

HOUSE MISSION TO WARN ALLIES OF U. S. EMBARGO

Purpose of Trip to Europe to Gain Concessions for Trade

FEARS CONGRESS' ACTION

Col. House's Mission To Warring Countries

Colonel E. M. House, personal envoy of President Wilson, will warn the Allies that unless concessions are made in connection with the German blockade, Congress is in mood to enact embargo legislation.

In all the capitals of the warring nations he will endeavor to effect a more thorough understanding and agreement between the Ambassadors and the Administration.

Colonel House will also study industrial affairs under war conditions, the results of which will shape the President's forthcoming recommendations regarding organization of a Preparedness Commission.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 21.—President Wilson today confirmed the report that Colonel E. M. House was going to Europe at his request.

It was learned that the President desired further first-hand information concerning European affairs. Under ordinary circumstances he would obtain this by the bringing of Ambassadors home to report the state of international affairs.

Rumors have been on foot for some days that some, at least, of the American Ambassadors in the belligerent countries are not working in entire harmony with Secretary of State Lansing.

It is understood that Colonel House will endeavor to make it plain, both at London and in Paris, that unless the Allies make material concessions to the United States in connection with the German blockade and interference with American commerce, it will be difficult for the Administration to hold out embargo legislation by Congress.

COL. HOUSE DENIES PEACE IS HIS MISSION TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Colonel E. M. House, who is to go abroad next week on a special mission for the President, denies that the question of peace has anything to do with his trip.

Colonel House gave out the following statement: "I am going to Europe at the request of the President and Secretary Lansing for the purpose of taking information to some of our Ambassadors in order that they may have a more intimate knowledge of this Government's attitude regarding certain phases of pending international questions, and in order to obtain from them their point of view."

HOUSE TO STUDY INDUSTRY UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Colonel E. M. House's mission abroad, among other things, is to study and report to President Wilson the best methods of industrial, commercial and military mobilization.

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ROMA CAPITALE SERBA

ROMA, 22 Dicembre. Non è stato pubblicato alcun comunicato ufficiale circa le operazioni di guerra sul fronte italo-austriaco.

Si dice che i tedeschi hanno preparato per mesi questa campagna contro l'Egitto ed hanno spedito giornalmente grandi quantità di munizioni, di vetovaglie e di grossa artiglieria sulla ferrovia siriana verso la zona del Canale.

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TURKS ATTACK EGYPT

Advance guards of an invading army of 300,000 Ottoman troops are reported to be already on Egyptian soil east of Suez.

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Take 1200 Prisoners in Fierce Battle at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf

BRITISH SHELL COAST

Teutons' Winter Quarters in Flanders Under Heavy Fire From Allies' Fleet

Twelve hundred German prisoners were captured by the French in their offensive against the Teutonic positions at Hartmannsweilerkopf.

The further details given out by the War Office relative to the strong attacks made by the French at Hartmannsweilerkopf showed that the assaults had been entirely successful.

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HUNGARY WILL PLEDGE OPEN DARDANELLES

Continued from Page One found, but I do not think the disposition for peace on either side ripened into a readiness to enter peace discussions.

Count Apponyi, like other officials interviewed in the dual monarchy, expressed surprise at the tone adopted by America in the note to Austria-Hungary regarding the Ancona.

"If I had been answering the American note I would have asked your State Department to amend the style and the language before I would consider a reply," he said.

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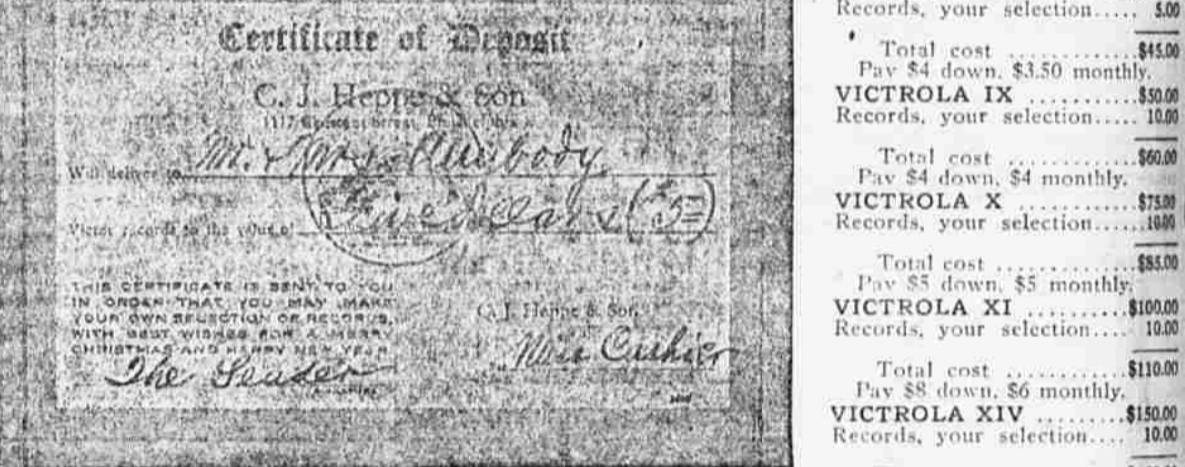
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Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

RUSSIA'S experience, when, at the beginning of the war, it put its ban on vodka, has not been of much comfort to the persons who advocate Prohibition.

THE following dispatch to the New York Journal from Petrograd tells the story without waste of words:

"AFTER more than a year's trial of the anti-liquor decree, it appears that some American prohibition history is being repeated in Russia.

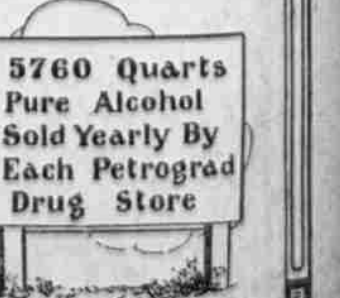
"A MEMORIAL to the City Council of Petrograd sets forth that the union of the drug clerks finds the demand for eau de cologne and a variety of bitters has been growing steadily.

"IT HAS been estimated that the 150 licensed drug stores in the city have sold the equivalent of 216,000 gallons of pure alcohol since the anti-liquor edict took effect at the beginning of the war.

"OF STILL greater proportion has been the use of denatured alcohol as a beverage and the rectification of denatured alcohol into a palatable, if not a wholesome substitute for vodka."

FROM the above it can be seen that in the primary essentials the Russian does not differ from the American—or for that matter, from the man of any other nationality.

BUT more pertinent is the FACT that to hold that Prohibition ever has done is to prevent the legalized and regulated sale of liquor. And the best proof of this is that 150 drug stores in Petrograd sold 216,000 gallons of alcohol last year—or 1440 gallons (5760 quarts) to each store.



5760 Quarts Pure Alcohol Sold Yearly By Each Petrograd Drug Store

Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association (The Next Article Will Appear Saturday, December 17th)