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## PEACE TALK IS ALL IDLE CHATTER

### PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT

Because Both Sides Think the Opponent is Crushed and About to Fall to Pieces.

### FRANCE IS CONFIDENT

Every Nation Was Willing to Discuss the Ending of the War, Two Months Ago, Excepting France.

[The following mail dispatch from the Hague declaring that all the belligerents except France were ready to discuss peace two months ago, may be significant in view of the new peace rumors. Early in the summer an Italian censor passed a Rome dispatch to the United Press stating that it was the impression there that France alone of all the belligerents was not ready for peace.]

By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 17.—(By mail.) The Dutch government only two months ago stated the European belligerents on the prospects of peace, as the United Press was informed today, every belligerent, except France, expressed a willingness to enter an informal discussion.

France's reply was such a fiery refusal that one person who learned its contents described it as "almost an ultimatum."

[A Rome dispatch to the United Press yesterday carried the first intimation that Holland had been putting out peace feelers. This dispatch stated that the allies had informed Holland that peace overtures at this time would be construed as a pro-German move.]

Dutch officials not only have resumed their attempt at peace negotiations, but they are now convinced that the end of the war is a long way off.

The one positive indication that peace is impossible at present, is the wide difference of opinion of opposing sides regarding the situation in the ranks of the allied forces. In the past few days it has been to Copenhagen, Berlin, The Hague and Rotterdam. The first impression obtained by a traveler is the wide chasm between the warring parties.

Copenhagen, which is tremendously anti-German, believed that Germany is about to fall to pieces. There are reports of unrest, starvation, lack of food in Germany. The people of Copenhagen and also residents of The Hague believe the allied offensive on the Somme, in Russia and Galicia and Hungary is having great success. They can't understand why the much talked of "revolution" in Germany doesn't begin. No one pays any attention to the German victories in Rumania. In Berlin there is some depression, some pessimism, but the faith in the ability of the army to hold out has not been shaken. Everywhere in Germany keeps maps of the battle fronts and watches the progress of the fighting closely. The people have amazing faith in Von Hindenburg. Interest centers in the news of the offensive in Rumania. The Berlin troops end the shortage of British tonnage. They declare food prices have advanced as much in England as in Berlin. France, Berliners believe, has exhausted her reserves and her army is weakening daily more than any other army.

The streets of Berlin, Frankfurt, Bremen and all large German cities are full of rumors refuting the off-

### NO MOVE TO END THE WAR

Prospects of United States Making Efforts for Peace in Europe, Dwindling Away.

### TWO POINTS AGAINST

England Has Plainly Said "Hands Off" and Political Situation Here Also Interferes.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Likelihood of the United States government acting as a prominent factor to bring peace to the warring powers of Europe is dwindling day by day according to general belief in official circles here. The subject once more is receiving diplomatic consideration on the eve of Ambassador Gerard's return to this country from Berlin. Count Von Bernstorff's visit to the president at Shadow Lawn next Monday and as a result of the president's continued utterances on the subject of world's peace for the future.

Two points are made by those who believe the United States will make no further move to end hostilities—and probably will be unable to aid in the readjustments between the European countries when the war ends: First—Great Britain, through an interview given the United Press by Lloyd George has plainly said "hands off"—that any attempt by the United States to intercede in behalf of peace would be regarded with hostility.

Second—The political situation in the country has aroused to a marked degree partisan feelings for one or the other of the warring sides. It has resulted in stirring up a feeling abroad that the United States is not strictly neutral and as President Wilson recently said in an address at Shadow Lawn, this feeling has reached a point where even diplomatic interference between this country and foreign nations will be seriously embarrassed until after November 7, because foreign diplomats are waiting to see what will be the outcome of the election.

Perhaps no expression by the president in recent months has aroused so much conjecture here as that in Omaha Thursday night when he said: "When we look forward to the years to come—I wish I could say the end of this war, we want the world to know we are ready to lend our force to the preservation of peace."

This is regarded here as plainly indicating the president feels the end of the war may be far off—and also that he feels the work of America will be to preserve the peace of the future, not to intervene now.

From those with the president, comes the word that he knows nothing regarding a report that Ambassador Gerard is bringing with him to this country a request of the German government to intercede in behalf of peace. But there is a strong belief in official circles here that the president will not make any further move in this direction unless such pleas to make openly by one or more of the belligerent nations.

President Not Advised. [By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

ON BOARD PRESIDENT WILSON'S TRAIN, Oct. 7.—President Wilson apparently knows nothing of the report that Ambassador Gerard has brought to Berlin, brings with him a definite peace proposal from the German government.

No Overtures Received. [By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

LONDON, Oct. 7.—"We have received no German peace overtures this way," but Mr. Lloyd George, in his statement to the United Press, has

### American Citizen Killed By Bomb From Zeppelin

Met Death in Air Raid On Bucharest Where He Was Noncombatant and Neutral Spectator

PETROGRAD, Oct. 7.—An American citizen was killed in one of the German air raids on Bucharest, said dispatches received here, and the American minister has wired the state department. Rumania has addressed a note to neutral powers protesting against the killing of non-combatants.

### LOST FIFTY THOUSAND IN TWO WEEKS

Rumanian Crack Regiments Wiped Out and Ill Trained Troops Are Now Fighting.

### IN TRANSYLVANIA

Two Decisive Defeats at the Hands of Falkenhayn, Have Almost Wrecked the Army.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, Oct. 7.—The Rumanians have lost fifty thousand men in the last two weeks of fighting in Transylvania, where they have suffered two decisive defeats at the hands of Field Marshal Falkenhayn.

Budapest dispatches today asserted that some of the crack Rumanian regiments have been entirely wiped out. Ill-trained troops are now opposing Falkenhayn's victorious advance against the army that invaded Transylvania.

Italians Take Hand. PARIS, Oct. 7.—Italian troops have taken the offensive in the Balkans in conjunction with the British, French and Serbs and are attacking in the region of Butkovo, east of the Vardar. It was officially announced today.

On the allied left wing, the Serbs have pushed their advance guards forward into Velovoda valley. French troops have occupied German positions.

The Bulgarians directed strong counter-attacks against the British force that occupied Nevolen, but were repulsed.

Another Invasion. LONDON, Oct. 7.—A fresh Rumanian expedition has crossed the Danube into Bulgaria, said a wireless dispatch from Rome this afternoon, reporting also that the Dobudja battle has been resumed with great violence.

British Take Villages. SALONIKA, Oct. 7.—The British have occupied the Macedonian villages of Agomuh, Komarjan, Hristian, Kamila, Cucuhuk and Elshaban, after repulsing Bulgarian counter-attacks on Novolene, it was officially announced today.

### ELECTROCUTED AT SING SING

Man Who Killed Policeman, Paid the Penalty for Crime at Early Hour Today.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] OSSINING, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Despite the eleventh hour plea for a reprieve, signed by fifty prominent business men, including President Theodore N. Vall, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Thomas Bambrick was electrocuted at Sing Sing at 5.55 a. m. today for the murder of George Dapping, New York policeman.

### ESCAPED FROM KIDNAPPERS

Gang of Greeks Held Mine Manager for Two Days, Asking Ransom of \$15,000

### HE KILLED ONE OF THEM

Posses Are Now Scouring the Hills in an Effort to Run Down the Others.

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[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., Oct. 7.—Posses of deputy sheriffs today are scouring the hills in the Oak creek district, for traces of the band of Greeks who kidnaped Robyn M. Perry, manager of the Oak Hill mines, held him two days for \$15,000 ransom and then fled after Perry had escaped from his abductors. The body of one Greek, shot and killed by Perry in a desperate battle, preceding the escape, was found last night a short distance from the cabin where Perry had been kept, bound and gagged two days, but no traces of the other bandits have been found.

First word of the kidnapping was contained in a special delivery letter to the young man's father, Samuel M. Perry, at Denver, written in his son's hand, declaring he was held captive by a band of Greeks and demanding \$15,000 ransom under penalty of death. The elder Perry immediately chartered a special train, obtained a body guard of detectives and started for Oak Creek with the money demanded.

Before the train arrived at Oak Creek, word was received that the victim had escaped and reached a nearby ranch.

The younger Perry is in a serious condition from exposure, hunger and brutal treatment.

### MAN IN CASE IS WANTED

Iowa Girl's Body Found on Shore of Lake Where She Had Taken Her Life.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Police here are seeking "the man in the case" of the death of Miss Marie Gruenwald of Davenport, Iowa, whose body was found on the shore of Lake Michigan a few days ago.

Examining physicians said she was soon to become a mother. Letters left by her indicate she had refused to marry the man responsible for her condition.

"I hate him as I would a snake." Relatives from Davenport are expected to claim the body today.

Says Sabin is Responsible. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The Dow Jones ticker service today carried the following: "Boston—the Boston News bureau says financial people are entitled to know that President Sabin of the Guaranty Trust company was the bank president who summoned some reporters yesterday to anonymously convey to the public the information that Germany was seeking peace through Gerard and President Wilson."

### MEXICAN PLOT WAS UNEARTHED

Garrison at Juarez Ready to Surrender the Town to Villa's Gang When It Arrives.

### MANY ARRESTS MADE

Villa Located West of Chihuahua City Where He is Filling His Ranks by Conscription.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 7.—Secret agents of the Mexican defacto government, working here and at Juarez, have discovered a plot hatched in the Carranzista garrison at Juarez to "buy off" the soldiers and surrender the town to revolutionists or Villistas.

Many arrests have already been made and other suspects are under surveillance. A number of soldiers on customs guard at the international boundary have been arrested while on duty and disarmed.

The plotters were said to have been negotiating with General Ynez Salazar, famous revolutionist, who was recently released from the prison at Chihuahua City by Villa and is now commanding a detachment of the bandit chief's followers. Carranzista authorities at Juarez declare the plot has been effectually frustrated.

United States government agents here have information that Villa is at Bustillos, about forty miles west of Chihuahua City, where he is filling his ranks by conscription when the natives do not join voluntarily.

Disciples of Christ. DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 7.—The city is slowly filling with the advance guard of delegates to the international convention of the Disciples of Christ, which opens here on Monday for a week's program full of speeches, inspirational meetings, religious study and business sessions.

The report of progress in the so-called "Men and Millions" movement is awaited with great interest. The Disciples of Christ are engaged in this movement to raise \$6,300,000 for promoting the activities of their churches and educational institutions. Half of this amount is to go to the colleges and schools of the Disciples of Christ and the other half for 600 new churches as well as missions among the Russians, Bulgarians, Poles, Bohemians and in the Orient.

Will Vote for Wilson. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Rube Marquand is for Wilson for president, democratic headquarters announced today, as the Dodger twirler prepared to hold the attention of millions of fans during a tense afternoon in Boston.

"You bet I'm for Wilson," a statement from the democrats quoted the Rube as saying, "and I feel as sure he will be elected as I am that the Brooklyn team will win the pennant."

Fred Williams Dead. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 7.—L. Fred Williams, 56, for many years one of the best known newspaper men in Michigan, died here today. For several years he has published "The American Elk," a national organ of the B. P. O. E.

### MILK STRIKE ABOUT ENDED

Twelve Independent Concerns Give in to Demands of the Dairymen's League.

### ONE-THIRD OF SUPPLY

The Big Three Still Holding Out, But Action of Others is Move Toward Peace.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Twelve independent milk concerns handling one-third of New York's milk supply, came to terms with representatives of the Dairymen's league early today, agreeing to pay forty-five cents advances a hundred weight for three months, with three months additional contract to follow, if investigation proves it just.

The move brought the great milk strike near settlement. Borden, Sheffield Farms and Mutual-McDermott Dairy—the big three—have not agreed to the advance, although Borden's approved a one month contract at the advanced price Thursday.

### SHIPS HIT IN THE FOG

British Steamer Sank in Fifteen Minutes After Collision With Excursion Boat.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 7.—Reports of the exact magnitude of the disaster in Hampton Roads last night, in which the steamer City of Norfolk, loaded with excursionists, crashed headlong into the British tramp steamer Hawkhead, were awaited with anxiety here early today. The Hawkhead sank fifteen minutes after the collision. Although preliminary reports received here relate no loss of life, fear is felt there may have been loss in transferring the passengers of the City of Norfolk to passing steamers as an unusually dense fog was over the roads and a bad sea running.

American Prison Congress Opens. [By United Press.]

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Six hundred men thoroughly experienced in criminology—most of them the keepers of prisons all over Uncle Sam's domain, including Alaska and the Philippines—assembled here today in the congress of the American Prison association with the avowed purpose of making it less easy for good persons to become criminals than heretofore.

The keynote was sounded by Arthur Pratt, president of the association and warden of the Utah state prison. He urged as the first step the prevention of contact between hardened criminals and light offenders held in county jails pending trials.

Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York welcomed the delegates on behalf of the state. Several visitors responded. The congress will adjourn Thursday.

Two Were Killed. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] DANVILLE, Ind., Oct. 7.—Two were killed and one seriously hurt when a freight train on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Western railway, ran into an open switch at Maplewood today.

The dead: G. R. Carpenter, Hume, Ill. John Owen, Indianapolis.

Sabin Sticks to It. NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust company and authority for the statement that Germany has decided to ask President Wilson to make overtures for peace, today reiterated through his secretary that he had learned this fact from unquestionable sources.

### NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL

Service is to be Discontinued on Orders From the Secretary of War.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Dissatisfied with recruiting of national guardsmen, Secretary of War Baker today authorized commanding generals of the army departments to dis-

### RUSSIANS ANNOUNCE VICTORY

Routed Mackenson's German-Bulgarian-Turkish Army, Capturing Villages and Heights.

### REPULSED WITH LOSS

French Troops on Western Front in No Important Actions During Last Night.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PETROGRAD, Oct. 7.—Russian troops have won a victory over Mackenson's German-Bulgarian-Turkish army in Dobrudja, occupying the villages of Karabak, and Bosaul and also the heights between it, was officially announced today. The enemy counter-attacked, but was repulsed with loss.

On the Austro-German front heavy fighting continues. The Russians repelled a strong German attempt to recapture a trench northwest of Dubnow. On the Zlota Lipa, in the region of Shabaln, Potutory and Machishov, four enemy counter attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the Caucasus coastal region, Russian troops occupied fortifications at Petrakale. In Persia, Russian forces entered Kashaan.

French Were Quiet. PARIS, Oct. 7.—There were no important actions on that part of the western front held by the French last night, it was officially announced today.

Bombing Attacks. LONDON, Oct. 7.—German bombing attacks against the new British positions northeast of Eaucourt l'Abbaye were completely repulsed. General Haig reported this afternoon. British raids on enemy trenches near Armentieres and Loos last night were successful.

Shelled by Germans. GALVESTON, Texas, Oct. 7.—The Leyland line steamer Meridian which arrived here today reported being shelled by a German submarine near the coast of England. Captain C. J. Walker exhibited a cap, the visor of which had been split by a shell splinter as he stood on the bridge. There were no fatalities or material damage to the steamer which was saved by the appearance of British warships.

German War Loan. BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) Oct. 7.—Subscriptions to the fifth German war loan total 10,519,000,000 marks, about \$207,500,000, according to an unofficial tabulation made today. This is but slightly below the total raised for the fourth war loan last spring, 10,767,000,000 marks. Only the third war loan, when the total was 12,160,000,000 marks, was much higher.

Called on Hughes. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] MONT CLAIR, N. J., Oct. 7.—The fashionable village of Mont Clair called on Chas. F. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes at their hotel here today. Louis F. Dodd and Mrs. Dodd headed a reception committee of twenty-five prominent citizens which consisted of some five or six hundred callers and directed the reception. Hughes spoke briefly.

The republican candidate today closed his "workshop" in preparation for his next trip, starting Monday. It is understood in the speeches he has been working on he will reply to some of President Wilson's recent speeches and attack some of the president's recent appointments.

### ILLINOIS BUSINESS MEN ARE ANGRY AT ENGLAND

Mail and Cable Messages Disappear or Held up By the British Censor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Officers of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, including some of the biggest exporters of the United States, are preparing a formal protest to the state department at Washington, charging in-

terference with mails and cable service by Great Britain. Practically every Illinois firm with foreign customers reports interference and delay in its mail, officers say. The delay is charged to the British censorship.

That England is secretly intimidating ship owners to prevent American trade with China, was charged by Thomas Lundie, president of the American Industrial company. He said cable messages had disappeared and mail has been delayed as long as seven weeks.