

CHICAGO HEARS KAISER'S CHRISTMAS PEACE TERMS

Chicago, Dec. 20—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much-advertised, "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which earlier in the week received information to support intimations from abroad that a new peace offer is coming.

In the main the terms as described follow the lines of those said to have been written by Foreign Minister Von Kuhlmann last summer. At the time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes.

The so-called terms, which must be appraised only at their face value are said to include the following:

To leave the distribution of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants.

England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Northern France.

Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black Sea and Prussia to become independent under a German plan.

Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty.

Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.

Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

Turkey to remain intact.

Sincerity or Not.

Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German propaganda to impress the public mind that the allies are responsible for a continuance of the war, or whether it is really a feeler for peace is a subject for the estimate of governments concerned.

At first glance some are inclined to regard them as the Kaiser's much advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against foes who insist on the dismemberment of their country.

There is a very decided impression in competent quarters, however, that Germany having gained great advantages in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to allied demands in many other directions which in the estimates of her own statesmen would strike a balance. This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace, coming at this time has probably more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones.

No one here believes Germany's best terms would be put on the table at this first offer and those inclined to this view think a proposal of peace now is at least an attempt to start a discussion of terms.

From what may be gained of the war aims of the allied governments as expressed by their statesmen and President Wilson, such an offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing could not be considered as the basis of a satisfactory peace, although it might contain some of the elements.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Foreign Secretary Balfour made a spirited reply in the house of commons this afternoon to attacks by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member from Sterlingburgs, a pacifist, regarding the war aims of Great Britain and her allies, the published versions of which Mr. Ponsonby said, did not tally with the proposals of the secret treaties.

Mr. Balfour, in his response declared that President Wilson's statements on war policy were absolutely identical in spirit with those of the leaders of thought in Great Britain. He did not think there had been in the whole history of the war, more powerful state documents than those issued by the President of the United States.

When Mr. Ponsonby sneeringly charged that the Allies were sheltering themselves behind the President's reply to the pope, continued Mr. Balfour, he presumed the member meant no more than that when a statement of policy was admirably made by the head of the great American republic it might not be necessary and very often was unnecessary that it should be at once repeated on this side of the Atlantic.

The British government, he continued, had not refused a conference on war aims, but the problems presented enormous difficulties and it was his belief that friendly conversations were better than a formal conference for the discussion of these delicate matters.

In any event, added Mr. Balfour, all the Allies, including Russia, were strongly of the opinion that this was an inopportune moment for such discussion. What was desirable was a discussion of war methods rather than of war aims.

Mr. Balfour defended at length the government's procedure with regard to the agreements between the Allies concerning Constantinople, Persia, etc. He declared that Italy properly deserved some re-arrangement of territory in her favor.

Great Britain, continued the foreign secretary, never desired or encouraged the idea that a bit of Germany should be severed from the parent state and erected into a sort of independent republic or buffer state on the left bank of the Rhine. The government, he declared, had never been aware that such a proposal was seriously entertained by any French statesman, and he protested against the British government being charged with lack of faith or honesty on such a flimsy foundation.

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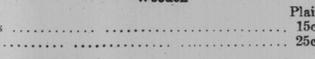
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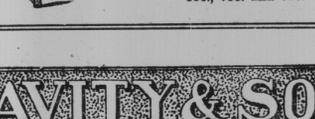
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