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PRESIDENT WILSON APPEALS TO BELLIGERENTS TO CONFER

U. S. Head Surprises World By Asking For a Peace Conference

Objects For Which War Is Waged Were Never Stated

Washington Report.—President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually proposing peace or mediation, the President has sent formal notes to the Governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be called for from the nations war such as a avowal of their views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of a similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

SURPRISE AT WASHINGTON

It was a most distinct surprise to all official Washington, which had been led to believe that with the formal transmission of the proposals of the Central Powers, the offices of the United States would await further moves between the belligerents themselves, and that certainly, in view of the speech of Premier Lloyd George and the announcements in Russia, France and Italy, further action by neutrals would depend upon the next official and definite moves of the belligerents.

THE WISH AND HOPE OF THE GERMAN POWERS

The wish and hope of the German powers that President Wilson would indicate in some way has long been well known and has been conveyed in different ways to the White House. The attitude of the Entente allies as expressed by their statements, and certainly until recently in official advice to the American Government has been that a peace offer by the United States would be considered almost the next thing to unfriendly.

BERNSTORFF PLEADED

The German Embassy view, contentedly hopeful that proposals of the Central allies would lead to a discussion of peace, was expressed in this authorized statement by Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and "Now," said he, "I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference."

THE PRESIDENT CAN ONLY BEG

The President can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits, and as if it had been made in other circumstances. The President looks forward in the notes to the part the neutrals shall take in assuring the future peace of the world. He expresses justification in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire, and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part."

GUESSING AT THE ANSWER

Just when the note was finished has not been disclosed, but it is known that it went to the cables yesterday. On Monday the higher officials of the State Department were taken into the President's confidence and the text was sent to the public printer to make copies for the diplomatic corps. The fact that the note was completed not later than Monday and its despatch Tuesday indicate that it was sent regardless of anything that Lloyd George might say.

Officials expect the note to be received with general favor in Germany, but many believe the real test will come with its arrival in the Entente countries, where many influential persons have feared and sought to prevent any American intervention until the military situation changed.

GREEK PROTEST TO THE ALLIES

Royalists Amazed at Venizelists' Course. And Its Support by Entente Fleet.

Athens, Cable, via London Cable.—A note was presented by the Greek Government to the entente powers last evening. It reads: "The royal government learns with astonishment that a large number of revolutionists, under command of a lieutenant officer from Saloniki landed several days ago on the island of Syra, despite the blockade of the allied fleet maintains, arrested all the high functionaries and many notables and committed every sort of outrage, since when it has continued to terrorize the inhabitants of the islands. Later a British warship landed a detachment and arrested the chief of police."

SUGGESTS COMPARISON OF VIEWS

"The President therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed towards undefined ends by slow attrition, until one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, it will mean after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer if resentments are kindled, or political or territorial despairs engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle."

OBJECTS OF WAR NEVER STATED

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in a civilized world can be said in truth to stand out in defiance or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated."

NOT OFFERING MEDIATION

"The President is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may know how far apart the belligerents are, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO PEACE OFFER TO GO THIS WEEK

London Special Cable.—The official statement from British headquarters in France reads: "During the night the enemy lines were entered by us in the neighborhood of Gommecourt and considerable damage was done. A number of prisoners were taken in the course of another successful raid carried out by us early this morning against the enemy's trenches north of Arras."

ALLIES' REPLY WITHOUT DELAY

London Cable.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas. This was the opinion in well-informed Government circles to-day, when it is also believed the reply will be brief, and will follow the lines of Mr. Lloyd George's maiden speech as Prime Minister in so far as it will leave the door open for Germany to make concrete peace proposals.

BRITISH FOOD CONTROL FAILS

London Cable.—According to some of the newspapers, two days' experience of the first food control measure, which regulates the number and nature of courses served in hotels and restaurants, has been sufficient to prove it futile. They say that not only has it failed to check consumption, but that in some cases it has increased it. It is claimed that there is no supervision, and that many customers, finding that they can indulge in several servings of the same dish without having more than one course counted against them, have availed themselves freely of this loophole.

SECURITY FOR FUTURE

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own peoples and to the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small States as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small States now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to con-

DIG GUNS DUST AROUND VERDUN

HEAVY BATTLE IN DOBRUDJA

Russo-Roumanian Forces Have Turned About

And Are Engaging the Teuton Invaders.

London Cable.—In the Northern Dobrudja the Russians and Roumanians have faced about and are giving battle to the Teutonic allied forces who have been pursuing them. Just how strong the stand they are making has not yet been known, but the German official communication announcing it merely saying that they have "again offered fighting resistance." Petrograd reports that attacks by the invaders near Parita, on the left bank of the Danube, were repulsed, and says also that operations successful for the Russians and Roumanians are being carried out by scouting parties in the direction of Rimnik-Buzdu. The Russian War Office statement reads: "Roumanian front: Rifle firing and artillery duels are proceeding. In the direction of Rimnik-Buzdu, successful operations are being conducted by our scouting parties."

BRITISH ENTER GERMAN LINES

They Inflict Much Damage Around Gommecourt. Numerous Prisoners Taken in Raid at Arras.

TO LAST MAN, LAST SHILLING

Earl Curzon, in Lords, On the Peace Offer.

Answer to Move Must be Swift and Sure.

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ROUT TEUTONS IN GALICIA

SOLDIERS SAVED SICK OFFICER.

Windsor, Report.—Fire of unknown origin broke out early this morning in the Agricultural Building at Windsor Race Track where members of No. 3 (colored) Construction Battalion are quartered. Flames spread rapidly and it was only quick action by several of the soldiers which saved the life of Captain T. G. McLaren, who was ill in his quarters. The officer was carried to a place of safety shortly before the roof of the building fell in. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

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Spirited Artillery Duels On That Front.

Infantry Did Very Little in the West.

German losses along the Somme have amounted to 690,000 men, according to French estimates. It was announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law.

BRITISH REPORT

London Cable.—The report from British headquarters in France issued Tuesday night reads: "We successfully blew three mines early this morning southeast of Neuville-St. Vaast. A small mine blown by the enemy yesterday south of Ypres did no damage to our trenches."

FRENCH REPORT

Paris Cable.—The report from the War Office reads: "There was spirited communication on both sides on the Meuse, especially in the region of Bezonvaux, the Carrières and Chambrettes, there was no action."

AUSTRIAN CABINET

Clam-Martiniz Forms One-Spitzmueller Failed.

Amsterdam, Holland Cable, via London Special Cable.—Count Clam-Martiniz, to whom was deputed the task of constructing an Austrian Cabinet after Alexander Spitzmueller failed in his efforts to do so, is reported in a despatch from Vienna to have presented the following list of Ministers: Premier, Count Clam-Martiniz; Minister of Interior, von Handl; Minister of Commerce, Dr. Urban; Minister of Labor, von Trnka; Minister of Education, Baron von Hussarek; Minister of Agriculture, Count Clam-Martiniz; Minister of National Defense, F. von Georgi; Minister of Finance, Alexander Spitzmueller; Minister of Justice, von Schenck; Minister of Railways, Dr. Z. von Forster; Minister without portfolio, Baerndreiter; Governor-General, Glicha, Michael Bobrzynski.

GERMAN PRESS ON THE SPEECH

Brag and Bluster Again the Leading Feature.

Means Eternal War Unless Germany Soon Wins.

Amsterdam Cable, via London, 11.50 a.m.—Commenting on Premier Lloyd George's speech, the Tagliche Rundschau, of Berlin, says: "Reparation could be demanded by England only if Germany had declared war on England. If we were to blame for the war, if we had committed crimes against international law, and if we had been defeated."

The Lokal Anzeiger takes the viewpoint that Mr. Lloyd George's remarks amount to nothing as he has said that there are no peace conditions. This was a mere bluff.

"If Lloyd George wishes to postpone mistifying Europe's desire for peace until the time when the Entente is successful in conquering Germany's armies and those of her allies, then the whole of Europe, as well as Lloyd George, knows full well that this announcement means eternal war, unless it is in the power of German command to bring it to an earlier termination than Lloyd George supposes."

The Tagblatt says it prefers to await the promised reply of the Entente, adding: "For the present it appears that the gulf is very great between Lloyd George's standpoint and that described from the German side as the basis for peace."

"Lloyd George says that whoever wantonly prolongs the war will have a crime upon his soul. Do not these words imply strong self-condemnation, if England rejects the negotiations offered by the Central Powers?"

Petrograd Cable, via London Cable (Press).—Russian troops operating in the region of the River Bystritsa, in Galicia, says the Russian official statement issued to-day, broke through the barbed wire entanglements in front of the Austro-German advanced posts yesterday, and penetrated into Bohorodczany Stare, southwest of Stanislaw. The Teutons are said to have fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in the hands of the Russians.