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Says Peace Proposals Due To Food Panic in Germany

Past Few Weeks Characterized as "Reign of Terror" with Internal Dissensions and Strained Relations Between Various States

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London, Dec. 14.—Germany's peace proposals are due to the fact, which neutral correspondents have not been allowed to indicate, that during the last few weeks grave internal dissensions have arisen in Germany owing to food shortage. This situation has been termed the "reign of terror". Relations are strained between the various states and also with Turkey.
The proposals have been received with contempt by France, Russia, Italy, and Belgium, these nations standing as firm as Plymouth Rock in their positions.

TO REJECT OFFER BUT DEFINE TERMS

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 14.—Sentiment here increases in favor of including in England's answer to Germany's peace note a definition of the basic terms. It is certain that the answer will be a rejection this time but it is felt that the Allies will meet the German strategy by a move which will put the Allies in a position to make known their demands and concessions.

Assumed Command Averted Panic

(By United Press)
Norfolk, Dec. 14.—How I. D. Levine at the battleship Nevada, a passenger, assumed command when the steamer Powhatan was struck last night and averted a panic is told by passengers landing by the cutter to-day.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE

A visitor at Mitchell's Department Store this week glanced about her and exclaimed: "Why I never saw such a wonderful variety. Christmas has surely come already."
And both of these statements are true. The variety is there and so is Christmas. The variety ranges from the handsome embroidered kimonos which came all the way from Japan just the other day, bringing wonderful cherry blossoms, chrysanthemums, wisteria and dragons to delight the feminine American heart; an inexhaustible assortment of dainty Japanese handkerchiefs; to the amazingly big character dolls that have caught the eye of every kiddie in town. These, indeed, are scarcely a beginning in the Catalog of Christmas suggestions to be found at Mitchell's. * You have to see it for yourself with its attractive holiday decorations and its great display of useful and beautiful gifts.
The biggest, best dolls in old Santa whole pack. Just see them at MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE.

J P Morgan Is Secret Visitor

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—J. P. Morgan, financial representative of the Entente Allies in America, is a secret visitor at the British embassy, supposedly to gather information of the attitude of the Entente Allies toward Germany's peace proposals. It is also assumed that his visit may have a broad effect upon future developments of international financing.

WILLIAMS-SAWYER

A marriage of considerable local interest took place at the home of J. W. Munden, register of deeds, today at noon, when Miss Pearl A. Sawyer became the bride of Mr. Trevar J. Williams. The groom is a promising young farmer of Newlands and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams of the same place. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Susan Sawyer, of Camden county.

The marriage was performed immediately after the couple arrived from the bride's home. Only a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. They were: Miss Beulah Williams, sister of the groom; Mr. W. G. Sawyer, brother of the bride; Mr. J. J. Brothers, Miss Delia Williams and Miss Annie Bright, of Newlands; and Mrs. Newton F. Spence of this city.

Mission is One of mercy

(By United Press)
Denver, Colo., Dec. 14.—They look like soldiers coming from the trenches where gas, bombs have been falling in numbers. Mask, goggles and curious tanks on their backs add to the impression. But theirs is a mission of peace—their motto is safety first.
They are students at the State School of Mines, Golden Colo., members of the school's new department of "Safety and efficiency engineering," the first school department off its kind to be established in the United States.
The squad is under the tutelage of J. C. Roberts who was for many years in charge of the government's mine rescue car and he knows the horrors of the mine accident as well perhaps as any man in the country.
At the school of mines he is turning out men equipped to organize the rulers of the world into safety-first squads that will decrease the annual list of victims of mine accidents.
Any afternoon in Golden, in the foothills, the safety class may be seen diving into the darkness of a gas-filled hole, on a mission of rescue while the efficiency squad wait at the mouth with bandages and pulmotors and knowledge of first aid methods. All doing practical work of rescuing.

ENGLAND ADDS A MILLION MEN

MAKING TOTAL FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1917, OF FIVE MILLIONS

London, Dec. 14.—The war office supplementary estimate provides for an additional million men of all ranks in the British army for the year ending March 31st, 1917, making a total of five million for that twelve month period.

PRICES FOR LIVE HOGS

The following quotations from Kingan and Company, Pork Packers, of Richmond will be of interest here at this time:
"We are paying to-day for prime quality Live Hogs following prices:
205-225 lbs. avg. from 10.25 to 10.50
175-200 lbs. avg. from 9.90 to 10.25
155-170 lbs. avg. from 9.50 to 9.75
125-150 lbs. avg. from 9.00 to 9.75
100-120 lbs. avg. from 8.50 to 9.00
Pigs from 8.50 to 9.00
Sows from 8.50 to 9.00.
Soft or Old Hogs, 1c to 1 1/2c less above prices."
Hogs priced at market value day they are received.

PEACE PROPOSALS REACH PRESIDENT

OFFICIAL NOTE PRATICALLY IDENTICAL WITH PRESS DISPATCHES RECEIVED EARLIER

Washington, Dec. 14.—Germany's peace proposals reached the State Department overnight. Secretary Grow of the Berlin Embassy transmitted with the note a confidential memorandum for the President and Secretary Lansing, to be used by them in dealing with the peace subject. The text is to all intents identical with the press dispatches received earlier.

America's first step to carry out the wishes of Germany and the Central Powers as their diplomatic representatives in the Entente Capitals was taken today. Within a few hours after the receipt of the official text of the Teuton peace proposal Secretary Lansing at the President's order dispatched it to London, Paris, Petrograd, Tokio and the provisional capitals of Rumania, Serbia and Belgium.
Germany's communication to her enemies was sent without suggestions or comment by the President. This action completely fulfilled the request of the Central Empire made of the United States.
It is stated upon the highest authority that the President's mind is still entirely open. He is still undecided and will reach no decision until he has confidential advice from American representatives at the Entente capitals.
One point, however, became clear today. This is how careful the President and his advisers are that no move be made by them which might be misinterpreted by the Allied governments. It has been suggested to him that perhaps a statement, full, concise and clear, delivered to the American people and the world might be the entering wedge adopted.

HOLIDAY SUITS FOR MEN. Ask to see them at MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE.

TO ESTABLISH TRAINING CORPS

UNDER NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT A. & M. COLLEGE WILL HAVE NEW MILITARY FEATURE.

West Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 14.—A Reserve Officers' Training Corps, under provision of the National Defense Act, will be established at North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts beginning with the next college year.

All students who are citizens of the United States, 14 years old or over, and whose bodily condition indicates that they are physically fit to perform military duty are eligible for the corps. Members of the National Guard are not eligible but authority to obtain their discharge has been secured from the War Department.

Three hours weekly of theoretical and practical military training, prescribed by the War Department, are required during the last two years. Members are also required to attend two camps of four weeks each during the four academic years. In return the student complying with these requirements will be furnished commutation of rations (about eighty dollars per year) uniform, etc.

Any graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps may be appointed a member of the Reserve Officers' Corps by the President of the United States, providing the graduate has completed the camp training and agreed in writing, upon reaching the age of 21, to serve the United States in the capacity of reserve officer for the period of ten years. The President may appoint any member of the Officers' Reserve Corps a temporary second lieutenant in the Regular Army (in time of peace) for a period not to exceed six months at a salary of \$1,000 a month and allowances. Upon application the six months' training may be had following graduation, in which case the training camp at the end of the senior year will not be required. In time of war the President may order reserve officers, appointed as above, to active duty with any of the forces of the United States in any grade not below that of second lieutenant.

FEREBEE-DOXEY

Sligo, Dec. 13.—Mr. Bryan Ferebee and Miss Minnie Doxey were quietly married last Sunday night by justice of the peace A. D. Sawyer at Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferebee went to Elizabeth City first to secure a license, but the youthful appearance of the bride caused Mr. Munden to hesitate and finally refuse to issue the license. Returning the couple secured a license at Currituck and reached the home of the justice of peace at 9:15 Sunday night. Witnessing the marriage were Misses Chloe Doxey, Chloe Caton, Messrs. Haywood Doxey, Willie Caton and Ed Toxey, relatives of the bride. The bride, in spite of her youthful appearance is really nineteen years of age.

Mr. Ferebee is a prosperous merchant of Sligo where the couple will make their home. Mrs. Ferebee is the daughter of Mr. Columbus Doxey of Currituck, and has a large number of friends in the county.

BAZAAR AT WOODVILLE.

The Woman's Betterment Society of Woodville will give a bazaar at the school house on December 15th for the benefit of the school. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

GERMANY ACTED HOPING LITTLE

AND FIELD MARSHAL'S DECLARATION OF "NO REST THIS WINTER" STILL STANDS

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Despite Germany's peace proposals, Von Hindenburg's declaration "No rest this winter" still stands. Military authorities repeated this quotation of the Field Marshal's remark in commenting today on the fact that Germany weighted carefully the peace question before her announcement was made, knowing that England did not desire peace because the Allies intend to launch an enormous spring offensive.

THE SQUIRE KEEPS BUSY

The home of Mr. J. W. Munden, Register of Deeds, was the scene of three marriages Tuesday, two in the morning and one at night. The participating parties were from Norfolk and other points outside of the city and remained in the city only a short while.

The first to take place was that of Mr. William A. Winslow of Norfolk, and Miss Mabel Virginia Trout, of Troutville. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. M. DeLong and Mrs. M. C. Robinson, of Norfolk, sisters of the groom.

Mr. Frank Francis Robbner and Miss Elsie Elizabeth Goetz, of Hampton were also married in the morning. Coming from way up in Whitestone, Mr. Alvin Kirk Lewis met his bride elect, Miss Susie Jane Powell of Norfolk, and they continued on to the city to be married. The ceremony was performed Tuesday night.

THIS WOULD SEEM WORTH INVESTIGATING

F. Lee Sheppy, 8th Floor 243 W. 17th street, New York City, General Sales Manager of the largest concern of its kind in the world, wants three or four men in Pasquotank County and several men in adjoining counties to work for him spare time or all the time. He can use only those who have a rig or auto. Work is very pleasant and no previous selling experience is necessary. Work consists of leaving a wonderful new household necessity in the homes on free trial. Tests at more than thirty of the leading Universities and the Government Bureau of Standards show this new article to be four times as efficient as the article in general use in this section. Article is needed in every rural home and benefits every member of the household, bringing cheer, comfort and happiness into the home. Not necessary to be away from home nights. Pay from \$6.00 to \$15.00 per day according to ability and number of homes visited. In writing Mr. Sheppy, mention what townships will be most convenient for you to work in; what your regular occupation is; your age; married or single; how long you have lived in the community; what kind of rig or auto you have; whether you wish to work spare time or steady; how much time you will have to devote to your work; when you can start; and about how many homes are within six miles of you in each direction. This is a splendid opportunity for several men in Pasquotank County and counties adjoining to make good money working steady or spare time only. No investment or bond necessary.
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DIRECT FROM JAPAN—something new in Christmas gifts. Embroidered kimonos, handkerchiefs, and silks. MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE.

HAVE AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE

BETWEEN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO IF PRESENT PLANS CAN BE CARRIED OUT

Washington, Dec. 14.—A regular aeroplane six to fourteen hour mail service between Chicago and New York is to be established by the Post Office Department if the plans now under consideration go through the Department announced today.

Let the Wife Read This

St. Paul Minn., Dec. 14.—When husband and wife meet in that thrilling 3 a. m. encounter at the top of the stairs, Hubby may now truthfully state he never had a drop, no matter how badly pickled he may be. If friend wife is a student of dentistry, he may get by with his yarn. Dr. H. D. Alrich, member of the St. Paul district dental school said today. Defective teeth improperly cared for, may develop alcohol in the system which may cause their owner to reel and talk foolishly, he said.

Favor Prohibition and Food Probe

Washington, Dec. 14.—The House Judiciary Committee today favorably reported the bills for nationwide prohibition and also for the food probe.
The committee, reported without recommendation the bill for woman's suffrage.

Live Little Locals Many Minor Matters Merely Mentioned

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Wood, of Woodville, have returned to their home after spending some days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Munden on Selden Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edney, of Wilmington, N. C., are visiting Mrs. C. E. Overman on North Road Street.

Mrs. J. C. Gregory, who has been visiting her mother Mrs. G. W. Stegar, on Southern Avenue, returned to her home in Norfolk today.

Mrs. H. W. Godsey of Wanchese, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Johnson.

Mr. Fred Rogers of Norfolk, passed through the city Wednesday enroute to Wanchese.

Mr. E. P. Scarborough passed through the city Thursday enroute to his home at Avon where he will spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Scarborough is employed by the Du Pont Powder Co. at Carney's Point, N. J.

Messrs. Farrow Meekins and Ethan Wise brought a load of oysters from Stumpy Point this week. Mr. Wise continued on to Baltimore on business.

Mrs. Zenovah Etheridge, of Mantoloking, is visiting Mrs. Lola Seymour on West Burgess St.

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