation is not possible radium is successful as a palliative only, the report states.

GARAGE DESTROYED BY FLAMES SATURDAY

Fire Saturday about 8 p. m. destroyed a garage at the home of W. G. Grady in Park Kinston, together with a new Ford car. A Chevrolet in the garage was badly damaged. The cars were the property of Mr. Grady and a son-in-law, Will Costen. The cause of the blaze is a mystery, since no one had been around the place with fire. It had gained considerable headway before being discovered. The loss is estimated at around \$750.

RETREAT IN ROUMANIA CONTINUING, REPORTED

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Retreat of the Rumanians to Braila and an attack on those retreating columns by German aeroplanes is reported officially.

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GEN'L SCOTT TAKES ENGLAND, BY WAY OF ILLUSTRAT'G POINT

'Northern Neighbor' Could Walk All Over America, He Intimates

HALF MILLION NO START

For the Army This Country Would Have to Put In the Field In Event of Break With Any First-Class Military Power

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 18.—Major General Scott, before the Senate military committee, today pointed out the nation's unpreparedness. He called attention that where once the War College believed a half million men to be available at the outset of any hostility would be sufficient as a starter, lessons learned in the European war lead staff officers to decide that this initial force should be not less than a million and a half trained troops.

Gen. Scott explained that a northern neighbor has built up an army to a strength approximately that of other great European powers. He emphasized that England controls the seas, that its merchant marine is sufficient to transport without delay a million men, etc. He praised the spirit of the militiamen but condemned the system.

BLINDFOLDED ENEMIES IN ITALIAN TRENCHES

Rome, Dec. 18.—How hostilities between Italian and Austrian troops were temporarily suspended while blindfolded officers from both sides met to discuss the merits of a certain explosive in civilized warfare was told here today for the first time.

VICTIM SATURDAY'S SHOOTING TO RECOVER

Unless Complications Set In—Dupree in Hospital—Ben. Faulkner to Be Given Gearing Friday—Warrants Against Other Members Dupree Family

Bill Dupree, the well known planter, shot by Ben. Faulkner following a fist affray in the vicinity of Heritage and North streets Saturday afternoon, is likely to recover unless complications set in, it was reported Monday afternoon. Mr. Dupree is 62 years of age. Faulkner, also well-known, is at liberty under \$500 bail. A preliminary hearing is set for next Friday. Mr. Dupree is in the hospital.

The official understanding of the affair is that Faulkner cursed Dupree and was badly manhandled by the latter. After intervention Faulkner drew a revolver, and it is alleged, declared he would kill Dupree. The bullet fired entered the left shoulder.

After the shooting James Dupree, a brother to, and Horace Dupree, a nephew of, the injured man called at City Hall, where Faulkner was being detained. They were served with warrants charging disorderly conduct. According to one of the Duprees, they intended no harm to the prisoner; the police misinterpreted their intention, he says. It is said at City Hall that it was feared Monday.