

PEACE NOTE MAY CAUSE BREAK IN CENTRAL ALLIES

Austria Expected to Come Out in Complete Favor of Pontiff's Proposals for Ending War.

GERMANS OPPOSE PLAN?

Bulgaria Will Frown on Attempt at Restoration of Pre-War Status Because She'd Lose Gains.

Copenhagen, Aug. 20.—The German foreign officers are not yet ready to announce the government's standpoint on the pope's peace proposals and an answer probably be delayed considerably while the four central powers are endeavoring to reconcile somewhat divergent views and interests regarding peace. A cordial article in the Cologne Gazette perhaps presages the German point of view by declaring it is the duty of all governments to support any effort at honorable mediation.

It is evident that Austria-Hungary will throw its full weight in favor of an affirmative answer to the pope's welcome proposal, just as Bulgaria will flatly and vehemently oppose any acceptance of the return of occupied areas.

While the newspaper Germania, as befits its representative Catholic character, is decidedly optimistic regarding the prospects for tangible results, most papers are rather skeptical as to the chances that it will lead to any thing in the immediate future. At least pan-German papers insist that peace on the proposed basis is utterly impossible.

The Berlin Tages Zeitung, in its comment says the evacuation of Belgium and all occupied regions of France is impossible, just because independent Belgium henceforth would be an irreconcilable enemy of Germany and it must be subordinated to the security of Germany's frontiers. Even the plan of the former German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg, for a Polish protectorate, is rejected because the Poles have shown themselves ungrateful for favors granted them.

FOOD HOARD DISCOVERED

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 20.—Great quantities of foodstuffs being held for higher prices have been discovered hidden away in old barns and sheds by officials of the state fire marshal's office, according to a statement issued today by Alfred T. Fleming, state fire marshal.

WASTE NO SYMPATHY ON TRAITORS—BRYAN

Should Not Cloak Attacks Under Claim of Freedom of Speech, He Says.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 20.—"No sympathy should be wasted on those arrested for unpatriotic utterances," W. J. Bryan said today in a signed editorial in his paper, The Commoner. And this, he says, applies to utterances against our allies as well as against the United States.

"Before the war," the editorial says, "it was perfectly proper to discuss the wisdom of going to war, but the decision is closed when congress acts. After that no one should be permitted to cloak an attack under the claim of freedom of speech."

"No sympathy, therefore, should be wasted on those arrested for unpatriotic utterances. They abuse free speech. And this applies to our allies as well as to ourselves, for to withdraw support from our allies would throw the whole burden of the war upon us. We must stand together and fight this through. There are only two sides to a war. Every American must be on the side of the United States."

NEBRASKA EDITOR'S LIFE THREATENED IN LETTER

Hebron, Neb., Aug. 20.—Hurling defiance at "cowards, traitors and assassins who may be skulking in the rear with knife, gun or bludgeon," Editor E. J. Mitchell, of the Desher, Rustler, announces he has turned over to the authorities an unsigned letter in which his life was threatened. The authorities are investigating.

Richard Kiene, prominent merchant of Desher, also has received threatening letters with black hand signatures. Mr. Kiene, although of German descent, is a strong anti-kaiser man, and is not afraid to say so.

GUNNERS TO FRANCE.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—Young artillery officers just graduated from the artillery training school at Fortress France. In the lists are First Lieut. Albert F. Hull, of Marshalltown and First Lieut. Ernest V. Evans, of Williamsburg, and Second Lieut. Harold Jones, of Atlantic. First Lieut. Walter Hall, of Elk Creek, Neb., is in the list.

SISTER SUSIES URGED TO KNIT

Every Woman Who Can Is Asked To Help Red Cross.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 20.—Women of Iowa have been requested by A. E. Keppel, state director of the Red Cross, to do their "bit" in knitting a part of the 1,500,000 knitted sets which have been asked of the American Red Cross by Maj. Grayson M. A. Murphy, director in charge of the work at the western front in Europe.

The knitted sets consist of sweaters, mufflers, wristlets and socks and will be distributed to both the soldiers and the civilian population assisting in war service in Europe. Extra supplies of yarn are to be sent to all service depots of the Red Cross in the United States to make provision for the knitting drive.

"Every woman in Iowa who can knit should join forces with the Red Cross in delivering these knitted sets to the Red Cross in Europe," Mr. Keppel declared. "However, the knitting must not replace any of the other work now being done by the Red Cross chapters and branches. It is vital that the production of surgical dressings and hospital garments continues."

NEW ENGLAND MEN GO TO FRANCE SOON

Twenty-Sixth Division May Accompany the Forty-Second, Which Sails Soon.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Two army divisions, instead of one, comprising a total of at least 38,000 men, probably will make up the first contingent of the national guard to go to France.

Although no official confirmation was obtainable, there are evidences that the composite Forty-second division, whose organization recently was announced, will be accompanied abroad by the Twenty-sixth, made up of New England states. No New England states are among the 26 having representation in the composite division.

The commander of the Twenty-sixth is Maj. Gen. Clarence Edwards, now acting as commander of the department of the northeast, and it is presumed he will go to Europe with the division. The Forty-second is commanded by Maj. Gen. W. A. Mann.

AUSTRIAN AIDES OF SPY CAUGHT

Austrian Army Officers Who Helped Schneider, German Lieutenant, Arrested.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 20.—Four Austrian army officers, alleged to be accomplices of Capt. Irving Schneider, recently arrested at San Francisco on a charge of being a German spy, were arrested by department of justice agents here today and placed in jail. It is said they came here from San Francisco, and were enroute to Mexico.

Federal agents declined to give the names of the four men and also would not discuss the case.

UP TO U.S. TO WHIP KAISER

Paris, Aug. 20.—Major General Pershing, the American commander, told the Associated Press today, that the war can be won only by hard and forceful blows delivered by a well trained American army, working in conjunction with the allied armies.

HUGE ISSUE OF BONDS PROPOSED BY M'ADOO

Proposed Block of \$7,538,945,000 Would Bear 4 Per Cent.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Issuance of \$7,538,945,000 worth of 4 per cent federal bonds, subject only to income super taxes, war profits and excess profits taxes, and designed to provide \$4,000,000,000 for further allied loans and to retire the \$3,000,000,000 non-taxable 3 1/2 per cent issue now authorized to cover loans to the allies is contemplated in suggestions submitted by Secretary McAdoo to the House ways and means committee.

Receipt of the suggestions caused immediate activity among both democrats and republicans of the committee, many of whom are opposed to the details of the secretary's plan. While taxing the bonds is generally favored, so-thing more concrete than the secretary suggests, such as a flat levy of 6 per cent on the interest rate, or application of the income tax appears to be more generally desired by House members.

GORE TRIES NEW PLAN.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—An amendment to prevent expending any money raised from the war tax bill in transporting men to Europe who have not volunteered for such service was introduced by Senator Gore.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT LEVELS TOWN

Railroad Tracks Torn Up, Farm Houses Mile Away Demolished and Hundreds Reported Dead at Rigaud.

HUGE PLANT DESTROYED

Munitions Works Employing 5,000 People Wiped Out by Three Explosions—Details Unknown.

Rigaud, Que., Aug. 20.—The great plant here of Curtis & Harvey, Ltd., explosive manufacturers, was wrecked today by a series of terrific explosions and buried beneath the ruins of a dozen or so structures that comprised the factory are an unknown number of dead.

Thousands in Plant

Several thousand male and female workers employed at the plant were in the danger zone for hours. An early estimate based on first reports placed the number of killed at about 250, but indications were this afternoon that there were comparatively few casualties.

A relief train arrived from Montreal at noon bringing doctors and nurses, but owing to the fierce heat from the burning ruins of the plant they were unable to approach. No death list can be obtained until the ruins cool.

The loss in the value of buildings and stock will reach well up into millions. The first explosion was caused by the overheating of the machinery in the nitric acid building. The flames leaped along through the building and another explosion occurred. Most of the workers, however, are believed to have had ample time to escape.

Other explosions occurred every five minutes or so, shaking the surrounding country like a series of earthquakes. Altogether 15 detonations were counted.

Homes Blown to Bits.

One of the explosions blew down a number of houses in Dragon where most of the workers lived, and farm houses in the vicinity also caught fire. Provision was made by the people of Rigaud for accommodating the homeless workers.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—First report received here from the scene of the powder explosion today at Rigaud, Quebec, state that in the neighborhood of 250 persons have been killed.

Montreal, Aug. 20.—A terrific explosion at the powder plant of Curtis & Harvey, limited, at Rigaud, Quebec, today is believed to have caused heavy loss of life. Five thousand men and women are employed at the plant which covers an area of five square miles.

Reports received here soon after the explosion said the plant was nearly all in flames.

From points near Rigaud, it was learned that three explosions took place. The first at 9 o'clock was heard 20 miles away. It was followed by two others in quick succession.

The explosion disrupted telegraph and telephone communication with Rigaud, making it difficult to obtain information. Traffic on the Canadian Pacific railroad's Ottawa-Montreal line, which passes close to the plant has been suspended.

Trainmen who got away from the scene of the explosion reported that 40 houses at Dragon, a little village near the powder plant, occupied by workmen were razed by the force of the explosion.

The whole countryside was covered at 10 o'clock with a dense copper-colored smoke. A special train of doctors and nurses left here at 10:30 o'clock for the scene of the disaster.

300 Killed by Blast.

The officials here of Curtis & Harvey, Ltd., lacked information as to the cause of the explosion. It was said that probably 300 persons were working in the section of the plant where the first explosion took place. It was believed by the officials the other two explosions were caused by fire which spread from the first.

Passengers on a Canadian Pacific railroad train which passed the scene of the disaster, placed the number dead at the first explosion at 20.

The passengers said it was impossible to obtain definite figures as hundreds rushed into the open country when the first explosion occurred, and a few had returned when their train left for Montreal.

The extent of the explosion may be judged by the fact that two farm houses over a mile from the plant were blown down. At noon the village of Dragon was blazing and it looked as if it would be destroyed.

PRESIDENT STUDIES I. W. W. SITUATION

Threatened Miners' Strike in Alabama May Be Averted, Officials Say.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—President Wilson is making a personal study of the labor situation in the northwest, especially in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, where a general strike of the I. W. W. is threatened next Monday.

Officials in close touch with the threatened miners' strike situation in Alabama, were optimistic early today that the strike would be averted by developments within a few hours.

There are said to be 7,000,000 rats in the United Kingdom.

UNCLE JOE'S TRUE VERSION

Veteran Congressman Retells Green Corn Story Which He Declares Is Thirty Years Old.

"Uncle Joe," said a new member of the house of Representative Cannon of Illinois, "I heard a good story about you and green corn."

"Great guns, man, that story is thirty years old," said Mr. Cannon. "Well, I am a new congressman and I fell for it."

"If you are going to tell it again," went on Mr. Cannon, "let me tell it to you right. I have seen more versions of it than there are silk threads in a corn tassel. It's true, all right. It happened at the old Willard hotel when it used to be run on the American plan, with three meals a day. I am a light eater, but I am powerfully fond of green corn. One day I had a neighbor on from Danville, who took dinner with me. I had three orders of green corn."

"Joe," says he to me, 'how much board do you pay at this tavern?' I told him. He looked at the stack of corncobs, ruminated a moment, and then remarked: 'Don't you think it would be cheaper for you to board at a livery stable?'"

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"Pshaw, sir, wasn't your father a grocer?"

Moore smilingly replied that he was.

"Then, pshaw," continued the snob. "Why didn't he make a grocer of you?"

Moore quite affably retorted.

"Wasn't your father a gentleman?"

"Of course he was," was the rejoinder.

"Then why," queried Moore, "didn't he make a gentleman of you?"

A Peep Ahead.

This old millionaire and his beautiful bride, after their quiet wedding had a quiet wedding breakfast, a deus Astrakhan caviar, eggs pompadour, a trauffed chicken, fresh California peas champagne—so the quiet breakfast ran.

"My dear," said the old millionaire, as the fruit course, a superb Florida melon, came on, "tell me, my dear"—and he laid his withered hand on her young one—"do you love me for what I am or for what I was?"

The beautiful girl smiled down from the window into the admiring eyes of a young clubman who was passing; then she bent her clear, considering gaze on the gray ruin opposite and replied:

"I love you, George, for what you will be."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Reasonable Supposition.

The farmer alleged a freight train of the defendant company had hit one of his mules.

"Now, Mr. Jones," said the attorney for the corporation to the aggrieved party, who occupied the witness stand, "will you kindly tell the court whether or not your mule was on the track, the property of the defendant, when hit by the train?"

"Well, sir," replied Mr. Jones, "I didn't witness the occurrence, but I suppose things must have been about as you say. This was a pretty bright mule and I reckon if that train had took out after him in the woods which fringe the track there where he was killed he would have got behind a tree."—Macon Telegraph.

No Style.

First Girl—So you met Mr. Blank, the famous writer, at the reception. What do you think of him?

Second Girl—Not much. His clothes are quite old-fashioned, and I understand that he was celebrated for his style.

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