

Unsettled and probably rain to night, colder. Friday fair and much colder. Northwest winds.

GERMANY WANTS UNCLE SAM TO BRING ABOUT END OF WAR

Text of Note of Central Powers Received Today in Washington.

TEUTONS BENT ON KEEPING DOOR OPEN.

Willing to Submit Terms to President Wilson to Be Transmitted to The Entente. Hopeful That The War Can Be Brought to An End.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of the terms.

The official text of the German reply to President Wilson's note arrived today. It is declared that no confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it.

Germany, it is said today, looks to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestion from President Wilson.

Germany, it is stated authoritatively, never has believed that by acting alone it would be able to bring about a conference and now that the influence of the neutrals has been brought to bear, German officials take their view a step further and believe it cannot be successful without the assistance of the United States.

They believe the United States, in view of its international interest in settlement of the war, would not be averse to taking a part, because it has been represented as desiring most of all to see peace terms providing for the security of the world.

There was intimation today that Germany's position on all of these points had been conveyed by the German foreign minister to Ambassador Gerard and Germany's terms were probably conveyed to him in the highest confidence for information of President Wilson.

It was said today that Germany had not intended asking the entente to make public its terms and, at the same time, did not intend to publicly divulge its own for any consideration. The view is expressed in German circles here that the Teutons' terms, if laid before the entente delegates, would be of such nature as to permit of their acceptance.

Count von Bernstorff reiterated again today that he felt confident that good would result from the present situation.

Germany's position is represented as one willing to impart its terms in a confidential manner first, if that is necessary to a conference, but would prefer to reserve them for a round-robin, where they could be discussed with more freedom.

TORNADO HITS MISSISSIPPI.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 28.—A tornado swept over Forrest and Lamar counties, Miss., early today, demolishing a number of buildings, breaking telephone poles and causing damage to standing timber, according to reports received here.

No casualties are reported. Interruption of wire service delayed trains.

LOVE AFFAIR HAS AN AFTERMATH

Interesting Sequel to The Love of Princess Louise, of Belgium.

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 28.—The love affair of Princess Louise of Belgium and her former riding master, Count von Matassich, a Hungarian subject and first lieutenant in the Austro-Hungarian cavalry, had an interesting aftermath recently when the Count was ordered to leave Budapest for "political reasons."

Back of the action lies the continued endeavor of the family of the Princess to separate her from Matassich, who eloped with her when she was the wife of Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg in 1896. Some time ago the family suggested that the Princess place herself voluntarily under a guardianship, but the Princess has not yet consented to this.

Princess Louise is the oldest daughter of the late King Leopold of Belgium. In 1875 she married Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, who was fourteen years her senior, when she was 17. She was 35 when she met Count Matassich, who was employed as her riding master, and soon their relations became the scandal of Europe.

HOLLAND SENDS ITS APPROVAL

Many Societies Forward Cablegrams of Endorsement to President Wilson.

The Hague, Holland, Dec. 27. (Via London, Dec. 28)—A flood of cablegrams is being sent President Wilson by trades unions, social welfare societies, religious bodies of all denominations and other organizations wishing him success in his efforts to bring about peace.

FORMER CANADIAN PREMIER NINETY-THREE

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, one-time premier of the Dominion and now the oldest man in Canadian public life, celebrated his ninety-third birthday anniversary today. His health has been remarkably good during his long life, and despite his great age he seldom misses a day's work.

GREENSBORO HOTEL COMPANY CHARTERED.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Hotel Building Company, of Greensboro, capitalized at \$125,000, of which \$5,000 is paid in, was chartered by the secretary of state today. The company proposes to build and manage hotels, apartment and dwelling houses.

STOCKS BROKE AGAIN TODAY

International Situation Responsible For Activity On Exchange.

New York, Dec. 28.—Prices on the stock exchange broke again today, further heavy liquidation being induced by the international situation, with Mexico as an additional factor.

DOGS KEEP UP THE PRICE OF FOOD

Canines Said to Be One Reason For It In England.

London, Dec. 28.—Thousands of dogs are helping to keep the high cost of eating in this country by figuratively snatching from the mouths of humans, pound steaks, button chops and other expensive things. This was brought out in parliament the other day when it became known that steps were being taken to "reduce" the 2,000,000 dogs that inhabit the British Isles.

The suggestion of the government to raise the dog tax from \$1.50 to \$5. is one of the proposed steps to "reduce the dogs." But it is pointed out that the breeder and well-to-do owner will not be deterred by an increased tax. In favor of the dogs, it is declared, that dogs were never more useful than today.

STOCKHOLM BANK TO ISSUE MORE STOCK.

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The Stockholm Bank of Commerce has decided upon the issue of 10,500,000 crowns of new stock, increasing its capital from 30,150,000 to 40,200,000 crowns. This is the largest new issue of bank stock that has ever been made in Sweden. The step is dictated by the directors' conviction that all signs point to a tremendously increased business after the war.

GERMANY ALSO REPLIES TO SWITZERLAND.

Berlin, Dec. 27 (Via London Dec. 28)—The German reply to the Swiss note was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is on the same line as the reply sent to President Wilson.

GERMANY'S REPLY RECEIVED.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received here early today. So far as known it was unaccompanied by any other communication and was said to be substantially the same as the official text received Tuesday from Berlin.

NO BREACH FAITH IS YET SHOWN

All Trusted Trustees Have Returned to The State Prison.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—All trustees allowed their Christmas parole have returned to the state prison here and were on time today.

Nothing has been heard from the state farm and other camps that indicated any breach of trust there and the news thus far is just as good as it was last year. One fight and couple of drunks was reported, but nothing worse than a little liberty and a lot of liquor would ordinarily produce.

Some of the prisoners in the most remote sections of North Carolina were unable to go home for Christmas because they could not go and return in the time allotted them. They will remain and serve their time out.

In Wake county all reports from the camps were good. No prisoner had violated the agreement made with the state. The great majority of the camps, however, had not reported this afternoon.

In Major W. A. Graham's report of the agricultural department for the closing two terms of his administration as commissioner, 24 achievements of the department are given as a first-rate history of what has been done in those eight years.

These are some of the things done by the department in the eight years.

CAREFUL OBSERVER WILL NOTE SURPRISING CHANGES

Many Who Have Been Far Down in the List Are Gradually Forging Ahead—Friends of Candidates Are Working Faithfully For

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Carolina Beach Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

To the careful observer, who has been watching The Dispatch Grand Prize Contest increase in magnitude from day to day, the list shows many surprising changes. In the first place it shows that the entire public, not only in the city of Wilmington, but in all the surrounding territory is interested in someone in this great contest.

There are a great many instances on the list where the candidates themselves have secured but few, if any, subscriptions or votes. Their total represents the efforts of these admiring friends. Of course, so far these friends have been working steadily in the hope that the candidate herself would after a while take an interest in her own campaign, and help them make her a winner of the Overland Automobile, or one of the other valuable prizes.

SHIP MARYLAND PROBABLY HAS GONE DOWN SEA

Coast Guard Cutters Abandon Search After Many Hours of Cruising.

LITTLE HOPE FOR THE CREW.

May Have Been Picked Up By Passing Steamer—Clyde Line Steamer Is Missing.

CLYDE LINER SAFE.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Clyde steamer, Osama, four days overdue from Portland, Maine, has put into Block Island, according to a message received today from the master of the ship to the officials of the line here.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamer, Maryland, was regarded as probably lost today, search for the vessel and crew by the coast guard cutters, begun after the Maryland's wireless call of distress was suddenly silenced Christmas night, has been abandoned without having found either. The hope for the thirty odd members of the crew lies in the possibility that they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamer. The cutters had circled for more than 30 hours in the vicinity of the position given by the Maryland's wireless operator.

When the cutters turned back today from the search for the Maryland they took up the hunt for another missing ship, the new steamer, Osama, of the Clyde Line, bound from Portland, Maine, for New York without a cargo. Since leaving Portland on December 21 the steamer has not been reported and the Clyde Line officials sought the assistance of the coast guard service in searching for their craft.

PRESIDENT SIXTY YEARS OLD TODAY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is sixty years of age today. He will be the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and abroad. No special celebration is planned for the day.

TEUTONS OPEN FIRE ACROSS THE DANUBE

Important Oil and Grain Spot Being Shelled By Invaders.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS ARE HURLED BACK.

Berlin Declares Their Defeat Has Been Completed—French Repulsed Germans.

Berlin, Dec. 28 (By wireless to Sayville)—Braila, the important Rumanian oil and grain depot, in Northeastern Wallachia, in under fire from German and Bulgarian cannon, from across the Danube, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency in his review today.

Unsuccessful attacks by the British on the Bulgarian advance lines in Lake Doiran region, are announced in today's army headquarters statement. Defeat of the Russo-Rumanian forces by the invading Teutonic army has been completed, it is announced, officially. The Russian troops, which attempted to regain lost ground, were thrust back and ejected from their new positions, with heavy losses.

In yesterday's fighting the Austro-German forces took 3,000 prisoners.

Eight aeroplanes were lost by the entente allies in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office officially announces.

French Repulse Attacks. Paris, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed all attacks on the Somme, on the eastern slope of Hill No. 304, west of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, the war office officially announces today.

MORRISON DESIRED IN TWO PLACES

Lawyer Wanted on The Same Day to Perform Double Duty.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—Governor Craig and Assistant Attorney General Thomas H. Calvert have been scouring the law books to find some relief from the embarrassment that has come to the state in the conflict of the Cuban suit and the casting of the electoral vote for president.

The past elections have left the impression upon state officials here that the presence of all electors is indispensable and that the absence of one, though caused by death, would result in the loss of a vote. There is a uniform date throughout the United States, too, everything working toward an election that does not yield to possible frauds.

And as important as it is to have Mr. Morrison here to vote it is of capital concern that he appear for the state in the bond suit. The state is having the fight of its life up there and the Charlotte attorney has spent a good deal of time in the study of the North Carolina claims. The law books may turn up something that will help the state out in this dilemma.

SENATOR'S DAUGHTER TO BE A BRIDE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Miss Julia Williams, daughter of Senator and Mrs. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Thomas Rives Boykin, of Savannah, Ga., whose engagement has attracted much attention in Washington society are to have a quiet home wedding at the Washington residence of the bride's parents tomorrow evening. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Andrew R. Bird, of the Second Presbyterian church. Miss Williams will be unattended and Mr. Boykin will have as his best man his brother, John H. Boykin, of Savannah.

REGIONAL BANK DIVIDEND.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—The Richmond regional bank directors today declared a 5 per cent dividend for the period from January 1, 1916, to November 1, 1916.

DECLARES THAT VESSEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUNK

Germany Makes Answer in Case of The Norwegian Steamer, Delto.

DELAYS REPLY IN MARINA CASE.

Wants to Find Out Interpretation Placed by American Government—Arabic Case at Standstill.

Berlin, Dec. 27 (Via London, Dec. 28).—The reply of the German government to the American inquiry in regard to the destruction by submarine of the Norwegian steamer, Delta, with Americans in the crew, declares that the steamer was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American embassy, says that so far as was possible the safety of the crew was provided for.

The men were given half hour to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

Settlement of the Marina case, which hinges on the question of whether the steamer was a government transport, is being delayed pending receipt of further advices from Washington.

The American government has submitted two statements from the British government, to the effect that the Marina was engaged to carry horses on east bound voyages but was under no agreement for westbound trips and therefore should not be regarded as a transport. Germany is awaiting to learn what interpretation the American government has given these statements. There are no further developments in the case of the Arabic.

SNAG STRUCK BY THE CONFERENCE

Arbitrary Commission Suggested For Selling Future Railroad Squabbles.

New York, Dec. 28.—Resumption of a conference here today by representatives of the railroads and the employees' brotherhoods was quickly terminated. The reason is understood to be that the committee of railroad managers sought to apply the recent switchmen's arbitration award to the present controversy over the Adamson act.

The conference had been in session less than two hours when an adjournment was taken. The brotherhoods' conferees were obviously disturbed when the session ended. It was learned that the roads suggested that the dispute between them over application of the Adamson act, if upheld by the supreme court, be settled on the basis of the switchmen's award, which the railroad managers held gave the switchmen on the roads involved 9 hours' pay for 8 hours' work.

Representatives of the brotherhoods, it was asserted, declined to settle on such a basis. They are declared to have insisted that an agreement be reached under that act, such settlement holding 10 hours' pay for 8 hours' work. The brotherhoods suggested creation of a Federal commission, representing both sides, which would consider and settle arbitrarily all future disputes regardless of the Adamson act. The proposal was not given consideration.

FIRED SHOTS OVER MEXICAN BORDER

Kentucky Troops Returned Vigorous Fusilade In Reply to Greasers.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico, west of here, early today by members of the Kentucky National Guard. The officers declare the fusilade was in reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. So spirited was the American fire that residents of the district thought a machine-gun was being used, but this was denied by the Kentucky officers. There were no known casualties.