

GERMANY WILL REFUSE ALLIES TERMS

PREPARED FOR A FIGHT TO FINISH

President Studying Next Step To Take In Peace Move. May Observe Absolute Secrecy In The Future.

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson today began careful and deliberate examination of the entente's reply to his peace note to determine what opportunity it presents for a further move and in what way one may be accomplished. The entente note was discussed at the cabinet meeting and privately between the President and Col. E. M. House who arrived here last night.

All quarters agreed that while the entente had made a complete reply to the request for a statement of terms the note seemed to offer no hope for an early end of the war, but fortunately did not close the door upon further efforts on the President's part. Several courses lie before him. Among them is another move to ask Germany to state specific terms as the allies have done. Diplomats say that with replies from both sets of belligerents in hand it would be perfectly legitimate to communicate the answer of one set to the other. The German diplomats here were outspoken in their denunciation of the al-

lied note and their declarations that such terms never would be accepted. Admittedly, the note was more severe than even they had been led to expect and they declared the German allies were prepared to fight on. The next step by the United States will be chosen with the utmost deliberation and because of the delicate stage which the negotiations are certain to enter it would be no surprise if they were conducted entirely in secret. At the White House today extraordinary reticence was observed. It was said the President would not be hurried into a decision on the attitude of the American government.

FIRE DESTROYS A BIG SHELL PLANT

\$4,000,000 Damage Results From All Night Fire at Kingland, N. Y.

FIREMEN WERE HELPLESS

All Night Bursting Shells Bombarded Country Within a Radius of Four Miles.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 12.—The eighty-acre ammunition plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry company near Kingland, N. J., is a seared and blackened ruin today, swept by flames and ploughed by bursting shells. The fire that started there late yesterday still smoldered in spots, but the firemen who stood helplessly at a safe distance, watching the explosion of half a million three and six-inch shells, closed in on the ruins cautiously.

There have been no official reports of loss of life and if all of the 1,400 employes of the plant escaped their safety is due probably to the fact that a short time intervened between the discovery of the fire and the moment when the flames reached the stored ammunition. The loss estimated at more than \$4,000,000 is accounted for almost entirely by the destruction of shells which the company loads here for the Russian government.

Although the country immediately surrounding the plant was subjected all night to a terrific bombardment the damage was not as great as had been feared owing to the fact that the shells were not equipped with detonating fuses until they reach Russia. For this reason the projectiles came down like solid shot and did not explode.

It is believed that the flames first burst out from a tube of alcohol ignited by a piece of glowing installation from an electric wire on the ceiling.

The police today issued a warning that thousands of the loaded shells had fallen within a radius of four miles of the fire. It is feared that many of the spectators picked these up as souvenirs and carried them home. Such persons were urged to handle them carefully for fear of explosion. The New York police were directed to search for shells brought here.

FATHER SEEKING FOR INFORMATION OF SON

Reid Wilson, 13-Year-Old Son of E. S. Wilson, Ran Away From Union Hill School, Near This City, Tuesday Afternoon—Advertise for Information.

In an effort to locate his 13-year old son, Reid Wilson, who ran away in company with an older boy last Tuesday afternoon, E. S. Wilson, a well known resident of the Union Hill section of the county, two miles east of this city, is having inserted in the leading daily newspapers of the state advertisements asking for information that may lead to the missing boy being located. According to the story told by the father the boy was at school when the older boy, who uses a crutch owing to an injury to one of his feet, persuaded him to leave home and friends with an account of the good times that could be enjoyed on the road.

The older boy, Walter Little, is not wanted by Mr. Wilson, but his son is and any information relative to him will be appreciated. Little, according to the father, since being crippled and unable to work, had become to be a neighborhood pest. It is thought that the two went south, their destination probably being Atlanta. The wanted boy wore a blue serge suit with a light checked cap when he left. He has light hair and blue eyes and is of medium size for his age.

BRITISH ARE REPULSED ON SOMME FRONT, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Jan. 12.—(Via Sayville.)—British troops made attacks yesterday on the German lines near Sere and Beaumont, on the Somme front. They were repulsed, says last night's headquarters report.

Fig Growers Prosper.
Fresno, Cal., Jan. 12.—The falling off of fig imports because of the war has given a big boom to the fig-growing industry in California, according to reports presented by the members of the San Joaquin Valley Fig Growers' association at their annual meeting here today.

THAW CHARGES HE IS BLACKMAILED

Unless He Drank Poison Attempt Made At Ending His Life Will Prove Futile, The Doctors Say.

(By the Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Harry K. Thaw, who slashed his throat with a razor and cut an artery in his wrist in an attempt to commit suicide here yesterday, will be able to leave the hospital within two weeks, unless he also swallowed poison tablets, according to statements of his physicians early today. Several poison tablets, which produce a slow death, were found in his pockets and if he took any of them it may be 24 hours before the symptoms manifest themselves, the doctors say.

Thaw said he was hungry during the night and was given food several times but efforts of the detectives to get him to talk proved futile beyond the statement that he was glad he had not succeeded in ending his life. Inquiries as to whether he had taken poison met with no response.

Detectives are on guard at Thaw's bedside and a warrant for his arrest is ready to be served the moment he is considered out of danger.

Thaw's attempt at self destruction was the climax of a search for him which began here Tuesday. He is wanted by

the New York authorities on charge of kidnaping and assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., the 19-year-old Kansas City high school youth. According to a private detective, employed by the Thaw family, Thaw told him the Gump's charges were an attempt at blackmail.

Thaw spent a very good night and is resting quietly, according to the resident physician of St. Mary's hospital. He appeared to be cheerful and spoke pleasantly to the sister in charge of his suite of rooms. Two detectives and a nurse were at his bedside all night. He had very little to say.

RECOMMIT WOOD LEAK RESOLUTION

Taunted by Republicans the Democrats Decide on Another Investigation.

RECALL THOMAS LAWSON

Wood Makes Speech in the Senate and Says He Has No Apology.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—Taunted by Republicans who charged they did not dare investigate further the charges of a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note the house Democrats today abandoned their plans for closing the inquiry and recommitted the Wood resolution to the rules committee for further action without a vote.

The "leak" investigation was brought into the house today with a report by the Democratic majority of the rules committee that no evidence had been found and opposition from the Republican minority which contended that evidence of a leak was shown.

The majority report was brief. Presented by Chairman Henry it merely said: "No evidence was adduced sustaining the charges in the (Wood) resolution."

Representative Wood, author of the resolution, addressed the house, declaring that he had no apology to make for his action.

"I was compelled to introduce the resolution," said Wood, "because everywhere both in and out of Congress, there were reports that men in high places had profited on the stock market through advance information.

"There still is a general belief throughout the country that there is something wrong somewhere. That there was a leak every member of this house believes. To deny it would be ridiculous. As to whether it was caused purposely or not there may be an honest difference of opinion among us."

After Representative Cantrill, of Kentucky, a Democrat dissenting, from the views of his colleagues had requested the rules committee to recall Thomas W. Lawson, Chairman Henry asked unanimous consent that the Wood resolution be recommitted and that the committee be directed to cite Lawson for contempt if he continues to refuse to answer questions.

The sudden turn in the situation precipitated a parliamentary tangle with the prospect that Lawson would be recalled.

JUSTICE HAERLE CELEBRATES A DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

Congress, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Judge George Haerle, 70, of Bardonia, on the same day celebrated two anniversaries, the silver anniversary of his installation as justice and his golden wedding jubilee.

Mr. Haerle, 70 years old, who was formerly a railroad engineer, was married in New York City, January 9, 1867. He and his wife are in good health. Mr. Haerle became a police justice of the town of Clarkstown in 1892 and has been re-elected continuously ever since.

Wheat and Cotton Quotations.

New York, Jan. 12.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 1 to 15 points and active months sold about 15 to 36 points higher during the early trading. There was considerable realizing at the advance of 18.62 for May, however, and prices eased off 3 or 4 points from the best before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened firm. January 17.94; March 18.16; May 18.45; July 18.51; October 17.22.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Notwithstanding the answer of the allies to President Wilson's note for a statement of peace terms led to something of a rush to the buying side in wheat today. Opening prices, which ranged from 1/2 to 3/4 higher with May at 1.38 and 1.39 and July at 1.53 to 1.54, were followed by a decline that in some cases reached below yesterday's finish.

Town Taken.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The Rumanian town of Laburtea was captured yesterday by the invading Tenthers, the war office announced. The Russians were driven back toward the front between Braila and Galatz.

Heavy Fighting Reported On The Russian Front By Berlin

Paris, Jan. 12.—There were no events of importance on the French front last night, says today's report from the war office.

German Statements.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Heavy fighting which increased yesterday is in progress on the northern end of the Russian front both along the Dvina and south of Drinsk. The Russians attacked along the Vilna-Dvinsk railroad, but were repulsed, says today's army headquarters statement regarding the operations there.

An engagement on the western end of the Macedonian front, in which Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian troops beat off an entente attack is reported in today's army headquarters statement regarding the operations along the Macedonian front.

Two attacks were made by British troops early today on the French front north of the Ancre river. North of Beaucourt the British gained initial successes, the war office announces, but were driven back with heavy losses by a counter attack.

LUCK BROKE BADLY FOR ONE DEFENDANT

After Being Adjudged Not Guilty Is Immediately Rearrested Under Similar Charge.

MUNICIPAL COURT CASES

Luck broke badly for G. L. Hagan, a white man, during this morning's session of municipal court. First, he was tried under a charge of passing a worthless check for \$10.40 on W. H. Gurley, but it was proved that the check had been dated ahead and that in reality he had done nothing other than to make a promise to pay the money. It was a note without endorsement, according to law. Judge Peacock dismissed the case and the defendant and his attorney left the court room—Chief Gray's office had been converted owing to the large amount of fuel needed to heat the real court room—bound for uptown and freedom. At about this stage of the proceedings E. K. Ingram got busy and soon another warrant was issued for Hagan, this charging the passing of a worthless check on Mr. Ingram for \$6.30. A patrolman hurried up street and soon returned with the defendant who was not ready for trial the second time on the same morning.

There was but one other case on the docket, it charging Milton S. Silver with maintaining a surface closet on a drain which runs into the water supply of the city. The sanitary officer testified that he had notified the defendant to remove the closet last September but that it was there Wednesday. Mr. Silver stated that he had tried several times to get men to move the offensive closet but without success. He was adjudged guilty as charged and ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and the costs, the fine to be remitted in case the nuisance is abated in three days.

Weather.

Fair tonight, followed by overcast weather and probably rain on Saturday. Rising temperature. Fresh east and southeast winds.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT ARMORY TONIGHT

Boys and Girls Teams of Lexington and High Point High Schools to Play.

ALL HAVE ASPIRATIONS

Two for the price of one will prevail tonight at the basketball scramble at the armory when the boys and girls teams of the High Point and Lexington high schools will meet. The games have been scheduled to take place for several weeks and were to have been played some little time ago but for some reason or another it was found necessary to postpone them until this evening, thereby greatly delaying the opportunity for the girls to show the boys just how the great indoor pastime should be played. The boys have not been having all the luck in the world, be it known, at the game and the girls; well, they haven't played but a few games and have managed to lose them all, but they have hopes and confidence tonight and are figuring on giving the Davidson county lassies one awful trimming. If practice brings perfection, the game will surely result as per local anticipation.

The boys team had a very hard schedule to follow during the present season and have already met some of the toughest opposition to be encountered in these parts. Wallburg and Pomona, also Jamestown, came, saw and conquered and the worm, so to speak, has decided that now is the accepted time to do a little bit of turning and snatch a few victories. And they can think of no other team in the state they had rather trim than the quint from Lexington.

The first of the battles will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the sport will be continuous, the first half of the second game being staged in between the period of the initial encounter.

ONE THOUSAND SUFFRAGISTS TO FORM WHITE HOUSE CORDON

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage announced today that plans for a parade March 4 the day, before the inauguration, have been abandoned and the suffrage demonstration instead will be an elaboration of White House picketing until more than 1,000 women will form a close cordon about the White House grounds that day.

Although the temperature was 11 degrees below freezing and a cold wind was blowing the 12 suffrage "silent sen-

tinals" again took up their picketing today.

At the White House it was said that the President's invitation for the sentinels to come inside the executive offices and warm still stood.

When President Wilson returned from golf the silent sentinels stood at salute with right hand raised to hat. The President smilingly returned the salute noticing the sentinels for the first time.

As the way wore on the sentinels got so cold that they marched up and down in squads with military precision.

INTRODUCE BILL FOR INCREASE OF SOLDIER'S PENSIONS IN STATE

(Special Legislative Service.)

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—A statewide pension bill increasing the appropriation of each Confederate soldier, sailor or wife of such person in the Confederate service, was offered in the lower house today by Representative Brunitt, of Granville. It is estimated that this would increase the pension about \$125,000.

Doughton, of Alleghany, introduced an absentee voters' act providing the right of vote by mail. His law would compel the elector absent from the state to mail his vote to the officers in time to be counted on election day. The house adjourned after 90 minutes work until Saturday.

The senate defeated the McRary resolution providing for verification of rush legislation and appropriating \$250 for that purpose. The senate adjourned until Monday afternoon at 3:30.

High Point In Review

But two deeds were filed yesterday at the office of the register of deeds to be recorded and both transferred property located in the city of High Point. One of the deeds transferred one-half undivided interest in a lot at the corner of North Main and Glenn streets from T. Ward Eshelman to William E. Burns for \$10 and other valuable considerations. The size of the lot was stated as 90 by 192 feet. The other deed was from E. W. Mellichampe and wife to J. Schwartz, the lot being 80 by 197 feet and located at the intersection of King and Morris streets, for \$400.

A supply of the new half-dollars has been received by the Home Banking company and the new coin is a beauty. On one side the figure of Liberty, bearing the olive branch, is seen walking toward the setting sun. Directly underneath the figure in the date and to the rear, "In God We Trust." The reverse side contains the figure of the American eagle, the words "half dollar," United States of America and E Pluribus Unum. The new coins are being put in circulation.

MAY EXONERATE LEWIS OF MURDER

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Coroner Knight, who has been looking into the murder of Mazie Colbert, the advertising art model, said today that unless more evidence was found connecting him with the case he would not instruct a jury at the inquest to render a verdict that Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, was the slayer.

The coroner said that only circumstantial evidence had been found to link Lewis' name with her death and that it would be an injustice to the family to place the responsibility for the crime on him.