

**PRESIDENT SENDS  
NEW PEACE NOTE**

Wilson Dispatches Second Message to Belligerents Explaining the First.

**LANSING NOT SAYING WORD**

Berlin, Dec. 30.—(Via London).—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second peace note explanatory of the first to the central powers and the entente nations. This note has not been presented.

The reason for the withholding of the second note is said to be that the German reply, received in the interim, showed that the German government had not been influenced by the "misconceptions regarding the purposes and aims of President Wilson's step which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto."

**Lansing Is Not Talking.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing refused to comment on the report that a second explanatory note had been sent, both to the central powers and the entente allies, to correct misinterpretations of the president's note calling for peace terms. He indicated that under the recent policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and himself he would make no statement either affirming or denying such reports. It is felt that much misunderstanding might arise in the popular mind, but it is held that the various governments addressed would be influenced only by the official information, which will be quite complete.

Secretary Lansing refused to indicate whether he thought the Berlin report might have arisen out of the sending abroad of the information to American diplomats of his two statements authorized the day the note was published.

He has been most emphatic ever since his two statements were issued in saying that the president's note was absolutely self-explanatory and required no further comment. He has stated also that no special instructions were sent the American diplomats as to the manner of presenting the note. Intimations that the misunderstandings abroad, particularly in the public mind, might be dispelled by official statements from here, have met with an unfavorable reception.

**Denmark's Reply In.**

Washington, Dec. 30.—Denmark's reply to President Wilson's peace proposals was received today by the State department. It agrees with that of Norway, presented yesterday.

**Note Comes from Sweden.**

The official copy of the Swedish note also reached the department today, being similar in terms to those from Norway and Denmark.

**Spain's Note Tonight.**

Madrid, Dec. 29.—(Via Paris, Dec. 30.)—Spain's reply to President Wilson's note will be handed to the American charge d'affaires tonight and will be made public at noon tomorrow. Premier Romanones drew up the note in collaboration with the cabinet yesterday. The Spanish government denies reports which have spread abroad that it is proposed that the peace conference is to be held at Madrid.

**Three Notes Identical.**

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ministers delivered notes to the foreign office last night supporting the initiative taken by President Wilson. The notes are identical and are couched in terms even more platonic than the Swiss note.

**Received in Berlin.**

Berlin, Dec. 30.—(Via London, 10:20 a. m.)—The Scandinavian peace notes were presented today to the foreign offices in Berlin and Vienna. The Swedish minister in Berlin and the Swedish and Danish representatives in Vienna, being the first to deliver the documents. The text agrees with outlines telegraphed from the Scandinavian capitals.

**District Judges Organize Association While in City**

Nineteen judges of the district court while in Omaha attending the State Bar Association convention formed an organization of their own last night at the Fontenelle, electing Judge George F. Corcoran of York, president; Judge Charles Leslie, Omaha, vice president; Judge E. E. Good, Wahoo, treasurer, and Judge B. H. Paine, Grand Island, secretary.

Discussion of procedure revealed that this varies more than the judges themselves had suspected. One judge will allow a referee in a partition suit for the sale of land perhaps three times what another judge allows. It is the aim to agree on some universal rule.

Judges Grimes and Cornish were the oldest in point of service who were in attendance, each having twenty-one years to his credit on the district bench.

Those in attendance are: Judge John B. Raper, Pawnee City; P. James Cosgrave and Frederick Shepherd, Lincoln; Lee Estella, Charles Leslie, F. G. Sears, A. C. Troup, A. C. Wakely, Omaha; George F. Corcoran, York; B. E. Good, Wahoo; R. D. Brown, Crest; A. A. Welch, Wayne; J. E. Harris and E. H. Paine, Grand Island; B. O. Hostetter, Kearney; H. M. Grimes, North Platte; R. B. Dixon, O'Neill; H. W. Hobart, Mitchell; and Leander M. Pemberton, Beatrice.

Judge A. J. Cornish of Lincoln, recently elected to the supreme bench, was present.

Another meeting will be held in a month in Lincoln while the legislature is in session.

**Western Union Barred From Doing Business in Arkansas**

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30.—The charter of the Western Union Telegraph company was revoked and the company prohibited from doing business in this state by an order issued today by the secretary of state. A restraining order, preventing the revocation from going into effect was obtained immediately by the company in federal district court, and will be argued Tuesday.

Revocation of the Western Union's charter was the outgrowth of a suit brought by William Overman of Hot Springs, asking damages for alleged non-delivery of a message. The company obtained a removal of the case from the state to the federal court, which is forbidden by state statute, under penalty of loss of the right to do business in this state.

# January Clearance Sale



**Coat Fabrics Reduced**

Velours, Chinchillas, English Mixtures, etc. Values to \$4.50 a yard. Your choice of entire lot, \$2.48 a yard.

**A Whole Table of Black Wool Dress Goods**

Crepes, Serges, Poplins, new and desirable. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 qualities. All for 59c a yard.

**Plaid Blankets \$3 a Pair**

Size 66x80, fine wool finish plaids in pleasing colors.—Basement.

## January Sale of Women's Apparel A Real Sale Event

Waited for by women who know the distinctive character of Thompson-Belden Apparel, and appreciate the truly remarkable reductions that prevail in this January sale.

- Coats
- Suits
- Dresses
- Skirts
- Furs
- Blouses
- Negligees

Our entire Autumn and Winter Stocks are on sale, without reservation. All garments from regular stock, insuring a choice selection. A small charge for alterations.

All Sales Final

## Haskell's Famous Black Silks

5000 Yards of the Highest Grade Silks  
Reduced in Price

Your opportunity to select a dress, suit or coat pattern at prices that cannot be offered again this season. We own these silks at old prices, and will say frankly that spring prices show an advance of 10 to 15 per cent.

You can save 15 to 20 per cent now over prices that have prevailed all Fall. If you are interested in black silks, do not fail to attend this sale.

Thompson-Belden have had the exclusive sale of Haskell's Silks for over 30 years and personally stand back of every purchase.

Haskell's Pure Dye Chiffon Taffeta, a rich black of ideal dress weight. \$2.00 quality, now \$1.65 a yard.

Haskell's Pure Dye Chiffon Taffeta, the finest obtainable; wear unlimited. \$2.25 quality, now \$1.83 a yard.

Haskell's Gro de Londres, an excellent weight for suits, coats, skirts. \$3.00 quality, now \$2.18 a yard.

Haskell's Silk Faille, a very rich, lustrous dress silk. \$2.75 quality, now \$2.25 a yard  
Haskell's Duchess Satin, correct weight for coats and suits. \$3.50 quality, now \$2.48 a yard.  
Haskell's Satin Raye, a beautiful self-tone stripe. \$2.75 quality, now \$2.28 a yard.  
Haskell's Colored Chiffon Taffeta, best colors for spring. \$2.25 quality, now \$1.78 a yard.

## THE ANNUAL LINEN SALE Commences Tuesday, January 2d.

THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT LINEN SALE IN OUR BUSINESS HISTORY, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

For eighteen months cases of fine linens have been stored in the bonded warehouse, here in Omaha. *This means an actual saving of 40% to 50% at today's prices.* Furthermore we have been enabled to secure linens which cannot be bought today at any price.

Every Housewife in Omaha

should take advantage of these savings and replenish their linen stocks while possible and under these most favorable conditions.

**Table Cloths Bleached**

- \$3.75 Table Cloths, \$2.89.
- \$6.00 Table Cloths, \$4.89.
- \$7.50 Table Cloths, \$5.38.
- \$8.75 Table Cloths, \$6.38.
- \$12.00 Table Cloths, \$8.89.
- \$15.00 Table Cloths, \$12.38.
- \$17.50 Table Cloths, \$13.89.
- \$20.00 Table Cloths, \$16.89.

**Fine Napkins Bleached**

- \$4.75 (%) Napkins, \$3.50 doz.
- \$6.00 (%) Napkins, \$4.75 doz.
- \$10.00 (%) Napkins, \$6.89 doz.
- \$13.50 (%) Napkins, \$10.89 doz.
- \$17.50 (%) Napkins, \$13.89 doz.
- \$20.00 (%) Napkins, \$15.00 doz.
- \$25.00 (%) Napkins, \$20.00 doz.

**EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT**

- John S. Brown's \$10.75
- 3/4 Napkins \$6.00 a Dozen (Limit 1 doz. to customer)
- Huck Towels One Thousand Dozen 12 1/2c Quality, 6c (Limit 1 doz. to customer)
- Wash Cloths 200 Dozen Turkish Wash Cloths, 3c. 300 Dozen Knit Wash Cloths, 2c. 500 Dozen Knit Wash Cloths, 1 1/2c. 500 Dozen Turkish Wash Cloths, 5c.
- Turkish Towels 25c Ribbed Turkish Towels, 19c. 45c Extra Heavy Bleached Turkish Towels, 25c. 40c Fancy Turkish Towels, 25c. 45c Fancy Turkish Towels, 29c. 50c Extra Heavy Bleached Turkish Towels, 35c. 75c Extra Heavy Bleached Turkish Towels, 50c. 85c Fancy Turkish Towels, 65c. \$1.00 Fancy Turkish Towels, 75c.
- Huck Towels 35c Quality for 25c. 40c Quality for 29c. 85c Quality for 65c. \$1.00 Quality for 75c. \$1.25 Quality for 85c. \$1.50 Quality for \$1.25. \$1.75 Quality for \$1.50.
- Guest Towels 45c Guest Towels, 39c. 65c Guest Towels, 50c. \$1.00 Guest Towels, 85c.

**Real Cluny Lace and Hand Embroidered Madeira Cloths and Center Pieces**

- \$25.00 (72-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$15.00
- \$35.00 (72-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$18.89
- \$45.00 (72-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$25.00
- \$25.00 (54-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$13.89
- \$20.00 (45-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$10.89
- \$25.00 (45-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$13.89
- \$ 6.00 (36-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$ 3.89
- \$10.00 (36-inch) Cluny Lace Cloths - \$ 5.89
- \$ 6.00 (24-inch) Cluny Center Pieces - \$ 3.89
- \$ 4.75 (24-inch) Cluny Center Pieces - \$ 2.89
- \$ 3.00 (24-inch) Cluny Center Pieces - \$ 1.75
- \$30.00 (72-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$17.50
- \$35.00 (72-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$20.00
- \$30.00 (54-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$17.50
- \$50.00 (54-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$27.50
- \$10.00 (45-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$ 5.89
- \$12.00 (45-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$ 7.00
- \$20.00 (36-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$10.89
- \$ 6.00 (24-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$ 3.89
- \$ 8.50 (24-inch) Madeira Embroidered Cloths - \$ 5.00

A few Odd Cluny Lace and Madeira Cloths, Center Pieces and Scarfs, ONE-HALF PRICE.

**Exceptional Table Cloth Value**

Two Hundred \$4.50 Fine Bleached Table Cloths of Irish Manufacture, \$3.00.

**Madeira Napkins Also in This Sale**

- \$10.00 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$5.89 a dozen.
- \$13.50 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$8.75 a dozen.
- \$15.00 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$8.89 a dozen.

**Bleached Sheeting 32c a Yard**

Extra fine quality, 2 1/4 yards wide, soft finish, free from dressing. 32c is very little.

**Odd Napkins Much Less**

- 200 Dozen 3/4 Extra Heavy Irish Damask Napkins. \$5.00 regularly; now \$3.98 a dozen.
- 100 Dozen 3/4 Napkins. \$5.00 quality, now \$3.50 a dozen.
- 100 Dozen 1/2 Napkins. \$6.75 quality, now \$4.00 a dozen.

**Bath Mats**

Heavy Turkish Bath Mats, \$1.50 quality, \$1.

## THE MEN'S SHOP

Contributes for This Sale

Men's First-Quality Fiber Hose, all sizes and colors, 25c a pair. An exceptionally fine Scarf, large and well shaped; in beautiful patterns, for 55c.

75c Outing Flannel Night Shirts for Men, Tuesday, 59c.

They can't last long at this price. A step to the left as you enter.

**Brassieres Less**

A small lot of very desirable lace and embroidery trimmed brassieres, light or heavy materials, as preferred. 39c, 69c, 79c, \$1.39, \$2.49 Third Floor

**"Ivory" Toilet Articles Reduced**

"Ivory" Powder Boxes, Hair Receivers, Perfume Bottles, Pin Cushions and many other useful articles. As long as they last, 79c and 89c

**FINAL CLEARANCE SALE**

## TRIMMED HATS

Tuesday, January 2d

- \$1
- \$2
- \$3.50
- \$4.50

Millinery - Second Floor

## CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS and Fine New Headwear

Reduced in price right at the height of the winter season, with two months or more of wear ahead.

Children's Coats of Chinchilla, Zibeline, Plush and Fancy Mixtures; 2 to 14 years. Our whole stock is included at reductions equally as great as the few mentioned: \$12.75 Coats, \$8.98 \$11.00 Coats, \$7.49 \$7.00 Coats, \$4.98

One lot of Coats, HALF PRICE Only a few of each size, 4 to 12 years

Children's Winter Hats and Bonnets, all much less than regular prices.

Boys Cloth Hats, regularly 65c, Tuesday, 49c. Children's Wear - Third Floor

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