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DEMANDS OF U.S. WILL NOT BE MET BY AUSTRIA IS LATEST REPORT

Forthcoming Reply to Ancona Note to Be Unfavorable, According to Unofficial Information Received in Authoritative Quarters

TEUTONS READY TO SEVER RELATIONS

Diplomatic Circles Prepared For Move; Many Unforeseen Complications Are Apt to Arise From Latest Tangle in International Snarl

Washington, Dec. 28.—Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here to-day will not meet the demands of the United States in her forthcoming reply to the Ancona note and Teutonic diplomatic circles are represented as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations.

Although the State Department so far has received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna no forecast of the reply it was understood that unless some excellent reason for continuing diplomatic correspondence on the subject was presented no course seems to remain but to break relations.

State Department officials are expecting information about the reply which might have been secured by Ambassador Penfield during informal conferences with Baron Von Burián, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs.

May Attempt to Argue. Advice received recently through Baron Erich Zweidinek, the Austrian charge here, were to the effect that Austria would be "guided by concern" for the good relations existing between the two countries.

Another Paper Refuses Heavy Liquor Ad Contract

Special to the Telegraph. Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—Kaufman's Progressive News, published here by C. C. Kaufman, has joined the newspapers refusing to publish the 20,000 lines of advertising offered by the liquor interests for the coming year.

Denies Motion to Dismiss Case Against Directors

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 28.—Judge Hunt denied to-day the motions of the defense to dismiss the case against William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad on trial charged with conspiracy to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy and colder, probably snow or rain tonight and Wednesday; lowest temperature to-night about 25 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and colder, with probably local snow or rain to-night and Wednesday; moderate variable winds.

ALL ST. LAWRENCE PROPERTY FOR PARK EXTENSION

State Buys Church, Rectory, School and Other Buildings For \$125,000

TRANSFER CLOSED TODAY

Church Will Occupy Buildings Until It Can Decide For Future

The State Capitol Park Extension Commission to-day completed negotiations whereby the Commonwealth will purchase all of the property of St. Lawrence's German Catholic Church for \$125,000.

The transaction was closed to-day after a conference between the members of the commission and church officials and after the construction of a new church and other buildings the structures will be razed and the properties incorporated in the park extension.

For many months the State officials have been in negotiation with the church authorities and the price is regarded in real estate and business circles as very fair to both sides. The transfer will include the church in Walnut street at the head of Fifth, the building being one of the landmarks of that part of the city and its deep toned bells marking the hours have been listened to for many years; the rectory and the convent buildings on Short street and the parochial school buildings at the corner of Short street and Angle alley, which have been built within the last eight years.

Few Parcels Yet to Acquire. Purchase of the St. Lawrence property leaves the State with very few large parcels to acquire for the park extension.

The commission has been working quietly and the State now has title to more than three-fourths of the properties which it has bought and are not yet torn down as under terms of sale occupants were given periods in which to use them and others have been converted to the purposes of the State and will not be torn down until the landscape improvements begin.

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British Government Takes American Mail From Two Steamers

Berlin, Dec. 28 (by wireless to Sayville).—Seizure by the British government of an American mail from two steamships on their way to Holland is reported in a Rotterdam dispatch given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency.

According to the news agency's dispatch, the vessels from which mail was taken are the Dutch steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York, December 14, for Rotterdam, and the Norwegian steamship Christian Michelsen, from New York, December 3, for Rotterdam.

The foregoing does not make it clear whether the mail seized included any first class matter or, as is more probable, consisted of parcel post shipments. On December 29, the United States addressed a protest to Great Britain on the subject of British interference with Swedish-American mail.

He Just Can't Leave His Wife; She Won't Let Him

As a deserter, Dr. L. K. Rossa, of Martinsburg, W. Va., is a big failure. He was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Joseph Bach, city detective. It was his third attempt to leave his wife, it is alleged. The wife, Mary V. McCune Rossa, came to Harrisburg yesterday. She told her husband: "It is no use to try and give me the slip. I'll get you no matter where you go."

When Dr. Rossa left Martinsburg he took \$40 in cash. It was part of a Red Cross stamp collection. He came to Harrisburg, had his beard and moustache shaved off, but could not cover up his identity. An officer with papers accompanied the wife to Harrisburg. No criminal charge was made. Dr. Rossa and his wife returned home late this afternoon.

At Martinsburg the Rossas conduct a private sanatorium. They were married one year ago. Since that time, according to the story told by Joseph B. Thompson, chief of police, by the officer, Dr. Rossa left home three times. Once he was found in Cincinnati and was brought back at a cost of \$1,400. On another occasion he was traced to Toledo and thence to Windsor, Canada.

"ERSTWHILE SUSAN" IN THE MAKING



Reproduction from a photograph showing the company which will produce next Wednesday at the Orpheum Theater the dramatized version of the novel "Barnabette" written by Mrs. Helen R. Martin. On the left, facing you, sits Mrs. Minnie Madern Flske, who will take the leading part in "Erstwhile Susan." To her left is her husband, Harrison Gray Flske, who is one of the managers and is here reading the play for the first time to the actors and actresses who will produce it. On the extreme right is Miss Maude Haldeman Longenecker, who lived in this city at one time and was a former social editor of the Telegraph. Note the amused interest with which each receives the first reading.

AIRMEN FIND NO POSSIBILITY OF SALONIKI ATTACK

Allied Aviators Make Many Reconnaissances; Do Not Fear Invasion

Reconnaissances by allied aviators over positions occupied by troops of the central powers across the Greek border reveal that there are apparently no preparations in progress for an advance on Saloniki, according to Athens advices. Greek official circles are said to feel now that there is small danger of military operations extending to Greek Macedonia.

King Constantine of Greece is reported by Athens correspondents to have been favorably impressed by General Castelnau's exposition of the military situation on the occasion of the recent interview between the king and the chief of the French general staff.

Petrograd reports a successful naval operation of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast and declares there is reason to believe that one of two submarines that attacked a Russian destroyer was sunk.

Successes for the Russians in out-post operations in the Riga district and in Volhynia are announced in the current official statement by the Russian war office.

Further dispatches received to-day regarding the torpedoing of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat confirm previous advices that 80 were lost when she was sunk. The number of survivors is given at 208.

Near Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, the scene of recent heavy fighting, the French have begun a new offensive movement, according to to-day's statement by the German war office. They attacked in the vicinity of Kirzstein, about three miles southwest of Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, says the official account, which does not, however, give the result of the assault, stating that details are lacking.

To-day's official report by the Paris war office mentioned intense artillery activity along the entire front in the Vosges and told of the breaking up of an attempt by the Germans to make a sortie from their trenches in the Hartmanns-Wellerkopf sector.

Westende, on the Belgian coast, has again been bombarded by allied monitors, Berlin reporting that three residents, two of them women, were killed. German artillery play stopped train movements at the Soissons station, it is claimed.

Greek King Doubtful If Central Powers Can Long Resist Pressure

Athens, Dec. 26, via Paris, Dec. 27.—In the course of an interview to-day with General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, King Constantine expressed doubt that the central empire would be able to resist indefinitely the economic, and especially the financial pressure of the war. General Castelnau so reported the king's opinion to-night in a statement to the Associated Press.

The Greek sovereign asked the French why the slowness of their operations they had permitted the crushing of Belgium and Serbia and the failure of the Dardanelles campaign. General Castelnau's reply was that nobody denied these unfortunate results were extremely regrettable.

Mrs. Haldeman Wills Whole Estate to Her Surviving Children

The will of Mrs. Margaretta C. Haldeman was probated late yesterday afternoon by Register of Wills Danner. Mrs. Haldeman's entire estate is left to her two children, Richard C. Haldeman and Mrs. Eliza Haldeman Wright, wife of Dr. William E. Wright. The Haldeman homestead at Front and Washington streets, one of the oldest residences in the city and erected on the site of the old Harris home, is bequeathed during his lifetime to the son Richard. All the silver, bric-a-brac, etc., go with this.

MRS. MARTIN'S PLAY 'ERSTWHILE SUSAN' COMING

Creator of Famous "Penna. Dutch" Characters Tells How She Started to Write

Mrs. Helen R. Martin, creator of the new famous Mennonite character in fiction, talked to a representative of the Telegraph this morning on the production of "Erstwhile Susan," which is the dramatization of her novel "Barnabette," one of the authoress' most recent works. Mrs. Martin, who is a resident of this city, first received fame from her book "Tillie, the Mennonite Maid," familiar to and loved by thousands and thousands of readers here and in every part of the country.

As a young girl, born and raised in this city, she was educated in the public schools of this city.

Says Contractors "Have Fun" With Building Inspector

Failure of many contractors about town to heed the city building regulations or the orders of the Building Inspector led City Solicitor D. S. Seitz this morning to urge early action by the Dauphin County Court in the injunction proceedings instituted more than a year and a half ago by W. F. Martin and James Lynch, contractors, against Building Inspector James I. Grove, the city and John Wagner.

The suit was brought by the contractors to restrain the city from tearing down the walls of an apartment house in York street which they had been erecting for Wagner. Wagner contends he didn't want the walls put up as the contractors were doing it. In the meantime the contractors agreed to take out the walls and make the necessary repairs in accordance with the building requirements. To date, according to Mr. Seitz, this has not been done; other contractors are having fun with the Building Inspector and the city.

Congress May Be Held Up By Wilson's Insistence on Shipping Measure

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Because of President Wilson's insistence upon the enactment of the government Ship-Purchase bill, the entire program before Congress, including the national defenses plans, probably will be delayed for five months. Moreover, as a result of the administration's demand that the Ship-Purchase bill be passed, the financial program of the government, including the deficit and taking care of increased defenses has been immeasurably complicated.

Only \$170 Out of Million Missing in Mail Robbery

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28.—Having checked up on the contents of the registered mail pouch which was plundered while being sent from Pennsylvania Railroad station, from the local post office last Friday night, postal officials announced that the only contents missing are six \$20 Southern Pacific coupons and a sum of money, not more than \$50. Two of the missing coupons were found in the baggage entrance to the station yesterday and turned over to Postmaster English.

Declares Unity of Allies Is Virtually Perfect

New York, Dec. 28.—The American ambulance work in Paris is costing a thousand a day according to Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France. Mr. Bacon, one of the heads of the work, arrived in New York to-day on a special train.

'PICK-UP' PLOWS INTO CROWD AT LUCKNOW STATION

Fatally Injures George Rhoades of Dauphin; Many Others Have Narrow Escapes

As more than a score of Pennsylvania Railroad shophmen from Dauphin and several other passengers including three women started across the eastbound track of the main line to board a westbound local at Lucknow last evening, a heavy freight engine drawing the Enola "pick-up" plowed through the crowd, fatally injuring George Rhoades of Dauphin and slightly hurting others.

Rhoades, with Blake Gilday also of Dauphin, were in the van of the crowd, which was streaming across the tracks when the "pick-up" came.

Problems of World-Wide Interest Discussed at Pan-American Congress

Washington, Dec. 28.—Eminent scientists, historians, economists, statisticians, archaeologists, geographers and others discussed problems of world-wide interest at a score of conventions held here to-day in connection with the second Pan-American Scientific Congress.

Members of the congress, which opened here yesterday with a joint session, separated to-day into nine groups to carry on the deliberations of the gathering.

Secretary McAdoo spoke at the opening session of the section of the congress on transportation, commerce, finance and taxation. Secretary Lane addressed the mining and geological section of the congress.

The Woman's Auxiliary Conference of the Scientific Congress held its first session to-day. Mrs. Robert Lansing presided. More than 200 women attended. Addresses were made by Mrs. Percy Pennypacker, representing the general federation of women's clubs and Mrs. William Cummings Story, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

BRITISH TO MODIFY SHIPPING ORDER

Washington, Dec. 28.—Informal assurance that the British order restricting American shipments of hospital supplies to the central powers is about to be modified have received by the Red Cross and preparations are being made to send through some of the equipment most needed.

PRINCE EGON DIES

London, Dec. 28.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Association sends word of the death of Prince Egon Zu Hohenlohe-Schillingfurst, eldest son of the late German Emperor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emmanuel T. Stroup and Anna Elizabeth Noll, Gratz, Edward J. Wynne, South Bethlehem, and Emily E. Studholm, Wisconsin, Judson Clay Kline, Mechanicsburg, and Tessona Ruth Welker, city, James H. Richard Morrow and Mary Ellen Swamer, Loysville, John Raymond Swartz, Wellsboro, and Lena Mae Musser, Mechanicsburg. Charles Reed, Long Bank, and Ida Scott, Leedys.

WILL DANCE WITH CONGRESSMEN

Quaint Steps to Illustrate Ballet of the Middle Ages

FEATURE OF BIG PAGEANT

Chestnut St. Auditorium to Be Vast Japanese Garden; Invitations Soon Ready

On a real wintry mid-January evening, say January 20, for instance, wouldn't you like to step from the grippo-producing weather of out o' doors into the softly lighted, iris and wistaria-blooming cheerfulness of a garden of old Japan? Such a garden as would almost convince that you could hear the nightingales calling? Sound inviting? Then come to the Charity Ball.

The Japanese Garden. The details of the gorgeous color effect cannot yet be announced; it is doubtful, any way, if a proper idea.

Y. M. C. A.'S 61st Open House on New Year's Day

The Young Men's Christian Association, Second and Locust streets, will celebrate New Year's Day for the sixty-first time in its history. There will be a public reception from 11 to 5, to which the general public is invited—both men and women. Refreshments will be served, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake, to one and all. It is the desire of the management to reach a very large number of men, particularly the unemployed.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a gymnasium exhibition and basketball games in the gymnasium under the direction of the physical department. In the evening the annual members' entertainment will be given in Falmouth Hall at 8.15 o'clock. Frederick W. Dunworth, one of the best magicians on the lyceum platform, has been specially engaged for the occasion. Admission by ticket only.

ROOSEVELT GETS \$1,442.52 COSTS

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt to-day was allowed \$1,442.52 against William Barnes, Republican leader, as costs and disbursements in the recent trial in this city when the jury dismissed the \$30,000 libel suit brought by Barnes.

STEAMER TORPEDOED WITH LOSS OF EIGHT

Washington, Dec. 28.—An unconfirmed report from Rome that an unidentified Italian passenger steamship was torpedoed while on her way to Catania, Sicily, with a loss of eight lives reached the State Department to-day.

TOLEDO MAYOR TOOK BRIBE

Toledo, O., Dec. 28.—Mayor Carl H. Keller was indicted to-day on the charge of accepting a bribe.

GENERAL VILLA A FUGITIVE

El Paso, Dec. 28.—General Francisco Villa is a fugitive in the Guerrero district just north of Madera in western Chihuahua according to the latest advices received by General Oregon to-day.

DENY REPORT THAT ITALIAN KING IS WOUNDED

Berlin, Dec. 28.—By Wireless to Sayville.—A report that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has been wounded by an Austrian Grenade and is in a hospital was given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency which describes the report as a "sensational rumor."

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