

27 REPORTED KILLED IN NEW SHELL BLAST; PLOT IS SCENTED

KAISER, IN WARLIKE PROCLAMATION, DEFILES HIS ENEMIES; SAYS ALLIES FIGHT FOR ENSLAVEMENT OF EUROPE

"Glorious Victories" of Teutons Prove Foes Must Fail

SAYS GOD WILL AID JUST CAUSE

Subjects Ready for Any Sacrifice, Ruler Declares

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.—German editorial comment today was practically unanimous in the belief that the Allies' note has blocked all chance for peace at present.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13.—The Allies' purpose to crush Germany and enslave Europe is now made clear; but as they have failed in 30 months of bloody war and "unscrupulous economic" fighting to accomplish subjugation of the Central powers, so will their future efforts fail.

Kaiser Wilhelm thus summed up his belief of the Entente powers' position in a "proclamation to the German people" issued today. In it he declared his people were "ready for all sacrifices," and asserted his confidence in "full victory over all the enemies' lust for power and rage for destruction."

The proclamation reads: "Our enemies have dropped the mask. After refusing peace with scorn and hypocritical words of love for peace and humanity, they now, in replying to the United States, have gone beyond that and admitted their lust of conquest, the baseless of which is enhanced by calumnious assertions.

"Their aim is the crushing of Germany, dismemberment of the Allied (Teutonic) powers and enslavement of the freedom of Europe and the seas under the same yoke that Greece," with gnashing teeth, is now enduring.

"But what in 30 months of bloodstained fighting and unscrupulous economic war they could not achieve, they will also fail to accomplish in the future.

"Our glorious victories and the (Continued on Page Five)

Russia's "Sacred Devil" Who Was Assassinated

MAY ASK NEW PEACE ARREST OF COAL MEN PRY SOUGHT BY WILSON

Corporation Counsel Makes Private Probe of Fuel Shortage

FINDS MANY CARS ARE BEING HELD

Investigation Was Ordered by Mayor Marx Jan. 1

While Detroit suffers from an acute coal shortage and deliveries are curtailed during the cold wave, hundreds of cars of coal are held outside the city by Detroit speculators for a still higher price. This condition was uncovered by Harry J. Dingeman, corporation counsel, in a secret municipal investigation, which was completed Friday, and may lead to criminal action.

The investigation was ordered by Mayor Marx, Jan. 1, after a conference with Dingeman on the coal shortage, and it has disclosed that, as late as Monday, there were 200 cars of coal in Detroit and Windsor yards held on "hold" orders from brokers and other Detroiters to whom they were consigned.

Dingeman turned over his data to Mayor Marx; and some time Saturday the executive will determine what course to follow. The corporation counsel recommended that the results of the investigation be turned over to the prosecuting attorney's office, and expressed willingness to assist in a criminal action.

In a report of visits of municipal investigators to the Michigan Central freight yards in Windsor and the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central freight yards in Detroit, the corporation counsel's report says: "All tracks were congested with loaded coal cars. Mr. Campbell, general yardmaster of the Michigan Central in Windsor, said there were lots of cars loaded with coal for Detroit but that the Michigan Central had no orders where the Detroit people wanted them sent."

Dingeman's report says that the practice is to hold the cars until the yardmaster gets instructions to ship them out and that the demurrage charges are paid in Detroit.

The report says that on Monday and Tuesday of the present week, municipal investigators found in the Grand Trunk yards in east Detroit, 10 cars of coal for Detroit labeled "hold." The head car checker told the investigators that some of the cars had been in the yards for two weeks, and that when they were returned to the consignee they were returned with orders to hold. The same checker said that on Grand Trunk sidings at the Seven and Nine-mile roads, there are 100 cars of coal for Detroit held up.

The municipal investigation was independent of the federal coal inquiry, the result of which will not be known until the jury reports Jan. 29. The jurors completed their work and returned to their homes several days ago.

THIRTY-SECOND LEAVES BORDER JANUARY 18

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 13.—The Thirty-second Michigan infantry and Michigan Brigade headquarters will leave El Paso for Fort Wayne, Detroit, on Jan. 18, it was announced at Gen. Punston's headquarters last night.

Delegates to Mexican Constitutional Congress Taking Oath; Carranza Reading His Message



Delegates to the Mexican Constitutional congress in Queretaro are here shown taking the oath of office. The lower picture shows Gen. Carranza reading his message to them. They are at work framing a constitution, which they say will be enforced when adopted by the people.

SECOND MUNITIONS EXPLOSION IN 48 HOURS WRECKS DUPONT PLANT AT POMPTON LAKES; 4 STATES SHAKEN

HOLLANDS' DISCHARGE IS UPHELD CITY PAYS LAST HONOR TO KEATING

Merit Board Finds Inspector Guilty of Insubordination

LATTER'S CHARGES NOT CONSIDERED

Investigation of Department of Buildings To Continue

Late Friday evening, after having been in session two afternoons on the case, the civil service commission found that the building commission was right in discharging Harry Hollands, an inspector, for the good of the service. Hollands had appealed to the civil service body, asserting that he was wrongfully dismissed. The charges were insubordination and misconduct.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Hollands and his attorney, John G. Cross, of James H. Pound's office, announced that they would take their case to the circuit court and seek to have the building commission and the civil service commission reversed.

Hollands had declared that he was "fired" because he would not wink at violations of the building code even on the orders of Chief Inspector Dupont, his superior. He has made charges that men in the building department were "fixed" by builders so that they could construct buildings in violation of the code. He declared that he would not overlook these infractions of the law and that he was dismissed because he would not be a tool of those who wished to favor builders and contractors.

Says Bad Work Is Passed As a result of his activities one builder has been arrested and will be tried on Jan. 19 on the charge of offering Hollands a bribe to pass work that did not come up to specifications. Hollands declared that much of the work going up at present is contrary to the specifications called for in the building code and he frankly admitted that he had frequent clashes with Chief Inspector Dupont because he insisted upon complaining when he found infractions of the law. To this extent he admitted his insubordination, but excused it on the ground that he followed the building code to the letter and would follow it despite orders of his superiors.

The civil service commission (Continued on Page Five)

DANES BELIEVE PEACE IS NEARER

Fighting Spirit Has Died Down in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13.—In spite of the character of the belligerents' notes there is belief in Danish diplomatic circles that peace is nearer. The popular sentiment in Denmark, too, appears to have changed since September. Then the Danes were willing to fight at the drop of a hat. They are still strongly anti-German, but speculation as to Denmark joining forces with the Entente has now ceased.

Minister Maurice Francis Egan, dean of the diplomatic colony here, and for 10 years a confidante of opposing groups in Denmark, sails on Feb. 8 for Washington on a two-months' vacation. As a result of his observations he may be able to impart to President Wilson some valuable information as to a further means for projecting peace discussions, also definite negotiations now seem impossible until the spring offensives.

STOEPPEL WILL LEAVES ESTATE TO WIDOW AND SONS

The will of the late Frederick C. Stoepel was filed Friday morning for probate. His property is divided among his widow, Mrs. Anna R. Stoepel, and his two sons, Fred S. and Ralph Stoepel. Judge Durfee appointed Ralph Stoepel temporary administrator. The estate is valued at upwards of \$100,000.

Mrs. Stoepel, the widow; W. C. Stoepel, a brother, and Frank E. Robson are the trustees of the estate, which, it is directed, shall be held in trust for five years. During this time a yearly income of \$7,500 is to be given Mrs. Stoepel. To his sister Minnie, he leaves \$15,000 life insurance. The sons are to receive incomes of \$2,500 pending the distribution of the property.

Because of the advancement of \$20,000 to Fred S. Stoepel, it is directed that this shall be deducted from the apportionment of the property.

IOWA TO JOIN BONE DRY RANKS

Another State To Take Advantage of Webb-Kenyon Law Decision

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 13.—Bills prohibiting personal shipments of liquor and barring liquor advertisements of any kind within the limits of the state are before the Iowa legislature today. The measures were introduced, Senator Whitmore, their author, stated, because the Webb-Kenyon law made their enforcement possible. Railroads and express companies would be guilty of a misdemeanor, by these bills, if such common carriers brought liquor into Iowa. The only manner in which the average person could obtain liquor would be by a visit to wet territory and he would be limited on re-entering the state to two quarts of whisky and one case of beer.

MAN HELD FOR SIMON KILLING

Columbus Police To Question Suspect On Total Tragedy

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13.—Columbus police today left Huntington, Ind., where Weldon H. Wells, of Kansas City, was arrested early today on an embezzlement charge made in Kansas City.

Wells is wanted for investigation in connection with the killing of Mona Simon, whose body was found mutilated in the New Desher hotel here yesterday noon.

One report here early today was that Wells had offered to come to Columbus to give himself up to the police.

DRIVER HURT WHEN ENGINE HITS AUTO

Frank Newart, 43 years old, of No. 358 McDougall-ave., was badly bruised and the truck which he was driving, demolished when the machine was struck by a freight engine on the Grand Belt line at Charlevoix-ave., late Friday afternoon. The machine was owned by Lepke & Peterquin, No. 824 Gratiot-ave. Newart was taken home.

VOLIVA DICTUM BANISHES SPECS

Zion City Autocrat Says They Shouldn't Be Worn Under 40

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Vanity! Vanity! All is vanity! This mused Wilbur Glenn Voliva as he sat in his study at Zion City. Boys with tortoise shell glasses and girls with loud shoes were passing beneath his window. Then he issued his nine millionth commandment, to-wit: "Thou shalt not wear glasses, unless thou art past the age of 40, or thine eyesight hath grown exceedingly dim."

And so, with one stroke of his omnipotent pen, the ruler put the crimp in the oculist department of the Zion City apothecary. But he left one loophole. If any unfortunate and faithful follower of the shepherd will convince him personally that his optic nerve is out of order, he may procure and wear glasses under a special dispensation.

CONFIDENCE MEN GET \$1,100

Saloonkeeper Is Victim of Old Game, Friday; Police Seek Trio

Three confidence men entered the saloon of Walter Maciejewski, No. 745 Harper-ave., at 9 o'clock Friday morning, and shaking a chest that they said contained gold and jewelry of great price, offered it as security for the loan of \$1,100 with which to open a tailor shop. The saloonkeeper was only allowed a glance into the chest of "glittering jewels," but was satisfied. After giving the men \$400 from his till he drew \$700 from the bank and handed it over to them. Upon a closer examination of the contents of the chest, following the departure of the men, he nearly suffered an attack of heart trouble. The police are now looking for the confidence men. The "gold" pieces were brass checks and the jewelry was fake.

Gregory Rasputin, called the "Sacred Devil of Russia," whose influence over the royal family, particularly the czarina, became obnoxious, was quietly assassinated by several relatives of the czar and high officials. He was one of those strange mystical characters who have floated thru all Russian history. Rasputin had gained such power over the royal family that it was feared he would interfere seriously with the conduct of the war. At any rate, he interfered with officials of such importance that the Russian police fear to prosecute the men who killed him.

Jerseyites Flee In Panic As Blast Rocks Earth

GLARE IS VISIBLE OVER 100 MILES

Authorities Begin Investigation of Disasters

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Reports of a heavy loss of life as a result of the explosion of tons of powder at the Haskell, N. J., Du Pont plant last night were circulated today in various New Jersey towns.

A sergeant of the Pompton Lakes police declared 27 were killed. He announced his estimate after talking with surviving workmen. One of the Du Pont company doctors was quoted by the sergeant as saying he had counted eleven dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—With the town of Haskell laid in ruins today from the second giant Jersey munitions plant explosion within 48 hours, Passaic County Prosecutor Michael Dunn prepared to lead New Jersey officials in a thorough investigation to determine whether there was an organized plot behind the two disasters.

With an explosion that shook four states and lit the midnight sky with a glare that was visible as far away as Albany, 400,000 pounds of smokeless powder at the Du Pont munitions plant blew up, terrorized the countryside and started a fire that blazed fiercely until early this morning.

Two missing and several injured was the only available report from (Continued on Page Five)

FIRE IN TEA; LOSS IS \$500

Fire in a quantity of tea stored in the basement of the rooms at No. 823 St. Aubin-ave., occupied by Louis Blazok, caused damage estimated at \$500 Friday night. The building is owned by Alex. Lempke.

Slight damage was caused by a fire in the four-story building occupied by the Kimball-Eisenberg company at No. 219 Jefferson-ave. The building is owned by the Henkel estate.

A blaze in the kitchen ceiling in the house occupied by Ignatz Drain, No. 1263 Twenty-fifth-st., caused slight damage.

New Canal Zone Governor



Col. Chester A. Harding

7-1-2 CENT EGG IS COMING FAST

Speculators Have Only Fifteen Million Left In Storage

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Eggs at 7-1-2 each, before the winter is over, and 7-5-8 here, fruit within two weeks, is the forecast of Dr. R. H. McKenzie, president of the Chicago Poultry Breeders' club. He says speculators have only 15,000,000 eggs left in storage here, with the consumption averaging 1,000,000 eggs a day. Eggs sold at 58 to 59 cents today. Potatoes are retailing at \$2.40 per bushel, the highest in 40 years. Hard coal has advanced 50 per cent over last year's price.

THE WEATHER

Detroit and vicinity: Saturday night and Sunday partly overcast, probably with snow flurries; cold; tonight with cold waves; gusts about zero; fresh westerly winds.

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