

"CONSCRIPT" ACT FORCES BREAK IN BRITISH CABINET

Home Secretary's Resignation Reported in Hands of Premier Asquith

DR. REY'S MAY BE NEXT

Opponents of Compulsion Unite to Fight Proposed Draft Bill

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W. W. ASTOR, ONCE AMERICAN, NOW BRITISH LORD

Elevation to Peerage May Be for His War Fund Gifts

KING HONORS OTHERS

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Two native-born Americans become Peers of Great Britain through the distribution of New Year's honors by King George.

The New Year's honors are as follows: Baronetcies—Admiral Sturdee, Sir William Goschen, K. C. B., chairman of the Cunard Line, Sir Charles Johnson, Viscount—Lord Mersey.

There was one notable surprise—the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, who years ago became an expatriate.

Another surprise, which is certain to be popular, is the appointment of William, or, as he is better known, "Bill" Crooks, the Labor leader, to the Privy Council.

Imperator Nicholas, of Russia, is made a British field marshal, and D. A. Thomas, known in the United States and Canada for his recent work in arranging for supplies of munitions for Great Britain, goes to the House of Lords.

Mr. Astor's title is considered as being the highest honor in Great Britain, and he is said to be the only American to become a British subject.

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MARRIED 50 YEARS AGO



Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter yesterday celebrated their golden wedding at 1806 North Front street, surrounded by more than 40 descendants.

PEACE PARTY 'PINCHED' TO PREVENT ATTACK BY NEW YEAR'S REVELERS

'Interned' at Banquet in Copenhagen and Later Escorted to Their Hotel by the Police

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.—The Ford peace party had some anxious moments last night. For several hours the delegates were virtually prisoners, guarded by the police to prevent them from becoming objects of attack by New Year's Eve merry-makers in the streets.

The delegates were invited to attend a banquet in the Royal Shooting Club. They were to be met by the Danish Minister, but they would not leave while the banquet was in progress.

For three hours the entire delegation was "interned," and when the banquet was over they were escorted to their hotels by the police.

Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, who was seriously ill in a hospital here, was better, it was learned today. The Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, remained at Stockholm on the verge of a nervous collapse.

Only 23 persons greeted the delegates upon their arrival here yesterday. There was no formal reception. Mrs. Schwimmer, who preceded the party to Copenhagen to make arrangements, was awakened at her hotel at night and warned by the police that she would not be permitted to arrange for public meetings.

Business Manager Plattiff tightened the reins a little more on delegates' expenditures on the party's arrival here. He ordered that the party should carry their own baggage. At Christiania, and Stockholm baggage was carted to the hotels at Henry Ford's expense.

After a five days' visit here, the expedition will sail for Copenhagen on the steamship A. P. Bernstorff. As the American legation refused passports to the party, the boat was chartered for the trip.

Only a few are expected to make the voyage, however, as about 40 members are making preparations to sail for the United States from here.

BRITISH LINER SUNK BY U-BOAT OFF EGYPT

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left London. Rose was said to be on his way from Dover to Gibraltar and it is assumed that he left the ship at Gibraltar.

The liner sank so rapidly that only four boats could be launched. The Persia was approaching Alexandria when the torpedo was launched which sent her to the bottom.

The Persia was one of the finest boats in the service of the Peninsular and Oriental Line, one of the biggest and most important of the British Isles and the Orient.

She was on her way to India by way of the Suez Canal when the submarine delivered its deadly attack.

BELIEVE ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING.

Meagre details were received, but these were enough to convince many persons that the attack was made without warning by either a German or an Austrian submarine.

LARGE PASSENGER LIST.

At the London offices of the Peninsular and Orient Company it was stated that no word had been heard from the liner since Tuesday.

The Persia carried many passengers and a large crew, said an officer of the line. "We had next to no definite figures just now as to the exact number."

Not more than 200 persons could get away in four of the Persia's boats, officers said, in commenting on the statement that only four of her boats managed to clear. In all likelihood, they said, the number of survivors was considerably less than 200.

"The Persia was well equipped with life-boats," said one officer. "The very fact that only four of her boats managed to clear indicates she sank rapidly, and apparently confirms reports of a large loss of life."

U. S. PROBES GASOLINE PRICE

Federal Court Will Order Inquiry in Chicago

PAN-AMERICANS PLAN STEP TO URGE NATIONS INTO ARMED ALLIANCE

Delegates to Congress Will Present Memorial to 21 Countries to Solidify Western Hemisphere Union

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Unless there is an unexpected hitch in the program, the entire Pan-American Scientific Congress will go on record before final adjournment in favor of a defensive alliance among the 21 republics of the Americas.

A resolution to this effect is in the hands of one of the South American delegates and has been approved by the Executive Committee.

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200 SLAV GUNS RAKE AUSTRIANS ON 3-MILE FRONT

Hand-to-Hand Fighting of Furious Character Rages in Bessarabia

TEUTONS REPULSE DRIVE

ROME, Jan. 1.—Unconfirmed reports received here today said that Rumania had concentrated three army corps on the Bulgarian frontier.

Hand-to-hand fighting of the most furious character is now occurring along the Bessarabian front, according to Czeronowitz advices today.

Two hundred Russian guns, on a three-mile front, have been raking the Austrian positions with a terrific bombardment for several days. From midnight last Monday to noon Tuesday the Austrians repulsed 27 separate attacks.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Austro-Germans, to counter the new Russian offensive, have launched fresh attacks in eastern Galicia, according to admissions from Petrograd.

The Germans are seeking, it is believed here, to forestall Rumania's entry into the war, which is expected with the clearing of the Austrians from Bukovina, and to regain before the new year the last foot of Teuton soil in the possession of the enemy.

Tarnopol, about 60 miles east of Lemberg, is the chief objective of von Lindeberg. This is an important railway junction and the key to Galicia, and so long as it is held by the Russians there is always the menace of a return of the invasion which last spring swept clear to the Carpathians.

Petrograd also reports that the Germans have taken the initiative and are attacking in close formation at Sale Sacky and at Novo Alexinec. Like Tarnopol, the latter city is important strategically as the center of the principal wagon roads of western Galicia.

If the Germans have really undertaken a serious offensive in this district, it is believed here that it is with troops withdrawn from the Macedonian field, as reported from Rome several days ago. The Teuton lines in this sector have been drawn up to permit of the necessary concentration of troops for such an attack.

The battle on the southern front is still the subject of much conjecture, according to Petrograd dispatches. There is little official detail concerning it, and nothing but conflicting rumors from other sources.

"The General Staff," says the Petrograd Tetch, "draws attention for a third time to the fact that the battle is still continuing from the Pripet southward and in Galicia, but at the same time it gives no details. The last German official reports said the Germans had taken the initiative in the offensive at Sale Sacky and that the troops were advancing in close formation. Apart from this, the news has crept in of a German attempt to break through the Russian line at Novo Alexinec and also to take Tarnopol."

"Not waiting for official confirmation of the above, we point out the probability that the battle is still continuing from the Pripet southward and in Galicia, but at the same time it gives no details. The last German official reports said the Germans had taken the initiative in the offensive at Sale Sacky and that the troops were advancing in close formation. Apart from this, the news has crept in of a German attempt to break through the Russian line at Novo Alexinec and also to take Tarnopol."

The offensive in September in this region was more intense than at the present. At that time the Germans were driven back with great losses.

The Novoye Vremya says: "The battle in question is being fought according to a broad general plan. The fighting is equally severe along the whole line. If there is any concentration it is at Tarnopol and Novo Alexinec."

BERLIN OFFERS SETTLEMENT ON U-BOAT ISSUES

Hastens to Follow Vienna's Lead in Complying With U. S. Demands

WANTS TO SAVE ITS FACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Austria's prompt acquiescence in the American demands concerning the Ancona has brought Germany to the point of settlement in the Lusitania negotiations.

The full official text of the Austrian note, received here last night from Vienna, bears out the unofficial text printed this morning. It shows that Austria has punished the submarine officer, is willing to pay indemnity for American lives and property and concurs in the principle that enemy private vessels shall not be sunk until passenger and crew are safely taken off. Final settlement is left to diplomatic conversations and the United States is expected by Austria to set forth exactly the limits to which submarine warfare may be carried without violating international law.

As soon as Ambassador Bernstorff learned of Austria's attitude he hurried to the State Department and held a conference with Secretary Lansing.

As a result of this conference there is but one point of issue left between the United States and Germany. It is: How can Germany frame a disclaimer of the Lusitania attack which will satisfy the United States and be well received by the people of Germany?

The official text of the Austrian note shows that the Dual Monarchy not only meets the cardinal points of the American demand, but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those which were given by Germany.

While the full American official view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the reply, it may be stated authoritatively that danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has passed, and that the controversy now centers on the same stage as the Lusitania negotiations with Germany, on even a more favorable basis.

Austria in the Ancona case has subscribed to the principle that no ships will be sunk, unless they offer resistance or flee, without the persons aboard being brought to safety.

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CARD PLAYER KILLED IN ROW AT CENTRALIA

Slayer Escapes After the Shooting—Fourth Murder by Italians Within a Month

CENTRALIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—While playing cards at the home of Dominic Gray here last night, Anthony Gattella shot and killed Casino Rosomerezz and escaped. They had quarreled over a point in the game.

The slayer came here from Shamokin less than an hour before the murder occurred. The State police have been notified.

This is the fourth murder by Italians in this section within a month. Two charged with homicide are in the Schuylkill County prison. The perpetrator of the murder at Nesquehoning a few days ago is still at large.

NEW PASTOR FOR LOGAN

The Rev. M. E. Wright, Secretary to Doctor Conwell, Called by Baptists

The Rev. Melvin E. Wright, during the last five years private secretary to the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University, has been called to the pastorate of the Logan Baptist Church. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. John Love, who resigned last summer because of failing health.

Mr. Wright is a graduate of Temple University and the Temple Theological School.



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SILVER BADGE PRESENTED TO DRIPPS

Robert D. Dripps, who retires as director of public safety at noon tomorrow, was the recipient of a silver badge presented today as a token of remembrance by Superintendent of Police Robinson.

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BILLY SUNDAY IN TOWN

Passes Through En Route to Trenton for Revival

Billy Sunday was in town a few minutes this afternoon, and held an informal reception in Broad Street Station.

His train reached here at 3:30, and he was in the city before 4:00. A special stop was made here to let the evangelist and his associates have their regular headquarters.