

SEEK TO AVERT WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA

Western Republics Trying to Reconcile Chile and Peru

Washington, Dec. 5.—The American republics will exert every influence and employ all their resources to prevent war between Chile and Peru over their territorial contention, it is declared on the authority of the United States.

Not only the United States, but Brazil and Argentina, as well as other nations in this hemisphere, are actively moving through friendly counsel to conciliate the disputant Governments.

There are no positive indications as yet that Chile and Peru are actually preparing for war, but there is danger that the feeling between the two nations may lead to war if the sister republics of the two continents do not make it plain to both Governments that the Americans cannot, especially at this moment, tolerate an international war, and there is excellent reason to believe that representations of this character are being made at the Chilean and Peruvian capitals.

The Chilean embassy has made public the following statement: "According to official news from the Chilean Government, received by the Chilean embassy, the statement that military and naval reserves had been called to arms is incorrect. What took place was merely an administrative measure of the difficulties with Peru. Commercial and official circles believe there is no danger of war."

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 5.—The American Government has informed Peru she may count upon the friendly approval of the United States in efforts to obtain the peaceful settlement of the Tacna and Arica, provided for in the treaty of Ancon, according to the version reaching Santiago of the exchanges between the Peruvian and American Governments, dispatches from Santiago report, Peru was told, however, according to this version, the United States would not enter into discussion regarding the Province of Tarapaca, the former Peruvian Province annexed by Chile after the war with Peru.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 5.—The Bolivian Government has offered to Chile the service of its consuls in Peru if Chile desires. Officials assert the Government is working on plans for a peaceable solution of the difficulties with Peru. Commercial and official circles believe there is no danger of war.

DIX DEPOT BRIGADE IS AGAIN CUT DOWN

Camp and Headquarters Personnel Also Being Reduced. "Objectors" Get Surprise

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger. Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 5.—Now orders received from the War Department regarding the number of depot brigade units to be retained at Dix, will mean a further reduction in the size of the permanent battalions, for instead of 1900 men being held for each of the three training battalions, only 1200 men will be retained at Dix, with only a training cadre, numbering sixty-two men, will be detailed to each company or about 250 for each battalion.

Besides this the camp and brigade headquarters personnel are being reduced and in all only about 3000 men will be held for duty here. The coming of the Fifteenth Regular Infantry is thought to be the reason for the reduction of the depot brigade battalions, for it is expected that they will take over most of the provost guard duty and the training cadre will only be retained until such time as the War Department feels that there will be no further use for holding men and ready to begin the training work at short notice.

A dance for the men attached to camp headquarters will be given next Tuesday evening in K. of C. building No. 4 and as many of the men expect their discharge, it will be in the nature of a farewell reception. The committee in charge is composed of Sergeant Majors R. C. Warner, Newport News; D. H. Campbell, Buffalo; Harold Dumont, Somerville; J. Conroy, Trenton; and Field Clerk A. C. Mackley, Salt Lake City.

Announcement has been made of the honorable discharge from service of Major G. T. Adeo, president of the National Lawn Tennis Association, who went overseas with the 21st Regiment of the Seventy-eighth Division, and who recently returned to this country.

Conscientious objectors, who had hoped to get a clear discharge from the army, will be somewhat surprised when they receive their discharges and find marked across them "This man is a conscientious objector." Dix is now beginning to discharge this type of select service men and as soon as possible the few remaining here will be sent to their homes as the battalion of which they were a part has virtually been disbanded.

Transfers in large numbers are still being made from Dix and contingents of men are being sent to Camps Devens, Taylor, Travis, Pike, Meade and Cody.

WILL SEE HOOVER

American in Berlin to Consult on Food Relief

Berlin, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Arthur E. Dunning, secretary of the American Association of Commerce and Trade, of Berlin, has been summoned to Rio, former German headquarters, where the armistice commission has been in session, for the purpose of conferring with the American military authorities and Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator.

The Berlin organization which Mr. Dunning represents had placed itself at the disposal of the United States Government in connection with the proposed food relief.

TEAR DOWN ESSEN FLAGS

Returning Soldiers Exchange Shots With Delegates of Council

Entertainments Today for Men in the Service

- WITHIN THE NAVY YARD: 7:30 p. m. Gospel Service—Y. M. C. A. 11th St. 7:30 p. m. Old-Fashioned Social—Y. M. C. A. 11th St. 7:30 p. m. Entertainment, under direction of Miss Chase and committee, Navy and Marine Corps Recreation Center.

BRITAIN WON'T DEMAND RETURN OF HELGOLAND

Winston Churchill Says Step is Regarded as Unnecessary

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 5.—The British naval authorities have decided that it will be unnecessary to demand the return of Helgoland to Great Britain from Germany, Winston Spencer Churchill, the Minister of Munitions, announced in a speech at Dundee last night.

SHOP EARLY: AVOID GRIP

Doctor Royer Urges Christmas Buyers to Get Busy

Harrisburg, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Shop early—avoid crowds and thus avert the danger of contracting influenza, is the warning sounded by "Business Shoppers of the State" today by Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting Commissioner of Health. Doctor Royer says: "Influenza is spread largely by droplets caused by sneezing, coughing and spitting and it is a disease spread in crowds and in poorly ventilated places. Therefore, the unusual and unnecessary crowding so common in the stores during the Christmas shopping season is sure to result in an increased number of influenza cases unless the people will protect themselves. Let the Christmas buying begin at once. Those persons who are habitually eleven-hour shoppers will do well to remember this warning. The storekeepers should co-operate by beginning at once to display their special holiday goods and to hire a sufficient salesforce to handle the increased business without taxing the capacity of their clerks and congesting their aisles being crowded with nervous people."

TO RETURN FRAT HOUSES

Government Will Reimburse Owners for Use in War

Fraternity houses, which have been used as barracks for men in the student army training corps and naval unit at the University of Pennsylvania during the present semester, are to be returned to their original owners following the Christmas holidays. Announcement to this effect was made today by Edward Schaeffer, president of the Interfraternity Council, who said the provost had assured him that the fraternities would be able to resume their regular collegiate activities at the beginning of the new term. According to the contract made with the fraternities, the government has agreed to pay a certain remuneration for the rental of their houses. The rent will date from October 1 to December 21.

MONTENEGRO CHANGES OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Serbian Legation Advised of Deposition of King and Merger With Serbia

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Serbian legation has been advised officially that King Nicholas of Montenegro had been deposed by the Montenegrin National Assembly at Podgoritzia. The dispatch follows: "The great National Assembly of Montenegro, called in Podgoritzia, after having considered the political and economic interests of the people of Montenegro, has resolved today December 1: 'King Nicholas, of the family Petrovitch-Negush, to be deposed from the throne of Montenegro. 'The dynasty of the Karageorgevitch of Serbia is elected to be the national dynasty for the kingdom of Montenegro, thus uniting both these States, which are inhabited by the same Serb race, into one, so they will enter together into the common state of all Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, which will be formed in union with all Serb, Croat and Slovene territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. 'A national council is elected, which will be responsible for all the formalities and details of execution in the unification of Serbia and Montenegro. 'Has resolved to inform on this decision of the National Assembly the former King Nicholas, the royal Serbian Government, all friendly Entente Powers and all neutral States. 'The decision was voted unanimously and with acclamation and afterward by individual voting also. 'The population has hailed this decision of the National Assembly with enthusiasm and with a firm faith in a better future."

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Negro Found Guilty of Killing Woman in Quarrel Over Money

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 5.—Isaac Drummond, a negro, formerly porter for the P. R. R. at Devon, was found guilty of murder in the second degree in criminal court here today. Drummond had been on trial for the killing of Margaret Johnson, a widow, several months ago. According to his own confession he and the woman had a dispute over \$200 borrowed by Drummond. After this they went to a damp near Devon where he shot her four times. Drummond alleged that the woman made an attempt to draw a weapon and had "brained" him.

STABLE CABINET FOR SPAIN

Romanones, Friend of Allies, Asked to Select New Ministry

Madrid, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Count Romanones, Foreign Minister in the Spanish cabinet, the resignation of which has been announced, has been entrusted with the task of forming a new ministry. He has announced he will consult with leaders, beginning with Antonio Maura, former Premier, in order to insure some prospect of stability to the new cabinet. Count Romanones is a Liberal leader, and a friend of the Allied Powers in the war. He has been in nearly all the Spanish cabinets in the last ten years.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK OF U. S.

Senators Hear McAdoo on Country's Needs—Will Call Baker

Washington, Dec. 5.—A statement on the country's financial outlook was given to the Senate Finance Committee by Secretary McAdoo, in connection with the committee's revision of the war-revenue bill, now restricted to raise \$2,000,000,000 in 1919 and \$4,000,000,000 in 1920, members desired further assurance the tax levies would be sufficient to meet the Government's requirements for the next two years. After hearing the Treasury head the committee decided to ask Secretary Baker to explain the army's probable needs for money in both years.

Whisky Dealer's Son Held

Atlantic City, Dec. 5.—John J. Conway, son of James P. Conway, a retired whisky dealer of Philadelphia, was arraigned yesterday before Henry W. Lewis, United States Commissioner, on a charge of making a false affidavit in claiming exemption from military service.

Poles Occupy Brest-Litovsk

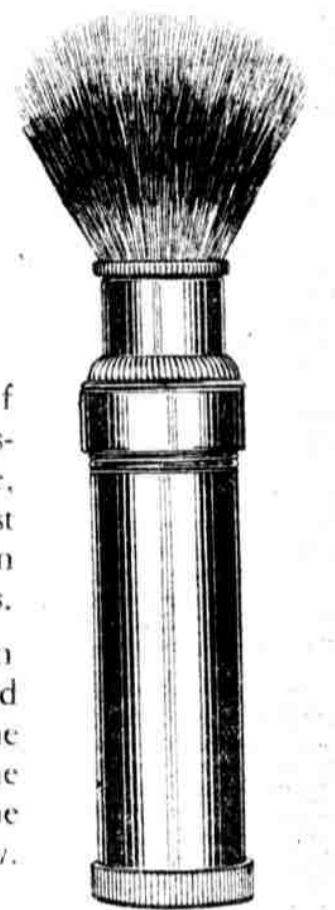
Paris, Dec. 5.—Brest-Litovsk, where Germany negotiated the peace treaties with Russia and the Ukraine, has been occupied by Polish troops, according to the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, says a Geneva dispatch to L'Information.

MAY BURY MRS. DREW HERE

Wife of Noted Actor Was Native of Philadelphia

Mrs. John Drew, wife of the actor, who died in New York yesterday, may be buried in this city. It is expected the body will be brought here and the funeral held in private. Mrs. Drew came of a family of actors. Her daughter went into the profession, but she herself permanently retired from the stage when she was married, in 1885. She was a native of Philadelphia and the daughter of John Louis Baker, an actor. Mrs. Drew's health began to fail about a year ago.

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