

TEUTON PROPOSAL SPURNED

ALLIES REFUSE TO CONSIDER PEACE PLAN OF GERMANY

PROTEST AGAINST ENEMY'S ASSERTION ATTEMPTING TO THROW ON ENTENTE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR.

DECLARE PROPOSITION IS LIKE MANEUVER OF WAR

Official Text Asserts Proposal Was Made in Order to Seek to Intimidate Neutrals—Affirms Peace Is Impossible Until Reparation Is Made.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Germany's peace proposal has been refused by the Allies. In a collective note branding the proffer of the Central Powers as empty and insincere, the Allied governments insist that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties. They reiterate the objects they are fighting for, namely, the free existence of small states and maintain that any settlement must provide for the future security of the entire world.

The proposal of the Central Powers is termed not an offer of peace but a "maneuver of war." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misrepresentation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

Outlines Belgium's War Aims.

The note does not specifically outline the war aims of any of the Allied governments except Belgium. Before the war, it is pointed out, Belgium asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Assailed in spite of the treaties guaranteeing her inviolability, Belgium, the note, has taken up arms to defend her independence and "her neutrality violated by Germany."

Note Delivered to Sharpe.

The note was handed to U. S. Ambassador Sharpe by Premier Briand in Paris to be transmitted by the United States to the Central Powers.

The note says: "The Allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defense of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately have resolved to reply collectively to pretended propositions of peace which were addressed to them on behalf of enemy governments through the intermediary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland."

Wished to Avoid War.

"Before making any reply to the Allied Powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pretend to throw upon the Allies the responsibility for the war and proclaim the victory of the Central Powers."

"The Allied governments cannot admit an affirmation of the inactivity and which suffices to render sterile all tentative negotiations."

"The Allied nations have sustained for thirty months a war they did everything to avoid. They have shown by their acts, their attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong today as it was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the violation of her engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based."

Not an Offer of Peace.

"A mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the Imperial Government of a sham proposal lacking all substance and precision would appear to be less an offer of peace than a maneuver of war. It is founded on calculated misrepresentation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

"As for the past, the German note takes no account of the facts, dates and figures which establish that the war was desired provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary."

Refused Disarmament Plan.

"At the Hague conference it was a German delegate who refused all proposals for disarmament. In July, 1914, it was Austria-Hungary, who, after having addressed to Serbia an unprecedented ultimatum declared war upon her in spite of the satisfaction which had at once been accorded."

"The Central Empires then rejected all attempts made by the entente to bring about a pacific solution of a purely local conflict."

"Great Britain suggested a conference. France proposed an international commission: the Emperor of Russia asked the German emperor to go to arbitration and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. But to all these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor acknowledgment."

Belgium Invaded by Empire.

"Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper' and that 'necessity knows no law.'"

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the war map of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of the belligerents."

"A peace concluded upon these terms

ALLIES' DEMAND IN BELGIUM'S BEHALF

Paris, Jan. 1.—Attached to the Entente Powers' joint reply to Germany's peace proposals, as made public here, is the following declaration with reference to Belgium:

"In virtue of the international treaties signed by five great European powers, of whom Germany was one, Belgium enjoyed before the war a special status, rendering her territory inviolable and placing her, under the guarantee of the powers, outside all European conflicts."

"She was, however, in spite of these treaties, the first to suffer the aggression of Germany. For this reason the Belgian government think it necessary to define the aims which Belgium has never ceased to pursue while fighting side by side with the entente powers for right and justice."

Fulfills Duty as Neutral.

"Belgium has always scrupulously fulfilled the duties which her neutrality imposed upon her. She has taken up arms to defend her independence and her neutrality violated by Germany, and to show that she remained faithful to her international obligations."

"On the fourth of August, 1914, in the Reichstag, the German Chancellor admitted that this aggression constituted an injustice contrary to the laws of nations, and pledged himself in the name of Germany to repair it."

"During two and a half years this injustice has been cruelly aggravated by the proceedings of the occupying forces, which have exhausted the resources of the country, ruined its industries, devastated its towns and villages and have been responsible for innumerable massacres, executions and imprisonments."

Germany Removes Basis for Parley.

"At this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace and humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgian citizens by the thousands and reducing them to slavery."

"Belgium before the war asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Her king and her government has but one aim—the establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future."

"Germany, by failing to offer reparation and to make restitution, removes in advance any basis for her parleys for peace."

would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it."

Outrages Demand Penalties.

"As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her Allies against both belligerents and neutrals, demand penalties, reparation and guarantees."

"Germany avoids mention of any of these."

"In reality these overtures made by the Central Powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of war and to end it by imposing a German peace."

Would Create Disension.

"The object of these overtures is to create disension in public opinion in the Allied countries. But that public opinion has in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the Allies already given its answer with admirable firmness and has denounced the empty pretense of the declaration of the enemy powers."

"They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to her, one and all severely tried by their losses, and crushed by the economic pressure and the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants."

"They have endeavored to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries, whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie, and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defense of human freedom."

Refuse to Consider Proposal.

"Fully conscious of the gravity of this moment, but equally conscious of the requirements, the Allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

"Once again the Allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states; so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future security of the world."

FRENCH WARSHIP TORPEDOED

Berlin Hears Vessel Is Lying Near Port of Malta—Craft Built in 1907 Displaces 14,630 Tons.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—By Wireless to Sayville.—A dispatch to the Zurich Post from Milan reports that the French battleship Verite has been torpedoed by a German submarine near Malta, says an Overseas News agency announcement. The Verite, badly damaged, is lying near the port of Malta, the dispatch adds.

The battleship Verite was built at Bordeaux in 1907 and is one of a class of four warships, of which the Liberte was destroyed by an explosion in 1911.

German Losses Are Heavy.

London, Jan. 4.—The British official information just issued says:

"Early this morning a strong hostile patrol reached our trenches east of Vermelles. It was repulsed with the loss of half its number. Under cover of a heavy bombardment, a strong enemy patrol of some 40 men endeavored to approach our lines last night, north of Ypres. The few men who succeeded in reaching our trenches were immediately ejected. The enemy's losses were heavy."

ARMY WOMEN SHOPPING IN MEXICO



Wives of American army officers stationed in Matamoros, Mexico, starting out on a shopping expedition by the only available means of transportation.

ALLIES CAN LEARN TERMS FROM U. S.

PRESIDENT WILSON SAID TO KNOW PEACE CONDITIONS OF CENTRAL POWERS.

GERMAN PROPOSAL SINCERE

Denial Is Made That Suggestion for Peace by Teutons Is a Maneuver But Is Meant in All Honesty.

London, Jan. 5.—President Wilson now knows the peace conditions of the Teutonic Allies and the Allied Powers can learn what they are from him. Count Julius Andrássy, formerly premier of Hungary, is quoted as asserting in a dispatch from Budapest forwarded to the Central News Agency by way of Amsterdam.

The statement attributed to Count Andrássy was made in a New Year's speech. He said:

"As the entente alleges that our peace proposal was only a maneuver and was not made with any earnest desire to bring about peace, I am able to declare that President Wilson now knows our peace conditions and the entente can learn them from that source."

Referred to Wilson.

The version of the Budapest dispatch received by the Reuter Telegram Company via Amsterdam quotes Count Andrássy as saying the peace conditions of the Central Powers will be communicated to President Wilson, the quotation being as follows:

"If the Allies reject our peace offer only because they maintain that our offer is not honestly meant, but is merely a maneuver and that they cannot enter into negotiations before knowing our conditions, they can learn these from President Wilson to whom they will be communicated."

SWISS ENDORSEMENT IS NOT UNANIMOUS

Some Opposition to Support of President Wilson in His Move for Peace.

Geneva, Jan. 5.—The Journal Democrat says President Schulthess and former President Motta and De Coppet voted against the recent Swiss note, supporting President Wilson's communication to the belligerents in the form that it was edited and issued, but that they were in the minority in the federal council. There is much discussion in the Swiss newspapers of a statement concerning neutral nations—"That the Swiss confederation has the greatest interest to see peace concluded rapidly because it is now impossible to foresee the future fate of the nations which have remained neutral up to the present."

The German minister at Berne in an interview with the Bund is quoted as having said that Switzerland has nothing to fear from Germany, which country will strictly respect and guard Switzerland's neutrality.

Villa Slays Chinese and Syrians.

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 5.—Every Chinese and Syrian in Torreon was killed by Villa forces when they evacuated that city, according to advices received here. No details were given, other than that the Villa troops quit Torreon after several hours severe fighting with Constitutionalist forces, and that the loss of life on both sides was heavy.

After Ideal American Hens.

New York, Jan. 4.—An ideal American fowl is the object of experiments by the government at its farm at Beltsville, Md. Harry M. Lemmon, head husbandman, has been working five years on the new product. He explained at the poultry show at Madison Square Garden that the new hen would have white plumage, yellow legs, red ear lobes and a moderate sized comb. In laying qualities it will resemble the Leghorn. It will have as much meat on a Wyandotte, Barred Rock or Plymouth Rock.

WAR TO LAST OUNCE OF BLOOD

GERMAN PEACE HOPES ARE DISPERSED—TO FIGHT.

Berlin Editors Bitter in Denunciation of Rejection of Proposals—Official Text of Note Not Received.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Berlin's peace hopes are dispersed. Now it is war to the last ounce of human blood. The Allies' note is not deserving of a written rejoinder.

Summed up, that is the Berlin press opinion—and it typifies the opinion of the man in the street.

There is apparently a unanimous decision that Germany's only answer to the Allies' rejection of peace must be by force of arms under Hindenburg's leadership.

German Editors Bitter.

Privately the editors of Berlin newspapers are even more bitter in their denunciation of the Allies' course than their printed statements.

One of the editors—the man writing the "leader" for the Lokai Anzeiger, was asked what Germany would do.

"Hold out," he flashed back. "It is insanity for Europe to bleed to death—but the Allies refuse peace. Only one reply can come—and that from our armies. Let Hindenburg answer!"

MODEL IS FOUND SLAIN; POLICE OBTAIN CLUE

Body of "Perfect Woman" Discovered in Philadelphia Apartment—Prominent Business Man Suspected.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Dressed in blue silk pajamas, the body of Grace Colbert Roberts, 22 years old, art model and "perfect woman," has been discovered in her apartments here. She had been murdered.

In her role as a model, the slain woman had posed for a silk stockings ad which has been displayed in street car cards all over the country.

The name of the man who tortured and then killed the woman is now in the hands of the police and, according to detectives, will lead to a man standing high in business circles of Chicago and this city. Detectives followed the trail to Chicago.

U-BOATS MINE BRITISH HARBORS SAY REPORTS

Germany Attempts to Isolate England—New York Hears News of Sinkings Is Suppressed.

New York, Jan. 4.—Germany has begun another attempt to bottle up England from the outside world in retaliation for its own isolation by the British fleet.

Passengers on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which has just arrived from Rotterdam and Falmouth, said that mines containing exceptionally high explosives have been placed by the Germans close to all the large harbors in England, Scotland and Wales.

PLANS GOLD FLOW CONTROL

Federal Reserve Board's Bulletin Just Issued.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The federal reserve board's official bulletin this month discloses that amendments to the bank law governing reserves recently transmitted to Congress and now under consideration by the committee are intended to aid in controlling the great gold flow into the country and are connected with the board's recent warning against bank investments in foreign war obligations, issued November 28.

Hughes, Citizen, Back At Desk.

New York, Jan. 3.—Back at the flat-top desk he occupied when he made his big reputation in the insurance investigation cases years ago, even long before he was governor, Charles Evans Hughes has taken up the practice of law. Since he left the old office at 96 Broadway, Mr. Hughes has been governor of New York, justice of the United States supreme court and republican candidate for president of the United States. He is, nevertheless, understood to be glad to get back into private practice.

CARRANZA CONSUL IS SENT TO JAIL

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO SHIP MUNITIONS OF WAR INTO MEXICO.

COMMISSION ENDS LABORS

Sessions Close Automatically When Efforts Fail Through Carranza's Rejection of Terms Offered—President Is Notified.

New York, Jan. 4.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul general here, has been arrested charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October, 1915.

Commission's Labors End.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The American members of the joint Mexican peace commission presented to President Wilson late Wednesday afternoon their recommendation for closing up the commission's sessions.

Before going to see the President they drafted an answer to General Carranza's rejection of the troop withdrawal protocol.

Their message and visit to President Wilson means that the joint sessions are automatically closed.

Abandon Joint Session.

In substance, the commissioners were to inform Wilson they have done their utmost to frame a satisfactory troop withdrawal protocol, that their efforts have failed through General Carranza's rejection of the terms, and that it is their opinion that it would be useless to continue the joint session further.

COMMERCE DESTROYERS SINK FREIGHTERS, BELIEF

Two Powerful German Rovers Said to Be Hovering Along Steamship Lanes—Anxiety Felt.

New York, Jan. 4.—Two powerful German commerce destroyers bristling with guns are said to be hovering along the steamer lanes between this port and the Irish coast and are believed by marines here to have accounted for six large freighters now long overdue. The news of the raiders was brought here by Captain Jan Baron, commander of the Nieuw Amsterdam, which arrived from Rotterdam, via Falmouth, England.

Captain Baron said that he had received daily warnings from the Cape Race wireless station to beware of the newest raiders.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY QUESTIONED BY GERMANY

Cologne Gazette Raises Question—Suspects U. S. Is Waiting for Psychological Moment to Enter War.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The question whether the United States intends to remain neutral, or whether President Wilson is playing for the psychological moment to enter the war, is raised by the Cologne Gazette. The question of American neutrality is now to the fore in the ceaseless talk of the peace situation.

There is no doubt the Germans want America to remain neutral but the Germans are not sure that America wants neutrality. The German public, in its analysis of recent developments, regard the American President as a sphynx.

Would Save Air Supremacy.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Cowdray, known as one of England's greatest business organizer's has taken over organization and development of England's aerial warfare. He will have sole charge of construction and equipment of the empire's air forces, both of the army and the navy. His appointment was regarded as a direct response to the caution voiced by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig recently against possible loss in the present war by the Allies of their present air supremacy.

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Father Hennepin as Business Man.

The University of Minnesota regents have been asked to establish a class in real estate transactions similar to the one now in force at the University of Pittsburgh, and one speaker sees sanction for the move in the record of Father Hennepin, early explorer. "He was the first real estate man in Minneapolis," was the declaration. "He made a personally conducted tour of the place in 1680, then went back to France and wrote a book about it."

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A Wisconsin Case

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