

LA MOSSA TEDESCA PER LA PACE; LE CONDIZIONI

L'Austria Terrebbe la Serbia. L'Italia Dovrebbe Restituire il Territorio Conquistato

PROPOSTE INACCETTABILI

La Stampa Alleata Deride la Mossa di Berlino—La Germania Vede l'Inevitabile Sconfitta

ROMA, 12 Dicembre. Il cancelliere tedesco ha proposto condizioni di pace che i governi alleati non potranno accettare. Questa è l'opinione della stampa romana. Questa è l'opinione degli italiani. I quali considerano che si tratta di niente altro che di una mossa diplomatica intesa a creare un'opinione pubblica favorevole alle potenze centrali nei paesi neutrali ai quali si vorrebbe far vedere che se la guerra continuava ancora la colpa era della Quadruplice Intesa e non della Germania.

Si ritiene come cosa ovvia che la sola proposta che gli alleati dell'Intesa daranno alle proposte della Germania è l'intenzione delle operazioni militari, cioè che pare debba avvenire con i cambiamenti che sono stati apportati nel governo di Francia e di Gran Bretagna e col cambiamento del comando supremo delle armate francesi. Il generale Joffre non è più comandante in capo delle forze francesi. Il suo posto è stato assunto dal generale Nivelle, che Joffre medesimo aveva suggerito come suo successore. Joffre rimane però, ritiene, quale consigliere militare del governo francese e in tale qualità potrà ancora rendere segnalati servizi alla patria sua ed agli alleati.

La proposta di pace della Germania, che saranno dalle potenze neutrali trasmesse ai governi dell'Intesa di riasumono in queste condizioni:

La Germania ridarà l'indipendenza al Belgio. La Germania ritirerà le sue truppe dal territorio francese che esse presentemente occupano.

La Polonia e la Lituania saranno create monarchie indipendenti. L'Austria e la Bulgaria, o una di esse, dovranno conservare quella porzione della Serbia che è stata conquistata dalle armate tedesche. La Bulgaria dovrà avere quella porzione di territorio che le fu presa durante la seconda guerra balcanica.

L'Italia dovrà restituire all'Austria il territorio del Trentino e della Venezia Giulia conquistato dalle forze italiane.

Alla Germania si dovranno restituire tutte le sue colonie.

Il congresso della pace di dovrà risolvere il problema della Penisola Balcanica.

Da queste condizioni si vede chiaramente che la Germania e l'Austria, che oggi completamente sotto l'influenza di Berlino militarmente e politicamente, verrebbero a guadagnare la Serbia che sparirebbe completamente dalla carta politica dell'Europa. In altri paroli, la Germania verrebbe a guadagnare tutto quello, o quasi, per cui aveva provocato la presente spaventevole guerra. E' una commedia nel mezzo della tragedia più terribile che l'umanità abbia mai visto. Questa è l'opinione generale nei circoli romani. E' una farsa, nella quale l'Intesa non si lascerà trascinare. Telegrammi da Londra e da Berlino dicono che i commentari della stampa inglese e francese sono sarcastici. I critici militari francesi considerano che la Germania tenta il colpo della pace ora perché non vede più il modo di vincere non solo, ma di evitare la sconfitta.

Delaware Farmers Gathering Holly REAPFORD, Del., Dec. 12. — The holly and evergreen season is receiving the attention of the farmers throughout Sussex County. The crop sometimes means more than \$100 to each family which makes wreaths for the city markets. The men and boys go into the woods to cut the holly, while the women and girls make it into wreaths. Prices are ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.40 per dozen.



MISS BEATRICE V. CLINCH

"SAFETY FIRST" TALK BEFORE RAILWAY MEN

Miss Beatrice V. Clinch Discusses the Responsibility of Trolley Employes

How the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company is seeking to reduce the number of accidents due to the carelessness of children and adults in crossing the streets in front of trolley cars was described last night by Miss Beatrice V. Clinch, of the safety bureau of the corporation, before the Pennsylvania State Railway Association, at the Hotel Adelphia.

Miss Clinch, a remarkably pretty young woman, was engaged by the Rapid Transit Company to speak to gatherings of school children on "safety first" and to undertake other activities leading to greater safety in the public highways.

She told how hundreds of children competed for prizes for the best stories dealing with accident prevention, how thousands of booklets bearing pictures illustrating "safety first" had been distributed among the boys and girls of the private, parochial and public schools.

Miss Clinch said: "The motorman must watch continually for the safety of thoughtless women, the man who is so worried with business affairs that he has no thought of safety and for the safety of the children who do not know the danger. He must be watchful at street crossings and must not fail to note the movements of vehicles which are being driven or operated by careless persons. He cannot ignore the fast-moving, short-turning automobile; he must ever be on the alert for the unexpected moves of small children in the squares; he must expect that some careless person will suddenly appear from behind a moving vehicle or car and step into his pathway at extremely short notice. He willingly does all this, but he expects that you contribute your share of caution for your personal safety."

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BOYS USE SPOON TO DIG THEIR WAY TO LIBERTY

Three Flee Prison at York. Soon Captured in Barricaded Bedroom

YORK, Pa., Dec. 12. — "Huck Finn" himself could not have staged a better prison flight than three thirteen-year-old York boys, who dug themselves out of the House of Detention, a brick building near the center of the city. Their only tool was a teaspoon.

Police captured them less than an hour later, barricaded in a bedroom at the home of Ralph Spangler, one of the fleeing lads. The others were Paul Keener and Edward Alwine.

The boys had been arrested for a series of robberies at Conewago Heights, which they confessed. In one of these the Alwine boy had turned a crucifix to the wall while the looting was progressing.

With the spoon the boys dug through a partition wall in the House of Detention, hiding the mortar and laths in their bed. Making their way into an unguarded corridor, they fled down the fire escape.

"We didn't have enough breakfast," was the excuse the youngsters gave the authorities for their flight.

CAPTAIN BLAIKIE'S CASE

British Government, It Is Said, Now Considers Taking Serious Measures

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The British Government is understood to be considering serious measures in connection with the case of Captain Blaikie, of the British steamship Calcedonia, recently sunk, who was taken prisoner by the Germans.

The officials of the Foreign Office have consulted the Admiralty regarding the best steps advisable, but the action they will take has not yet been decided upon.

Chester Woman Dies

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. D. Edwin Irving, wife of a textile manufacturer in this city, died at her old home in Irvington, Mrs. Irving was a member of the board of managers of the J. Lewis Crozier Homeopathic Hospital and the J. Lewis Home for Incurables.

U. S. AIDS SOLDIER'S WIFE

Norristown Woman Granted \$40 Month During Husband's Service

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Annie Quintrell, of Norristown, whose husband, Harry Quintrell, is a private with Company F, Sixth Regiment, at El Paso, has received a check for \$213.33 from Washington, with this explanation:

The inclosed check covers allowance due you as a dependent relative of 27 C. Quintrell, from June 13, 1916, to the last day of the month preceding the date hereon. Hereafter a check for \$40 will be forwarded to you on the first day of each month during the service of the soldier.

Mrs. Quintrell wrote to the War Department at Washington, stating that she needed the support of her husband for herself and two children, and requested that he be permitted to return home.

Train, Off Track, Hits Mill HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 12.—Part of a Cumberland Valley freight train jumped the track while passing through Hagerstown and crashed into Beck Brothers' brick lumber mill, breaking through a wall into the machinery room.

LOCKED 10 DAYS IN CAR, MAN AT POINT OF DEATH

Falls Unconscious in Arms of Trainmen When Liberated at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—Nearly dead from hunger, thirst and exposure, a man, believed to be Robert Koch, twenty-eight years old, of Allentown, Pa., fell unconscious into the arms of trainmen when they opened a box car in the South Seventh street yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad here late yesterday. The man was taken to the South Side Hospital and early today was still unconscious.

Mystery surrounds the appearance of the man in the car, inasmuch as he was well dressed and carried a new grip filled with clothing. Apparently he was starting on a trip when he found his way into the box car, which was sealed in Allentown ten days ago and was not opened until it arrived here. Koch's identity was established through a lodge card from Lodge No. 11, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Allentown.

Want Leighton Man Promoted

LEIGHTON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Carbon County Democratic leaders are urging President Wilson to promote Fourth Assistant Postmaster General James I. Blaklee, a resident of this town, to a higher position. They say he has put his department on a high plane of efficiency and that through his economizing he saved the Government millions of dollars, thereby entitling him to something with better compensation.

Woman a 'Husky' Husker

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. G. G. Kaufman, who resides on a farm near New Comberland has husked 503 shocks of corn this season. They were large shocks, some making two and others three sheaves.

THIEVES ROB COURT MATRON

Take \$233 From Her Corset and Stocking at the Point of a Pistol

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—Corsets and stockings are not always safe hiding places for money, as Mrs. Isella Blakeney, fifty-two years old, Juvenile Court matron, can testify. Two men, posing as Juvenile Court officers, appeared at the residence of Mrs. Blakeney, which is a detention house for juvenile offenders, and asked to look over her books.

As Mrs. Blakeney was handing the book to one of the men the other thrust a revolver in her face and demanded her money. Mrs. Blakeney screamed, but the men took \$110 from her corset and \$123 from her stocking and escaped.

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