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VIENNA MUST MAKE DIRECT REPLY TO U.S.

Washington Will Not Tolerate Temporizing Over Answer to Ancona Note

NO QUESTION OF WAR

Diplomatic Break Will Not Cause More Serious Condition of Affairs

The severance of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States looms on the diplomatic herizon as a strong possibility today. That such a condition of affairs between the two countries would lead to more serious consequences is not regarded by Washington as worthy of consideration.

Austria's reply to the Ancona note ats now awaited by Secretary Lansing. and it is believed that the demand of the United States for a prompt reply will cause Vienna to answer within a week from the time the message was received at the Foreign Office.

Reports from Vienna indicate that Germany is putting strong pressure on its ally, urging that the demands of the United States be met. On the other hand, it is said that Austrian officials, backed by popular feeling, are inclined to temporize and have raised the Issue that Austria is not supposed to have official information of the contents of the Lusitania note sent by Washington to Berlin, and which is referred to in the Ancona communica-

This attitude on the part of Vienna the State Department will not recognize, as it is maintained that all of the warring nations received official copies of the Lusitania note. Any quibbling by Vienna will lead to the prompt breaking off of diplomatic re-

VIENNA, Dec. 15. — The American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancons

sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is regarded here as weak in one important point, which may deprive the mote in general of its foundation. This concerns the standpoint taken that the Austro-Hungarian Government should be familiar with the attitude of the American Government regarding the freedom of the seas, because President Wilson had explained this to the German Government, thus implying that Austria, as Germany's ally, should be acquainted with the principles laid down and desired by Washington.

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Against this stand of Washington the objection is raised in responsible quarters here that the Government has knowledge of the negotiations in the Lustiania case only through the newspapers, that it could give to these reports. papers, that it could give to these reports no diplomatic value and that it has not concerned itself in any way with the Lusitania case.

It is pointed out by the same authority the American Government car scarcely demand that the Imperial and Royal Government base its policy upon newspaper reports, and it is suggested that in any case it would have been better if Washington at the time had com-municated the memorandum of its stand point to all belligerent governments, in which case the present note would seem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Austria's re

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TUTTA LA SERBIA IN MANO DEI TEDESCHI

Gli Anglo-Francesi Hanno Ripiegato su Salonicco-Nulla di Nuovo sull'Isonzo

Nulla di nuovo sul fronte di battaglia fiale-austriaco. Il generale Cadorna an-nancia semplicemente duelli di artiglieria sul fronte dell'Isonzo, ed il comuni-cate austriaco si limita a render noto che continua l'attività degli italiani in

che continua l'attivita des.

Val Giudicaria.

Aella Penisola Balcanica gii angiofrancesi hanno dovuto completamente
abbandonare il territorio della Serbia che
e' tutto in mano dei bulgari e degli ausle feschi.

Gli alleati, i quali hanno ripiegato su Salenicco, non intendono pero rinunciare alla lotta, e concentreranno nuove truppe alla loro base sul Marc Egeo per ripren-dere l'offensiva al momento opportuno. Non è improbable che gli alleati atten-dano che l'offensiva sia iniziata contem-tora. Graneamente in Francia, in Russia e nel Islani, e cio' potrebbe avvenire probe-dimente nella primavera ventura. (Leggere in 18 pagina le ultime e plu' iettagitate notizie suila guerra, in ital-

WEATHER

There is something more uncertain than the weather; and that is money. Time, tides and trains wait for all men, if they carry watches and keep an eye on them. And the weather has been pretty well brained in recent years, even the farmers having learned to outwit it with the aid of experts in things climatic. But money bersints in withstanding the coaxings of science and plays more supercontents in the said of experts in things climatic. persists in withstanding the coaxings of science and plays more unexpected tricks than freak lightning. One leaves his univerlia home and sure enough it does not rain, just as he expected. But when it comes to money, we fancied for instance, that we had practically bormwed 165,000,000, only to find at a giance at the paper that the fair dream has been seept away, never, perhaps, to return. And there are so many fine Christmas presents we could have bought with that 155,000,000!

FORECAST.

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Increasing cloudiness and continued celd tonight, with lowest about 20 de-Pine; Thursday probably snow and bricket warmer; moderate pariable

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AIM OF CHINA'S NEW EMPEROR

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NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- In the first public statement by Emperor Yuan Shi-Kai, cabled today to the United Press, the newly proclaimed monarch of China makes known to the world the dominating reasons for the abolition of the republic.



The Emperor's cablegram follows:

permanent peace, have unanimously adopted a constitutional

The status of State chief is naturally subject to public will. The acting Legislature has reported to me the same and stated that the provincial and district conventions of the people's repre-

sentatives have unanimously elected me Emperor.

Firm refusal unavailing, I have been forced to submit to the people's will and have instructed the different Ministries and Departments to make preparations. The necessary preparations having been made, I will be requested to carry them out with due consideration.

The relations between China and America have always been most friendly and the monarchy's policy will be to cement still closer this friendship and to exert the utmost to promote the

Private Secretary.

BULGARS STOP AT GREEK LINE; TEUTONS CROSS

Ferdinand's Troops Held at Border by Pact Restricting Their Operations

ATHENS, Dec. 15. - Bulgarian troops have not entered Greece. Offi- States to cast a solid vote against Presicial denial of reports that the Bulgars had violated Greek neutrality was issued by the Foreign Office today.

LONDON, Dec. 15, It is reported from Geneva that Ger-man troops have invaded Greece through the Vardar Valley in pursuit of the re-treating French and British troops, but that the Polescape that the Bulgarians stopped at the Greek frontier. According to authentic information, the compact between Germany and Bulgaria provides that Bulgarian troops shall operate only on Serbian and Turk-

Although the Bulgarian War Office an Although the Bulgarian War Office announced officially that pursuit of the Anglo-French forces has ceased, it is persistently reported that some of Caar Ferdinand's troops have crossed the Greek frontier and are attacking the Allies on Greek soil.

Reports of the invasion of Greece by Bulgarian troops came from Salonica. One dispatch said Bulgarian troops had ressed southward across the border from Monastir.

Monastir.

If, as Sofia reports, the pursuit of the retreating Allies did stop at the Greek frontier, it was evidently the result of an agreement between Germany and Greece. Under common circumstances it would have been the best military policy for the German allies to continue the pursuit of the Anglo-French forces while the latter

were in hasty retirement.

A telegram from Florina, south of
Monastir, made no mention of such an
invasion. The other report said the Bulinvasion. The other report said the Bul-garians had crossed south of Giegvell, near Mayadala. Greek military authorities thought

these reports might have been started by excited civilians in Salonica, who. Continued on Page Six, Column Two

FORD SHIP AT KIRKWALL PARTY MAY BE HELD UP

Peace Liner Puts Into Scotch Port Where Naval Prizes Are Taken

LONDON, Dec. 15,-Henry Ford's peace ship, the liner Oscar II, arrived at Kirkwall. Scotland, this morning, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph

Сотрану. Kirkwall is the Brillish naval base in the Rirkwatt is the british are taken. Orkneys where all naval prizes are taken. The foregoing dispatch indicates that the liner has been held up by the British au-

MARSHALL WILLING TO RUN

thorities.

Will Accept Vice Presidency Renomination, if Tendered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — Vice President Marshall is not a candidate for reelection, but he will accept the nomination if it is accorded him, he said today.
He chiled at the White House today,
paid his respects to the Fresident and
assured the Executive he would support
his preparedness program. Asked regarding rumors that he would give up
political activities at the close of his
present term Marshall usid:

"I cannot get out of politics because
I never have been in."

The Emperor also announces his future policy toward America and states his purpose to employ every effort to cement the friendship between the two nations.

Press dispatches from Pekin had stated that Yuan Shi-Kai did not intend to assume the throne for some time, though he formally accepted the offer. In his message to the United Press, the Chinese ruler said he would "submit to the people's will" when the "necessary preparations" have been made. In transmitting the cablegram, however, his private secretary referred to Yuan Shi-Kai as "his majesty," indicating that in effect, at least, he is now Emperor of

YUAN BRIH-KAL

To the United Press, New York:

Your telegram has been translated and submitted to His Majesty's perusal. I am instructed to reply as follows:

The sovereignty of the Chinese republic resides in the whole body of the people. The conventions of the people's representatives, considering a republic unsuitable on account of historical reasons and public opinion, and wishing to establish account to the people of the people

industrial and commercial developments of the two nations. ADMIRAL TSAI-TING-KAN. (Signed.)

The Chinese Emperor's statement to the United Press is the first information that the new monarchy is to be a constitutional monarchy.

NEGRO LEADERS HATCH NATIONAL FIGHT ON WILSON

Will Issue Country - wide Call to Defeat President in 1916

MASS FOR NEW CAMPAIGN WILL ARM FOR DEFENSE

A call to all negroes in the United dent Wilson should he be a candidate for re-election will be sent throughout the country by the National Independent Equal Rights League, a negro organization, which is closing its eighth annual

convention in this city today. The decision was reached by the organization today, as a result of a report of the committee which had an audience with the President on November 12, and protested against the segregation of ne-gro clerks in the Postoffice and Treasury Departments. At the time it was alleged that William Monroe Trotter, editor of the Guardian, and spokesman for the delegation, "insulted" the President by his remarks.

At last night's session of the league in the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, 17th and Bainbridge streets, Trotter gave an account of the interview with the President, and his report was corroborated by Thomas Walker, M. W. Spencer and the Rev. Bryon Gunner, the other members of the committee who entered their protest at Washington, Each of them asserted that President Wilson and no reason to feel insulted by anything said to him in the interview.

SAY PLEDGE WAS BROKEN. The decision to work against the re-election of the President was virtually unanimous and is based on the assertion that President Wilson's pre-election pledge to work for the uplift of the Negro race has been violated.

William Monroe Trotter, who is secre tary of the National Independent Equal Rights League, said of the situation to

"We feel that the segregation of the negroes in Postoffice and Treasury Departments at Washington is one of the most vicious blows at the political and social liberty of our race that has been struck since the lath amendment to the Constitution was adonted in 185. Constitution was adopted in 1865. "President Wilson's attitude on the

uestion has been anything but satis-actory, and as for his having been in-uited by me, all I can say is that I greented our cuse as best I knew how and without any intention of offense. My feilow committeemen agree with me in the belief that my attitude and remarks were not of a nature to be termed 'in-sulting.' "

"Upon giving our committee a hearing, the league has decided that it will use its influence to the utmost to prevent the re-election of President Wilson, on the ground that he has violated his pre-election pledge."

TO FORM ARMED LEAGUE. The league is also taking steps to for-mulate an armed league for the defense of the rights and liberties of the negroes in the United States. A Philadelphia branch of the Independent Equal Rights League is also being organized.

League is also being organized.

More than 125 members of the national league are in attendence at the convention, which will close this evening with a jubileo celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 13th amendment to the Constitution, which freed their race.

The president of the organization is the Rev. Byron Gunner, of New York: Thomas Walker, of Washington, is treasurer, and William Monroe Trotter, of Boston, is secretary.

Three Bishops at Methodist Meeting WILMINGTON. Del., Dec. is. Three Bishops are present at the Methodist for-ward movement which opened is St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church this afterneon and will continue this evening. Rishops Berry, Henderson and Wilson made addresses during the meeting.

Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith takes great pride in this good luck emblem and mourns the fact that he didn't have it with him when it he went to Washington to pull the Republican Convention here. NO. IT WASN'T POLITICS THAT DID IT-IT WAS "KUNJER," LEFT BEHIND

City Lost Republican National Convention Because Mayor-elect Forgot His Rabbit Foot-Ah, Do Not Laugh! Read This

Chicago won the Republican National | Mayor apologetically to his friends, Convention because the "kunjer" was in a vest pocket of a suit hanging in a wardrobe at 2444 North Broad street.

That is Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith's home. The suit in question is also his, So is the "kunjer," the rabbit's foot which won him the nomination and elecwhich won him the nomination and elec-tion as Mayor, and which would have brought the Republican National Con-vention to this city if he had just re-membered to slip it into his pocket. He forgot it when he went to Washington yesterday to bring home the convention. "It was this way," explained our next night.

changed clothes and forgot to put the rabbit's foot into the suit I wore down. I didn't miss it until after it was decided to send the convention to Chicago. Then I knew something was wrong." Mrs. Smith today agreed that it would have been impossible to keep the conven-tion away from this city if her husband had just remembered to take the "kun-jer" along. The luck-bringing article, which was presented to Mr. Smith by an admirer during the campaign, is the left hind foot of a cottontail captured in a graveyard at midnight on a moonlight

LORD ALVERSTONE DEAD MAN FOUND DIES; A STAUNCH IN TRUNK UNDER FRIEND OF U.S.

Victory in the Alaskan Boundary Dispute

BRILLIANT LEGAL LIGHT BODY SENT TO MORGUE

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Lord Alverstone, former Lord Chief Justice of England and one of his country's most brilliant legal lights, died today at the age of

71 years. He was one of the strongest friends of America in English public life. Lord Alverstone was one of the most popular and many-sided men in British public life. While on circuit at New-castle, in February, 1912, Lord Alversione was seized with a serious heart attack and his continued ill health led to his

resignation.
Tall, athletically modeled and vigorous he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentlemen. At Cam-bridge, where the finishing touches wer-put to his education, he was noted as a distance runner, being, in fact, "the beat of his year." His interest in sports he carried into the world and won many trophies on the cinder track. Until his 70th year he was an enthusiastic rider and a good hand at golf, and in the earlier days of the big ring contests was a fre-quent visitor to the National Sporting

He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England on the Alaskan Boundary

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Served All Last Week in Criminal Branch, Municipal Court

Charles Homer, a carpenter, of 877 Cambria street, fled today at his home Camora street, sed today at his home of pneumonia.

Mr. Horner was drawn for jury service in the criminal branch of the Municipal Court and served all last week. On Sunday he became ill and word was sent to court that he would be unable to serve as a juror for a few days.

It was a surprise to his fellow jurors when word was received that he was a lead as it was understood that he was judy suffering from a had cold.

RUINS OF HOUSE

His Vote Gave America Workman Makes Gruesome Find in Pit Covered With Quicklime

The body of an unidentified man locked in a trunk tilled with quicklime was discovered shortly before noon today by a workman employed in tearing down a two-story building on the southwest corner of Kensington and Adams avenues.

The body is believed to be that of a The body is believed to be that of a man murdered but a few months ago, as the quicklime had not yet completed the destruction of his clothing, although the face is mutilated beyond possible recognitions.

The gruesome find was made by Lewis Dehman, of 4509 A street, Kensington, who was digging in the cellar of the building and drove his pick into a wooden packing box, which had been carefully buried at a depth of several feet below the level of the cellar floor. He called the attention of his empoyer, George Gie-genfus, of 3809 North 7th street, to the box and together they soon unearthed it.

The box was about four feet long, three fee wide and hree feet deep and was bound by a metal band. Several blows from Dehman's pick destroyed the box Inside was a steamer trunk of good quality and measuring three feet in length and 30 inches in each of the other dimensions. It was securely other dimensions. It was securely

Once more the workman's pick was used to good effect and the lid of the

used to good effect and the lid of the trunk was soon thrown back, revealing the body of a man doubled up like a jack-knife. his kness under the chin. The body was packed in quicklime.

The police of the Frankford station were immediately notified, and District Detectives Barrett and Tyson were detailed to investigate the case. In the meantime the authorities at City Hall had been notified and Detective William Belshaw, of the murder squad, was assigned to assist in the investigation.

Arriving no the scene the detectives found that the trunk contained a number of peculiar bits of Morocco leating. the fire is a mystery.

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QUICK NEWS

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER PRISONER OF WAR

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15 .- Dr. Robert Barony, Nobel prize winner for research in connection with the human ear, who was formerly a specialist attached to the Royal Hospital, Vienna, is a Russian prisoner of war, according to Dr. Franklin E. Cutler, Cleveland physician, who has returned here from Vienna.

WILLARD-FULTON FIGHT ARTICLES SIGNED

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- Articles for the Jess Willard-Fred Fulton bout at New Orleans, March 4, were signed this afternoon by Tom Andrews, representing the promoters; M. E. Collins, representing Fuiton, and Tom Jones, Willard's manager. The bout will be for

BOY-ED AND VON PAPEN GET SAFE CONDUCTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Great Britain has granted safe conduct to Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen. The British Embassy notified the State Department this afternoon. The matter of safe conducts for their successors has not been taken up yet.

DEPUTY ASKS PROBE OF FRENCH ARMY CONTRACTS

PARIS, Dec. 15,-A demand for an efficial investigation into all army contracts was made in the Chamber of L-puties today by M. Simyan, a former member of the French Cabinet. M. Sin.yan declared that many contracts at the beginning of the war were loosely made.

Some were scandalous-even criminal," the speaker declared. M. Simyan was interrupted by M. Millerand, former Minister of War, who declared that if any mistakes were made they were made in good falth.

TURK SHELLS DESTROY FOE'S DEPOT AT STRAITS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15 .- A block house and an ammunition depot of the Allies were destroyed by Turkish artillery in a new bombardment at

the Dardanelles, according to official dispatches from the front. A heavy, sustained cannonade has been directed against the Anglo-French positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula for three days. Allied ships near Kamikila Liman were forced to withdraw by the Turkish shells. Near Sedd El Bahr Turkish guns exploded a depot containing ammunition for heavy howitzers. Two bridges across the Kerevez Dere were knocked to pieces.

BRITISH GET 500,000 RECRUITS IN WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 15,-Last week's rush to enroll brught in more than 500,000 recruits, according to the Evening News. The vote for another 1,000,000 men for the army which Premier Asquith intended to move tomorrow has been postponed until next week. The Premier had promised to give the House of Commons the results of the Earl of Derby's recruilting campaign tomorrow, but it has been found impossible to tabulate the figures in time, and this announcement is likewise postponed until next week.

650,000 TURKS UNDER ARMS ON ALL FRONTS

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Undedr-Secretary for War, said that it was calculated that Turkey had 656,000 men in the field. This force, under certain circumstances, he added, might be increased to a million.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS TOTAL 2,244,248

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 15.-Prussian casualty lists Nos. 380 to 389, according to the Rotterdamsche Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total 2.244,248. This total is exclusive of the names of 237. Bavarian, 310 Wurtemburgian, 235 Saxonian and the naval and Turkish lists, says the newspapers.

LONDON, Dec. 15,-Flight Sublicutenant Graham, in an aeroplane with Flight Sublicutement Ince as observer, while on patrol off the Belgian coast yesterday afternoon sighted a large German aeroplane and gave chase. After a severe engagement the German machine was hit and fell. Before reaching the water it burst into flames and at the moment of striking exploded. No trace of the pilot, observer or machine could be found. Sublicutenant Graham's machine was severely damaged by machine gun fire and fell into the sea, but both officers were picked up and safely landed.

BRITAIN RAPIDLY FREEING CARGOES FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Cargoes of German and Austrian goods, whose shipment to the United States was delayed by the British orders in council, are being released at the rate of eight and ten a day. Within a month, officials say, efforts of the State Department's foreign trade advisers will have freed all goods purchased before March, 1915.

60,000 CHINESE PROTEST RECOGNITION OF YUAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 .- An appeal to President Wilson not to recognize the Chinese monarchy has been mailed to Washington by Tong King Chong. president of the Chee Kung Tong, known as the Chinese Republic Association, which is said to have a membership of about 60,000 in the United States and 200,000 in North, Central and South America.

BERLIN DISCLAIMS PLOT FOR MEXICAN REVOLT

BERUAN, Dec. 15.-The overseas News Agency has given out the following: "Official circles here disclaim any connection with activities of so-called German agents who, according to American and English press reports, are said to have tried to foment a new revolution in Mexico. The German Government following the lead of the United States, more than a month ago, authorized the German Minister to Mexico to recognize Carranza as the head of the Government.

SWEDEN FEARS RUSSIA HAS HOSTILE PLANS

BERLIN, Dec. 15.-The Swedish papers, says the Overseas News Agency, now express the opinion that the interruption of telegraph service between Sweden and Russia is connected with the concentration of Russian troops in Finland, near the Swedish frontier. The newspapers also consider the British demonstrations of a similar kind are probable, this impression apparently having been caused by Sweden's unwillingness to submit to Anglo-Russian control.

MILLION DEAD IN ARMENIA, BRYCE REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- Lord Bryce has issued a further report on the Armenian atrocities. In this he gives the estimate of a competent observer, placing the destruction of life at nearly 1,000,000, virtually half the population of Armenia. The report states: "No description can portray the awful suffering of these infortunate people, whose only crime is that they are Armenians. They are being deliberately done to death at a sufficiently slow pace in order to allow their oppressors the opportunity of choosing such women and goods as they care for and getting all their money before they die."

FIRE DESTROYS ALLIES' CORK

Mystery in Blaze Which Causes Several Thousand Dollars Loss' on North Third Street

Fire today destroyed several thousand dollars' worth of cork goods, said to be that he could make 26 gallons of densintended for the Allies, at the plant of J. George Brucckmann & Son, 131 North had previously been convicted on a fraud ld street.

Firemen, after hard lighting, a receded in checking the blaze, which threatened to destroy the building. The origin of

of this room and of another storeroom on the fourth floor were destroyed. They consisted of cork stoppers, life preserves and cork in bulk for manufacture life.

Other Charles and North report of this preserves and cork in bulk for manufacture life. The flames were discovered in a store-

Sawdust Distilleries Can't Use Mails WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-The Postoffice Department today denied the use of the mails to Prof. Carl Von Hartzfeldt, open ating the Wood Waste Distilleries Company and Teddy's Laboratory, at Wheel's ing. W. Va. Von Hartzfeldt advertised tured alcohol from a ton of sawdust. He

LOST AND FOUND

BUSTON BRINDLE BULLIFOR mer a she fout white mee and brond a ce half we was to book the count of the country of