

LINKS WILSON KIN WITH LEAK ON PEACE NOTE

Probers Told of Rumor Mentioning Secretary Tumulty Also SAID TO HAVE HAD NEWS IN ADVANCE

Stock Operators "Tipped Off" to Sell Short, Congressman Heard HEARINGS TO RESUME 'Changes Will Be Asked to Show Books in Effort to Fix Blame

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Out of a maze of admitted hearsay and rumor, in which he mentioned Presidential Secretary Tumulty, Barney Baruch, Otto Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, and "Mr. Bolling, a brother of the President's wife," Representative Wood, of Indiana, author of the note-leak probe resolution, today failed to mention any facts he would vouch for when he testified before the House Rules Committee investigating his peace-note-leak charges.



JOSEPH P. TUMULTY Secretary to the President, who denounces Representative Wood for bringing his name into the "peace note leak" investigation.

TEUTON ALLIES PRESS PEACE MOVES; WORLD AWAITS TERMS OF ENTENTE IN REPLY TO U. S.

Conferences, Special Missions to Pope and Constantinople and Action by Reichstag on Program of Central Empires

Wilson Watching Developments and Believes Door to Settlement Still Open—Belligerents Are Expected to Reveal Conditions of Possible Agreement in Week

The door to peace in Europe is still open. President Wilson, although yet undecided on his next move in the international diplomatic situation, believes it is. The Central Empires will not permit it to close until virtually all hope of an early end of the war is gone. While the entire world today is awaiting the dispatch of the Allies' reply to President Wilson's note to the belligerents, the Central Empires are pushing an elaborate program for the purpose of pressing the idea of peace to the front. The Emperor of Austria has sent a special envoy to the Vatican to prevail upon the Pope to exert his efforts in behalf of peace, while the German Emperor has dispatched his son, Prince Adolph, on a special mission to Constantinople. The presidents of the Parliaments of the Central Empires have been summoned for a conference in Berlin, and a special session of the Reichstag for the purpose of discussing the situation is expected. That prospects of peace may soon receive a most encouraging impetus is evident from the fact that the Allies' note to the United States, according to authoritative sources, will contain a detailed statement of terms on which the Entente Powers would be willing to end the war, and also on the prediction that the net result of the moves now being made by the Central Empires will be a declaration of "peace demands" in concrete form. These may be submitted openly or confidentially through President Wilson.

'JOE' TUMULTY DENIES RESPONSIBILITY IN LEAK

President's Secretary Demands Apology From Wood for Mentioning It IGNORANT OF PEACE NOTE Had First Knowledge Through Newspapers—Never Talked of It With Baruch

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Scathingly denouncing Representative Wood for mentioning his name in the House Rules Committee today, Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, in a prepared statement, declared Wood should publicly apologize for bringing his (Tumulty's) name into the proceedings on information based "solely on hearsay and rumor. Tumulty's statement follows:

I am very glad to say publicly that I did not know of the existence of the President's note on peace until the newspapers were informed. Very frequently the President, who knows that I am bombarded by newspapermen and others for information, saves me embarrassment by keeping such matters absolutely secret from me.

MISERABLE WEATHER BREEDS PNEUMONIA

Bone-Chilling Winds and Chill Drizzles Increase Number of Cases

BROKER DENIES PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF NOTE

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—R. W. McKinnon, Chicago stockbroker named by Representative Wood in the Washington "leak" investigation, denied emphatically this afternoon that his firm had any advance information on President Wilson's peace note.

CASSIDY RETURNS; SAYS HE WILL PAY HIS DEBTS

Former Congressman Had Disappeared From Cleveland 21 Months Ago, Leaving Shortage of \$19,308

TEUTON MACHINERY IN MOTION FOR PEACE

Developments of the mutual importance still bearing upon the peace situation, are taking place in the Central Empires. Briefly they are:

First, Emperor Charles of Austria has sent a special embassy to Rome requesting the Pope to take steps for peace, according to news reported in London today from a Swiss source. Second, the German Emperor has sent Prince Adolph on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople to urge an Exchange Telegraph office in London to report on the peace situation in London today from a Swiss source.

INTERNAL STRIFE IN COMMERCE BODY

Factional Struggle Likely as Result of Directorate Nominations RIVAL TICKETS IN FIELD

The first official indication of a bitter factional fight in the Chamber of Commerce was brought to light today when the nominating committee of the organization announced a list of candidates which included an election to the board of directors. Added to the list are the names of twelve prominent candidates which have been placed on the ballot by the signed petitions of the members.

JERSEY EXTENDS LIFE OF 1916 AU TO LICENSES

New Jersey has extended permission to Pennsylvania and Connecticut motorists to drive in New Jersey with 1916 licenses until January 15 because of the shortage of 1917 tags in both States. New Jersey licenses will be good until February 1 for the same reason. New Jersey is short of its own 1917 tags and is giving motorists certificates to show in other States with 1916 license tags until the new ones are out.

SEGER EXPLAINS CITY PLAN FOR COMPENSATION CASES

Bill Asking for \$10,000 Would Provide Counsel Fees and Other Expenses in Making Defenses

WRECKED LEMASTERS BANK OWNERS TO TRY AGAIN

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—Not discouraged by the closing of the National Bank in Lemasters because the cashier, Enoch Myers, lent large sums to Clyde Coon, promoter of the London and McClellan Railroad, the stockholders, after paying an assessment of \$100 on each share, on which they had already lost \$100, are going to try it again.

POTATOES REACH RECORD PRICE; SCARCE, SAY DEALERS

Potatoes are selling today for the highest price they have been quoted at in recent years. In the wholesale market they are selling at \$2.95 a bushel and at \$2.15 to \$2.25 a bushel in the retail stores. The reason advanced by dealers for the jump in price is scarcity. Fewer than ten carloads are in Philadelphia shipping yards, as compared with more than 150 cars three weeks ago.

QUICK NEWS

LOCOMOTIVES COLLIDE IN P. AND RY YARDS; TWO HURT Two yard locomotives ran head-on into each other in the fog this afternoon, injuring two men and throwing one of the engines over on its side, in the Port Richmond yards of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway near Belgrade street. The injured men are John Quigley, 3020 Aramingo avenue, and Joseph W. Wildy, 1912 East Birch street. They are not seriously hurt.

THREE MEN HURT IN DU PONT EXPLOSION WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 5.—An explosion in a coating mill being used for the manufacture of "leamoke" powder in the upper Hagley yard of the Du Pont Powder Company at 2:30 this afternoon also set off a "leamoke" grinding house and a boiler also exploded. Three men were injured. In the same yard last year thirty men were killed.

GERMANY OBJECTS TO U. S. MINISTER AT BUCHAREST WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Germany has requested the United States Government to remove Minister Vopicka from Bucharest, Germany based her objections on the fact that he is of Austrian birth, although later naturalized in the United States. Vopicka will continue to be the accredited Minister to three nations and will move his headquarters to the present post of the Rumanian Government.

BRITISH FOOD CONTROL EXTENDED TO CORN LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—Governmental control over corn as well as over wheat and flour was announced today.

U. OF P. ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL MEN WIN PRIZES Students of the architectural school of the University of Pennsylvania again captured first place in the rankings of the Best Art competition, the big collegiate architectural event of the year. Announcement made today placed four Penn students—George M. D. Lewis, S. C. Licht, P. A. Chapman and P. J. Weber—as winners of the four prizes offered for first place. Another quartet—John Tanner, R. W. Blaine, C. D. Gibson and L. Suckert—won second medals, while eight received honorable mention. These receiving honorable mention were J. M. Bell, C. E. Johnson, T. B. Kellom, E. W. Bhowles, E. J. Kuchler, T. J. Early, W. R. Souterland and E. O. Shakespear.

CAPTAIN ASHFORD WINS MILITARY SURGEONS' PRIZE WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Captain Madson Ashford, M. C. U. S. A., won the gold medal and \$50 in the Henry S. Wellcome prize essay competition held under the auspices of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, it was announced today. Assistant Surgeon General W. C. Tucker, U. S. P. H. S., was awarded a silver medal and \$20.

STATE'S ELECTORAL COLLEGE TO VOTE MONDAY HARRISBURG, Jan. 5.—The Electoral College of Pennsylvania will meet in the Senate chamber Monday at noon to cast its vote for Hughes and Fairbanks. There are thirty-eight members in the college. David H. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, will probably be chosen president, although the Republicans, to placate the Washington vote of the State, may name William Flinn, John Hays, Carlisle, who will represent the Dauphin-Cumberland-Lebanon district, will hand the official notification of how Pennsylvania voted to the Secretary of State.

DUMA DEPUTY VICTIM OF POLITICAL MURDER BERLIN, Jan. 6.—The resignation of M. Makaroff, Russian Minister of Justice, and the appointment of Senator Dobrovolski as his successor is reported by the Overseas Agency. The assassination of M. Jollos, an influential member of the Russian Duma, also is reported by the Overseas Agency. According to this report, M. Jollos disappeared mysteriously a short time ago, and it is believed he was the victim of a political murder. At the request of the Constitutional Democrats a police investigation has been begun.

PENROSE CLAN LAYS PLANS TO GOAD GOVERNOR

Senator Confers With Men Here on Scheme to Fight Brumbaugh

PATRONAGE A WEAPON Leaders Intend to Cut Off All "Pap" From the Vire Contingent

Methods to harass Governor Brumbaugh and the Vire cohorts when the Legislature reconvenes were discussed today at a conference called by Senator Penrose among his up-State leaders and lieutenants in the Legislature. Under consideration also were plans for the impeachment of Governor Brumbaugh. It was understood, however, that the talk of impeachment was not as seriously discussed as talk of an "investigation."

One development of the conference was made clear, and that was the prediction that the Vires and Brumbaugh would get little or no patronage in the Legislature. This was partly foreshadowed by the refusal on Tuesday to reappoint Frank Morrison, a lieutenant of John R. K. Scott, to his former position in the House of Representatives.

In addition to Senator Penrose, the leaders clustered in the senior Senator's offices in the Commercial Trust Building were Senator Sprout, chairman of the state committee of the State Senate; James E. Woodward, who holds a similar position in the House; Senator-elect T. Larry Kyre, Senator James P. McNichol, "Pickler" Snyder, Auditor General-elect, and Thomas H. Garvin, chief clerk of the House of Representatives.

IMPEACHMENT MOVE The talk of drafting a bill to impeach Brumbaugh, as revealed at the conference today, followed closely on the decision of the Penrose State leaders last night to discard the Democratic resolution introduced in the House last Tuesday, providing for the appointment of a commission of six members to investigate charges made during the bitter speakership fight.

The Penrose resolution, it is rumored, will be introduced in the House, which has to itself the power of impeachment. It follows promises made by the Senator himself during the speakership campaign to the effect that he would make a complete and thorough probe of the Brumbaugh administration.

The Penrose leaders and the Vire-Brumbaugh-Hague leaders are issuing conflicting claims as to their respective strength in the Legislature. While both sides concede that Penrose controls the Senate by a large enough majority to enable him to force any measure he wishes through the upper branch of the Legislature, the Brumbaugh forces claim at least eighty-nine votes in the House. This would prevent the Penrose faction from passing any measure over the Governor's veto.

The Penrose leaders in the House claim a minimum of 129 Republican votes and twenty-two of the thirty-seven Democratic votes on an open alignment against the administration.

According to the provisions of the State Constitution, impeachment proceedings would have to be started in the House. A majority, or 104 votes, would impeach Governor Brumbaugh. The impeachment by the House would be in the nature of an indictment, and the charges against the Governor would then go to the Senate, where a two-thirds vote is required to convict.

VARE SCOTTS THREAT State Senator Edwin H. Vare, speaking for the Vire-Brumbaugh-Mage faction, declared that the talk of a probe was "foolish." He said the Penrose forces had not enough votes in either the House or Senate.

HOUSE NOT CROWDED BY STATE MEMBERS Plenty of Room for Pennsylvania Delegation, Since Only Two Representatives Appear

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Only two of Pennsylvania's thirty-six Congressmen were on the floor of the House of Representatives at noon today, an hour after the House had been called to order. The Pennsylvaniaans on the floor were Representative J. Hamilton Moore, of Philadelphia, and Representative Warren Worth Bailey, of Johnstown.

Absentees from Pennsylvania Congressmen, particularly those from Philadelphia, has become a matter of common discussion in the House. Representative John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, has attended but one day's meeting of the House since the session began, December 4. An attempt to locate the Philadelphia Congressman today resulted as follows: "Is Mr. Scott in the city?" was asked at his office. "Mr. Scott is in Philadelphia," was the reply. "Is Mr. Vire in the city?" was asked at his office. "Mr. Vire is in Philadelphia," was the reply. "Is Mr. Graham in the city?" was asked at his office. "Mr. Graham is in Philadelphia," was the reply.

At Mr. Castello's, Mr. Edmonds's and Mr. Darrow's offices there was no response to the calls. Messrs. Darrow and Edmonds were at a dinner at the latter's home in Philadelphia last night.

ANOTHER CHARLES DANA GIBSON DRAWING Appears on Page 11 of TODAY'S Evening Ledger

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain this afternoon, followed by clearing late tonight; Saturday fair and much colder; increasing south to west winds, probably reaching gale force. LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 7:23 a.m. Moon rises... 5:19 a.m. Sun sets... 4:46 p.m. Moon sets... 10:21 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water... 11:24 a.m. High water... 1:30 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 57 61 64 67 69 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100