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WILSON TAKES LEAD

PREPAREDNESS SCHEME NEEDS HIS HELP—MAY CANCEL SOCIAL PROGRAM.

CONFUSION OVER THE ISSUE

Speaking Trip Will Be Made—President Purposes to Tour Nation in Behalf of Military Plans Outlined by War and Navy Departments.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson is planning to assume personal leadership in the fight for a stronger army and navy. So many reports have reached him of confusion over the issue before congress, and of the uncertainty of the outcome, that he has determined not only to go before the country in public addresses, but to confer further on the subject with leaders of the senate and house.

Representative Hay and Representative Padgett, chairman of the house military and naval committees respectively, have informed Mr. Wilson that it will be some six weeks to two months before committees will be ready to report any army and navy appropriation bills. While this work is going on he proposes to do his utmost to solidify sentiment among the people and members of congress in favor of the plans drawn up by the war and navy departments.

Friends of the president represent him as being understood by the opposition of former Secretary Bryan and other pacifists, and by differences among advocates of national defense over the exact plans to be adopted. He is said to be firmly of the opinion that the program prepared by Secretaries Garrison and Daniels is the best which can be offered at this time.

Plans for the speaking trips will be prepared as quickly as possible. If necessary, the president may cancel the White House social program mapped out before Christmas.

SECRET BAND REVEALS PLOT.

Missouri Night Riders Unfold a Big Conspiracy.

New Madrid, Mo.—How the plans of night riders of southeast Missouri to burn several towns and to kill the leading merchants, manufacturers and owners in those towns were frustrated by the arrest of sixty-seven members of the secret band several months ago, was told on the witness stand in court here by confessed night riders, who are being tried on charges of "assault with intent to kill" and "conspiring with intent to kill."

The purpose of the organization, the night riders said, was to compel land owners, merchants and lumber mill owners to improve the conditions of their laborers and tenants.

At the time of the arrests, Wilby and Shipment testified, the night riders were planning to attack Gibson, Mo., kill three designated prominent citizens and then burn the town. Next they were to attack Clarkton, Mo., kill five marked men and burn the city.

Lively Day in Senate.

Washington, D. C.—Discussion of the nation's duty toward its citizens in Mexico dropped out in the senate again Tuesday and another intervention resolution was added to the half dozen introduced since the Santa Ysabel murders. Several Republican senators attacked President Wilson's policy in heated speeches, and Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, and other Democrats defended it. A hundred thousand souvenir gold dollars commemorating the erection of the \$300,000 memorial building soon to be dedicated at Niles, O., in honor of William McKinley were coined under a bill favorably reported by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures.

Floods in California.

Los Angeles, Cal.—New danger from flood waters which have accumulated in the mountain regions threatened to increase the property damage, already enormous as a result of the rain-storm which has held practically all of southern California in its grip for more than three days. Flood conditions also prevailed in sections of Arizona. The loss of life from drownings remains at four. Many sections of southern California are without means of communication with the outside world.

Government Investigating.

Washington, D. C.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has called to the attention of the state department published charges that agents of the British and French governments are endeavoring to induce members of militia organizations in the United States to join the forces of the allies. The government is investigating.

Pickles Kept Her Well.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Mrs. Eliza D. Lathrop, aged 102 years, has just died in this city. In an interview given out on her last birthday, Mrs. Lathrop said that her chief article of diet was pickles, and said their use kept her well.

Mrs. Pankhurst Admitted.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the British suffrage leader detained by New York immigration authorities, has been ordered admitted to the United States unconditionally.

PAID WAR PLOTTERS

CAPT. VON PAPAN RECEIVED MONEY FROM BERNSTORFF FOR "INTELLIGENCE" WORK.

U. S. WILL GET DOCUMENTS

Copies of Checks Showing Payment to Horn, Bridge Dynamiter, and Suicide Spy, Are Sent to Washington From London.

London, Jan. 17.—Photographic copies of correspondence check books and accounts sent from Capt. Franz von Papan when his ship was stopped at Falmouth are on their way to the American state department from Ambassador Page.

The papers show that the German military attaché, who was recalled at the request of the Washington government, made frequent payments to persons implicated or accused in connection with the blowing up of munition works and the Canadian-American bridge at St. Croix, Me.

Several payments were made to Capt. von Papan by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington. Most of these were for salaries or bonuses. A number of entries showed payments made by the ambassador to the military attaché for "war intelligence office." One of the payments on this account, made in October of 1914, was for \$2,300.

Von Papan's check stubs, bank books and letters from his bank, the Riggs National bank of Washington, show about 500 items, many of which had to do with routine expenditures. Others, however, revealed payments to various persons who have figured prominently in the activities of German agents in America, and to at least one spy who committed suicide in a cell in an English prison.

One entry shows that Captain von Papan gave \$700 to Werner Horn, who was convicted of blowing up a Canadian Pacific railway bridge at St. Croix, Me.

The day before this check was issued the German embassy paid \$2,000 into Captain von Papan's account.

Another check stub shows that about two weeks before the explosion in Seattle on May 30, 1915, Captain von Papan sent \$500 to the German consulate at Seattle.

In January, 1915, Captain von Papan gave a check payable to Amsick & Co., New York, but with the name E. Kueperle in brackets on the stub. This is believed to have reference to the man named Kueperle, who, after being arrested in England on a charge of espionage, committed suicide, leaving a written confession in his cell.

GEN VICTORIANO HUERTA DIES

Former Dictator of Mexico Succumbs at El Paso, Tex., After Repeated Hemorrhages.

El Paso, Jan. 15.—Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, died here on Thursday night. Repeated hemorrhages of the lungs followed the administration of the final sacraments and immediately preceded death. The family was at his bedside.

Victoriano Huerta was more typically "Mexican" than any of his rivals for the dictatorship of Mexico. He was of almost pure Indian blood.

He was born in one of the provinces in 1854 and was sixty-two years old. As a youth Victoriano Huerta was sent to the National military school at Chapultepec, where he took a seven years' course, and was graduated in the engineers with credit.

After a time he was appointed to subordinate commands by President Porfirio Diaz. He was known among the half-savage Mexican soldiers as "man ester" who ruled with iron.

FIVE INDICTED IN WAR PLOT

Four Men and a Woman Charged With Conspiring to Ship Rubber to Germany.

New York, Jan. 17.—Five persons, including one woman, were indicted by a federal grand jury on Friday, charged with conspiring to ship rubber secretly to the German government in violation of United States customs laws. The alleged conspirators indicted are: Edward Weber, a cousin of Alfred Weber of the Deutsche bank of Berlin; Paul Schmidt, an employee of the Rubber and Geyl company, 103 Water street, New York; Max Jaeger; Mrs. Annie Dekers, a resident of Holland; Richard Wohlberg, a cement dealer living in the Bronx. Jaeger, it is charged, came to the United States as an agent of the German government, planning to slip quantities of rubber through the British blockade. Mrs. Dekers and Jaeger, it was alleged, attempted to ship the rubber to Germany in their trunks as "personal effects," in violation of customs regulations.

Consider Dyestuff Bill.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Scores of experts appeared before the ways and means committee of the house to urge the passage of the bill, the object of which is to establish and foster the dyestuff industry in the United States.

Troops Quell Hawaii Riot.

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 17.—Honolulu's tenderloin district is under martial law as a result of a systematic raid which was participated in by approximately 500 United States troops of the Ninth cavalry (co-ored).

THAT HAPPY PAN-AMERICAN FAMILY



(From a Rare Old Wood Engraving Probably Made in 1916).

VICTORY FOR AUSTRIA DRAFT BILL TO PASS

MONTENEGRINS ASK TEUTONS FOR SEPARATE PEACE. BRITISH CONSCRIPTION ASSURED BY BIG MAJORITY.

Invaders Gain Control of Adriatic Sea Through Armistice Following Fall of Mount Lovcen.

Rome, Jan. 15.—By an armistice agreed upon between Austria and Montenegro, Austria has gained control of the Adriatic sea.

Montenegro also becomes virtually absorbed by the Teuton invading forces, as was Serbia, but this is of minor importance compared with Austria's realizing its object of making the Adriatic an Austrian sea, thus checking Italy's ambition to make it an Italian sea.

Italian authorities declare, however, that it was Austria which proposed the cessation of hostilities, with the purpose of negotiating separate peace.

The armistice followed the capture of Mount Lovcen by the Austrians. By gaining Mount Lovcen, the Austrians dominated Cetinje, capital of Montenegro. It is believed the aged King Nicholas will no longer continue his unequal struggle against the Austrians.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Washington, Jan. 14.—Austria has assured the United States that no Austrian submarine was responsible for the sinking of the British liner Persia with the loss of two American lives. Following receipt of introductions from his government, Baron Erich Zerkow, Austrian chargé, went to the state department and filed the formal denial. The charge stated that the Austrian admiral now has received word from every one of its submarines operating in the Mediterranean. None was in the vicinity where the Persia was sunk. None saw the P. & O. liner. The Austrian government suggests that either a mine or an internal explosion was responsible for the loss of the Persia.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 15.—The United States Steel corporation announced that it would spend \$7,000,000 on the construction of ten bar mills at McDonald, near Girard. Work will start on the plant April 1.

SIX BRITISH FLYERS KILLED

Germans Bring Down Four Aeroplanes on Western Front—Repulse Attack Near Armentieres.

London, Jan. 14.—The shooting down of four British aeroplanes, the repulse of a British attack near Armentieres and the destruction of German trenches near Lille are the stirring war events chronicled in the official reports.

"Four of our aeroplanes sent out yesterday have not returned," says the British announcement, which also tells of a British repulse of a German "bombing" attack near Givency.

The German statement from Berlin says lieutenants Boske and Immanuel shot down a British aeroplane apiece northeast of Tourcoing and near Bapaume. Another British plane was shot down in an air fight near Roubaix and a fourth near Ligny. Six of the eight British officers on the four aeroplanes were killed; the two others were wounded.

Take U. S. Soldier Off Ship.

Washington, Jan. 17.—It was stated on authority that this government will not take any action as a result of Alfred Clarke of the Fifth United States infantry being taken off an American ship at Kingston, Jamaica, by the British authorities and examined as to his nationality.

Tidal Wave at Hamburg.

Copenhagen, Jan. 18.—A tidal wave 24 feet in height created havoc with shops and warehouses in Hamburg, according to dispatches reaching here. The loss in merchandise alone amounts to 1,000,000 marks.

U. S. Soldier Ends Life.

Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 16.—M. H. Walton, twenty-eight years old, private in Company D, Sixth cavalry, U. S. A., killed himself near here by shooting himself in the head. He enlisted at Sewanee, Ill.

BLAST ON U. S. 'DIVER'

FOUR KILLED AND TEN HURT ON SUBMARINE E-2—VESSEL IN DRYDOCK.

EXPLOSION CAUSED BY GAS?

Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher Hints That Some Outside Hand May Have Been Responsible—Three May Die of Injuries.

New York, Jan. 18.—Four men were killed and ten others injured, five of them dangerously, by an explosion on Saturday on the submarine E-2 while the craft was undergoing repairs in drydock at the New York navy yard.

One of the men killed was an enlisted electrician and the other three civilian workers. At least three of the ten now in hospitals are not expected to live. The names of the dead follow:

R. R. Seaber, electrician, general class.

James H. Peck, civilian general helper, Brooklyn.

J. P. Schultz, civilian machinist, Brooklyn.

Joseph Logan, civilian general helper, Brooklyn.

Chief Electrician L. C. Miles may die as a result of his injuries.

The cause of the explosion has not been decided. The first theory reported, that it resulted from the ignition of gases, is discredited by Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the navy yard.

While unwilling to say so definitely, it was inferred from the commandant's remarks that some outside hand may have been responsible.

CARRANZA BLAMES GEN. VILLA

State Department Receives Answer to Message Sent to Head of Mexico on Massacre of Americans.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The state department received on Sunday General Carranza's reply to its request that the murderers of the 17 Americans near Santa Ysabel be captured and punished. It came in the form of the following dispatch from Consul John R. Silliman:

"Queretaro, Mex., Jan. 16.—Secretary of State, Washington: Department's telegram of January 13, 5 p. m., massacre Americans at Santa Ysabel, received at 8:20 and immediately placed before General Carranza by me in person. General Carranza said that he had already issued orders for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of those responsible for the atrocity. He stated that he believed that this outrage was committed by men associated directly with Villa and that it was done especially to provoke international troubles at this time. He said he had declared those responsible outside the law, to be punished with death if caught. He says that all efforts will be made to protect Americans and any other foreigners who may be in the district. His belief is the massacre was premeditated by a band who fled at once after the raid."

ONE KILLED IN CHURCH RIOT

Troops Attempt to Install Pastor at Pittston, Pa.—Attacked by Mob of 500.

Pittston, Pa., Jan. 18.—In a pitched battle on Sunday between 30 state troopers and a mob of 500 infuriated men and women in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish Roman Catholic church at Du Pont, near here, one of the troopers was killed and many of the rioters were hurt. Several are dying in Pittston hospital. Eighty of the rioters are lodged in jail at Wilkesbarre. Thirty of this number only last Friday were held in contempt of court for interfering with services at the church. At that time sentence was suspended. Sheriff George F. Buss with 12 troopers, went to Du Pont to assure protection to Rev. Francis Sowhoski as pastor of the church there. The latter had had trouble with some members of the congregation. The faction opposed to the pastor favored the curate, Father Guzza, as his successor. Bishop Hoban decreed otherwise and re-assigned Father Kurkowski.

\$40,000,000 FIRE AT BERGEN

20,000 Made Homeless by Blaze in Norway—Flames Fanned by Hurricane.

Christiania, Jan. 18.—Twenty thousand persons are homeless as a result of a fire which swept the city of Bergen on Sunday causing property damage estimated at not less than \$40,000,000. The fire, which originated in the business district, gained rapidly.

Kaiser Completely Well.

London, Jan. 18.—A Zurich dispatch to the Central News quotes the Wolff bureau as reporting that the kaiser has completely recovered. It adds that the emperor took lunch with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Bomb Kills Ten Children.

Cologne, Jan. 15.—Ten children who were playing in a gravel pit near the local aviation grounds were killed by an air bomb. The children found the unexploded bomb and were playing with it when it exploded.

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