

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO GERMANY MEETS PEOPLE'S VIEWS EXACTLY

PRESIDENT WILSON'S reply to the German acceptance of his peace principles hits exactly the sentiment of the American people and doubtless accords fully with the views of the governments associated with the United States in the war.

There have been fears of an "easy peace" for Germany. The president's answer dispels that fear. He declares there can be no peace with Germany while Germany is dominated by its present vicious military caste, and no thought of an armistice while Germans are sinking ships, shelling lifeboats and wantonly destroying and looting on land. Very aptly he calls attention to the fact that these inhuman practices have been committed at the very time when Germany has professed to have accepted the president's peace principles.

In other words, the initiative is not to be taken out of the hands of marshal Foch, marshal Haig and Gen. Pershing, nor is there to be any substitution of diplomatic hickories for military successes. The emphasis will continue to be placed on armed strength, courage and more force until Germany yields unconditionally.

This direct and unequivocal answer of the president tends to put the question to Germany's policy of evasion and double dealing. There is a pronounced feeling that Germany is insincere; that emperor William and his infamous colleagues have gone into temporary retirement in order that others of their minions may create an atmosphere of a quasi democracy and hoodwink the allies into granting a peace conference on the assumption that Germany is prepared to surrender. The German idea seems to be that if Germany can substitute diplomatic for military negotiations, she may be able to negotiate to advantage.

Lord Northcliffe, whose keen discernment has more than once contributed greatly to a proper understanding of war situations as they arose, has been prompt to brand the German acceptance of president Wilson's peace terms as wholly insincere. He says:

"Their reply consists of evasions made for the purpose of unbalancing the minds of simple folk in allied countries and to convince the German people that the allies will not accept what is declared by them to look like a reasonable offer of peace.

"If we grant an armistice we shall be providing material for a great prolongation of the war. If we leave the matter to marshal Foch, he will win the war. Bulgaria is out. Turkey is going to quit. Austria-Hungary is on the verge of a revolution.

"The combined efforts of America, Great Britain, Italy, France and Belgium will end this struggle and put a stop to any possible recrudescence of the war."

For Germany, the way out is plain. President Wilson suggested it in his latest communication when he stated that the German people had it in their power to bring about conditions wherein peace would be possible. The way consists of removing the Hohenzollerns and their followers from power, setting up a new and truly representative government, and making a complete military surrender. These are conditions which every one in America feels must be precedent to a proper discussion of peace terms.

Our people cannot consent to sit down to a peace conference with a gang of murderers. The criminals must be put out of the way and their weapons destroyed before the

world will feel that peace can be made with proper guarantees for the future. There is no likelihood that Germany will respond favorably to this latest communication of the president. The imperial government will probably hold up the president's note as an alleged new proof of the allies' determination to destroy Germany utterly and will appeal to the desperation of the German people to fight unitedly to the end. So be it. The people of the allied countries prefer to fight it out to a finish.

Dodging The Issue

THERE are two ways of disposing of an issue. One is by meeting it and the other is by dodging it. Spain has just afforded us an example of the latter course, to the regret of the civilized world.

Fully 30 percent of Spain's merchant marine having been destroyed by ruthless U-boats, pressure of opinion in Spain became so strong that a reluctant government was forced to take action. There was some talk of a probable rupture of relations between Spain and Germany and there was discussion also of a probable seizure of German interned ships by Spain—though ships to compensate Spain for her losses through submarine activities.

Negotiations between Spanish and German emissaries have been in progress for some time past. The deliberations seem to have been characterized on the one hand by German bluff and on the other by Spanish unwillingness to act forcefully in an unpleasant situation.

Comes now the result: Spain will not break relations with Germany. Neither will Spain seize any German ships, if present information proves reliable. Instead, Spain will in all likelihood accept Germany's offer to make Spain a present of seven ships, interned in Spanish harbors, and Germany will also promise to respect the Spanish flag in the future. What German promises are worth in that connection, Spain knows as well as anybody else.

It is to be regretted that Spain is neglecting this opportunity to take a definite stand for right. Spain is losing international prestige by dodging the issue. Spain should have broken relations with Germany. It is Spain's affair, of course, and no one will be disposed to minimize the difficulties which would surround the Spanish government in breaking with Germany, especially since certain high figures in Spain have been charged with pro-Germanism ever since the war began. But the world would have been immensely gratified if Spain had surmounted those difficulties and broken cleanly away from the nation which outrages all sense of decency.

One reason for liking the Serbs is that they run to short, easy names like Nish and Uskub.

The Kaiser knows when it is well to lie down and play dead. Not a word has been heard from him since this peace talk started. Evidently he is trying to make it appear that the German people, and not he himself, are running things.

Not that he threw cold water on the proposal, but president Wilson put the ice on armistice.

Don't let the Kaiser's peace drive smash our head line.

Influenza is indeed a blessing to those church dodgers who would otherwise have to think quick for an excuse on seeing their pastor approach.

Being in the throes of bankruptcy, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is doubtless ready to admit that war is post business.

Too many of us are behind getting the Liberty loan instead of getting behind it.

When A Feller Needs A Kamerad - By Briggs



Little Interviews

Says Carline to High School Should Be Made a Certainty Draft Men From El Paso Go to Camps With Smiles On Lips

BEFORE the street car company is granted any increase in fare, it is found the increase should be granted, an agreement should be made for the building of a carline to the high school," said professor A. H. Hughey. "When the high school was erected there was a tacit understanding that the company would build such a line, but in spite of numerous suggestions since, nothing has been done in the matter. I believe the city should insist that this be done, as there are over 1000 students attending the school and every one has a long walk coming to and going from the building. I have looked into the situation thoroughly and believe the new line should pass the school along the

graded street paralleling the building on the north."

day and night to overcome the illness among the troops and that each man has had the best of care possible. As a matter of fact, the epidemic is under control now and the few deaths occurring are those of men who have been sick a week or more. That there have been poisonous serums used and a doctor and a nurse executed are stories that permit of no consideration by the press."

Hogwallow Locals

The tin peddler is contemplating entering the optical business and announces that he will pay the highest market price for broken window lights.

Hubby's Service in Army Was to Wife's Interest

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 15.—It is to my interest and welfare, as well as that of the nation, that I ask you to allow my husband to enlist. He is 47 years old and I insist that you take him as a cook and put him right up near the front."

Yankee Coins Gain Favor Among French

Paris, France, Oct. 15.—The continued arrival of American soldiers in France led to the "runaway" with United States money was reported in Yankee coins gaining considerable favor in France. In many small shops they are accepted in lieu of French money.

Dad Asks That Twins Be In Same Company

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 15.—Martin Link, a farmer of Council Grove, does not ask examination for his twin sons, George and Jerry. All he wanted of the district court board was that they should go to war together. The board granted the request.

Wife Beater Gets His Chance to Fight Huns

Akron, O., Oct. 15.—Henderson Lorenz, 39, cigar clerk, whipped his 18 year old wife. He was taken before Judge Padden, who pronounced the following sentence: "As you appear to be a fairly good fighter, the sentence of this court is that you go to Camp Sherman or any other training camp the government may designate and prepare to fight for your country during the duration of the war."

BEARDS IN BEARDSTOWN

Beardstown, Ill., Oct. 15.—Citizens here agree this town has been aptly named. The male population has begun wearing beards and long tresses as a retaliation against an increase in barber prices. The townsmen want 40 cents for a shave—all because of the war, they say.

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1918.

THIS is the day in which to exercise care in all important acts. Although Venus is in benefic aspect, Jupiter, the sun, Mercury and Mars are all adverse.

Abe Marlin

THE stars presage supreme success for our armies, which will meet their enemies in a series of brilliant and successful campaigns.

Uncle Wall's Denatured Poem. Axes To Grind

THE man who has an ax to grind is always genial, bland and kind, of sweet-temper and he endures all I say, however far I roam astray from truth, which is all wool. The friends I usually meet when I go bulging down the street, their own views entertain; and if I say the day is grand, when there is rain to beat the band, they say I've gone insane.

TRAVELETTE

A RIVIERA OF CATHAY. MACAO, a day's ride by steamer from Hongkong or Canton, is a Portuguese city of the far east known to travelers as "The Monte Carlo of the Orient."

Macao's similitude with Monte Carlo may be seen from more angles than one. The city winds itself about a gently sloping hillside. Splendid drives line the waterfront, and picture a strange contrast with the swarms of junks and sampans clustered about the wharves. Through the town are many subtropical gardens and parks, enveloped in an atmosphere of heavily scented flowers. There are beautiful residences in the most beautiful in all China.

Prays That God Will Damn German Empire

Cleveland, O., Oct. 15.—Not irrelevant, but with much feeling, Dr. W. H. Crawford, president of Allegheny college, brought "Amens" from the throats of 2000 Methodist divines in this city last night when he prayed fervently for "God to damn the German empire." He had just returned from a year and half service with the U. S. C. A. on the western front.

That's All He Got



Beauty Chats

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When A Fellow Sneezes In A Street Car and Can't Get at His Kerchief

WHATEVER IT IS, I WOULD have shaved it. THAT I'VE got AND NEXT to me. I DON'T know. IN THE same layer. BUT THE way I'm wheezing. THERE WAS a thin man. IT'S SOMETHING. AND VERY tall. AND WHATEVER IT IS. AND HE'D been packed in WITH HIS long arms. I KNOW where it came from. HANGING DOWN. IT WAS a street car. AND ALL at once. AND FULL of the floor space. HE STARTED to convulse. WAS FULLY occupied. AND HIS face twitched. WITH HUMAN beings. AND HIS nose moved. PACKED IN carefully. LIKE a rabbit. SO THAT they sneezed. AND I could feel. IN SOLID formation. HE WAS making an effort. AND I was there. TO UNPACK his hands. SWAYING BACK and forth. AND I tried to help him. AND BREATHING easily. WITH HIS right arm. AGAINST THE neck. BUT I couldn't do it. OF THE man ahead. I'D HAVE had to break it. AND I was thinking. TO GET IT OUT. ABOUT THE soldiers. AND SUDDENLY. IN THEIR nice trenches. HIS STRUGGLING ceased. WITH LOTS of room. AND HE sneezed. AND PLENTY of air. ALL OVER the place. AND THE prisoners. AND I knew then. IN THE penitentiaries. HE HAD been trying. AND THE air space. TO GET his handkerchief. THAT THE law says. AND WHATEVER IT IS. THEY HAVE to have. THAT I have. AND I hadn't a care. I DIDN'T get it. IN ALL the world. TILL AFTER that. THAT AMOUNTED to anything. AND FIVE got to quit now. EXCEPT THE neck. BECAUSE MY wife says. OF THE man ahead. I'VE GOT to be down. AND IF I had to ride with it. AND TAKE something. EVERY DAY. I THANK YOU.

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U. S. Must Send Abroad Within Year 2,600,000 Tons Of Meats and Fats

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 15.—America must ship, in the year ending July 1, next, 2,600,000 tons of meats and fats, for consumption by allied civilians and armies. American armies, the Belgian relief and certain neutrals dependent upon this country, to fulfill the meat phase of the food program, according to figures presented to the American meat packers' association in convention here.

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