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The statement says that neither the Pope nor the Holy See have made or wish to make any comment regarding Germany's peace proposals and that therefore any announcements attributed to them are absolutely unfounded. It is added that the Pope naturally has an ardent desire for peace, but that he does not believe that any intervention at the present moment would hasten its conclusion.

The net result of several resolutions introduced in the Chamber of Deputies regarding the German peace offer and a prolonged discussion among the Senators and Deputies was the decision by the Legislators that no peace would be accepted unless in accordance with national aspirations and the rights of peoples based on the principle of nationality. If such a peace is impossible to obtain diplomatically it was declared that it must be obtained by victory of arms.

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Stephane Lauzanne, editor-in-chief of Le Matin, who is in this country upon a special mission for the French Government, outlined to-day for the Evening Sun the terms upon which the Entente Powers would consent to make peace with Germany. The terms are:

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Germany to cede Alsace-Lorraine to France.
Turkey to cede Constantinople to Russia and withdraw the Turkish domain from Europe altogether.
All countries to limit armament, with Germany making the first decrease.
The Central Powers to pay \$20,000,000,000 indemnity, a portion to be collected in increase tariff on German goods imported by Allied countries.
Germany to give proof of her determination to abide by international law.

These are the things, said the editor of the Paris paper, that were meant by the former British Premier when he said Germany must give "reparation for the past and guarantee security for the future." He added that the Allies would not go to the "council table" with Germany existing on such a basis as is outlined. M. Lauzanne said that fighting would probably proceed for another year.

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FRANCE DEFENDS ACTS OF ALLIES IN GREECE

Foreign Office Points Out Difference Between Them and Invasion of Belgium.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Taking note of comparisons which have been made between the invasion of Belgium by the Germans and the experiences of Greece at the hands of the entente allies, the French Foreign Office to-day made a statement to the Associated Press in regard to its point of view.

In invading Belgium, the Foreign Office declares, the Germans violated their oath and dishonored their signature to the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of that nation. In landing troops at Salonica the allies, according to this presentation, not only carried out the engagement undertaken in the treaty defining their protection of the Kingdom of Greece, but responded to the invitation of the Greek Government to come to its aid.

"Belgium could not cause uneasiness to Germany, which solemnly promised to respect her territory, but she hindered her. Germany fell upon her. The allies have absolute treaty rights to intervene in Greece, to protect the guarantees of the constitution and the independence of the Kingdom. They are not repudiating their engagements. They are fulfilling them. They have not attacked. They protect."

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"The number of prisoners taken by us since the 15th of December on the Verdun front is at present, according to the latest counting, 11,387, including 284 officers. The war material captured or destroyed includes 115 cannon, forty-four bomb throwers and 700 machine guns."

BERLIN (via Vayville wireless), Dec. 15.—Fighting was resumed on the east bank of the Meuse to-day after a calm night, the official statement from the War Office stated to-day.

BRITISH TROOPS RAID ENEMY TRENCHES IN MACEDONIA.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—British troops successfully raided enemy trenches in the Hamatir district of the Struma front and at Hrest, on Lake Boljan, on Saturday and Sunday. Forty enemy dead were counted and prisoners were also taken.

Airplanes dropped bombs on the Turuk Station and inflicted damage upon enemy transports on the Gjevgel-Chernitsa road.

NEW MOTORSHIP DAYLITE ASHORE IN CANSO STRAIT

Standard Oil Boat Was on Way Here From Toledo in Tow—In Dangerous Condition.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—Definite identification of the vessel which went ashore on the Cape Breton side of the Straits of Canso in the storm Saturday as the new motorship Daylite was obtained to-day. The ship was bound from Toledo for New York in tow of a Standard Oil Company tug. She is reported in a dangerous position.

Word was received to-day that during the storm the schooners Jost, Port Williams, N. S., for Cuba, and Two Sisters, Economy, for St. John, N. B., were driven ashore near Parrashore.

At the new ocean terminals here a tug was sunk, several scows smashed and the plates of two freight steamers badly dented.

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Word of the total wreck of the British schooner Laura E. Melanson off the coast of New Brunswick in the storm was also received. The mate was the only member of the crew lost. The Melanson dragged her anchor while at Musquash Harbor and went to pieces at once. Robert Melanson, the mate, was carried aboard by a heavy sea. As the schooner's stern was lifted high by a wave, Capt. Blundell and his officers, three men of the crew sprang to a rock and made their way to dry land.

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More Americans Wounded in France.

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Judge Merritt, just one month ago, married Walton P. Smith, a youthful Yale student, and Miss Caroline Parker of Hartford and achieved some fame in consequence of the expulsion of young Smith from college and his subsequent disinheritance by his father, a San Francisco millionaire, Young Collins, in urging the Judge to haste, represented himself as a Yale student, which he was not, and a roommate of young Smith.

The attentions of a youth named Daniel Collins to Miss Miriam McGarry, daughter of Joseph McGarry, formerly of Brooklyn, have been the subject of comment at the Sherman Square Hotel, where the McGarrys have lived several months. Recently Miss McGarry told one of the clerks of the hotel she believed she would marry Collins, though she was engaged to another man more to her father's liking.

Miss McGarry has not been at the hotel since Saturday, and her father went out in some apparent excitement this morning and had not returned up to a late hour this afternoon.

Miss McGarry of the Sherman Square Hotel is a granddaughter of PHIL Dwyer, horseman. Her paternal grandfather was James McGarry, for many years Democratic leader of the Tenth Assembly District in Brooklyn, and her uncle, John McGarry Gray, is the Democratic leader of the Eighth Assembly District, Brooklyn.

MRS. PIKE DECLARED SANE.

Acquaintance With Tango Burglar Caused Her Unpleasantness.

After five days' observation at Bellevue Hospital, Mrs. Gertrude M. Pike, whose acquaintance with Eaton, the tango burglar, brought her much unpleasantness, was declared sane to-day by Dr. Gregory, expert in charge of the Psychopathic Ward.

Mrs. Pike's husband and her mother both sought to have Mrs. Pike turned over to a sanitarium. She had been committed to Dr. Given's establishment in connection with her husband's case after hearing that she was to be held as a lunatic.

In charge of her mother and Pike, Mrs. Pike left the hospital at noon to-day in a limousine.

NO INAUGURAL BALL.

President Makes Formal Announcement to Newspaper Correspondents.

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