

REVOLT BREAKS OUT IN G. O. P. RANKS

Split Comes Among Republicans in The House of Representatives.

PROGRESSIVE WING GROWS RESTLESS.

Congressman Gardner Denounces Leader Mann As Kaiser's Ally and Cuts Loose From Him—Democrats Jubilant Over the New Turn.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The long-expected split in Republican ranks in the House of Representatives appeared tonight, with the announcement from Representative A. P. Gardner of Massachusetts, that he would oppose Minority Leader James R. Mann, who will be Republican candidate for speaker of the next House.

The favorable comment of Representative Mann on President Wilson's peace note, was the reason offered by Representative Gardner for his refusal to support the Republican leader.

"This is the fourth or fifth time," said Representative Gardner, in a statement tonight, "that Leader Mann has given encouragement to the Kaiser's wicked cause. As far as I am concerned, I will tolerate such leadership no longer. I believe that the happiness of the world requires the destruction of Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns. For that reason, with very sincere regret, I repudiate Representative Mann's leadership. I shall support Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker, when the next Congress convenes."

Democratic Congressional leaders hailed the Gardner announcement with delight. They declared jubilantly that the defection of the Massachusetts Progressive Republican would utterly wreck any hopes the Republicans may have had that they would control the next House.

Democratic leaders declared that with Gardner fighting the Republican organization, there would be no doubt that Champ Clark would be re-elected speaker, and that the Democrats would organize the House in the next Congress, despite the narrowness of the margin of control shown in the results of November's election.

CHARGES FRENCH WILL KILL TWO WOMEN.

Berlin (Via Sayville Wireless), Dec. 23.—French court-martials, says the Overseas News Agency, "have sentenced to death two more women," one named Dusays, born in Calais, a German mother and a Luxemburg father, and the other a widow named Wicheilly, a Swiss woman accused of informing Germany about the operations of the French army.

DENIES VILLA HAS TAKEN CITIES

Mexican Ambassador Says Story of The Captures is False.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Categorical denial of border reports that Chihuahua and Torreon had been captured by the enemies of first Chief Carranza were voiced by Ambassador Designate Arredondo here tonight. A statement issued at the Mexican embassy said:

"Ambassador Arredondo has received a message from Consul General Garcia, at El Paso, Texas, who states that he has been in communication with the Constitutionalist officials at Chihuahua and Torreon and is informed that those cities have not been captured and are in no danger of being captured by Villistas."

BIG LINER MANY DAYS OVERDUE

Fear Expressed That the Voltaire, With Over Hundred People, May Be Lost.

New York, Dec. 23.—The big Lamport and Holt liner, Voltaire, is still listed as overdue on the Maritime Exchange. Up to a late hour tonight the local office of the line had received no word that would throw any light on the fate of the vessel or the 140 members of her crew. The liner is now fifteen days overdue.

While grave fears for the safety of the ship and her crew were openly expressed in shipping circles today, officials of the line refused to give up hope. They still cling to the theory that the ship has met with a mishap to her engines and is drifting about in the Atlantic.

In this case they propounded a new idea to account for her non-appearance. It was to the effect that other vessels are shunning her in fear that she might be the German raider which for the last month has been reported lurking in shipping lanes.

David Cook, manager of the line, today said:

"The Adriatic ran away from a big ship on her way over here last week. They were sure from the ship's behavior that she was the German raider so often reported, but the description that the officers gave was a perfect description of the Voltaire."

"Not one ship has been sunk since the beginning of the war which was not reported within the next two or three days. Therefore I do not believe the Voltaire has been torpedoed."

Mr. Cook was of the opinion that the Voltaire is drifting helplessly owing to engine trouble and waiting for some vessel to come in sight in order to signal it with flares and avoid using wireless. To use wireless under the circumstances he was convinced would be to invite submarine attack.

The Voltaire left Liverpool November 28 and has not been heard of since. She carried no passengers and was in ballast on her way to this port. About one-third of her crew are Americans according to the belief of the local agents.

FRANCE HAS STOPPED ALCOHOLIC IMPORTS.

Paris, Dec. 23.—In line with the recent decision of the government to suppress the consumption of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of wines and beer, a decree published today in the Journal Officiel prohibits the importation of alcohol into France and Algeria from this date.

MAIL BURDEN IS MORE TREMENDOUS THAN EVER BEFORE

Postoffices All Over Country Swamped by The Extra Rush.

BLIZZARDS DELAY IN MANY PLACES.

Postmaster General Adopts Heroic Measure In Effort to Expedite the Delivery of Mail.

Washington, Dec. 23.—With Uncle Sam's postmasters all over the country burdened beneath a volume of Christmas mail, larger by 25 per cent. than in any previous holiday season, Postmaster-General Burleson tonight adopted heroic methods to expedite the arrival of Santa Claus on schedule time. Mails in many centers have been made twenty-four hours late because of blizzards and car shortages.

To relieve congestion in numerous centers Postmaster-General Burleson directed the railroads to press into service freight cars to hurry the tons of mail matter to its destination. Returns to the Postoffice Department tonight showed that hundreds of tons of parcels were being held up at railroad stations because of a lack of cars to haul them. Railroad officials explained that the demand on the railroads for equipment caused delay in delivery of mail cars. Employment of fast freight equipment and a large force of extra mail handlers is expected to relieve congestion at some points and permit the delivery practically of all mail matter not later than Monday morning.

Mr. Burleson's reports for mail superintendents showed that the present season's mail has established a new record. He said that in addition to the car shortage, bad weather conditions had delayed scores of big trains. Trains west of Buffalo were delayed from 12 to 24 hours. Traffic movements west of St. Louis was subject to even more serious delays. Serious congestion in the Chicago postoffice was reported. In the past three days nearly 5,000,000 pounds of mail passed through the Chicago postoffice.

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WASHINGTON SENDS AVANTAGE OF "WET" GOODS TO DRY STATES.

Washington, Dec. 23.—"Wet" goods in enormous loads were shipped out of Washington today to Virginia, North Carolina and other Southern "dry" states, to supply an unprecedented demand for egg-nog ingredients and other cheering concoctions. Never since the alcoholic drought hit the states to the south has there been such a deluge of liquid parcels as swamped the express offices today. The cheer laden packages have been going out at the rate of 15,000 to 20,000 a day since the beginning of the week, but last minute orders from the dry sections eclipsed these marks tonight and express clerks were literally rushed off their feet to handle the business. Bottle goods shipments were stacked so high, awaiting shipment, that express company's refused to receive additional consignments, until accumulated business could be moved. From the appearance of the mail-order crush in the various stations it seemed that inhabitants of dry territory had reserved their one quart a month allowance under the dry laws for the Christmas season.

TOM LAWSON SAYS ANOTHER BIG LEAK.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Thomas W. Lawson, who, with Barnard M. Baruch, of New York, cleaned up several million dollars in the stock crash that followed the Wilson peace note, acknowledged that information on which the clear sweep up was made came directly through official Washington. He said that an even bigger "leak" would occur this week.

Lawson's statement, followed only a few hours a statement from Secretary Lansing, in which the latter said that his department would welcome any investigation into the alleged leak that placed the advance information in the hands of the two big operators and their associate. The State Department at the same time shifted the responsibility onto the shoulders of the newspaper men, claiming that a number of them had received information about the peace note even before Wall Street knew it.

OFFICIALS ARE READY FOR A FULL INQUIRY

Government Heads Desire Probe of Leak of President's Note.

SCANDAL MAY BE IN MAKING.

Officials Said to Have Participated In Bear Raid On The Stock Market.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Threatened scandal over charges of participation by high government officials in the bear raid on the stock market, which followed President Wilson's peace note, was temporarily delayed today. Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the House rules committee, announced that his committee would not take up the resolution of Representative Wood, of Indiana, demanding a congressional investigation of the "peace panic," until Congress reconvenes on January 2. Agitation for the investigation will continue, however, its supporters declared tonight. Administration officials generally declared today that they would court a full and complete investigation of the charges.

One of the reasons for the withholding of immediate consideration of the resolution by the rules committee, it was asserted today, was the desire of Democratic members of the rules committee to confer with certain officials of the State Department and, perhaps, even the President himself before the full committee meets to discuss the measure. Also it is said that Democrats in the House are opposed to any report from the committee on the resolution unless the charges made therein by indirection are more specifically defined and more directly stated.

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CONTESTANTS SHOULD PLAN TO WORK SYSTEMATICALLY

Any Advantage Gained During First Period of Contest Can be Maintained Only by Vigorous Work.

by vigorous work from now until January 15, the end of the second period. The candidate who waits until the third and last period to resume activity will lose the benefit of the second period "Club Vote" schedule and probably lose the prize of her choice as a result. Inactivity even for a brief time is dangerous. It will give an opponent just the chance she has been looking for an opportunity to forge ahead of her rivals.

Now that the first period is over, some of the candidates think that they have done about all they can do. In this they are very much mistaken. While many subscriptions have been received, the territory reached by The Dispatch is full of possibilities, and the ambitious and aggressive contestants can get hundreds of subscriptions and thousands of votes. The work so far has been of the "hit and miss" order, and those who will work systematically and make a house to house canvass, will be well rewarded for their time.

The fact should be born in mind that each \$15 worth of subscriptions turned in from now until the close of the second period will give 140,000 extra votes. During the last two weeks of the contest, from January 15 to January 29, each \$15 worth of subscriptions will give only 130,000 extra votes.

The contest department will be closed all day Christmas, and the standing of the candidates will not be changed until Wednesday's paper. The Contest Manager and his assistants wish all of the candidates a jolly, good Christmas.

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DUTCH ANTI-WAR COUNCIL STANDS WITH WILSON

Cables Thanks and Confidence In President's Peace Action.

EXPRESSIONS ON THE PROPOSAL.

Prominent Men of Europe Do Not Look For a Speedy Settlement of The Strife.

The Hague (Via London), Dec. 23.—The Dutch anti-war council has sent the following cablegram to President Wilson:

"Holland thanks you for your effort in favor of lasting peace. All neutral nations greet your step with the greatest sympathy and support your noble efforts in the interests of the whole of humanity."

Opinions of various prominent men of Europe as to whether the peace proposals of the central powers should be accepted by the entente and constructive suggestions for a proposed peace have been gathered by the bureau at The Hague of the neutral conference for continuous mediation, resulting from Henry Ford's peace movement. Among the answers received are the following:

Christian Lange, of Christiania, secretary of the International Union—"I hope that the entente powers will demand concrete proposals from the Teutonic allies, but, at the same time, be ready to state their own fundamental conditions, after which opportunities would offer themselves to clear up the whole situation."

Prof. Morgenthaue, rector of Christiania University—"I fear the conditions and assumptions of the belligerents are too conflicting to hope for a speedy pacific settlement."

Hjalmar Branting, Swedish Socialist leader—"Germany by continuing the Belgian deportations has shown the unbroken power of her militaristic spirit. A demand for a full definition of war aims must be put forward by democratic parties on both sides as the starting point for a common movement toward peace."

Dr. Svante Arrhenius, president of the Nobel Institute of Stockholm—"The entente nations would be unwise to decline unconditionally to consider peace proposals. If they do decline they should state their motives and define the modifications they deem necessary."

Admiral Liedman, former premier of Sweden—"Appeal to the entente not to exclude the possibility of further conversations."

DRIVE ON ODESSA ASSUMES BIG SHAPE

WAR SHOULD BE ENDED, SAYS IBSEN

Son of Noted Dramatist Declares Neither Side Can Ultimately Win.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 23.—An urgent plea for peace, based chiefly upon the argument that nothing could be gained by a prolongation of the war is voiced by Sigurd Ibsen, formerly a member of the Norwegian ministry and son of the great dramatist, Henrik Ibsen, in an interview made public today by the Overseas News Agency. Ibsen is quoted as stating that the world today is confronted by two problems, the first of which is to take general measures to avoid further wars while the second is to "Come to an understanding about all questions directly involved in the present war."

As to the second problem Ibsen said it must be supplemented by the question to whether a continuation of the war could simplify its solution. here he added:

"I for my own part do not think so. In the countries of the entente there is apparently still hope for a final victory which would make it possible for the entente to dictate peace."

"But in fact there is no circumstance which permits such a conclusion as to the end of this war."

"The attempt to starve out the Central powers has been without success so far and now, after the occupation of Rumania it is doomed to failure. No doubt the blockade imposes upon the central powers certain deprivations but these will not force them to capitulate."

"In a military respect the central powers have been superior thus far and there is but little probability that the situation will be reversed."

"The present situation is based upon facts which will remain unchanged during the course of the war. The central powers always will have the advantage of the inner line which enables them to transport troops quickly and easily. They always will have the advantage of the defensive in the trench war for the occupied territories."

"A further advantage lies in the unity of plans such as can hardly be reached in the camp of their adversaries, despite all their wishes in this direction."

"In such circumstances it is impossible to see on what the entente bases the hope for victory. The entente can increase output of munitions but the central powers are able to do the same. The entente refers to the numerical superiority of its armies, but this superiority has been illustrated for a long time without, however, assuring success."

"Even if the circumstances in which peace is made were as harmful for the entente as possible, yet the general situation would not be essentially different from what it is now by a continuation of the war. Therefore it only means a useless waste of life and property and from this standpoint it would be a blundering and deplorable decision if the offer of peace were now rejected."

BETTING PEACE WILL COME BEFORE AUGUST

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A Frankfort dispatch says there was heavy betting on the Berlin stock exchange today that peace would be signed before August.

The same dispatch says the German emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

Gen. Von Mackensen's Army Stands South of Danube Ready to Invade. RUSSIANS HAVE TO FALL BACK.

Teutons Keep Pushing On In Their Rumanian Campaign. Italians Report Repulse of Germans—French Also Repel Attacks.

"Dobruja has been cleared of the enemy with the exception of the Terratin between Macin and Isaceca."

This brief announcement contained in last night's German war office bulletin means that Field Marshal von Mackensen's Dobruja army stands immediately south of the Danube, whose successful crossing would mean an invasion of Bessarabia; that therefore the preliminary steps toward the fulfillment of the "Drive on Odessa," widely heralded of late by the German press, have been taken. It means, further, that the Russo-Rumanian Dobruja forces have been thrown back all along the line, the bulk probably across the Danube and the remainder "bottled up" in the narrow neck of Northeastern Dobruja, formed by the Danube bend.

The distance between Macin and Isaceca, situated opposite one another on the "Hooks" of the bend, is 16 miles. Along these 16 miles stands Mackensen's "iron wall." The avenues of escape left to the defenders lead across treacherous swamps and lakes, of which the Bratis-ca and Kagu lakes are the most difficult to pass. The Danube port of Tulcea is abandoned, the German bulletin implies. From Macin to Braja, which is threatened from two other sides west of the Danube, is only seven and one-half miles.

From these facts it is evident that whatever portions of the Russo-Rumanian Dobruja army are still south of the Danube are in desperate plight. (Continued on Page Six)

MARY WAS INDEED QUITE CONTRARY

Noted Singer Got Huffly Because Customs Officers Did Duty.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mary Garden gave New York a hurried glance tonight on her way to Chicago. Early in the day she arrived in America on the liner Philadelphia. The American prima dona stayed at the Hotel Ritz Carlton tonight.

It was very hard for anyone to see Mary Garden tonight. Something was wrong, and it was not all just a singer's temperament either. The whole trouble started naturally enough with the French customs officers. Mary Garden started to leave France last week with \$5,000 worth of lingerie and the officials could not quite see it the way Mary did. Not in war times, they protested.

Just to help the poor folks in Paris earn a little more, seemed hardly an adequate explanation. Hence the temperamental aloofness tonight. This aloofness went so far as to include slamming of doors just to keep reporters away. Miss Garden leaves for Chicago early tomorrow morning to fill a month's engagement in the West before returning to Paris.

POPULAR TOE DANCER TAKES A HUBBY.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mae Murray, dainty dancer and popular actress, is the bride of Jas. J. O'Brien, of New York, according to a telegram received today in this city. They were married in Hollywood, Cal., where Miss Murray is appearing in the productions of the Lasky Film Company. Another dispatch from Los Angeles states that the wedding took place early last week and was to have been kept secret for a while.

Miss Murray is best known in New York as a girl of "The Follies." She later danced at several of the leading restaurants of this city, introducing many novel and dainty tango features.

Recently she entered the movies. When she went to California it is said that Mr. O'Brien also went to press his suit for the fair dancer's hand.

GERMANS TAKE IMPORTANT PORT.

Berlin (Via Sayville), Dec. 23.—Tulcea, an important Rumanian port on the Danube, in northern Dobruja, not far from the river's headwaters, was taken by storm by Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops today. More than 1,600 prisoners were taken. This was announced by the war office this afternoon. Tulcea lies opposite Ismail, which is on Bessarabian soil. A crossing of the Danube in this area is looked for as the next step by von Mackensen.