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## PRUSSIAN MAKE ELEVENTH HOUR BLUFF

### COUNTER PROPOSALS BY GERMANY TO PEACE TERMS

Ask 200,000 Troops in National Army Instead of Half That Number, to Maintain Internal Order.

### PLEBISCITE REQUESTED FOR PROVINCES

Insistence on Fulfillment of President Wilson's Fourteen Points Which are Not All Carried Out in Document.

By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent.

BERLIN, May 21.—Germany's final counter-proposals to the peace treaty, it was learned from an authoritative source today, be constituted as follows: First, insistence on fulfillment of President Wilson's principles. Second, request for a plebiscite in the eastern and western provinces. Third, acceptance of the principle of full disarmament but with the reservation that 200,000 troops are necessary to maintain internal order. Fourth, complete agreement for limitation of the German navy, but with insistence that some merchant ships be retained to insure the country's economic development. This information was obtained from an official in close touch with the delegates at Versailles. He made the statements without qualification. The German government, he said, believed the eastern plebiscite would be advantageous to Germany and regards victory in the Saar basin as certain, the event of a vote.

From another source it was learned that Germany also will urge that the demerits be lumped in one sum instead of an indefinite amount to be collected during a long period, so the German workmen, financiers and government may know the extent of their obligations.

### Eleventh Hour Bluff.

By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, May 22.—The German peace delegation will make an eleventh hour bluff to break off negotiations just to test the allies' determination, according to the belief expressed in official French circles today.

Once the enemy sees the allies can business—realizes that the economic blockade will be tightened and sees the allied armies spring to attention, ready to march into Germany—either the present or a substituted delegation will sign "under protest," is the way the French have figured out.

In some quarters the belief continued to grow that Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau personally will have to sign the document in its present form, regardless of what his associates may say. His expected withdrawal, it was said, would form the basis for the German's bluff.

The amount of the bill for damages and demand for its immediate protection promises to be the biggest factor in the German's counter proposals, according to the belief expressed after publication of Brockdorff-Rantzau's request for extension of the time limit for terms.

### TELEGRAPHIC, TABLOIDS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Short and Snappy Items Which Make News Wire Sparkle.

**Police at Banquet.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 22.—The police department feels quite indignant today. Some rough robber took advantage of the 100 percent attendance at a policeman's banquet and robbed the homes.

**Client in Jail.**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 22.—"Any reason why I shouldn't forfeit your client's bond for non-appearance?" asked Judge Munden. "Yes sir. He's already in jail for one year."

**Take a Flyer With Major.**  
DALLAS, Texas, May 22.—Major O'Connell has invited all the young men to take a flyer with him. To get recruits for the air service he

**\$25,000 Cold.**  
CHICAGO, May 22.—"How a corn girl may catch a \$25,000 cold"

**On His Vacant Lot.**  
DETROIT, May 22.—When Charles Anderson went to look at the lot he bought some time ago, he found a new \$4,000 home on it. "Some improvement," Anderson said. He now seeks to retain the house.

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### WEATHER PREVENTS FLYING TOWERS NOT TO FLY

Rough Seas, Whipped by Stiff Wind, Causes Postponement of Hop from Azores to Portugal.

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Commander Goes to Plymouth by Boat Where He Will Meet NC-4 Crew When It Arrives.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Rough seas, whipped up by a stiff wind sweeping the ocean about the Azores today necessitated further postponement of the N C-4's jump off for Lisbon.

A dispatch filed by Admiral Jackson at Ponta Del Gada at 4:10 this morning (Washington time) received at the navy department at 5:15 said: "N C-4 will not leave Ponta Del Gada today. Sea too rough for start."

It appears certain that Commander Read and his crew will be permitted to continue the journey to England, unchanged in personnel. There was some thought here that Commander Towers might make the balance of the trip, but Towers has asked to be allowed to go to Plymouth by boat so as not to make it necessary for removal of any of the successful crew.

Admiral Jackson's latest weather report indicated that although conditions do not favor a start for Lisbon today, they might improve by night and permit a get-away early tomorrow. His report says:

"Weather at 5:20 a. m. (Washington time), barometer 30.12, fall check. Wind south, southeasterly, 30 miles visibility good. Sea line rough. Continued strong southwest winds and cloudy skies Thursday. Disturbance will continue its eastward or northward course and may remove its influence in this district tonight."

**No Word From Hawker.**  
LONDON, May 22.—Nothing has been heard of Harry Hawker or Mackenzie Grieve, who started from New Foundland last Sunday in a Sopwith plane in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic. The search for some trace of them is continuing. The only hope of their friends is that they were picked up by a sailing vessel which does not carry wireless.

**Read Now in Charge.**  
By W. R. Hargraves, United Press Staff Correspondent.

PONTA DEL GADA, Azores, May 22.—Lieutenant Commander A. C. Read, skipper of the American seaplane NC-4, is now in charge of completing the trans-Atlantic flight, it was learned today.

With his own machine, the NC-3, a hopeless wreck, Commander John H. Towers has decided to turn over authority to Read.

The flight to Lisbon was again postponed today. The refractory motor, which forced Read to call off the attempt yesterday, was in good condition, but a stiff wind had blown up such a choppy sea that it was obviously impossible for the NC-4 to jump off.

**Army Worm Menace.**  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Reports to the department of agriculture today show that the seventeen-year locust has put in his appearance in nearly every state east of the Mississippi river.

Despite the fact that this threat is to perhaps the biggest locust year since 1898, department entomologists are not alarmed, but they are worried about the army worm.

The army worm has appeared in Texas and begun a march north. He is a real danger to the country's bumper wheat crop, they say.

The worm can be killed by burning grass over the spots where they appear, or by spraying with a mixture of paris green.

**Alice Brady Is Married.**  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, May 22.—Alice Brady, star of the stage and the screen, was married Tuesday evening to James L. Crane, actor, son of the Rev. Dr. Frank Crane, it was learned today.

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Elaborate Ceremonies Today at St. Ambrose Cathedral Occupied Two Hours.

### REV. THOMAS W. DRUMM

Following Religious Rites Governor and Mayor Extend Welcome for State and City.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DES MOINES, Iowa, May 22.—Bishop Thomas W. Drumm, formerly pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Cedar Rapids, was installed as bishop of the Des Moines diocese at St. Ambrose cathedral today. Ceremonies opened at nine a. m., and continued for two hours. Arch Bishop Austin N. Dowling, of St. Paul, whom Bishop Drumm succeeds in Des Moines, conducted the installation.

Bishop Drumm and his party, which included Arch Bishop Dowling, Bishop C. M. Gorman, of Boise, Idaho, Rt. Rev. Edmund Hellan, auxiliary bishop of Sioux City, and 150 priests arrived this morning at 7:30 a. m., from Dubuque, where Bishop Drumm was elevated to the episcopacy Wednesday in St. Raphael's cathedral.

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**One Time President of Nicaragua Died in New York and Body to be Sent to Central America.**

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, May 22.—There was a quiet funeral yesterday in an undertaking establishment here for a man who once was almost as big a topic of conversation as the ex-kaiser, Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, who died here a few days ago, was mourned by only a handful of old friends. The body was shipped to Nicaragua.

In his prime, Zelaya was somewhat of a war lord himself and as wars were a rarity in those days, his oneering battles in Central America attracted much attention. When he was finally defeated, he came to the United States to live and sank into obscurity.

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### CONGRESS TO GIVE SPEED TO IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Special Session May Make Record for Efficient, Prompt Action in Numerous Items up for Consideration.

### TO REPEAL LUXURY TAX PROVISION

Senate to Wrestle With Equal Suffrage Soon, After House Passed Amendment by Good Majority.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, May 21.—Congress is nearly ready to begin its grind on big money bills.

The house met today to take up the Indian appropriation bill and other measures. Senate republicans, taking advantage of the two day adjournment of the upper branch, are reconciling their difference and preparing to get down to business. The threatened clash of republican "regulars" and "progressives" over some committee appointments, including that of Fenwick as chairman of the finance committee and Warren, as chairman of the appropriation committee, is understood to have been averted.

House republicans pointed to the passage yesterday of the woman suffrage amendment as an indication of the speed with which they will dispose of important measures during the session.

Committee organization is being hastened in both branches. The house military affairs committee will meet for organization today. Representative Anthony, ranking republican member announced. No business is expected to be transacted at the first session, he said. Representative Kahn, California, chairman, probably will reach Washington tomorrow. He has been in Europe since March 5. With his return the committee will begin the development of its new policies, Anthony announced.

These depend largely on recommendations expected to be made by Kahn as a result of his study of conditions in the American expeditionary forces.

The house ways and means committee will probably follow President Wilson's recommendations on at least two points. Members said today they were prepared to rush legislation repealing the luxury tax and giving protection to "the baby" dye industry.

Chairman Fordney, however, will urge going further than shielding the dye-makers from the inroads of German competition, he declared.

"I was glad to know the president would admit the dye industry, created out of a war necessity, needed protection," Fordney said. "But the country wants something more than protection for just that one industry. The president's notion about it being fortunately unnecessary for a general revision is wrong, I believe."

The committee majority will go ahead, so far as possible, with the announced policy of the republican caucus leaders said. They are expecting to meet opposition in the committee. Formal meetings of the committee may not be held until next week, but an outline of proposed action already is being drafted.

**Suffrage Before Senate.**  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Suffragists today moved their camp to the senate whence they hope to obtain within a few weeks the favorable vote submitting the national suffrage amendment to the states for ratification.

Following their 304 to 89 victory in the house yesterday, suffrage leaders predicted the senate on its third opportunity in two sessions will finally approve the resolution.

**Help Joins List.**  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Senator Hale, Maine, today, joined the list of those who will vote for suffrage. Hale, who voted against the resolution in the senate last February, today announced that because the Maine legislature has granted the women of that state Presidential suffrage, he now feels justified in voting for the federal amendment.

**To Help American Business.**  
[By L. C. Martin, United Press Staff Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, May 22.—Plans for helping American business into an era of prosperity are taking precedence in congress.

Representative Edmunds, of Pennsylvania, has a bill which provides for the establishment of four direct steamship lines to South America. He pointed out that a law requiring service every fifteen days would serve to bring the two Americas into closer contact.

A score of bills tending to aid manufacturers by providing cheaper power have been introduced. The house adopted a resolution to name a committee of eighteen to which will be referred all bills pertaining to development of water power.

The ways and means committee is expected to act soon on the present.

**BOLSHEVIKI OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN STARTED**

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