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Germany Willing to State Peace Terms

VILLA ATTACKS TORREON TODAY BATTLE RAGES AT NOON

Four Burn to Death at Wichita—British Capture El Arish Near Suez Canal—French Destroyers Sink U-45—Snow Flurries For Arizona—Pershing Expedition in Mexico Preparing Monster Christmas Celebration—Senate Committee Favorable Reports Forty-Five Millions For Mississippi Valley Flood Control and Nearly Six Millions For Sacramento River—Russians Retreating in Dobrudja—Villa Attack on Torreon Began at 4 A. M., and Still in Progress at Noon Today—Secretary Baker Submits Deficiency Border Appropriation For Twenty-Eight Millions—Danish West Indies Sale to United States Ratified—Late Telegraph Dispatches Hot Off the Wires.

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Dec. 22.—Villistas attacked Torreon at 4 o'clock this morning, according to unconfirmed reports. The battle was still in progress at noon.

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Dec. 22.—The Torreon attack is said to have been reported by General Murguia at Chihuahua City by wireless from Torreon.

(By Associated Press.)

WICHITA—Two aged women and two men were burned to death here today. One more person is missing and several are reported injured, by a quarter million dollar fire which destroyed the Masonic home, where 92 people lived. Frozen water plugs seriously interfered with the firemen in getting water. A boy in turning in the alarm shut off all lights.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON—The British captured El Arish ninety miles east of the Suez canal yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Mexico—Except for decorating the great Christmas tree, preparations are complete for the greatest celebration the army ever held outside of the United States. Men will be relieved from all but necessary duty for three days. Thousands of presents have arrived and no soldier will be overlooked. A barbecue of two beeves, a chorus of 400 is rehearsing, and a tree which will be illuminated carries a flag pole reaching 85 feet in height was brought by trucks 35 miles from the forest.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON—The senate commerce committee today favorably reported \$45,000,000 for flood control for the Mississippi valley and also \$5,600,000 for the Sacramento river.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS—Destroyers today sank the submarine U-45.

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD—The Russians today begun a further retirement northward following numerically the superior Teutonic attack yesterday in Northern Dobrudja.

(By Associated Press.)
ARIZONA—Snow flurries in northeastern portion tonight.

Southern California—Tonight cloudy, also Saturday.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON—Secretary Baker today submitted to the house the army deficiency appropriation bill for \$28,800,000 because of the border service.

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN—King Christian in the cabinet council today ratified the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

MORE OSTRICHES COMING TO YUMA

Two years ago there were more ostriches in the Salt River Valley than anywhere else on earth outside of Africa. They were considered as livestock and about 8000 were listed on the tax rolls. Today it is doubtful if the valley contains much more than 1000 of the giant birds and the number is growing less as fast as disposition can be made of them. Ostrich breeding has ceased and hundreds of the birds have been sent to Yuma and disposed of at bargain prices as low as \$5 a head, to any buyer. A few hundred have been scattered around on the ranchers of the Yuma Valley and are cared for with the cattle. Announcement has just been made that 100 ostriches on the Chandler ranches near Chandler, are to be killed and fed to the hogs. The rest of the band of 275 will be shipped to the Yuma Valley. A band of 250 choice birds will be retained in the hope that the feather market may show some life in the future.

One hundred and seventy-three El Paso citizens were sufficiently interested to get out and vote yesterday on the proposition to issue \$225,000 bonds for city purposes, and 32 of them were against the bonds. El Paso just naturally refuses to take any interest in sums less than a million.—El Paso Times.

The Yuma Daily Examiner has the latest news every day. Are you a subscriber?

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Hague dispatches today said that it was semi-officially announced that Germany would state peace terms immediately if the allied replies left the door open for negotiations.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Bonar Law told the house of commons today that the British should withhold comment of President Wilson's note. The British will deal with it after a consultation with the other allies.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Diplomats here are eagerly watching to see whether the European neutrals will follow the American lead and possibly send out a joint appeal. Spanish and Swiss representatives have been to the state department repeatedly, and are probably fully acquainted with the American plans.

Surprise was general at the president's increasingly significant move. Knowledge that the president counted on an absolutely frank reply which will lead to actual opportunity for negotiations is only less surprising than the note itself.

Gratification over the indications that the allied diplomats would advise their governments' reply in a friendly spirit. Early London press comment is that the note is painful because it states to the belligerents practically the same as the other note and was unexpected here, where attention is directed to that feature.

CANTU HOLDING ALL HIS MEN

Calexico Chronicle: Emphatic denial is made by Governor Cantu of the rumor in circulation a day or two since, to the effect that he is discharging his soldiers in the interests of economy.

"My soldiers are a happy, contented and very loyal force," the governor is quoted as saying yesterday; "why should they not be? They are soldiers by profession, and they are the highest paid soldiers in the world, each man receiving \$1.50 a day in cash—not promises."

Under the present conditions, Governor Cantu said he saw no necessity for increasing his army, but he does not contemplate reducing it for any reason.

The state of New Mexico spent \$2,000,000 for education during the past year, and the state superintendent of public instruction recommends to the legislature that next year's appropriation be made \$10,000,000, and that free text books be provided for all pupils. At the present rate of progress, the New Mexico school system, already excellent, will soon be among the best in the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Official copies of Secretary Lansing's two statements explaining the president's note were sent to the American diplomats abroad to show the foreign governments and thus avoid misconstruction of the president's purpose.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Congressional investigation of the state department's conflicting interpretations of the president's note to determine if anyone high in the administration or his relatives profited from the resultant stock market fluctuations was asked in Representative Wood's resolution.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Parliament prologued without further announcement of the British attitude on President Wilson's note or the German peace proposal. The king's speech was read in both houses and was the briefest on record. It expressed confidence of ultimate victory and a determination that the allies to prosecute the war "until vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The general public like the press was taken aback by the note having reached the conclusion that Lloyd George's speech ended all peace talk unless the Teutons defined their terms.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION COMING.

Nation wide prohibition is looming up in congress, as will be seen from a bill introduced in that body by the judiciary committee which recommended it by a twelve to seven vote in the house and thirteen to three in the senate. The bill reads:

Section 1. That the sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purpose in the United States and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof, and exportation thereof, are forever prohibited.

Section 2. That the congress and the states shall have power independently or concurrently to enforce this article by all needful legislation.

A New Jersey preacher has been suing his wife for divorce because she demanded ten dollars each for her kisses. Choosing the cheaper way.

TOM CAMPBELL WINS AGAIN THIS TIME ATTORNEYS AGREE

That attorneys for Governor Hunt and Governor-elect Campbell will reach an agreement on a stipulation to hurry the contest, was learned last night, says the Republican. While no announcement was permitted to be made by either Senator Ives or Judge Sloan, it was learned on reliable authority that all opposition to the issue of the certificate of election by Sidney Osborn would vanish this morning.

Governor-elect Campbell can qualify today, then take the oath of office and be prepared, in case the contest is not decided against him before January 1, to sit as chief executive of the state of Arizona.

Under the terms said to have been agreed to in general last night, but not to be signed until today, the contestant will withdraw his objection to the issuance by the secretary of state of a certificate of election, and will dismiss his appeal in the action brought by himself against Sidney P. Osborn, as secretary of state and will dismiss such action.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
10:45 a. m.—Special Christmas sermon by the pastor, "The Birthplace of Hope."
6:30 p. m.—Young People's meeting.
7:30 p. m.—Christmas exercises by the Sunday school, to which all are invited.

W. H. FOWLE, Pastor.
MRS. MOORE, S. S. Supt.

Representative Stevens has introduced a bill in congress for the purpose of securing reimbursement to the state of money expended in protecting the border and fighting Indians by Texas rangers way back in 1866-76. Congressman Stevens was a scout in those days and is well equipped to inform his colleagues of the character of the services rendered by the Texans against hostile Indians and lawless Mexicans.

Judging from utterances of Premier Briand and Lloyd George, the rumor that the entente allies were ready for peace on Germany's terms was just a trifle exaggerated.

Every little while someone dishes up an article on "The Passing of the Rubie." And the rubie has been out of date for so many years no one even remembers what he looked like.

The ways of some women are past understanding, and some have no ways at all.

YUMA LIGHT MANAGER LEAVES FOR THE COAST

is Optimistic Regarding Yuma and Promises Yuma Up To Date Water, Light and Power Service in Due Time.

R. M. Moore, president and general manager of the Yuma Light, Gas & Water Company, who is here checking up the company business, will leave tonight for his headquarters at Los Angeles, where he is also identified with the Continental Securities Company, Angels Flight Railway Company, Lompoc Light & Power Company, People's Water Company of Palms, Realty Board Building, with offices in the Union Oil Building. Mr. Moore is most optimistic regarding the prospects for a first class power and light service here and when told this evening that the Examiner plant had been without power four hours of an eight hour shift today he said his company certainly regretted such a condition and would make every possible effort to give Yuma a service second to none, just as quickly as time and available capital would permit. The new company has now been in charge about thirty days and has plans laid for many changes, including a possible connection with the Sierra Power Company of Southern California, and when this connection is made electric energy will be available for Yuma's present and future needs. Mr. Moore does not promise impossible things but assures the Examiner that his company is not indifferent to Yuma's welfare and urgent needs.

BILL TO PROHIBIT ALL POLITICAL ADS.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who is in charge of the bill known as the corrupt practices act, having for its purpose the control and limiting of expenditures in political campaigns, makes the rather startling proposition that a limit should be placed upon political advertising or that it should be prevented altogether.

Senator Owen advanced this idea when the suggestion was made to him that newspapers ought to be compelled to accept advertising from any political party or candidate if it was not indecent or libelous.

He remarks that he thought political advertising ought to be suppressed and instanced the large amount of expenditures for different parties in the recent campaign. He spoke of page advertisements at \$1000 a page and said that the editors and employees of the papers were bound to be influenced by the business office of the newspaper receiving such large advertising patronage.

CASINO THEATRE.

Today—Norma Talmadge in "Fifty-Fifty," fine arts production. A mother lies about her honor to keep her child.

YUMA THEATRE.

Tonight—Winnifred Greenwood and Edward Coxen in "A Woman's Darling," a five reel Mutual.
Tomorrow—Ella Hall in "The Love Girl," a five reel Bluebird.

Charlie Chaplin is on the verge of marrying, but he first provided himself with an income of \$650,000 a year. Charlie is cautious, as well as funny in these times of high cost of living.