

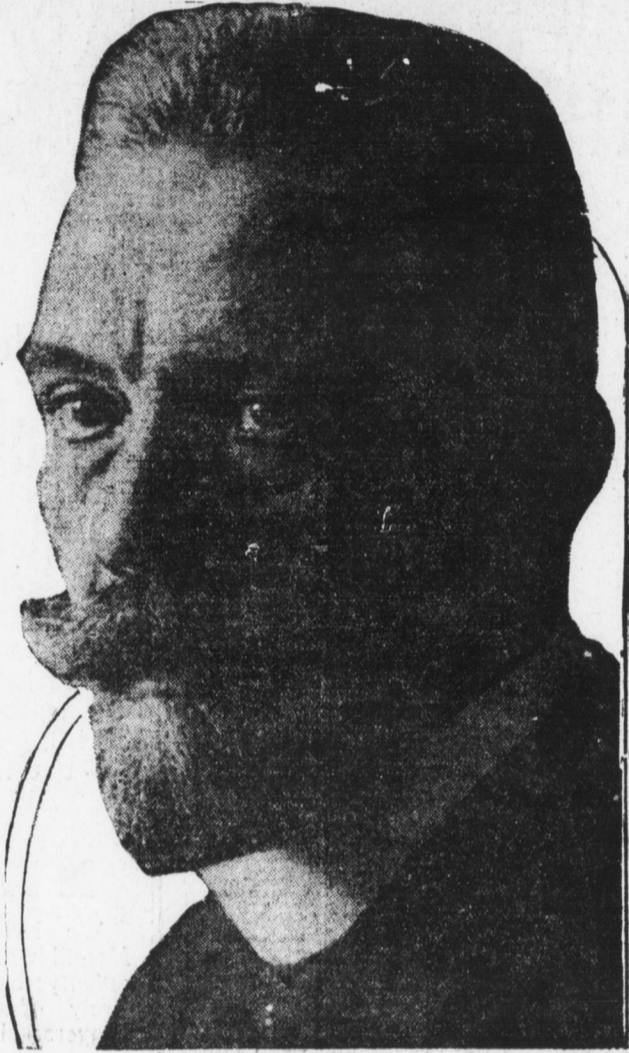


GERMANY READY TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS COMPATIBLE WITH DIGNITY AND SAFETY

Imperial Chancellor Gives Assurance Before Reichstag That Proposals Will Be Given Careful Consideration: "Conscious of Her Military Successes," He Says, "Country Declines Responsibility For Further Continuation of War Misery"

FOLLY FOR TEUTONS TO ADVANCE OFFERS

Proposals Would Be Useless "as Long as in the Countries of Our Enemies, Guilt and Ignorance of Statesman Are Entangled With Confusion of Public Opinion;" Must Come From Allies, Von Bethmann-Hollweg Declares Germany Can Fight For Years



DR. VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG Imperial Chancellor of Germany.

By Associated Press Berlin, Dec. 9.—By Wireless to Sayville.—"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them," said the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag to-day.

The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace "as long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion."

Conscious of her military successes, the chancellor said, Germany declines responsibility for a further continuation of the war. In Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquests.

The address of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, which has been awaited with extraordinary interest, was made in response to the Socialist interpellation: Is the Imperial Chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?

In his reply he said: "As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals, which would shorten but would lengthen the duration of the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

"At present they speak of a war of annihilation against the Allies. We take this fact into account. Theoretically arguments for peace or proposals of peace will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer."

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them. Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes, we decline responsibility for continuation of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world. No one can say that we continue the war because we still desire to conquer this or that country as a guarantee."

In these words the chancellor, with impassioned force, stated the position of Germany in the interpellation on the question of peace. His remarks were cheered with great enthusiasm.

Interrupted With Cheers When Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg rose to reply to the interpellation presented by Dr. Scheidemann, Socialist leader, silence fell over the whole house, but was soon broken by manifestations of approval. Several times the deputies and galleries interrupted him with cheers.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg began by saying that in the countries at war with Germany there had been much discussion of the socialist interpellation, and that the knowledge that peace was to be discussed in the Reichstag had been a source of satisfaction to these countries. This was incomprehensible, in view of the success won in the campaign against Serbia, which opened the road to Ger-

PREACHERS WANT RESTORATION OF CLERICAL RATES

Declare They Are as Much Entitled to Privilege as Dependents of Railroaders

RULING "DISCRIMINATES?"

Bishop Darlington, Revs. Hare, Murphy, Pyles, Klaer and Rabbi Freund Speakers

Representatives of six religious denominations who to-day petitioned the Public Service Commission for modification of the ruling that special railroad rates could not be allowed to dependants of railroad employes, contractors' employes and police and firemen, declared that they were as much entitled to the privilege as dependants of railroad employes, contractors' employes and police and firemen, and were told by Chairman Ainey that it was a matter of interpretation of the law and that the application would be given thorough consideration.

What was intended to be a short hearing lasted considerably over an hour and the standpoint of the clergymen was presented in a formal petition and supported by extended arguments. The Rev. J. E. Murphy, of Bristol, representing Catholic clergymen, who made the principal argument, stated that the term pass meant free transportation and not a discount such as had been allowed to clergymen in the past. The railroad, he contended, were allowed to grant concessions for large numbers of persons for excursions and the like and the clergymen were really discriminated against in his opinion.

In favoring families of railroad men, police and firemen, said he, the commission had gone according to the spirit of the law but in dealing with the clergy had adhered to the letter. Commissioner Pennypacker called attention to the fact that he had drafted a bill which had passed the legislature which would have enabled railroads to grant clerical rates, but Mr. Murphy said the Governor had vetoed it because the attorney general held it unconstitutional, although personally favoring it.

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Declare Rule Discriminates Bishop Darlington, of the Episcopal diocese of Harrisburg declared the interpretation of the law a discrimination against the clergy and pointed out that it was preventing small charges, wide apart, from having services of ministers. The Revs. C. A. Hare, representing Baptists; E. A. Pyles, Methodists, and Harvey Klaer, Presbyterians, and Rabbi Freund, also spoke. Bishop Darlington closed the discussion by saying that merchants of this State were suffering because ministers could not travel in the State except through Pennsylvania cities and said that some of them were asked to buy on commissions when they went from small towns to the cities.

In the speakers there were present the Revs. S. Winfield Herman, Lutherans; W. S. Booth, Baptists; C. B. Segelken, Presbyterians; Dr. J. H. Fox, J. D. DeVore, C. A. Schmucker, A. S. Williams and W. W. Hartman, Methodists. It was stated that many other ministers were in sympathy with the movement but had not been able to attend the hearing.

U. S. in Sharp Note Asks Vienna to Disavow Sinking of Ancona

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna was expected to deliver to-day the note from the United States asking that the Austro-Hungarian government disavow the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, punish the submarine commander, make reparation for the American lives lost and give assurance that similar attacks will not be repeated of such acts.

Until the communication is given out for publication, officials decline to discuss its contents. It is said, however, that while couched in diplomatic language, it is in tone and carries a protest more emphatic than any of the communications sent to Germany following the Lusitania disaster.

Found Overcome by Gas; He'll Be "Pinched" If He Chances to Recover

After lying unconscious for several hours on a cinder dump north of Herr street, Benjamin Burkey, 345 Kelker street, wanted by the police on a charge of nonsupport, by his wife, was found this morning by workmen who are finishing the plant of the W. O. Hieckok Manufacturing Company.

Burkey was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, where physicians said that his condition was serious, as he was overcome by gas. At a late hour this afternoon he had not regained consciousness. Should Burkey recover, the warrant sworn out before Alderman Fritz Kramma will be served on him. Burkey was found on a dump back of Pennsylvania Railroad Roundhouse No. 1 several weeks ago, overcome by gas. The note is believed that in both cases Burkey was intoxicated and fell asleep on the dumps.

Communipaw Safe in Harbor at Time She Was Reported Torpedoed

London, Dec. 9, 9:28 A. M.—The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported to have been sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York on December 8, according to an announcement by Loyds.

The first report that the Communipaw had been sunk was received on December 7. It would appear, therefore, that the tanker has been confused with some other vessel which was sunk. Prior to this there have been conflicting reports concerning the identity of the steamer which was torpedoed.

PARK ZONE PLAN SHOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL THOUGHT

Architectural Expert A. W. Brunner So Tells Chamber of Commerce

PRaises FOR HARRISBURG

River Front Attracts Distinguished Guest; Speaker at Luncheon

Harrisburg and its relation to the State in the proposed development of the Capitol park extension, the Barnard statue and the interior adornment of the Capitol building, the feasibility of broadening Third street to conform with the proposed widening of North and Walnut streets in the park zone—these were only a few of the problems Arnold W. Brunner, the noted New York architectural expert, discussed to-day during his visit here as the guest of the Chamber of Commerce.

Harrisburg's wonderful stretch of improved river front, the orderly way in which the city is laid out, its great areas of paved streets, its peculiar situation with reference to the development of social centers of the future—these were a few of the questions pertaining to the city upon which Mr. Brunner talked.

The architectural expert was the guest of honor at the noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce. He

Asserts U. S. Absorption Is Great Secret Design of Germany; War Inevitable

By Associated Press Paris, Dec. 9, 4:40 A. M.—Under the caption "Gulliver Wakes Up," Joseph Reinach, the political writer, in an article in the Figaro comments at length on President Wilson's message to Congress. He declares that the message was animated by righteous anger although not altogether free from metaphysics. It is evident, says M. Reinach, that the President was moved to the deepest indignation by the revelations in the trial of the director and several employes of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government.

"The more one reflects," says M. Reinach, "the more one is convinced that the economic and political absorption of America is one of the great secret designs of the German empire and that consequently nothing is more inevitable than an eventual conflict between Germany and the United States. Such a war is written in the great book of destiny. None can efface the writing. Human nature is not absolute. It is limited by nature and the logic of events. It is for America to decide whether to let Germany choose the hour or choose it herself."

Most of the other newspapers refer to the message with approval.

Camp Hill Council Will Hear of Improvements at Session This Evening

In anticipation of the action which the Camp Hill borough council will take this evening regarding the West Shore citizens' petition for the territory for improvement, renewed interest in the project is being shown.

At to-night's session of the borough law-makers, Messrs. Carl K. Deen and Robert L. Myers were appointed as members of a committee to confer with the Harrisburg City Planning Commission and will make a report on the meetings they had with the Harrisburgers and at the same time will ask that they be empowered to call a meeting of a number of citizens in cross-section towns to get the sentiment on the improvement movement.

Who Wrote That?

The editor desires to correct a mistake made in the Tuesday announcement. Answers to this last week's questions must be in not later than Wednesday, December 15, and consequently the prize winners can not be announced until a day or so later, and not on December 14, as previously announced.

46—"Thus, Night, oft see me in thy pale career. 'Till civil-suited Morn appear, Not tricked and frownced, as she was wont With the Attle bow to hunt, etc."

47—"I arise from dreams of thee In the first sweet sleep of night, When the winds are breathing low, And the stars are shining bright, I arise from dreams of thee, And a spirit in my feet Tells my chamber-sweet how: 'Thy beloved is with a column stone. And we were three—yet, each alone; We could not move a single pace, We could not see each other's face. But with that pale and livid light That made us strangers in our night."

48—"While words of learned length and thundering sound Amazed the gazing rusties ranged around; And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew, That one small head could carry all he knew."

49—"Away, you rascal! Love! I love thee not. I care not for thee, Kate! This is no world To play with mammetts and to tilt with lips. We must have bloody noses and cracked crowns, And pass them current too. God's me, my horse! What say'st thou, Kate? What would'st thou have with me?"

PENNSYLVANIAN TO BE SENT TO MEXICAN POST

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WON MANY PROMOTIONS

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Mr. Fletcher, who was born at Greencastle, Pa., April 10, 1872, has risen in the diplomatic ranks without financial or social backing and by pure force of his personality, industry, and ability.

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MADDOO PROPOSES TO WIDEN SCOPE OF INCOME TAX

Advocates Lowering Exemption Limit to \$3,000 For Married Persons

DEFICIT IS ADMITTED

Retention of Duty on Raw Sugar and Continuance of Stamp Tax Recommended

Special to The Telegraph Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to Congress yesterday in the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided.

The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limit so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$2,000, and single persons with \$3,000 incomes. The exemptions now are \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively. We would also have the law amended so as to compel every person having a gross income of more than \$3,000 to make a return.

Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns must be made of gross income in place of net

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Carranza's Representative Named Ambassador to U. S.

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The first step toward the resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico was taken to-day in the appointment of Elio Arredondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, as Mexican ambassador to the United States.

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RUSS CAPTURE GERMAN STAFF IN NIGHT RAID

Mounted Scouts Take Officers of Eighty-Second Division in Daring Sweep

Petrograd, Dec. 9, via London, 2:30 P. M.—The entire staff of the eighty-second German army division was captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have just been received.

Under cover of darkness a small company of scouts worked its way past the German trenches toward the German base, the details as received here run. Emerging from a wood, the scouts found themselves close to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitering party.

The latter soon came upon a German sentry, who gave the alarm. Ten minutes later a German cavalry squadron galloped out of the village, followed by two companies of Austrian landsturm troops. The Russians meanwhile had dismounted, hiding their horses and concealing themselves.

Fall Into Ambush The Germans and Austrians fell into the ambush and became panic-stricken when the Russians opened fire. It is declared, the Austrians running for their lives and throwing down their rifles. In the confusion the German

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Great Britain Accedes to U. S. Protest Against Requisitioning of Ships

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page at London advised the State Department to-day that Great Britain had acceded to the American protest against the requisitioning of ships of the American Trans-Atlantic Company.

Test cases will be made of the steamers Hocking and Genesee which will not be requisitioned but held pending decision of the prize court. In the meantime Great Britain assures the United States that no other vessels of the company will be seized.

GREEN FELT HAT CLUE WHICH MAY MARK MURDERER

Police Learn Accused Man Wore Headgear Bought by Dead Woman

When Thomas, alias "Country," Smith was arrested by the Harrisburg police on November 9 he wore a green felt hat.

To-day it was learned by City Detective Harry White that the green felt hat which "Country" wore was once the property of Mrs. Ella Albright, whom Smith is charged with murdering.

While collecting evidence to-day at the home of Mrs. Fred Miller, 1407 Liberty street, a friend of Mrs. Albright's, Detective White picked up this interesting bit of evidence, which of itself is deemed sufficient to send Smith to the electric chair.

According to the story told by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Albright bought the green felt hat for her son in Baltimore. Before she sent it to him, however, some quarrel arose between the aged woman and the son's wife. So the hat was never sent. For six months it hung on a nail in Mrs. Albright's little home on the Hill.

Then came the night when the aged woman was found murdered. Behind a lounge was found a dirty old slouch hat. Several days ago neighbors of Mrs. Albright declared this slouch hat was worn by Smith before the murder. But it was not until to-day that it was learned that "Country" evidently grabbed the telltale green felt hat from off its hook in his hurry to get away.

"Wife" Moves Furniture Out, "Hubbie" Moves It In

Dauphin, Pa., Dec. 9.—Because she "just couldn't stand" her husband, pretty little Mrs. William Smith decided to leave him yesterday, and when Smith was at work, she, with the help of friends, stripped the house of its furniture, and household ware and moved them all to the home of a neighbor. When Smith arrived home last evening he found not only "wife" gone, but also his supper. After making inquiries and securing legal advice, Smith paid the neighbor one dollar for storage and then moved everything back into his home—albeit Mrs. Smith.

Tausig Christmas Benefit

If you know of a worthy poor family in Harrisburg whose home is likely to lack Christmas cheer this year, fill out the blank below and forward it to the Telegraph. The firm of Jacob Tausig's Sons, Jewelers, 420 Market street, has gifts purchase Christmas baskets for 200 families. The Associated Charities will investigate the names sent to it and will deliver the baskets the day before Christmas. Fill out below.

Following is the name and address of a worthy poor family I suggest as worthy of a Tausig Christmas basket:

Name..... Street address..... Signed.....

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday; slightly colder to-night with lowest temperature about 30 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and somewhat colder to-night; Friday fair; fresh north-west winds.

River The Susquehanna River and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain stationary. A stage of about 2.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The storm that was central north of the Lake Region, Wednesday morning, has moved northeastward and is now passing off the North Atlantic coast. It caused the strong winds and heavy snow over the Great Lakes and snows and rains of small amounts in the New England and Middle Atlantic States and the Upper Ohio Valley.

Temperature: 5 a. m., 36. Sun: Rises, 7:15 a. m.; sets, 4:29 p. m. Moon: First quarter, December 13, 6:43 a. m. River Stage: 2.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 41. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 54.

IMPORTANT LIABILITY RULING

Harrisburg.—The State Workmen's Compensation Board to-day adopted a ruling which will require employers applying for exemption from necessity of insuring their compensation liability to declare whether they will discriminate against a married employe or an employe with a large family in favor of an unmarried employe or one with a small family. A ruling was also adopted that the board will require a statement whether discrimination will be made against an American in favor of an alien employe and whether any discrimination will be made against a man on account of his age when he is otherwise well qualified.

TWO MILLION MEN ORGANIZE

London, Dec. 9, 1:54 P. M.—The largest labor organization in the history of England representing about 2,000,000 men was formed to-day for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and conditions of work.

STEAMER BEING TOWED IN

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Dec. 9.—The schooner Henry W. Cramp, from Philadelphia for Rouen, France, with 9,100 barrels of refined oil, was sighted returning here at noon to-day. The schooner is in tow of the steam pilot boat Philadelphia. The cause of her return has not yet been ascertained. The schooner cleared from Philadelphia December 1.

CAPTURE TOWNS NEAR GREEK BORDER

Berlin, Dec. 9, via London, 3 P. M.—Four towns near the Southwestern Serbian frontier have been captured by the Bulgarians the War Office announced to-day. They are Ochrida, 18 miles north of the Greek border; Struga, northeast of Ochrida; Dibra, 35 miles above Ochrida and Djakova, over the border in Southwestern Montenegro.

SHELLS EXPLODE MUNITIONS DEPOT

Pars, Dec. 9, 2:35 P. M.—In the Champagne district French artillery has caused the explosion of a German depot of munitions at a point near Saint Souplet, according to announcement made this afternoon by the French War Office.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Milton Shively and Margaret Connelk, both of this city. John Rager and Rose A. Linton, of this city.