

PAGE DELIVERS PEACE NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN

Lord Cecil Receives Proposal in Absence of A. J. Balfour

REJECTION NOW CERTAIN

Interest Intense on Eve of Premier's Reply to Germany

LONDON, Dec. 18. England's answer to Germany's peace proposals will be delivered by Premier Lloyd George in Parliament tomorrow.

United States Ambassador Page delivered the peace proposal of the central Empires to the British Foreign Office today.

When Premier Lloyd George addresses Parliament tomorrow and outlines the policy of his Government, he will find the pulse of the British people beating in unison with that of the War Council.

Interest is intense here today in the reply the Premier will make to Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposal and his discussion of the food problem and the question of man power.

The temper of the British people toward peace was indicated when a huge mob yesterday attacked Sylvia Pankhurst as a "pacifist."

It is generally expected Lloyd George will give a brief and comprehensive review of the war in his Parliament speech, and will outline what has been accomplished under the old regime and what he expects to accomplish through the War Council.

Comment on the incidents which led to the recent governmental upheaval and placed Lloyd George at the head of the Cabinet is not expected.

It has now become certain that sooner than leave Germany in her present position, with ability to consummate her "mittle-Europa" (Central Europe) idea, and also to threaten India, Britain will fight to the last man.

The peace arrangements now being proposed by the German newspapers, including the suggestion to hold a conference at The Hague in January while the fighting continues, simply infuriate the public here.

Indefinitely, but obviously, the general attitude in Great Britain toward the German peace proposals has hardened enormously in the last twenty-four hours.

The average man, certain of the benefits of peace, and somewhat carried away by the offer at first, now seems to have made up his mind definitely.

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MRS. SARA WATRIS SUES CLUBMAN FOR DIVORCE

Plaintiff Daughter of Philadelphia Eye Specialist and Leader in Long Island Set

Suit for divorce has been entered by Mrs. Sara Thomson Watris, sister-in-law of the former Mrs. Thomas B. Wamaker, against Frederick N. Watris, well known in New York club and social circles.

Mrs. Watris is the daughter of the late Dr. William Thomson, ophthalmologist, of 1418 Walnut street.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow, probably heavy, tonight, and continued; Tuesday fair and colder; strong northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun sets 4:58 p. m. Moon rises 12:27 a. m. Daylight 10:29 m. Moon sets 12:11 a. m.

SEASON'S FIRST SKATING STARTED IN THE PARKS



Concourse and Hunting Park Lakes were opened to skaters today and devotees of the sport lost no time in seeking one or the other.

FIREMAN, SUICIDE UPON WIFE'S TOMB

Lieut. Steinhauer Shoots Himself in Mount Moriah Cemetery

GRIEVED SINCE MAY, 1914

Devoted Husband Placed Wreath Upon Grave Each Sunday Since Separation

The body of Lieutenant Egbert W. Steinhauer, of Engine Company No. 22, Sixth and Locust streets, was found stretched across the grave of his wife in Mount Moriah Cemetery early today.

Lieutenant Steinhauer was one of the best-known members of the fire department, being familiarly known to his fellow firemen as "Bert."

Grief over the death of his wife, which occurred in 1914, is believed to have unbalanced his mind, although he gave no indication of this to members of his family or his friends in the fire department.

He was known to have visited the cemetery every Sunday since his wife's death. Employees of the cemetery came to know of his devotion to the memory of his wife.

GRAVE DIGGERS' FIND Grave diggers came upon his body shortly after 7 o'clock, while they were making their way toward another part of the cemetery to open a grave.

Steinhauer's head lay close to the tombstone which bore this inscription, "Kate D. Steinhauer, died May 16, 1914, My Wife." Part of his body was stretched across two large wreaths of moss, which he had brought to the cemetery.

Steinhauer is believed to have remained in the cemetery all night. He was last seen alive clearing the snow from the mound, preparing to place the wreaths on.

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FIERCE SNOWSTORM MAY HIT CITY TONIGHT

Weather Forecaster Sees Harbingers of Low Temperatures. Fair for Tomorrow

Skating, Skiing, Sledding on Slippery Surfaces

WEATHER predictions for today were: Fair and continued cold. Heavy snowstorm may reach Philadelphia tonight.

Today's winter sports: Skating in Fairmount Park, Skating on Hunting Park and Concourse Lakes.

Skiing at the Merion Golf Club and on many smaller lakes in the suburbs.

Sledding and sledding in Fairmount Park and in the suburbs.

Hourly temperatures since midnight: Midnight 27 S. a. m. 24

A severe snowstorm, as heavy if not heavier than that of last Friday, may reach Philadelphia late today or tonight, according to the local Weather Bureau.

Effects of the coming storm were noticeable a few minutes after noon, when the mercury began to drop slightly, and the thermometer will probably go as low as twenty degrees tonight.

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"SUFFRAGE FOR THE DEAD" PROPOSED BY FRENCHMAN

Maurice Barres, of the Academy and Chamber of Deputies, Stirs His Countrymen With a New Idea in Government.

Suggests That Women Kin of Slain Soldiers Shall Vote as Proxy, Registering Views Held by Men Killed in War

By HENRI BAZIN Special Correspondence Evening Ledger, PARIS, Nov. 26.

In the midst of war France has evolved a new idea for government. It has been fittingly called "Suffrage for the Dead."

M. Barres is not only a litterateur, but a statesman as well. He is a representative for Paris in the Chamber of Deputies and president of the French Patriotic League.

He received me this morning in the study of his home, 109 Boulevard Maitrot, Neuilly, just outside Paris, and in the interview which he so graciously accorded he explained in detail his plan of "Suffrage for the Dead."

LET DEAD HEROES SPEAK "Hundreds of thousands of youthful, vigorous, brave, patriotic men have freely given their lives that France might live."

Why should their supreme offering to our uniformed dead. It only sounds surprising because it is de nouveau and less understandable at first expression than the creation of a decoration for bravery.

"I would simply transfer automatically the right of suffrage from the dead soldier to his living wife, or mother, or sister, during a term of years that might be calculated as the balance of life expectation due him who is defending France against the invader."

"This story of living chosen women who say mind's eye I see know the views."

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MAURICE BARRES French publicist who urges suffrage for the women of France that they may represent their men who have died on the battlefield.

POLICEMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING FUR COAT

Arrested After Producing Garment Hidden Under His Uniform

Through the perseverance of George Cloverdale, negro chauffeur, Policeman Edward Walker, of the Front and Westmoreland streets station, was arrested for the alleged theft of a valuable fur coat belonging to Mrs. Percy Clark, of Cynwyd.

While Mr. and Mrs. Clark were attending a performance in the Metropolitan Opera House on the night of December 12, according to the chauffeur, the policeman entered the Clark auto.

"I asked him what he was doing there," said Cloverdale at a hearing before Magistrate Beaton at City Hall this afternoon, "and he said he was just keeping warm. Then I asked him what had become of Mrs. Clark's coat. He said he hadn't seen it. I told the policeman I would have to hold him to clear myself, but he paid no attention to me and walked up and down in front of the opera house. I kept after him and finally he opened his coat and showed me the coat of Mrs. Clark underneath. Then he returned the coat."

Cloverdale reported the theft to the police, and Walker was ordered off the street and arrested. He had nothing to say at the hearing. Walker was held in \$500 bail for court.

The policeman's arrest came as a big surprise to the department as it is said he never was generally good. He was appointed a policeman about five years ago.

QUICK NEWS

P. R. T. EARNINGS GOOD

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company issued its November earnings statement this afternoon. It showed gross earnings for the month of \$2,361,936, against \$2,136,746 in the corresponding month last year.

GERMAN PLANES SHELL RUSSIAN PORT

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—German naval aeroplanes on Saturday bombarded the Russian forces in Port Sullina, an official announcement said this afternoon. One enemy hydroplane was brought down by machine-gun fire.

SPANISH STRIKE CALLED AS LIVING COST PROTEST

MADRID, Dec. 18.—Labor organizations have called a twenty-four hour strike throughout Spain for tomorrow as a protest against the rising cost of living.

NO CITY FUND NEEDED FOR GUARDSMEN'S FAMILIES

No appropriation by Council will be necessary to provide relief for families of guardsmen at the border. Chairman Hetzell, of the councilmanic committee, announced today that \$3000 remained of the original \$10,000 appropriation. He said the money would be expended in time for Christmas.

GERMAN SECURITIES SEIZED IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Prize Court today confiscated, under the reprisals order, German securities valued at 30,000 marks (about \$746), which were seized en route to the State Commercial Savings Bank of Chicago.

BALDWIN'S GET FRENCH ORDER FOR 100 LOCOMOTIVES

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received an order for 100 large freight locomotives from Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railway, one of the largest railways in France. The locomotives are to be delivered in the summer of next year.

U. S. TRADE BOARD TAKES UP PAPER SHORTAGE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Federal Trade Commission went into executive session today with news print manufacturers and consumers to plan sending a questionnaire to all large publishers, asking whether they would release five per cent on their contract on paper stock to relieve the shortage. It was also planned to seek from the smaller publishers definite figures on their needs.

WILL "PUT TEETH" IN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee this afternoon appointed Senators Walsh, of Montana; Reed, of Missouri; and Kenyon, of Iowa, as a subcommittee to redraft the corrupt practices bill with instructions to "put teeth in the measure" and report on January 3.

BRITISH SHIP OFF SANDY HOOK WARNS OF U-BOAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Another warning to Allied vessels to beware of a German raider was flashed today from a British cruiser somewhere off Sandy Hook. The new warning contained no reference to the supposed raider's location or identity.

TAILORS' STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED AT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Steps to settle the strike of garment workers in New York, Newark and other nearby cities were taken today. A conference between union officials and more than fifty employers, who have expressed desires for peace talk, was arranged for late this afternoon.

SIX DIE IN HOTEL FIRE IN CHEYENNE, WYO.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—Six persons are known to be dead as a result of the fire that destroyed the Intercoastal Hotel here last night. From the ruins of the structure today were taken the bodies of Mrs. R. A. White, of Bayles, Cal., and three of her small children. The body of another child still is under the smoldering wreckage.

WILSONS PLAY GOLF ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their first wedding anniversary today. They went out for an early round of golf in spite of below-freezing weather. The remainder of the day was spent much as usual, the President conferring during the afternoon with Senators and Representatives.

CIGARETTE SALES AT GROVE CITY DISCONTINUED

MERCER, Pa., Dec. 18.—Tobacco dealers in Grove City, Mercer County, discontinued the sale of all brands of cigarettes today. Complaint that many boys were smoking cigarettes led to this action.

WILSON TO FREE CONVICTS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Wilson is planning to give several Federal convicts pardons or commute their sentences as Christmas gifts. It was learned at the Department of Justice today. The applications for executive clemency are on the President's desk, and it is expected that he will pass upon them this week.

BIG BOOST PLANNED FOR BANK DISCOUNT RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Bank discount rates are to rise gradually and be maintained at a much higher mark than during the last two years, according to members of the Federal Reserve Board. This will mean that business men must either hold notes given them until they mature or else permit banks discounting the notes to have a more liberal share than heretofore.

GERARD DECLINES COMMENT ON PEACE PROPOSAL

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 18.—"I'm certainly very interested," was all United States Ambassador Gerard, en route back to his post at Berlin, would say today when newspapermen sought to question him on the German peace proposals. Gerard arrived on the Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII.

AUTOTRUCK UPSETS, INJURING EIGHT WORKERS

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 18.—Eight men employed by Contractor Clarence Messerschmidt, who were returning home from work late yesterday, were injured when the motortruck to which they were riding skidded on the ice and snow, throwing them out. Joseph Sterner and Ed Wright are in the Pottsville Hospital.

CAMDEN EVANGELIST WILL RECEIVE \$10,000

Approximately \$10,000 will be received by the Rev. Dr. Milford H. Lyon for his eight weeks' evangelistic campaign, which closed in Camden last night. Nearly \$4000 was sent through the mail. The count will be made today.

CHEAP CHRISTMAS TURKEYS SEEN BY DEALER

BOUDDESTOWN, Pa., Dec. 18.—Jacob S. Meyer, of Franconia, who offers 1500 Christmas turkeys at public sale here today, says prices will be lower than those paid for Thanksgiving birds. He predicts that dressed Christmas turkeys will bring from thirty-five to thirty-eight cents a pound for the best birds.

MEXICAN REPLY TO PACT HEARD BY BOARD HERE

Carranza's Answer on Protocol Read to Joint Commission

VILLA SENDS ENVOY, BUT HE IS BARRED

Session Secret, but Rumored That Negotiations Will Be Futile

MAY ADJOURN SHORTLY

First Chief's Attitude Said to Make Agreement Impossible Now

General Carranza's reply to the Mexican-American protocol recently framed at Atlantic City was presented today to the representatives on the Mexican-American Joint Commission at the Bellevue-Stratford.

What the First Chief thinks of the proposed agreement between the two countries has not been revealed. The nature of his reply, which was born orally by Senator Alberto J. Pani, president of the National Railways of Mexico, is guarded by the board.

Immediately after delivering the message from Carranza, Senator Pani and the other members of the Mexican section of the commission withdrew at noon, leaving the American members to discuss the reply. The joint session, presided over by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, resumed its sitting this afternoon.

RUMOR OF SPLIT Although no information as to the nature of the First Chief's reply was allowed to leak through the closed doors of Room 404, where the conference was held, there was a persistent rumor that Carranza's reply was of such a nature that an immediate agreement could not be effected.

Senator Pani required two hours for delivering the message and explaining it to the American members of the commission, after which the American members were behind closed doors for another hour and a half.

Should no agreement be reached today, it was said, the joint commission might disband, after conferences extending over several months. The protocol, drawn up at Atlantic City, was borne to Queretaro, Mexico, by Senator Pani, for approval by General Carranza.

VILLA ENVOY BARRIED Before the session was opened by Secretary Lane this morning, J. J. Hawes, of San Antonio, Tex., presented himself as representing Francisco Villa. He came from New York this morning, he said, to guard the hand of chief's interests in the deliberations of the commission. He was not present when the session began.

The members of the commission were greeted at the hotel at 10 o'clock this morning by Dr. L. S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, secretary of the American section. Shortly before the session opened it was pointed out that while there was a Mexican flag on display in front of the hotel, no American flag was visible.

An American flag was unfurled in a few minutes by L. K. Meyer, secretary to Secretary Lane.

Secretary Lane is of the opinion that border troubles are only symptoms, and says that Mexico needs system treatment, not symptom treatment. He says Mexico can give it to herself and that the United States, according to the protocol, will serve the right to treat invading bandits as they should be treated.

VILLA SEIZES PARRAL ON WAY TO TORREON

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Villa has recaptured Parral in his advance on Torreon, according to reports received here today. General Herrera, whom Villa promised to kill, left Parral with his command before the Villistas arrived. Villa's agents here declare he will be holding Torreon, Santa Rosalia, Jimenez, Parral and Chihuahua City by January 1, and will drive the Carranzistas northward on Juarez.

A split in the ranks of the Carranzistas and Villa's promise again to attack the city on Christmas Day have caused a panic in Chihuahua City. Hoffmeyer, reaching the border today reported that General Murguía was in no position to defend the city against a second attack.

Hundreds of civilians are attempting to leave the capital, they said, but the military has commandeered virtually all trains.

Intimating that First Chief Carranza would institute an investigation into the conduct of General Murguía for his failure to come to the relief of Chihuahua City until after Villa had captured the city three weeks ago, General Trevino left here this night on route to Mexico City to confer with Carranza.

General Trevino denied his action in evaluating the city had been criticized by the Mexican Administration. His said that of ammunition and food for the safety of the commission caused his abandonment of the northern capital.

According to Trevino's statement, the city was starved for days at El Paso, because of the failure of the military to bring in supplies to the city.

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