

# S. WON'T JOIN PEACE PLANS

Scheme to Stop Arms Shipments Turned Down Squarely

NOTE ASSAILS GERMANS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The United States has squarely, although in courteous language, rejected the suggestion of General Carranza, President-elect of Mexico, that the neutral nations demand that the European war participants shall end the war at once, or, if they do not do so, that all neutrals shall unite to cut off supplies of all sorts to them.

In making public this decision, in a letter to General Carranza, Secretary of State Lansing takes occasion to arraign German diplomacy bitterly for its "abuse of the liberties and privileges freely accorded to it as an American soil and under American protection."

Modification from the present methods of commerce by the United States would not be in accordance with the principles of international law, the Secretary says further.

Secretary Lansing takes occasion all through the note to pay tribute to the "lofty purposes" of General Carranza. The text of the note sent to General Carranza's Foreign Minister is as follows:

"Department of State, Washington, D. C., March 16, 1917.

"Sir—I have to request that you will have the kindness to transmit to the President-elect of the Mexican Republic the following reply to the communication of February 11, 1917, addressed by him to you, with instructions to deliver it to the Government of the United States.

"In his note of February 11, 1917, the President-elect proposes to all the neutral Governments that the groups of contending Powers (in the present European conflict) be invited, in common accord and on the basis of absolute equality on either side, to bring this war to an end either by their own effort or by availing themselves of the good offices or friendly mediation of all the countries which would jointly extend that invitation. If within a reasonable time peace could not be restored by either means, the neutral countries would then take necessary measures to reduce the conflagration to its narrowest limit, by refusing any kind of implements to the belligerents and suspending commercial relations with the warring nations until the actual conflagration shall have been smothered."

"The Government of the United States has given careful and sympathetic consideration to the proposals of the de facto Government, not only because they come from a neighboring republic in whose welfare and friendship the United States has a peculiar and permanent interest, but because these proposals have for their end the object which the President had hoped to attain from his discussion a few months ago of the aims of the belligerents and their purposes in the war. Of the futile results of the President's efforts at that time, General Carranza is no doubt aware.

"Instead of the conflict being resolved into a discussion of terms of peace, the struggle both on land and on sea has been renewed with increased vigor and bitterness. To such an extent has one group of belligerents carried warfare on the high seas involving the destruction of American ships and the lives of American citizens in violation of the laws of nations, that the solemnly given Government of the United States, that it was deemed necessary within the last few weeks to sever relations with one of the great allied Central Powers.

"To render the situation still more acute the Government of the United States has unearthed a plot, laid by the Government dominating the Central Powers to embroil not only the Government and people of Mexico, but also the Government and people of Japan in war with the United States. At the time this plot was conceived the United States was at peace with the Government and people of the German Empire, and German officials and German subjects were not only enjoying but abusing the liberties and privileges freely accorded to them on American soil and under American protection.

"The President regrets, therefore, that, however desirous he may be of co-operating with General Carranza in finding a solution of the world problem that is intruding itself upon all countries, he is for the reasons set forth unable at the present time to direct his energies toward the accomplishment of the lofty purposes of the President-elect in the way suggested by his proposals.

"The President would not be understood, however, as desiring to impede the progress of a movement leading to the resumption of peaceful relations between all of the belligerents, and would not, therefore, wish the Mexican Government to feel that his inability to act in the present stage of a fair should in any way militate against the attainment of the high ideals of General Carranza by the co-operation of other neutral governments in the use of their good offices and friendly mediation to bring about the end of the terrible war which is being waged between the great powers of Europe.

"I am, etc. ROBERT LANSING."

## MOTH-EATEN COAT WINS VERDICT FOR WOMAN

Magistrate Decides Mrs. Becay Is Entitled to Return of \$24 Spent for It

The little moth—how soon does she grow up and learn to do damage. This was the question that Magistrate Harris was asked against this afternoon at his office, 3725 Lancaster avenue, when he heard the claim of Mrs. Joseph Becay, 1244 South Forty-ninth street, against Morris Kaiserman, 2244 Market street, which was for \$24, the value of an alleged moth-eaten fur coat purchased from Kaiserman at Christmas time and just inspected.

Mrs. Becay alleged that the coat was alive with the little pests when she opened it the other day, while Kaiserman committed not a little oratory in attempting to prove that moths are things picked up in a night. "Why West Philadelphia is full of moths," said Kaiserman. "You go out gunning for them almost."

The magistrate, however, decided that Mrs. Becay should have damages so he awarded her \$24 and costs.

## BOMB UNDER BOARD PILE

Watchman's Discovery Prevents Possible Fire in Lumber Yard

Police of the Ridge and Midvale avenue station are today searching for the person who planted a bomb beneath a pile of lumber in the lumber yard of John Warner, 1707 Hunting Park avenue. The bomb was a crude affair, with a cap and fuse, but was capable of starting a serious fire.

William Cope, 4033 Nice street, a watchman, discovered the thing this morning and turned it over to the police. Warner decided not long ago to enlarge his yard, and this and bought adjoining properties which are now occupied by Polish families. The families have been asked to move. They are watching them closely.

## Michigan Guard

March 19.—Michigan's National Guard will be raised from approximately 15,000 to 25,000 men, according to a bill introduced in the House of Representatives.



JAMES COOGAN

He is celebrating his twentieth anniversary as head of the detective force in the Gimbel store and was tendered a surprise party last night by his subordinates at his home, 861 North Forty-fifth street. A silver loving cup was presented to him. Before going to Gimbel's, Mr. Coogan served nine years as a member of the United States Customs Service.

## \$50,000 FIRE SWEEPS MANUFACTORY AT YORK

Furniture Polish Ignites Plant and Flames Spread to Garage

YORK, March 20.—The igniting of a large quantity of furniture polish at the plant of the World Polishing Company, shortly before noon, caused a stubborn fire entailing an estimated loss of \$50,000.

The flames spread rapidly to the garage of Charles E. Motter and destroyed a score of automobiles. Mr. Motter was severely burned endeavoring to get some of the cars out of the burning structure.

## MAGISTRATE MECLEARY IS 59

Big Bouquet of American Beauties Reminds Him of Birthday

When Magistrate Mecleary left the bench after the hearings in the Central Police Court this morning and entered the private office he was surprised to find a bouquet of fifty-nine American Beauty roses standing on his desk. There it occurred to the Magistrate that he is fifty-nine years old today.

"Who did this?" he asked, looking at the attaches of the office. No one seemed to know, but everybody smiled as they walked up to him and congratulated him on having reached the fifty-ninth milestone in his career.

## WOULD IMPEACH HIS COURT AND PROSECUTOR

Francis Tracy Tobin Brings Accusations Before Speaker of New Jersey Assembly

Francis Tracy Tobin, an attorney in the Drexel Building, has filed charges with the New Jersey State Assembly against two New Jersey Judges and a public prosecutor, and asks their impeachment. His request is now in the hands of Speaker Edward R. Sobush, of Newark, who, he says, has promised to bring them before the House.

The men against whom he asks the impeachment are Judges Howard Carrow and William D. Lippincott, and Jonathan H. Kelsey, the public prosecutor. All were concerned with his troubles in Burlington County, of which much has been printed and which caused his incarceration in the Mount Holly jail for the better part of 1916.

Mr. Kelsey was the man who prosecuted him. Judge Carrow heard the civil action against him and Judge Lippincott heard the criminal action.

Mr. Tobin alleges high crimes, misdemeanors and malfeasance in office, and in his brief alleges many instances of wrong action. After the impeachment charges are disposed of he plans, he says, a heavy civil suit.

Mr. Tobin's troubles with the New Jersey courts have been frequently reported in much detail. Once they got into the Philadelphia courts when he alleged that Burlington County officials tried to kidnap him from his home in West Philadelphia.

To Hear Coal Freight Boost

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Proposed increased railroad rates ranging from five to fifteen cents per ton on bituminous coal from fields in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, to tidewater and the Great Lakes will be considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission at a formal hearing on March 22.

## EX-PREMIER DEFENDS MEMORY OF KITCHENER

Asquith Blames Lack of Co-ordination, Not "K. of K.," for Dardanelles Failure

LONDON, March 20.—Warm defense of the memory of the late Lord Kitchener was made in an eloquent speech in the House of Commons today by former Premier Asquith, close associate of "K. of K." and with the former "war dictator" was jointly blamed for the Dardanelles campaign.

Asquith addressed himself to the report of the commission which recently declared, after its investigation of that great enterprise, that there was lack of co-ordination among England's counselors, that Kitchener attempted too much without proper

conference, and that Winston Churchill, then Lord of the Admiralty, was also to be blamed. He spoke by special permission of Premier Lloyd George.

The speech came after further revelation of certain portions of the Dardanelles commission's report. These revealed that Asquith planned the Dardanelles campaign to start in a seizure of the Gallipoli Peninsula by a Greek army, which would permit the British fleet to enter the Sea of Marmora. The new matter was that which

had been excluded from the report when it was first presented. The House of Commons had asked for a report on the excluded sections.

Killed Demonstrating Motorcycle

CARLISLE, Pa., March 20.—William Walters, twenty-four, motorcycle demonstrator, is dying in the Carlisle Hospital as the result of an accident when a machine which he was testing skidded. His skull was fractured.

## City Receives Proposals

Proposals for materials to be used in resurfacing city streets were received today by the Department of Supplies. The letting, which is part of the Bureau of Highway's spring program for improving the public thoroughfares, includes \$10,000 worth of gravel, \$13,000 gravel chips and \$60,000 for motor distributors of surfacing materials.

# The Earle Store

Market Street Tenth Street

We Will Open a Charge Account for You

**New Cotton Voiles at 10c**  
Regularly sold at 12 1/2c  
A good assortment of colorings in plaids, checks and stripes.  
SECOND FLOOR

**There Are Six Styles in the Girls' White Dresses at \$1.98**

This is an unusual showing at so low a price. All show various trimmings of laces and embroideries. Full skirts. Sizes from 6 to 14 years. SECOND FLOOR

## Our Men's Sections Are Ready With Their \$15 Stocks of Suits & Top Coats

And We Are Already Demonstrating To Hundreds of Men and Young Men That They Are Without Equal in This City—at \$15.00

Since early last fall we have been busy with our best makers buying wools at best possible price concessions and having suits and top coats made up in the predicted styles for spring. The natural result is that we have the best assortment of garments ever collected to sell at this most popular price.

**The Suits**—show the new double-breasted as well as the single-breasted models. All-wool chevots, worsteds, cassimeres and flannels in browns, greens, blues and the fancy novelties in stripes, checks and overplaids. Blue serges, of course. **\$15**

**The Top Coats**—are in the knee-length models of chevots and worsteds in oxford gray and black. The coat that every well-dressed man needs to finish out his wardrobe. Several hundred ready for to-morrow at **\$15**

**Our New Top Coats at \$12.50 Are Wonderful**

The first lot went out rapidly last week, and we were spurred to supreme efforts to get this new lot in for this week's selling. Black and oxford grays, as well as fancy mixtures. MAIN FLOOR

## To Refresh You During the Day

**WHEN** keen competition and too close application put your nerves on edge, then is the time to lay aside the task for a few moments, relax your tense nerves and refresh your tired body with a glass of PUROCK, The Purest of Waters.

Tell the Purock Water man to leave Purock regularly at your office. Purock and good health go hand in hand.

Six large bottles or five-gallon demijohn, 40 cents

**THE CHARLES E. HIRES CO.**  
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## The New Spring Suits for Women & Misses Are Wonderful at \$19.95

They are wonderful for the variety of models afforded—fully 15 in all, and they are wonderful for the supreme style they show. Fashioned of poplins, serges, gabardines and velours with large collars or convertible standing collars. Strictly tailored effects with braid or button trimmings. Those with belts or those without. All the spring colorings.

**A Varied Selection of New Spring Suits at \$12.95**  
Of poplins or serges, in plaited or tailored models. Styles most suitable for misses as well as women—for the size range is complete.

### Suits That Meet Your Highest Expectations are \$25

There are over 20 styles in this group, and they embrace every novelty and correct style brought forth this spring. Fashioned of Peiret twills, Burellas, light velours, gabardines and imported serges. Some show Paris thoughts, others are the creations of America's foremost designers. Whether for dress, street or sports wear—you will find a model to meet your expectations. SECOND FLOOR

## THREE STAGES of ENGINE DEVELOPMENT IN MOTOR CARS

**I**N the first stage, higher power was obtained by building larger cylinders. In the second stage, greater flexibility was secured by adding cylinders. Both these methods have their drawbacks in a reciprocating engine. In the third stage, upon which gas engine design is now entering, a higher range of inherent capability has been developed—more performance with less machinery.

*The White Sixteen-Valve Four* accomplishes this result by going straight to the source of power and flexibility—valve capacity sufficient to allow high piston speed and maintain full power over the entire range of driving speeds.

In any gasoline motor, power depends upon the ratio of valve area to piston displacement. This can be established either by reducing the size of each cylinder to meet its valve area, thus increasing the number of cylinders, or by increasing valve capacity in each cylinder to meet its piston displacement.

The latter is the new, much simpler, less cumbersome method and combines utmost performance with the obvious advantages of a 4-cylinder engine.

**THE WHITE COMPANY**  
CLEVELAND  
Philadelphia 216-220 North Broad Street

## New Silk and Serge Dresses at \$10.00

For Women and Misses

A number of very attractive styles showing the Empire and straight-line models. Fashioned of crepe de chine, metears, taffetas and serges. Many are plain tailored, others show fancy stitching effects or trimmings of contrasting colors.

**New Georgette Crepe and Taffeta Dresses at \$19.95**

These are worthy of special mention, as the styles are the most fashionable we have yet seen at this moderate price.

Some are embroidered, others are plain tailored. High-waisted effects for the young miss and plaited and long straight-line effects. SECOND FLOOR

## 7 New Models in the New Coats, \$9.95

For Women and Misses

They range from the three-quarter lengths to the full lengths. Fashioned of poplins, serges, chevots and velours in apple green, gold, rose, tan, Copenhagen blue, navy blue and black. Styles are distinctively new and original.

**"Chicken" Coats Are the Newest for the Miss, at \$16.95**

These are coats that were especially designed for the young miss and show a big improvement over the usual line of styles, which the young lady had to contend with.

Empire and belted styles with gathered backs, with various pocket innovations. SECOND FLOOR

## The New Jaunty Tams at \$1.95 Are Very Popular

Not only are they so chic, but they require little or no trimming. Made of fine quality milan hemp in various effects—one is pictured. Choice of black, gold, purple or navy blue.

**Stunning Sports Hats at \$1.95**

Various straws of combination colors, trimmed with grosgrain ribbon band and bow. Some have double rims, and edges finished with 3 rows of porcupine braid.

**Untrimmed Straw Hats at 95c**

Including hemps, patent milan and Jap straws, in various sailors, tricorne and close-fitting mushrooms. Black and all wanted spring colorings. MAIN FLOOR

## XXX SEAMLESS TAPESTRY Brussels Rugs, \$16.50

One of the best grades of Tapestry rugs made, and they regularly would sell at \$25.00. Full 9x12 size, and the patterns and colorings are woven, not printed. Oriental and medallion patterns.

Smith's Seamless Velvet Rugs, 9x12 size, and woven in one piece. **\$18.75**

8.3 x 10.6 Heavy Axminster Rugs, All-over and Oriental patterns. **\$19.98**

9 x 12 Seamless Axminster Rugs, Alex. Smith's well-known make. **\$22.75**

**4 Yards Wide Cork Linoleums at a sq. yd. 57c**

Genuine cork linoleums and will cover your room without a seam. Large variety of hardwood and geometrical patterns. THIRD FLOOR

**50c "New Process" Linoleums at a sq. yd. 27c**

The felt-back linoleums that lay perfectly flat on the floor without tacking. Full 2 yards wide and in numerous patterns. THIRD FLOOR

### Novelty Voile Waists at 98c

In sports models as well as those that are trimmed with laces and embroideries. All show the large collars and many have fringe fronts.

**Striped Tub Silk Waists Are \$1.98**

In strictly tailored models that are always so dressy. Also crepe de chine and Jap silk waists, in the high spring colorings. SECOND FLOOR

**Choice Fancy Cretannes, 16c**

We made a large purchase of cretannes and we mention this one as leader.

Full 36 inches wide, in handsome floral, all-over and Oriental designs. Colorings to match any decorative scheme. THIRD FLOOR