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ALL NATIONS MUST PLEDGE GOOD FAITH

WILSONS LETTER PREPOSES SOLEMN VOW

NO NATION SHALL BE AGGRESSOR AGAINST EITHER POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANY OTHER STATE

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ROY W. HOWARD

(BY UNITED PRESS)
New York, Jan. 29.—The United States "will in no case be the aggressor against either political independence or territorial integrity of any other state or nation" declared President Wilson in a letter made public today with his consent.

"At the same time she is proposing and insisting upon similar pledges from all nations of the world who have its peace at heart and are willing to associate themselves for the maintenance of that peace.

"The very strength of her appeals in this direction comes from the fact that she is willing to bind herself and give pledges of utmost solemnity for her own good faith and disinterestedness."

The letter was addressed to Roy W. Howard, president of the United Press on the eve of his departure for South America.

SUSPECT ENEMY IN EXPLOSION

(By United Press)

Maraquette, Mich., Jan. 29.—A mysterious explosion of an alcohol tank at the Cleveland Cliff Iron Company chemical plant here early today wrecked the plant and put the city water system out of commission.

The damage to the chemical plant was estimated at not more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Two workmen were injured. The plant was one of the largest producing alcohol and other chemicals for the government.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	30.35	30.35	30.00	30.23
May	29.72	29.72	29.52	29.74
July	29.30	29.30	29.20	29.39
Oct.	28.05	28.05	27.85	28.05
Dec.	27.80	27.80	27.65	27.70

Local market 27 cents.

COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.08 per bushel in wagon loads.

ITALIAN ATTACK NEAR ASIAGO

"East of Asiago as far as the Brenta the Italian strongly attacked. Around Montezemolo to the west the attack broke down for the most part except at Montediva Bella the enemy for a time was able to gain foothold which was lost by our counter-attacks in the region of Coldebrotto between Frenzala ravine and Brenta. enemy's advancing was thrown back. Repeated attacks broke down under heavy losses. We took ten officers and three hundred and fifty men prisoners at Castelfrance, Treviso and Mastrea. We dropped twenty tons of bombs with good effect Saturday night. Big fires are being observed.

London, Jan. 29.—Italy has assumed the offensive against her Teutonic invaders in a powerful drive.

The first news that came today was an admission from Berlin that Germany's line had been forced to relinquish some ground. The German war office statement follows.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Violent fighting Monday night was reported by the war office today near Asiago.

The Italians it was asserted were attacking over most of this section.

INCOME TAX REPORT BLANKS

The officers from the Inland Revenue office were here last week assisting those who desired to make out their income tax reports for 1917, but they ran out of blanks, and, as they were due in Halifax yesterday, had to leave the work here unfinished.

The Commonwealth is advised that these officers will return to Scotland Neck for one more day this week and that due notice will be given of their coming, at which time they will have the necessary blanks.

BRITISHER SAYS "SAMMIES FINE"

New York, Jan. 29.—Captain Radcliffe Dugmore, of the British army, characterized the American in France as the finest army in the world, exceeding none.

DENY CZERNIN SENT PROOFS

Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—Denial is made to the report that Count Czernin sent a copy of his recent outline of peace aims prior to his speech, as made today by the Berlin Tageblatt.

ENEMY ATTEMPT SINK VESSEL

Halifax, Jan. 29.—A deliberate attempt to sink a steamer bound from an American port by opening her sea cocks during a storm at sea has been revealed here today with her arrival at this port.

She docked just in time to prevent her foundering. That an enemy spy or spies are aboard is believed to be certain but officials have withheld all information.

The attempt to sink the vessel was made several hundred miles at sea.

HOOVER WARNS CONGRESS OF FOOD DANGER

MUST EITHER GIVE POWERS OR ASSUME GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF THE FOOD PROBLEM NOW EXISTING

UNPATRIOTIC REACHED BY LEGISLATION

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Jan. 29.—Herbert Hoover warned congress that if he is not given the power to enforce the food conservation in the country Congress alone will have to bear the grave responsibility for the failure of the food program.

Voluntary conservation, Hoover said in a letter written to the members of the house agriculture committee, is showing results, but he adds that the minority of unpatriotic, who discourage the faithful, cannot be reached except by legislation.

Hoover further declares in his letter that he wants the powers

MEAT SHORTAGE IN VIRGINIA

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Richmond, Va. Jan. 29.—E. C. White, state food administrator, received word from Washington today to the effect that there would be a temporary shortage of fresh meat in Virginia due to the horrible railroad congestion.

HUN RAIDERS DRIVEN AWAY

(By United Press.)
London, Jan. 29.—Hostile raiders were driven away from the British positions around Arries Engohello, according to reports of General Haig.

The enemy's artillery is active around Monchy lePreux.

RUSSIA GRIPPED BY EPIDEMIC

(BY UNITED PRESS)
London Jan. 29.—Russia is in the grip of an epidemic of diseases the result of malnutrition according to a dispatch to The Times today based on disclosures in today's Russian papers.

Russians have been warned of necessity of care against spotted gastric and typhoid fever. Small pox prevails.

TROTSKY PROCLAIMS AGAINST IMPERIALISM

SMOLSKY INSTITUTE SENDS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO SOVIET CONGRESS OF RISING OF THE DON COSSACKS

TWENTY REGIMENTS AGAINST KALEDINE

(By United Press.)
Petrograd Jan. 29.—"We will never conclude an annexationist imperialistic peace," is the message delivered before the pan-Soviet Congress today by Foreign Minister Trotsky.

The congress was also advised by the official statement from the Smolsky Institute that twenty regiments of Don Cossacks had joined in the revolt against General Kaledine, the hetman of the cossacks.

MANY KILLED IN AIR-RAID

London, Jan. 29.—Fourteen men seventeen women and sixteen children were killed in the air raids over London and the coast of England last night according to Lord French today.

Almost all these were in London the reports stated. The material damage was not serious.

EXAMINATIONS AT SCHOOL HOUSE

The examination started today in the high school branch of the graded school, the eighth, ninth and tenth grades started today, while the lower grades who started their examinations last week will probably finish tomorrow. The high school exams will continue all week.

Only by the aid of the United States have the allies been able to hold out for the last year and if it were not for Uncle Sam now Germany would certainly "win the war" over the European allies, especially since Russia laid down.

We all know what the Kaiser would do then, with all Europe starving. He would man the English and French navies with Germans and come over not only to "lick us," but to Belgianize all North America, with all the horrors that term implies.

Who, then, with such a menace staring us in the face, has the spirit to complain of the little self denial like the war bread calls for? To take most selfish person it must appear preferable to being fed to the Kaiser on, public.

Heatless Mondays

The order of the fuel administration for "heatless Mondays", as the first work day of the week has now become known as, is being very generally obeyed in this section, so much so that the main business streets present a Sunday appearance after twelve o'clock. Practically all the stores close at noon and there is little or no "kicking" on the part of the public.