

PEACE AT END OF FOUR YEARS FIGHTING REMOTE

GERMANY EXPECTED TO MAKE ANOTHER BID FOR PEACE SOON

Teutons Hard Pressed Militarily, Pinched Economically and Filled With Financial Worries, But the Present Outlook Is That Struggle Is Far From Being Over—Pacifists Have Little Influence At This Time.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, Aug. 5.—At the close of four years of fighting peace seems very remote although the long period of strife has produced a tremendous amount of war weariness, suffering and sacrifice. Disappointment bows the people of every belligerent European country, but on the eve of the fifth year of the struggle the momentum of war is still strong. The enthusiasm, freshness and determination of America have revived the Allied peoples and governments. Although a peace atmosphere grows with inaction it is dissipated by the violent storm of battle. Within a week Lord Lansdowne published another letter which serves to illustrate the effect the long struggle has had on a certain class of the British people, a small class, it is hardly necessary to state. They would end wars the same way other wars have ended and trust to Providence for the future. Their policies are those of the opportunists, short-sighted, sometimes selfish. They want peace because a prolongation of the war means radical changes in the old order of things and in their financial status. They argue that continued war means further bloodshed and the destruction of national and individual strength.

Must be Decisive
All their arguments are based on the idea that the war must end indecisively and that the armistice will continue deadlocked. In every belligerent country there is a group of this kind. France has one, so has Germany. The professional pacifist who preaches peace in and out of season will not rally to a certain amount of credit because of his consistency, but Europe has no place for those who would end the war because they personally desire to maintain the old social order.

During the past year pacifists relied on President Wilson because they thought they saw in him a quick way out of the war, but they abandoned him when they found he would not subordinate peace to victory. As it means the discrediting of militarism it means a prolongation of the fighting and therefore the pacifists no longer support the policy.

Can Find Nothing
For the same reason many followers of Lansdowne find nothing in the league of nations idea. There is nothing in common between Lansdowne who mix like oil and water. Labor is tired of war but it does not rally around the Lansdowne groups. There is a sharp distinction between the Lansdowne group's attitude and that of the British munitions workers. The Lansdowne supporters hold different views from those supporters of Jean Longuet who this week became a majority leader of the Socialist section in France. There is strong trend in Europe toward peace after four years of fighting, but that doesn't mean that British labor and French majority Socialists are following the opportunity policy and are ready for peace on any terms.

Germany Pressed Hard
Germany is being pressed hard militarily; she is filled with financial worries. Germany will soon make a bid for peace, but she will not state her terms until she has set the stage to the best of her ability. She manages her peace offensives with the same eye to detail which marks her great military manoeuvres and the danger is that with the German military menace seemingly over and with the hardships of another winter ahead the Allies will be sorely tempted when Germany next suggests a basis for negotiations. Internal pressure has brought about radical changes in the political life of Germany, but the spirit of her rulers remains unchanged despite all sacrifices, all disillusionment and all sacrifices of the last four years. Before Foch turned the tide at the Marne the Radicals and Socialists showed a keen interest in Reichstag debates and it was necessary for Von Hertling to make concessions to them to stop.

On The Defensive
Now that the militarists have been thrown on the defensive it will be necessary for the imperial chancellor to make further concessions and there will follow corresponding modifications of the war aims. But the point to remember is that Germany's rulers—the militarists—are still of the same old opinions; that they feel that they have been playing out of luck of late. The peace at any price party is a great body of solid moderate opinion which is fighting for ideals, which doesn't care about territory, which wants an end of war for all time and for which it is prepared to make further sacrifices. The reactionaries with their opportunist policies dependent upon the fortunes of the battlefield more reflect the opinion of this group than do the pacifists. This group which supports Wilson's policy of force to the utmost and a league of nations to preserve world peace.

America need have no fear of a pro-

Prospects of Victory Never Brighter, Says Premier Lloyd-George

London, Aug. 5.—"Hold fast" was the keynote of a message to the British Empire issued by Premier David Lloyd George and promulgated in a dramatic way throughout the kingdom at the hour of nine o'clock tonight. The message was read to the audiences of all theatres, concert halls and other places where people were assembled, including the moving picture houses.

The message follows: "The message which I send to the people of the British Empire on the fourth anniversary of their entry into the war is, 'hold fast.'"

"We are in this war for no selfish ends. We are in it to recover freedom for the nations which have been brutally attacked and despoiled, and to prove that no people, however powerful, can surrender itself to the lawless ambitions of militarism without meeting retribution, swift, certain and disastrous, at the hands of the free nations of the world. To stop short of victory for this cause would be to compromise the future of mankind."

"I say 'hold fast.' Because our prospects of victory have never been so bright as they are today. Six months ago the rulers of Germany deliberately rejected the just and reasonable settlement proposed by the Allies. Throwing aside the last mask of moderation, they partitioned Russia, enslaved Rumania and attempted to seize supreme power by overthrowing the Allies in a final and desperate attack. Thanks to the invincible bravery of all the Allied armies, it is now evident to all that this dream of universal conquest, for the sake of which only they want to prolong the war, can never be fulfilled."

"But the battle is not yet won. The great autocracy of Prussia will still endeavor, by violence or guile, to avoid defeat and to give militarism a new lease of life. We cannot seek to escape the horrors of war for ourselves by laying them up for our children. Having set our hands to the task, we must see it through till a just and lasting settlement is achieved."

"In no other way can we ensure a world set free from war."

"Hold fast." (Signed) "LLOYD GEORGE."

LUDENDORFF SHORTENS HIS LINES TO SAVE HIS MEN

Not Only Declines To Give Battle South of Aisne But Draws in Lines Elsewhere To Conserve Strength For Future Big Movement At Some Point—Allies Advance Slowly.

By Arthur S. Draper (Special Cable to The New York Tribune and The St. John Standard)
London, Aug. 5.—Because of the need of caution and the difficulty of bringing forward their artillery the Allies are advancing slowly between Solons and Rheims. In many places only small elements maintain contact with the enemy while at other points strong German forces have been encountered by Foch's vanguards. The Allies hold the whole line of the Vesle and between Fismes and Rheims they have gone some distance beyond the river. From the heights south of the Aisne the German guns are shelling all the roads and towns along the Vesle, showing that the line intends to make his stand. Considerable quantities of booty are being salvaged by the Franco-American troops, but the fact that they are taking practically no prisoners and guns shows that the Crown Prince has succeeded in extricating his army from an exceedingly embarrassing position.

Conserving Strength
It is essential to keep in mind the big scale.

NEW U. S. MILITARY DRAFT BILL PASSED

Washington, Aug. 5.—The new administration man-power bill extending the selective service act to all men between the ages of 18 and 45, inclusive, and authorizing the president to call such persons into military service, "in such sequence of age and at such times as he may wish" passed in both houses of congress.

The measure, which was prepared by Secretary Baker with the approval of the president and approved by General Crowder, was returned to the military committee. Congressional leaders plan to have the measure considered soon after the summer recess period is over the latter part of this month.

ENEMY MOVES OUT NEAR LA BASSEE

London, Aug. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British Army in France, Aug. 5. (By The Associated Press.)—Advanced lines on a sector nearly half a mile long north of La Bassee Canal have been evacuated by the Germans and the British have pushed forward and occupied this ground.

"We captured a few prisoners during the night in the neighborhood of Neuville-Village, southeast of Arras. The enemy's artillery was very active last night opposite La Bassee and has shown some activity also north of Bethune and at different points between Hazebrouck and Ypres."

CANADIANS GET MILITARY CROSS

London, Aug. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—The following particulars are available concerning the award of the military cross to the following Canadian officers:

Lieut. George Murray, Halifax. When all the officers of the attacking company had become casualties, he led his platoon forward to reinforce, and overpowered the enemy's resistance.

Lieut. Arthur Nicholls, R. C. R., Halifax. He worked night and day, frequently under heavy fire, getting forward water and ammunition to the fighting troops.

Lieut. Arthur (acting major) John McIntosh Millar, Valcartier. When attack was anticipated he went through a barrage to organize the right flank, and brought back valuable information.

MONTREAL HAS THRILLING FIRE

Montreal, Aug. 5.—Damage of over half a million dollars, a factory, a public bath and thirty dwellings destroyed, three arrests of persons wanted as witnesses at the forthcoming enquiry, one of them suspected of being an alien enemy, four firemen hurt, girls leaping from windows, thrilling rescue, over a hundred residences placed in jeopardy—these were some of the outstanding features of the fire which broke out today at the premises of the Montreal Biscuit Co., St. Henri, in this city.

The caretaker of the Letourneau-Leprieux public bath had only just time to rescue his eight children before the building burst into flames under the fierce heat of the adjoining blaze. He carried them one by one across the roof of the building to the back where he slid down a telegraph pole. His wife was also saved by him.

The factory was a large two-story building and was completely wrecked. The fire is stated to have started in one of the waste paper machines in the cellar. A man with a German name is under arrest.

GOV. LE BLANC BETTER

Quebec, Aug. 5.—Sir F. E. LeBlanc, lieutenant-governor of Quebec province passed a comfortable night and today his condition is stated to have improved greatly.

MARRIAGES.

HOBSON-BEAUMONT.—On August 5, in Trinity church, by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, William Hobson, of Manchester, England, and Mrs. Frances Beaumont, of Worcester, England.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Rev. C. B. Lewis, who fell asleep in Jesus August 6, 1918.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC

August—Phases of the Moon
New Moon, 6th, 11:30 a.m.
First quarter, 14th, 7:15 a.m.
Full Moon, 22nd, 1:15 p.m.
Last Quarter, 29th, 3:30 p.m.

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7 Wed	6.22	8.37		13.04	7.10	19.28	
8 Thu	6.23	8.36	1.14	13.43	7.48	20.06	
9 Fri	6.25	8.34	1.55	14.21	8.24	20.43	
10 Sat	6.26	8.32	2.35	14.59	8.59	21.20	
11 Sun	6.28	8.30	3.16	15.39	9.35	21.58	

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate to fresh south to west winds, partly fair, with some local showers.

Northern New England—Probably local showers Tuesday. Wednesday partly cloudy and continued warm. Moderate to fresh south winds.

Toronto, Aug. 5.—Showers have been general today in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and they have occurred very locally in northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Location	Min.	Max.
Kamloops	44	58
Edmonton	44	68
Battleford	54	74
Swift Current	52	80
Winnipeg	54	76
Sault Ste Marie	56	74
Parry Sound	60	88
London	64	90
Toronto	64	94
Ottawa	62	90
Montreal	64	84
Halifax	48	88
St. John	45	66

FONTAINE FOX

Maker of the Simplest and Most Laughable Cartoons Printed in America

This week The Standard will present "The Return of the Swimming Party"—The day the cop took all their clothes.

Also how the powerful Katrinka makes ice cream.

We are also continuing

CAP. STUBBS

THE WORST IS YET TO COME

Which may have been omitted for a week or so.

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