

GERMANY WILL NOT LET ALLIED REFUSAL BLOCK ROAD TO PEACE

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WOULD GIVE TERMS ENTENTE DEMANDS

Intimated Statement of Teuton Positions Either Had Been Communicated to U. S. or Soon Would Be

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here to-day, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of her terms.

The central powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived to-day and it was declared that no confidential communication to-day, Ambassador Gerard accompanied it.

Germany, it was said to-day, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestions from the President.

Public Railroad Hearings Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Chairman Newlands, of the Senate interstate commerce committee, to-day announced it would hold a public hearing on January 5 on the Webb bill, permitting American concerns to establish joint foreign selling agencies, and on January 2 on the railroad legislation suggested by President Wilson to supplement the Adamson law.

BANDIT KILLS PAL

Toledo, O., Dec. 28.—One bandit was killed by his companion during the hold-up of a street car this morning. The dead man is Leo P. Wood, 27, a paroled prisoner from Mansfield reformatory.

AUTOISTS TURN COPS

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—A new plan to check thefts of automobiles in this city went into operation today, when one hundred motor car owners began service as volunteer automobile police.

OHIO CAPTAIN DIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—War Department dispatches to-day from General Funston reported the death of Captain Urban Wetzell, Eighth Ohio Infantry, at the base hospital, Fort Bliss.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night and Friday; lowest temperature to-night about 25 degrees.

MAKE DEALER WEIGH YOUR BREAD—REEL

"Then Buy the Heaviest Loaf," Advice of City Sealer of Weights

TESTS SHOW VARIANCE

Announces Results of Investigation of Various Makes in This City

Bread Price Increase Is Not Yet Decided

What the new year will bring in bread prices is still an undecided question. Grocers and dealers who buy bread from the larger bakeries anticipate a smaller loaf but no change in price.

"Make your dealer weigh your bread, Mr. and Mrs. Public—and then buy the heaviest loaf!"

That is the advice City Sealer Harry D. Reel offered through the Telegraph to the people of the city, in view of the talked-of increase in price or decrease in size per loaf of the staff of life.

Only a few weeks ago big baking concerns declared that the increasing cost of materials and operation unquestionably pointed to an advance of from five cents to six cents in the cost at the present weight per loaf.

City Sealer Reel to-day reiterated his statement of several weeks ago that the contemplated move was merely "an attempt to gouge the public."

Investigations which have been conducted during the last few weeks revealed the fact that the smaller bakers could bake bread weighing thirteen ounces to the loaf, sell the commodity at five cents a loaf—and still make a fair profit.

Furthermore the Sealer submitted figures showing the variations in weight of the loaves of various kinds as baked by the larger establishments.

In answer to a question as to the bread situation and the possible developments incident to the approaching new year, City Sealer Reel went into considerable detail in a brief interview.

"My advice to the consumer," said

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Safer to Be Fireman Than Policeman and Either Is Safer Than Plain Citizen

New York, Dec. 28.—Statistics prepared by medical officers of the New York police and fire departments and submitted to Mayor Mitchell by the Commissioner Adamson indicate that despite the risks of their service it is safer to be a fireman than a policeman and safer to be either than a plain citizen.

Avalanches and Landslides Threaten Swiss Villages

Berne, Dec. 27, via Paris, Dec. 28.—The destruction of the village of Champery, a tourist resort in the Canton of Valais, threatened by the sudden onset of a number of avalanches coupled with a landslide.

OLD STUMP TREASURE VAULT

Father Finds Jar of Gold and Notes in Removing It at Last

Selinsgrove, Pa., Dec. 28.—After having postponed from time to time the destruction of a stump near his barn, ever since he bought the farm three years ago, S. H. Kline, residing three miles west of McClure, Snyder county, decided just for a little exercise to remove it.

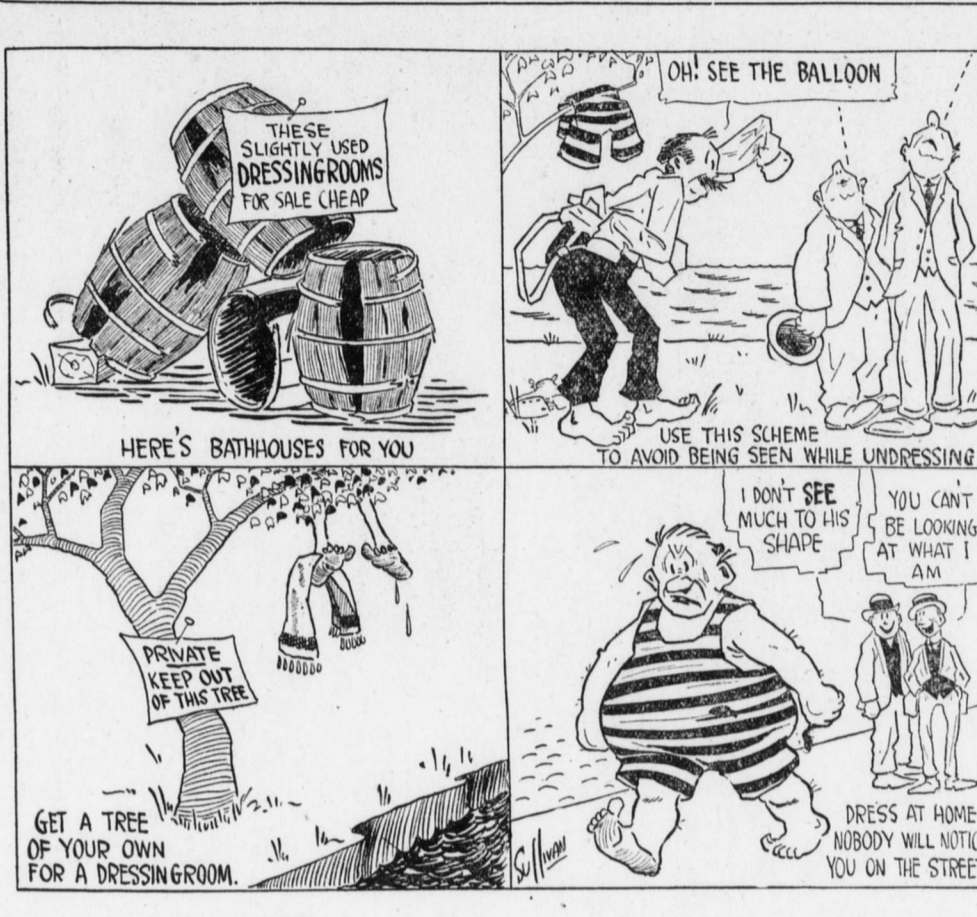
WOMEN WANT TROOPS HOME

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Secretary of War Baker last night was besieged by a committee of Cleveland women which demanded that he bring the Ohio national guardsmen home from the Texas border.

SAFE BLOWERS GET \$800

Danville, Ill., Dec. 28.—Robbers blew open the safe in Morgan's Bank in Perryville, Ind., early to-day and escaped with eight hundred dollars in cash and several thousand dollars in bonds.

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WANT WITH BATHHOUSES, ANYWAY?



TEXTILE MILLS REPORT 1916 IS RECORD YEAR

All Production Figures Topped in Silk Mill and Two Hosiery Factories

MORE HELP IS NEEDED

Excellent Outlook For 1917 Say Officials; Goods Go All Over World

Textile goods, the total valuation of which is estimated at \$2,500,000, were manufactured at three Harrisburg plants during 1916. The products were those of the Harrisburg Silk Mills, Knitting and North streets; Moorhead Knitting Company, Walnut and Cameron streets, and the New Idea Hosiery Company, Fourteenth and Mayflower streets.

Zembo Temple Expects to Sell 10,000 Red Cross Stamps at Big Benefit

At least 10,000 Red Cross Christmas seals will be disposed of, it is expected, by the Red Cross salemen of Zembo Temple, Dec. 28. The sale will be held at the Chestnut Street Auditorium to-morrow evening by the Shrine and Patrol.

PASSES FOR PENNSY MEN

road employees, for the year 1917, will be cut by this evening. A total of 3,000 went to Philadelphia division employees. Middle division men to the number of 1,900 also get their passes this week.

PRESIDENT 60 YEARS OLD

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Wilson was 60 years of age to-day. He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and abroad.

WAR IN EUROPE RESPONSIBLE FOR BIG INCREASE OF CRIME HERE DECLARES WINDSOR

"The astonishing increase of crime is doubtless due to the European war" was the declaration of Superintendent of Detectives W. L. Windsor this morning. "An exhaustive research in the police records of this and other cities shows that crime of every kind has increased, in some cases 50 per cent, during the year now closing, and this must surely have some deep underlying cause.

CARRANZA STANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

Reply Believed to Insist of Troops Leaving and Suggests Modifications

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here from New York this morning bearing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City.

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HONEST EGGS' INK AWFUL

New York, Dec. 28.—Danger of an ink flavor in eggs settled by eggshells was advanced as one reason against stamping "sold storage" on eggs in argument here yesterday before the Supreme Court on the application of John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, for an injunction against selling eggs not so marked.

THREE DAYTON PAPERS GO UP

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Increase in the cost of white paper and other things entering into the making of a newspaper are given as the cause of increase in the price to-day of the Daily News, the Evening Herald and the Morning Journal to two cents a copy.

BIG PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION ARE DISCUSSED

Physical Training, Compulsory Attendance Revision, Junior High Schools Big Topics

PEACE KEYNOTE OF DAY

Ex-President Taft and Charles Zuehlbin Will Deliver Addresses Tonight

All phases of physical education, revision of compulsory attendance laws, vocational training, the Junior high school system, elimination of examinations in determining promotion of pupils, lengthening the grade school term, adjusting the curriculum to promote peace and numerous other public school questions were the subjects of many addresses given this morning and this afternoon in the Technical high school at the general session and section meetings of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association.

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Auto Show Will Be Held Here in February

February 16-17 was the week decided upon by the Capital City Motor Dealers' Association for the showing of the 1917 models. Last evening after the committee of arrangements had made its report. Negotiations as to location and other preliminaries are under way.

GOVERNOR'S FATHER BURIED

Simple Services in United Brethren Church Attended by Prominent Men

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 28.—The body of George Brumbaugh, father of Governor Brumbaugh, was laid to rest yesterday in Valley View Cemetery on the old home place of Brumbaugh Station, on the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad. The funeral sermon was preached in the church of the Brethren near the cemetery by Professor W. J. Swigert, of Juniata College.

VON MACKENSEN COLLAPSIBLE BATHHOUSES SUGGESTED

Stampedes Russians From New Line and Takes 3,000 Prisoners

MUCH NEARER BRAILA AGAINST ISLAND IDEA

Fortified Heights Taken; Airplanes Active on Other Fronts

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is continuing his sledgehammer blows upon the Russians in Northeastern Wallachia and is rapidly pushing them back to the line of the river Sereth in Moldavia.

The most recent attack appears to have scored its greatest success in the region of Rimnik-Sarat, on the railway twenty miles north of Buzeu. The Teutonic forces, stampeding the Russians from the new line they had taken up after the failure of a Russian counterattack, have pushed forward beyond Rimnik-Sarat.

Across the Danube from Braila the Germano-Bulgarian-Turkish forces were headway in their attack upon the Matchin bridgehead, where the last remaining Russian forces in Dobruja are hanging on to the north.

Harry J. Berrier, the "Mayor of Hardscrabble," who wrote a letter to Council opposing a city bathhouse on Island Park, to-day wrote a letter to the editor of the Telegraph setting out explicitly his position in the matter.

"The Mayor" declares he does not object to a public bathhouse, but is opposed to one being placed on the island. He suggests "collapsible bathhouses" at various points along the River Wall. Strings of dressing rooms could be set up along the wall, suggests Mr. Berrier, during the summer and during the winter they could be taken away.

"Let us have bathing along the entire River Front," he pleads in conclusion. His letter is as follows: To the Editor of the Telegraph: "Sir—Regarding the statement you made in your newspaper of to-day's

Mayor to Appoint Young and Active Men Who Can Ride Bicycles to Force

Mayor Ezra S. Meals this morning said the five new policemen to be added to the force next month, will be furnished with bicycles so they can cover more ground.

The bicycles will be equipped with self-locking stands so the men can dismount quickly.

Asks who the new appointees would be, Mayor Meals said: "They will be young and active. I have not yet decided who they shall be."

1916 AUTO LICENSES GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 15

Harrisburg.—Owing to difficulties in deliveries of automobiles by manufacturers the State Highway Department will notify all chiefs of police that 1916 automobile licenses may be used until January 15.

MEXICAN DOOR NOT CLOSED

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Carranza's answer to the request that he either sign or repudiate the pending protocol which will be delivered late to-day to Secretary Lane by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican Commissioners, is understood to contain suggestions or modifications which have been carefully worded to avoid ending the negotiations.

KENTUCKY FIRE ON MEXICANS

El Paso, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico, west of here, early to-day by members of the Kentucky National Guard whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. There were no known casualties.

CARRANZISTAS TEAR UP ROADS

Washington, Dec. 28.—Long stretches of torn up railway tracks separate the Carranza troops working to relieve Torreon. Official reports to-day say the Carranza garrison driven from Torreon by Villa was at Hipolito on the road from Torreon to Saltillo and to have destroyed the tracks in its rear.

Taft at Executive Mansion

Harrisburg.—Ex-President William Howard Taft arrived in Harrisburg shortly after noon to-day. As he has been busy filling many lecture engagements he spent the afternoon as the guest of Governor Brumbaugh at the Executive Mansion, and said that he would not see any one until to-night, as he needed rest.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John George Shuman and Katie Elizabeth Stabler, Steelton. George Washington Quigley and Katherine Elizabeth Wovodan, Hampden township, Cumberland county.

Charles Saverwood, Jr., and Laura May Daugherty, city. Russell Enos Brown, Gettysburg, and Edith Genevieve Davis, Mansford.

Harvey Stover Cooper, Clarksville, Tenn., and Charlotte Van Boshman, Irvin, city.

TO GET CLEAR AND COLD

"No more rain," said Forecaster DeMain, this morning. "This afternoon the sky will still look a trifle ominous, but night will find the sun shining clearly again. The ice will not go off the river as a quickly falling temperature will reinforce the ice and gladden the hearts of the skaters. To-morrow the thermometer will doubtless stay at freezing the entire day."