

POLAND FREE? NO, TEUTONS DECLARE

President's Speech Called Blow to Germans—Decried No-Victory Idea

WANT SPOILS OF WAR

Wilson Address, However, Creates "Profound Impression" in Berlin

LONDON, Jan. 25.—In a special cable from Amsterdam it is announced that among the German newspapers commenting on President Wilson's speech the Konigsche Volkszeitung says: "One must be struck with blindness if one does not feel that President Wilson has a burning ambition to come forward as the leader of a new mankind; that America is interested in the conclusion of the war. There is no satisfactory justification for the comprehensive program of international activity which President Wilson has framed. We consider a more effective means is his disposition to introduce his benevolent influence toward a speedy ending of the war."

The Rheinische-Westfalische Zeitung says: "Peace without victory means that the great gains made by the Central Powers, due to their military bravery, would simply be taken away. It demands a completely independent Poland." It means that Poland, liberated by German hands, would be placed in a situation to pursue a policy hostile to Germany.

The Journal agrees with its speech concerning the demand for the freedom of the seas and says that when President Wilson speaks of the necessity of great nations gaining direct access to great sea routes he virtually means that Belgium must remain in German hands.

After referring to the miscarriage of Germany's peace offer and accusing the Entente with the desire to rob the Central Powers, the Volkszeitung says: "There are now again assuming a new aspect. We flatly refuse to accept President Wilson's watchword, 'Peace without victory,' and the intolerant pretensions of President Wilson's demand for a united, independent, autonomous Poland. President Wilson has not served the cause of peace, despite the great stress that he laid upon his words due to his excited position, words which appear to us dictated by an exaggerated appreciation of his own personality."

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—President Wilson's note came as a very great surprise to Germany, and created a deep impression, which to define, however, would require difficult at this early hour. Curiously enough, the German version was forwarded from Vienna to Berlin, where it arrived in time enough for the evening papers and the morning papers, however, made their own translations from copies furnished by Ambassador Gerard. In nearly every case the headline, in largest type, is "Peace without victory." Some of the papers offer any comment, which is due to the late hour of the speech's arrival.

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GERMANY'S FOOD SHORTAGE



Michael—Hunger has converted me into a mere shadow. Kaiser—So much the better! The enemy won't be able to catch you.

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RAIDER IDENTIFIED; TWO PRIZES HELP GERMAN

Rover Is Former Hamburg-South American Liner Caportegal, Dispatches Say

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Special Cable Service of the United Press and Evening Ledger
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 25.—Dispatches from Montevideo today declared, on reliable information, that the German raider has been identified as the former Hamburg-South American liner Caportegal. The name source was authority for the statement that the Caportegal is known to have transformed two of her prizes into auxiliary raiders.

Low identification of the raider was made did not appear in the Montevideo dispatches. The Caportegal was formerly engaged in European trade between Buenos Aires and Hamburg. It is known she was in Hamburg at the time of outbreak of the war.

North Wales Trade Board to Meet
NORTH WALES, Pa., Jan. 25.—The annual meeting for the nomination of officers for the local board of trade will be held tonight in the borough council chamber. Members of the board of trade have been busy the last week formulating plans for stimulating interest in the body. The officers will be elected at a banquet to be held soon.

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PLEAS FOR PRELATES HELD BY CARRANZISTAS

Many Clergymen in U. S. Urge Washington to Protest Against Arrests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The arrest by Carranzista officials of the Catholic archbishop of Guadalajara and the bishop of Zacatecas on charges of high treason, with a well-authenticated report that they are to be hanged, has aroused church circles in the United States and presented a very acute problem to administration. Both prelates are well known here and their plight has brought a general protest from every section of the United States. A movement to force the United States to demand their release already is well under way. It originated in Albany, N. Y., and is headed by Bishop Casper, Bishop of Albany, who has appealed to all the New York delegation to act in behalf of the exalted churchmen, who, he says, are innocent of crime, but brought down on their heads the vengeance of Carranza by insisting that the de facto Government respect the rights of the church.

The situation is acute because the affair is treated in an official state. The United States can use its good offices in behalf of the church dignitaries, but it cannot directly interfere as they are not citizens of this country. However, the White House and State Department are being deluged with appeals from all over the country demanding action.

In every instance it is asserted that the high character of the two prelates is sufficient to repudiate the charges brought against them.

The direct charges on which they were arrested are set forth in an official statement, made public at the Mexican Embassy here, as follows:

"Bishop De La Mora and Orosco y Jimenez have been arrested by the Carranzista forces. It was shown that they were inciting rebellion against the Government, although they had been permitted to travel in various States of the republic on promise that they would confine their activities to their church duties."

PENROSE KIN FAVORED IN TAX REDUCTIONS

Atlantic County Board Reduces Valuations by \$50,000 on Beach Meadow Lands

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 25.—Reductions in valuations upon three large tracts of meadow land and a block of beach frontage adjoining the Hotel Ostend, in Chelsea, amounting altogether to \$52,564, have been granted to Dr. Charles B. Penrose, of Philadelphia, a brother of Senator Penrose, by the County Board of Tax Equalization. The County Board, despite protests from city assessors, who contended their ratings were justified by the increasing value of meadow property, due to contemplated harbor improvements, cut Doctor Penrose's meadow assessment from \$124,700 to \$72,136.

The reduction in the unimproved beach-front property from \$253,300 to \$221,100, Doctor Penrose's saving in tax is \$1934.

The County Board refused to grant an appeal by ex-Mayor William Riddle for a reduction on a 27-foot-wide strip of restricted frontage owned by the Pennsylvania Avenue. The reason assigned is that the former Mayor has caused the strip to be roofed over and is deriving a rental of \$4000 for the corner from a rolling chair syndicate. His right to erect the roof is under attack in the courts.

Hoisiery Maker Leaves \$1,925,000
READING, Pa., Jan. 25.—Jacob Solde, who was a member of the firm of Solde & Horst, operating here one of the largest hoisiery plants in the country, left an estate of \$1,925,000, according to an inventory filed with the Orphans' Court.

IL KAISER MANDA UN MESSAGGIO A WILSON

L'Ambasciatore Gerard Telegrafa a Washington le idee del Cancelliere

ROMA, 25 Gennaio. Un telegramma da Zurigo dice che l'ambasciatore americano a Berlino, James W. Gerard, fu chiamato ieri al Ministero degli Esteri dal cancelliere dell'impero, Bethmann-Hollweg, per una conversazione circa il recente messaggio del presidente Wilson al Senato. La conversazione durò più di un'ora, e più tardi l'ambasciatore inviò un lungo radiogramma al Dipartimento di Stato a Washington, ad urgente richiesta del governo tedesco.

Nel circolo parlamentare tedesco il messaggio del presidente è considerato come un'ultima mossa per la pace; se questa mossa non raggiunge lo scopo che si propone, gli Stati Uniti saranno obbligati a prendere partito con l'uno o l'altro dei gruppi belligeranti.

Qui a Roma il giornale d'Italia dice che il discorso del presidente Wilson è importante perché mostra la risoluzione di Wilson di continuare la sua azione in favore della pace. Il giornale amico del ministro degli Esteri prevede una ulteriore manifestazione del presidente degli Stati Uniti tendente a rendere ancora più chiare le sue intenzioni.

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COURT ANNULS AWARD FOR PATENT PAVEMENT

Opponents of Warrentite on Philadelphia-Shore Speedway Claim \$200,000 Saving

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 25.—Ex-Speaker Carlton Godfrey, of the House of Assembly, and a protest committee of the Chamber of Commerce, contending for open competition and a claimed saving of \$200,000 for taxpayers in the fight over the paving of the Philadelphia-Atlantic City Motor Speedway, won a victory today when Justice Black, of the Supreme Court, filed a decision setting aside the \$63,000 contract requiring the use of Warrentite, a patented material.

Business men fought the use of the patented material from the outset, contending that a sum equal to one-third the cost of paving under closed specifications could be saved by the use of concrete. Figures were submitted in support of this contention, but the County Board ignored them and awarded the contract for Warrentite November 8 to Liddell & Pfeiffer, of Perth Amboy, specifying that the award should be null if the Egan road act giving control of highways to the State became a law.

When the county board leaders found the Egan act had been adopted, the board reconsidered its action and awarded the contract a second time, without condition. Justice Black holds that the latter action was invalid for the reason that the contract had been nullified by the condition attached to the first award.

Business men rejoiced today over the decision. They are happy also over the prompt action of the courts which, they say, clears the way for a new award with open competition and the early completion of the needed hard-surfaced highway from the Delaware River to the sea. Public opinion favors a concrete base highway to be topped ultimately with sheet asphalt.

Ambler Seeks Better Lighting System

AMBLER, Pa., Jan. 25.—The Ambler borough council is studying the municipal street lighting problem with a view of being better informed when the present street lighting contract terminates on March 1. Chairman W. S. Achuff has been in communication with a dozen surrounding boroughs, collecting full information on the subject.

Train Tosses Auto Driver 15 Feet

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 25.—The automobile truck of the Keystone Laundry was wrecked and Calvin Koepf, the driver, sent to the hospital with fractured ribs by a train on the Spruce street crossing of the M. & C. branch of the Pennsylvania today. The driver was thrown fifteen feet.

BOSTON EVENING TRANSCRIPT MOST EXTENSIVELY USED BY Boston's Largest and Highest Grade Stores Who Advertise on WEEK DAYS ONLY (Like Wanamaker in New York and Philadelphia and Marshall Field in Chicago) Those who do not advertise Sunday are: Jordan Marsh Company, Chandler & Company, R. H. Stearns Company, C. F. Hovey Company, Paine Furniture Company. The aggregate of their advertising in different papers for the year 1916 was as follows: TRANSCRIPT 2d PAPER 3d PAPER 4th PAPER 5th PAPER 617,842 497,702 393,803 370,123 273,329 (AGATE LINES) The Transcript prints a larger total of advertising than any other evening paper in Boston Foreign representatives: C. S. H. Eddy Co., New York, Boston, Chicago

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