

CENTRAL POWERS LAUNCHED UNPROVOKED WAR AND NOW ALLIES WILL FIGHT IT OUT TEUTONIC PEACE PROFFER INSINCERE AND EMPTY, SAYS REPLY—NO FURTHER "SCRAP OF PAPER" EXCUSES

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WASHINGTON, December 31—Standing together as a determined unit the Entente Powers have made a full and definite answer to Germany's alleged peace proposal.

This answer, which was formulated by representatives of the governments convened in Paris, was cabled to the state department last night and firmly refuses to consider the proposal put forth by Germany and characterizes the overtures of the Teutonic Chancellor as a mere pretext to gain time for military purposes.

In reply to the proffer made by Germany, speaking for Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey as well as herself, and addressed through President Wilson to the Entente Allies, the British, French, Russians, Belgians and the two Balkan Powers make their joint statement declaring emphatically that they "refuse to consider the proposal of the Central Powers because it is both insincere and empty."

CALCULATED MISINTERPRETATION

The reply declares that the proposal of the enemy is not an offer of peace but "a war maneuver, founded on a calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle carried on by the Entente in the past, being carried on at the present time and to be carried on in the future."

The note does not specifically outline the war aims of any of the Entente Powers with the exception of Belgium, which country, the reply says, is fighting for its complete liberty and the restoration of all its rights. Before the war, the note points out, Belgium asked nothing of any Power except the right to live in harmony with its neighbors.

That country was assailed, despite the treaties to which Germany had been a solemn party guaranteeing the inviolability of Belgian soil. Belgium took up arms solely to defend herself against unprovoked and unmerited aggression and to defend her independence, but only "after her neutrality had been violated by Germany."

RUTHLESS CRIMES PLANNED

In concluding the joint reply, the Entente states that "These pre-empted overtures for peace are only an attempt on the part of the Germanic allies to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of international crimes, a greater ruthlessness in the illegal use of submarines against unarmed noncombatants, a more recent less prosecution of the policy of deporting civilians from their own lands into Germany for enslavement and enforced labor, an attempt to force the residents of occupied territories to bear arms or carry out military works against their own nations and further violation of the neutrality of the smaller states."

The note was handed to Ambassador Sharpe by Premier Briand and was then given out to the press in Paris and London simultaneously. The text has not as yet been officially announced here, the press receiving its information by cable from Paris and London.

The answer is considered not only a reply to Germany but also an answer to President Wilson's note asking the warring nations to declare their intentions in the present conflict and to set forth clearly the points at issue as a basis for making a movement towards peace.

WAR FOR LIBERTY

Stripped of all diplomatic verbiage the text of the reply states clearly that the Allied nations are fighting a war which they tried to avoid for the liberty of the peoples involved; that ample reparation must be made for the violation of the rights of nations; that the right of small states to independent existence must be recognized; that the militarism which has menaced the peace of Europe for a generation must be annihilated; and that the peace of the future must be secured by a complete and unequivocal victory over the Central Powers.

The text of the Entente reply to the Teuton proposals is, in part, as follows: "The governments of the Allied Powers, united in defense of the liberty of their peoples, and faithful to their engagements taken not to lay down arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pre-empted propositions for peace addressed them on behalf of the enemy governments through intermediary neutrals.

Before replying, the Allies protest against two assertions in the note of enemies which pretend to charge the Allies with responsibility for war and to proclaim the victory of the Central Powers.

"The Allies cannot submit to such an affirmation, doubly inexact, which suffices to render sterile the tentative negotiations.

"The Allies have sustained for thirty months a war they tried to avoid. They have shown by their acts an attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong today as in 1914.

"A mere suggestion, without statement of terms, is not an offer of peace.

"The putting forward by the Teutonic of a sham proposal, lacking all substance and precision, appears to be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver. It is founded on the calculated misinterpretation of the character of the past struggle, the present and the future. As for the past, the proposal does not take into account the facts, dates and figures establishing that the war was desired, provoked

Tariff On Sugar Will Be Increased and Coffee Will Come Off Free List If Plans Now Considered Work Out

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—New duties to be imposed upon a number of commodities and increased duties on others are amongst the strong probabilities of the very near future, according to an agreement reached yesterday among the financiers of the government.

According to an official announcement by the treasury department last night, the treasury officials and members of the congressional finance committees have agreed on important amendments to the tariff for the purpose of increasing the revenues to meet the extraordinary expenses of the government and to avoid a deficit.

So far as the details have been worked out, the former Payne Tariff duties will probably be reimposed upon rubber and wool, a tariff will be put upon coffee and the tariff upon sugar will be increased.

BRITISH PRAISE OF ENTENTE'S REPLY

Will Send Cold Chill To Hearts of the Enemy Says One. London Paper

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 30—The British press has received the text of the reply of the Allies to the peace suggestions of the Central Powers with enthusiasm and there have been street demonstrations of cheering approval in a majority of the cities of England and Scotland.

The Times, summing up the general effect of the note on the British people and on the other nations of the Entente, says: "Never before in the history of the world has there been such a union of the people for a common end. This is possible only because that end transcends all selfish and particular interests."

The Daily Dispatch declares that the note issued at Paris is "a dignified refusal of pretended proffers of peace. No other answer than that which has been given was possible and public opinion had anticipated the tone and spirit of the reply. The tone of the reply will spur the Allies on to a more vigorous effort to complete the work which has been well begun. It will also send a cold chill into the hearts of the enemy."

VILLA'S STRENGTH CAUSING WORRY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—Government officials here are gravely concerned over persistent rumors that the de facto government in Mexico is being organized by greater bands of insurgents than the Mexican officials are willing to admit.

These rumors coupled with the fact that Carranza has refused to sign the protocol forwarded by the United States with the alternative of having further negotiations broken off, has put an entirely new and alarming face on the Mexican problem.

That the following of Villa is growing daily and that other leaders are ready to join with Carranza for the overthrow of the present government is part of the information that is worrying the Washington officials.

Carranza while not absolutely refusing to sign the protocol has asked that he be allowed to "rest for a while." The first chief suggests that negotiations can be taken up to better advantage if the expedition of General Pershing is recalled. He declares that the recall of Pershing will permit of the adjustment of all other questions in a week.

Despatches from San Antonio announce that General Funston has hurried various detachments of troops to points below Laredo, following information that attempts on a large scale are to be made to smuggle arms and ammunition across the line for Villa.

A squad of cavalry and a mounted machine gun company has been sent out with orders to permit no violation of the embargo order.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF MAGAZINES GOES UP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 30—Several national magazines today announced an increase in the price of their subscriptions, due to the extraordinary high price of paper and other materials in the magazine, newspaper and book publishing business. So high are the prices going that some of the smaller periodicals are suspending, unable to meet the new expenses.

CURE THAT COUGH

When you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to die, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to take the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

DESTROYER SAVED ONE BRITISH SHIP

French Cruiser, However, Sent Down By Submarine—Other Ships Reported Missing

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 31—The presence of a British destroyer looming on the horizon saved from destruction the British freighter Chicago City which arrived here yesterday.

According to the crew the vessel, which left Bristol on the eleventh, was stopped by a German submarine on the fourteenth when 120 miles off Fasnet rock. The members of the crew were on the point of entering the lifeboats to leave the ship to her fate when the funnels of a swift destroyer were seen coming up over the horizon.

With little ceremony the Teutonic sea wasp immediately plunged beneath the waves after the officer in charge had sighted the war vessel approaching.

Reports from London yesterday which are vouched for by Lloyds, indicate that the British steamer Sonaster has been sunk. The report does not say whether the vessel was sent to the bottom by a torpedo or a mine.

Due to the fact that the French steamer Voltair, from Liverpool, is long overdue, marine insurance rates here have taken a sharp upward course. The Voltair, it is rumored, has been captured by a German raider and prize crew put aboard. Other vessels are reported as missing.

On top of the alarm of ships long overdue official reports were received yesterday that the French Cruiser Gaulois was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on December 27. Although the ship sank within a half hour all of the crew but four were rescued.

LAWSON MUST MAKE GOOD OR BE QUIET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—Unless Thomas W. Lawson produces his documentary evidence soon in regard to the alleged "leak" in the state department to allow certain individuals to take advantage of the stock market, the rumor will be dropped. Such was the ultimatum given out yesterday by Chairman Henry of the house rules committee.

"We will be glad to hear any facts that Lawson has to produce," said Henry, "in regard to the President's peace message, but whatever facts he has will have to be produced soon. The value of the house requires that the matter be dropped in a given time in order that other business may not be delayed."

DENVER HAD DRY NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

DENVER, December 30—A year ago Denver celebrated the Year's eve in the old style, with the usual flowing bowl. This year things will be different, because the flowing bowl will be absent. The city is preparing to celebrate a year of prohibition in a perfectly "safe and sane" manner.

This year there will be special music programs in all the large cafes and hotel dining rooms, but there will be no wine. Cafe owners and hotel managers have announced they will not permit their patrons to bring their own wine, because the law positively prohibits the serving of intoxicants in hotels and public places.

AUSTRIAN RULERS CROWNED IN POMP

(Special Telegram to Hawaii Ship)

LONDON, December 30—An Amsterdam despatch says that Emperor Charles I of Austria-Hungary and Queen Zita, his consort, were crowned with stately pomp and picturesque magnificence at St. Matthew's, Budapest, today. The queen, according to a despatch, rode in a great coach drawn by 16 horses, in a long, glittering, gaudy

RAILROAD STRIKE MONDAY UNLIKELY

President Confers With Senator Newlands On Necessity of More Legislation

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—The fact that President Wilson is anxious to have legislation passed that will supplement the Adamson Eight Hour Law, was emphasized yesterday when the President made a special trip to the Capitol to confer with Senator Newlands on the subject.

The conference between the chief executive and Newlands was held in private and whatever conclusions arrived at, if any, were not made public. Newlands, however, later declared there was no danger of a strike. He said:

"One thing is certain, and that is there is no danger of an immediate strike. The railroad men are too intelligent to force the issue. They have agreed that it is wiser to await the decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the act."

Warren Stone, head of the order of railway engineers, and W. G. Lea of the trainmen's brotherhood, who arrived in Cleveland yesterday, gave out a statement in which they said it is "highly improbable there will be a strike Monday."

ARMY AVIATORS IN CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 30—Seven aeroplanes landed today at the navy yard from New York within two hours. Others are expected. Army aviators flew them, competing for licenses and testing new stabilizers. Fourteen flyers started, each with a passenger.

STEAMER MAITAI IS ASHORE IN SOUTH SEA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30—A cablegram to the chamber of commerce here says that the steamer Maitai, which left here on December 7 for Wellington, went ashore on Baratang Island on Christmas Day. The Maitai had forty-three passengers, of whom a number disembarked at Papeete. The crew numbered ninety. Agent Black of the Union Steamship Company has not heard of the accident.

RUMANIANS FORM NEW WAR CABINET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 31—Official notice was received here yesterday that the Rumanian government had formed a new cabinet at Jassy, the new capital which is in the northeast of Rumania. The reconstructed cabinet is formed as follows: Bratiano, premier; Vintila, minister of war; Constantinescu, minister of the interior; Cantacuzescu, minister of justice; Greceanu, minister of industry and commerce and Antonescu, minister of finance.

COMPOSER STRAUSS DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, December 31—A despatch from Vienna yesterday announced the death of Eduard Strauss, a noted composer of music. Strauss was one of a famous family of musicians. His father Johann Strauss was known as the waltz king and composed the famous Blue Danube waltz.

VON BISSING IS ILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 31—From advice received through the Exchange Telegraph at Amsterdam, it is learned that General Von Bissing, German governor general of Belgium, is seriously ill with pneumonia at Brussels. The Kaiser, it is said, has sent Von Bissing a message of sympathy.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of L. W. GROVE is on each box. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO. St. Louis, U. S. A.

PRESIDENT ASKED NEUTRALS TO UNITE WITH AMERICA IN SUGGESTION FOR PEACE

REPLY OF SPAIN DISCLOSES SECRET NOTE SUPPLEMENTING FIRST CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION SENT OUT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—That President Wilson supplemented his circular note to the various Powers, requesting the belligerents to announce their war aims and the terms upon which they would be willing to conclude a peace, became known here yesterday despite the policy of "absolute silence" on the part of the White House and the state department.

The first intimation that such a supplementary note had been sent out came in the reply of Spain to the note, the Spanish note making reference to this second communication, which appears to have been directed to the various neutral Powers, asking their cooperation in the effort to secure an understanding amongst the belligerents to the end of bringing the war to a conclusion.

OFFICIALS DUMB

Officials here refuse to discuss this second note or to make any comment on the evident efforts of the President to bring all the neutrals into line in support of his request upon the warring nations.

The officials are likewise dumb concerning the reply of the Allies to the Germanic Powers, there being two reasons for this refusal on the part of the representatives of the United States to make known their views in the matter. One reason is that the United States is acting merely as an intermediary in the transmission of the Allies' reply to Germany; the second reason being that the government has adopted a policy of silence on all stages of the peace negotiations.

DOOR STILL OPEN

The unofficial opinion of some of the leading men of the government is that "some means will yet be found for a further exchange of opinions between the warring Powers, even should the present negotiations end in complete failure. Whatever else has been accomplished, at least the basis has been laid for further negotiations which, it is hoped, will be found to have made for progress in the final analysis."

The general opinion in this capital is that the Allies have responded very much as was to have been expected. In their reply they have played their strongest cards, which is an appeal for moral support both among their own people and throughout the neutral nations.

The opinion persists that the door is still open for further pourparlers and that the emphatic reply from Paris will not be taken as final.

GERMANY WILL WAIT

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, issued a short statement when the text of the Allies reply was announced.

"I do not think," he said, "that this note will be answered by Germany until after the reply of the Entente Power to President Wilson's note suggesting peace has been received and made public. The Entente Allies have not specified as yet what they expect to gain from the continuation of the warfare, nor what their ultimate aims in the war may be."

The reply of the Entente Powers to the peace suggestions of the President is expected now within a few days. It is generally believed that it will follow the general tone of the reply made to Germany, although it may be more specific as to the aims of the various combatants.

A great part of the interest here centers about the text of the supplementary note despatched by the President, all knowledge of which had been kept from the general public.

MOSSGROWN LAND SUIT ABOUT OVER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HILO, December 26—There is every prospect that the long drawn-out controversy between the County of Hawaii and Charles A. Brown, over the price to be paid for the makai strip of land along Kamehameha Avenue formerly Front Street, taken by the county for widening that street, has been settled, as the draft of the deed for this land reached County Attorney W. H. Beers yesterday and was approved by him on behalf of the county.

It is probable that the entire matter will be settled finally at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held next week, when it will be called upon to approve the deed and to appropriate the \$10,000 which it has already been decided to pay Mr. Brown for his land.

At the same time an effort is now being made to have the Territory turn over to the county the \$10,000 received from the sale of the lot in the Pono-ha-wai Tract. If this money is received it will be devoted to the payment of Mr. Brown, while the county money saved will, it is stated, be devoted to completing a large part of the concreting of Kamehameha Avenue, work which has recently been held up for want of cash.

CHINESE DEADLOCK ON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PEKING, December 30—The Chinese senate today rejected the nomination of Kuo Kan as minister of the interior, appointed by the premier. The deadlock between the parliament and the premier continues.

PRESIDENT IS LIMPING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 31—While playing golf yesterday President Wilson slipped and painfully wrenched his ankle. Although he goes about with a perceptible limp, the injury to the President's ankle is not considered serious.

"NAVY FIRST" IS THE DEPARTMENT'S SLOGAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 30—A drastic proposal, designed to furnish authority under which manufacturers or shipbuilders will be compelled to give preference to navy work, was submitted by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today to the house naval affairs committee for inclusion in the 1918 naval appropriation bill.

Secretary Daniels points out the difficulty of getting naval construction work done promptly with the yards and factories filled with large private orders.

Can't Enjoy the Children

A mother who suffers with kidney trouble finds it hard to keep up her daily work. Lame, backache, sharp pains when stooping and sick; "bliss" nervous or dizzy spells make home life dreary. Active kidneys bring back vigor, health and a pleasure in family duties. Thousands of women say that Doan's Backache Kidney Pills have meant new life to them. If the kidneys are weak, try a box.

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