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## CLEMENCEAU'S SPEECH AND COUNT RANTZAU REPLY TO IT

Head of German Plenipotentiaries Refuses to Admit Germany to Blame For The War

**GIVES PLEDGE TO RIGHT WRONG DONE BELGIUM**  
VERSAILLES May 7.—In opening the session of the peace congress today when the allies' peace terms were presented to the foe envoys, M. Clemenceau the presiding officer speaking to the German plenipotentiaries said: "It is unnecessary to express needless words. You have before you the plenipotentiaries of the small and great powers united in this most cruel war which was imposed upon them. The hour has arrived for a heavy settlement of the account."

M. Dutaite secretary-general of the peace conference then delivered a copy of the treaty to Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau head of the German delegation who made a brief reply: No Use to Deny

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau said: "We declare that we do not deny the extent of our defeat. We know that the power of the German armies is

broken."

He was unable to admit that Germany was solely culpable and demanded that the allies make peace according to President Wilson's points.

Germany pledged itself to repair the wrong done to Belgium and have assurances of the reconstruction of the territories in Northern France.

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau asked for the liberation of German prisoners and said that Germany had adopted the league of nations.

M. Clemenceau's speech.—Following is the address of M. Clemenceau to the German delegates at the peace congress today:

"Gentlemen plenipotentiaries of the German empire: It is neither the time nor the place for superfluous words. You have before you the accredited plenipotentiaries of all the small nations and great powers united to fight together in the war that has been so cruelly imposed upon them."

"You asked for peace. We are ready to give you peace. We shall present to you now a book which contains our conditions. You will be given every opportunity to examine these conditions and the time necessary for it. Everything will be done with the courtesy that is the privilege of civilized nations."

"To give you my thoughts completely you will find us ready to give you any explanation you want but we must say at the same time that this second treaty of Versailles has cost us too much not to take on all our sides all the necessary precautions and

guarantees that the peace shall be a lasting one."

"I will give you notice of the procedure that has been adopted by the conference for discussion and if any one has any observations to offer he will have the right to do so. No oral discussion is to take place and the observations of the German delegation will have to be submitted in writing."

"The German plenipotentiaries will know that they have the maximum period of 15 days within which to present in English and French their written observations on the whole of the treaty."

"Before the expiration of the aforementioned period of 15 days the German delegates will be entitled to send their reply on particular headings of the treaty or to ask questions in regard to them."

"After having examined the observations presented within the aforementioned period the supreme council will send their answer in writing to the German delegation and determine the period within which the final global (world-wide) answer must be given by this delegation."

"The president wishes to add that when we receive after two or three or four or five days any observations from the German delegation on any point of the treaty we shall not wait until the end of the 15 days to give our answer. We shall at once proceed in the way indicated by this document."

M. Clemenceau spoke in French. The German reply.

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau's reply in full follows:

"Gentlemen: We are deeply impressed with the sublime task which has brought us hither to give a durable peace to the world. We are under the illusion as to the extent of our and the degree of our want."

We know that the power of the German armies is broken. We know the power of the hatred which we encounter here, and we have heard the passionate demand that the vanquishers make us pay as the vanquished and shall punish those who are worthy of being punished."

"It is demanded from us that we shall confess ourselves to be the only ones guilty of the war. Such a confession in my mouth would be a lie. We are far from denying any responsibility that this great war of the world has come to pass and that it was made in the way in which it was made. The attitude of the former German Government at The Hague peace conference, its actions and omissions in the tragic 12 days of July have certainly contributed to the disaster. But we energetically deny that Germany and its people were convinced that they were making a war of defense were alone guilty."

**Blames Imperialism.**

"Nobody would want to contend that the disaster took its course only in the disastrous moment when the successor to the throne of Austria-Hungary fell the victim of murderous hands. In the last 25 years the imperialism of all the European states has changed the position of the international situation. The policy of retaliation and the policy of expansion and the disregard of the rights of peoples to determine their own destiny have contributed to the illness of Europe which saw its crisis in the world war."

"Russian mobilization took from the statesmen the possibility of healing, and gave the decision into the hands of the military powers. Public opinion, all the countries of our adversary, resounding with the crimes which Germany is said to have committed in the war. Here also we are ready to confess wrong that may have been done."

"We have not come here to belittle the responsibility of the men who have waged the war politically and economically or to deny any crimes which may have been committed against the rights of peoples. We repeat the declaration which has been made in the German Reichstag at the beginning of the war that is to say wrong has been done to Belgium and we are willing to atone for it."

**Not Germany Alone.**

But in the manner of making war Germany is not alone the guilty one. Every nation knows of deeds and of people which the best nations only remember with regret."

Crimes in war may not be excusable, but they are committed in the struggle for victory and in the defense of national existence and passions are aroused which make the conscience of peoples blunt."

The hundreds of thousands of non-combatants who have perished since November 11 by reason of the blood were killed with cold deliberation after our adversaries had conquered and victory had been assured to them. Think of that when you speak of guilt and of punishment."

"The measure of guilt of all those who have taken part can only be stated by an impartial inquiry before a neutral commission, before which all principal persons of the tragedy are allowed to speak and to which all the archives are open. We have demanded such an inquiry and we repeat this demand."

**STAND ALONE.**

"In this conference also, where we stand toward our adversaries alone and without any allies, we are not, like without protection. You yourselves have brought us an ally, namely, the right which is gathered by the treaty and by the principles of peace."

The allied and associated governments have forewarned in the time between the 5th of October and the 5th of November 1918, a peace of violence and has written a peace of justice on their banner. On the 5th of October, 1918 the German Government proposed the principles to the President of the United States as the basis of peace and on the 5th of November, their secretary of state, Mr. Lansing, declared that the allied and associated powers agreed to the basis with two definite deviations."

"The principles of President Wilson have become binding on both parties to the war for you as well as for us, and also for our former allies. The various principles demanded from us heavy National economic sacrifices, but the only fundamental rights of all peoples are protected by this treaty. The conscience of the world is behind

it. There is no nation who might violate it without punishment."

"You will find us ready to examine up—this basis the preliminary peace which you have proposed to us with a firm intention of rebuilding in common work with you that which has been destroyed and repair any wrongs that may have been committed, principally the wrong to Belgium, and to show to mankind newswires of political and social progress."

"As to our next aim, I consider the reconstruction of the territories of Belgium and of Northern France, which have been occupied by us and have been destroyed by war."

"To do so we have taken upon ourselves the solemn obligation and we are resolved to execute it to the extent which shall have been agreed upon between us."

**GERMAN PRISONERS.**

Impoverished Europe must desire that the reconstruction shall be fulfilled with the greatest success and with as little expense as in any way possible. This desire can only be fulfilled by a clear understanding about the best methods to be employed. It would be the worst method to go on and have the work done by German prisoners of war. Certainly this work is cheap, but it would cost the world dear if hatred and despair shall seize the German people when they consider that their brothers, sons and fathers, who are prisoners, are kept prisoners beyond the preliminary peace in 'former penal work."

"Without an immediate solution of this question, which has been drawn out too long, we cannot come to a durable peace. Experts of both sides will be asked to examine how the German prisoners can be released without succumbing under their heavy burden. A crash would befall those who have a right to repair, advantages to which they have a claim and would draw after it irretrievable disorder of the whole European economical system."

"The vanquishers as well as the vanquished people must guard against this menacing danger, with its incalculable consequences. There is only one means of banishing its unlimited confessions of the economic and social solidarity of all the peoples in a free and rising league of nations."

"Gentlemen, the sublime thought to be derived from the most terrible disaster in the history of mankind is the league of nations. The greatest progress in the development of mankind has been pronounced and we make its way. Only if the gates of the league of nations are thrown open to all who are of goodwill can the aim be attained and only then the dead of this war will not have died in vain."

"The German people in their hearts are ready to take upon themselves their heavy lot, if the basis of peace which has been established are not any more shaken. The peace which may not be defended in the name of right before the world always calls forth new resistance against it. Nobody will be capable of subscribing to it with good conscience, for it will be able to take upon himself the guarantee of its execution which ought to lie in its signature."

"We shall examine the document handed to us with good-will and in the hope that the final result of our interview may be subscribed to by all of us."

**Where Are Few Ontario**  
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Mr. Knechtel of the Merchants Rubber plant spoke of experience and heartily supported the question. Submitting it to the object of the criticisms of the Council on the wood and potato questions, I respect the council for being cautious," he said.

Mr. Knechtel also spoke supporting the housing question, and urged the Council to proceed with putting it into operation in this city. He asked opponents of the proposal what alternative they had to supply the houses which are so sorely needed in the city.

There was no reply to this question.

**Motion Made and Carried.**

On the motion of Mr. Smyth and Mr. Davidson it was decided by the meeting that the matter be referred to the people of the city.

The attendance at the meeting was very representative. It included a number of ladies. The hall was packed. A motion to have the Mayor secure a list of applications from citizens for houses, made by Mr. J. P. Souly and Mr. W. Hartung, in order that an idea could be secured as to how many houses would be required, was withdrawn.

## OBITUARY

**MRS. B. B. BEMIS**

We are sorry to report the demise of Mrs. B. B. Bemis, widow of the late Mr. B. B. Bemis, of the village of Bloomington, on May 1st, who has been a highly respected citizen of this community for many years, at the age of 88 years, 3 months and 9 days. She was born in Inverness Shire, Scotland, coming to the United States with her parents when only 2 years of age, later when a young woman coming to this community where she lived mostly ever since. The late Mrs. Bemis will be greatly missed by her large circle of friends of both old and young, especially the young with whom she was always a great favorite.

Interment took place on Sunday, May 4th at 2 p.m. in the Winterborne Cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. M. Hamilton, of Guelph, (formerly of Winterborne), who paid an impressive and solemn tribute to the memory of the deceased, and made many touching references to the unselfish, sympathetic, and Christian character of the deceased. The devotion of the family to their mother in her 34 years of invalidism has been an example and made a lasting impression on all their friends both far and near. Her husband predeceased her over 18 years ago, also one son and two daughters previous to that. Those left to mourn, her sons are Donald, Mary, Abbie at home; Asaph in Detroit; David in Toronto, also two sisters, Miss Mary J. M. McKay at home, and Mrs. Murdoch of Kitchener, also

three grandchildren survive.

The pallbearers were her 3 sons and 3 nephews.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement shown by the many beautiful floral tributes, including the following:

A basket of Easter lilies and white roses, from the family; a pillow of carnations and sweet peas, from Mr. James Murdoch and mother, Kitchener; large spray of opelia roses, from Mr. D. C. Chalmers and sisters, Toronto; large spray of roses, from Mr. A. Murdoch and family, Toronto; spray of carnations, from Mr. A. McKay and family, Stratford; spray of Easter lilies, from Grand River Lodge, A.F. and A.M., Kitchener; spray of roses, from St. Omer Preceptory, Galt; spray of carnations, Moosa Temple, London; spray of carnations and sweet peas, from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shepherd; spray of carnations, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Dreger, Kitchener; spray of white roses, from Mrs. G. H. Bowley, Kitchener; spray of carnations, from Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bowman, Kitchener; spray of carnations, from Wm. Metcalfe & Co., Kitchener; spray of carnations and sweet peas, Mr. R. D. and E. D. Lang, Kitchener; spray of sweet peas, from Miss Maggie and Ben Moyer, village; spray of carnations, from Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts, village; spray of roses, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Simon and family; spray of snap dragons, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Heintzman and family; spray of Richmond roses, from Mr. and Mrs. C. Hummel and family.

**Mother**

Lead thy Mother tenderly  
Down life's steep decline;  
Once her arm was thy support,  
Now she leans on thine.  
See upon her loving face  
Those deep lines of care  
Think—it was her toil for thee  
Left that record there.

Ne'er forget her tireless watch  
Kept by day and night,  
Taking from her step the grace,  
From her eyes the light;  
Cherish well her faithful heart,  
Which through weary years  
Echoed with its sympathy  
All thy smiles and tears.

Thank God for thy Mother's love,  
Guard the priceless boon;  
For the bitter parting hour  
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Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Crees, Mrs. Louis Sattler and Miss S. Sharlach, of Kitchener, called on friends here on Wednesday evening.

Seven persons are known to have perished and a dozen were injured, several probably fatally in a fire which destroyed a six-story apartment house at Columbus Ohio.

Father John J. Hughes head of the Paulist Order in the U.S. died aged 62 years.

## SOME PEOPLE YOU KNOW

It is our aim to make this column interesting. If you are going away or have friends visiting you drop us a line or phone 305 or 390.

Mr. Oliver Master of Ottawa is spending a few days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Master Roland St.

Mr. Stanley Randall of Elmira was a visitor to the city on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Black have received word that their daughter Lieutenant Black, expects to sail for Canada some time next month.

Rev. J.H. Simons pastor of Shenstone Memorial Church Bramford, has accepted a call to the Baptist Church Paris, and will assume the pastorate there June 1st.

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