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United States Mexican Agreement

MEXICO CITY, July 25.—The details of Mexico's proposals for a graceful solution of the difficulties existing with the United States were made public tonight by the foreign office. A copy of the note, which was sent to the Washington government July 11, was given to the newspapers for publication in tomorrow morning's editions.

The note suggests the naming of three commissioners by each government, the commissioners to meet at some neutral point for the purpose of discussing the withdrawal of the American troops now in Mexico, the drawing up of an agreement providing terms for the reciprocal crossing of the frontier by the troops of either nation, and the investigation of the origin of the parties which have raided American border towns, for the purpose of definitely fixing responsibility for them.

In commenting on the note tonight foreign officials said that as the note had not yet been answered by the Washington government they considered it their duty to the Mexican people to make it public, that Mexicans might know what effort their government was making toward a peaceful solution of the pending difficulties.

It has been learned from unofficial sources that the conference probably will be held in Niagara Falls. The names of the Mexican delegates have not yet been made public, but it is known that they will all be civilians, and that the chairman of the commission will be a member of General Carranza's cabinet well known in the United States. It is believed that the conference will convene early in August.

Mexico's Note.
The note, which the foreign office says the United States government has never answered, is directed to Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's agent at Washington. It follows:

"By order of the Citizen First Chief you will please transmit in writing to the Honorable Secretary of State the following note:

"I have the honor to refer to the note of your Excellency, dated the 7th of the present month, that was transmitted by our confidential agent, Arredondo, and to say that I have received instructions from the citizen first chief of the Constitutionalist army in charge of the executive power to suggest through you to his Excellency Mr. President Wilson, the idea of naming three commissioners in representation of each government, to meet at some place, to be later agreed upon for the purpose of holding a conference that the proposition of the evacuation of American troops now occupying Mexican soil may be decided forthwith and that protocol or agreement may be drawn up, specifying conditions for the reciprocal crossing of the frontier by the forces of either nation, as well as to make an investigation of the origin of bandits to date, in order to definitely fix the responsibility and settle pending difference, which may have arisen from similar cause, all subject to the approval of the two governments.

"The Mexican government proposes that the conferences referred to be carried out in the spirit of frank cordiality, with a strong desire to arrive at an arrangement honorable and satisfactory to both governments and with the idea that if the government accepts the proposal it will so recommend to the delegates which it may name.

"The Mexican government considers this the most effective manner for arriving at the desired result, and hopes the government of the United States will manifest its acceptance of this idea in order that it may be immediately put in practice, and that the Mexican government may send the names of its delegates. Assure his Excellency of my highest consideration.

(Signed) "C. AGUILAR."

Fears Effect on Colonies of Irish Muddle

LONDON, July 28.—The London Daily Telegraph, commenting on the Irish situation, says this morning:

"How will British statesmen be able to face the statesmen of the dominions when the latter invite them to consider the future of the empire if they have to say they still are pre-occupied with the Irish squabble? There must be a settlement, and those who resist it will eventually have to bow to the will of the nation."

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GERMANS THINK THIS IS ALLIES' SUPREME EFFORT

NEW YORK, July 24.—A New York Times cable from Berlin last night says:

The result of the chancellor's conference with the party leaders in the Reichstag to-night is being awaited in political circles with even keener interest than the news from Verdun.

While it is said that the conference will deal with the general military foreign and political situation, it is believed Von Bethmann-Hollweg will take the leaders into his concrete peace programme. Signs have not been wanting recently to indicate that the powerful moderate, Conservative, National-Liberal and Catholic elements are striving to bring about a rapprochement between the chancellor and the pan-Germans, not without some prospects of success, particularly as the chancellor's principle that the longer Germany's enemies prolong the war, the heavier will be open for reconciliation with the annexationists.

Terms Less Moderate.
The impression in political circles is that, in view of Germany's continued heavy sacrifices in blood and treasure, Von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace conditions to-day are decidedly less moderate than at the time of his last Reichstag speech. While press politics over Germany's war aims continues, the inner political quarter has so moderated that it would not be surprising the chancellor's conference ended in a love feast unless due emphasis should be placed by his political opponents on the submarine question.

Supreme Effort.
The theory that the present general offensive is the entente allies' supreme effort, that after its failure peace should come in sight, has gained some hold on German public opinion, which continues to view the French and English offensive with uncanny equanimity as something foredoomed to failure and frightful losses on both sides.

As it is necessary to prepare the ground for peace thoughts, the public sees additional reassurance for regarding the general military situation hopefully in the fact that a systematic public propaganda for unity regarding peace conditions or war aims begins August 1, when, under the auspices of the German national committee, fifty prominent personages simultaneously are to deliver an identical lecture on war aims in fifty German cities. As this lecture will have the approval of the political censoring the chancellor's peace views. Hence it is being awaited with the liveliest interest by friends and foes alike.



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GAINS SLOW FOR A WHILE

Small Advances Will Take the Place of Sensational Events Says New Under-Secretary for War, but Result Will Be Secure—Offensive Will Wear Down Germans

Lord Derby, the new British Under-Secretary for War, deprecates the tendency to underrate the quality of the Germans as soldiers. He says that there is a long, hard task ahead of the Allies, and he will not admit that the present offensive along the western front is the "grand offensive" in this war. Nevertheless he says that while the British progress will be slow, it will be certain, and slow because it will be permanent. He does not expect German counter-attacks to win back any of the ground that has been lost to the enemy; nor does he expect the war to be decided by any spectacular action. "This war will end," he says in an interview, "in the British way." And it will be fought in that way. The gains will be small and slow for awhile; it will be the cumulative effects of an offensive on three fronts that will wear down the Germans. He looks for no whirlwind campaign.

In answer to the question if the present offensive is the "great push" of the Allies, Lord Derby would only answer that any movement that put a large number of German troops out of action might well be called the great push. That is to say, the Battle of Verdun might be described as a "great push" or a great success for the French. In the present operations on the Somme the object of the French and British is not necessarily to capture so much territory which was in the hands of the Germans when the offensive began, but to reduce the man-power of Germany. Sometimes this can be done more effectively on the defensive than on the offensive, as Verdun bears witness. Sometimes an offensive will cost the defenders more than a defensive action. That is what is happening on the Somme. The British and French will pay for their advance; but the Germans will pay more highly for resisting it. That is the way Lord Derby looks at the battle now raging.

The Under-Secretary for War made no secret of the fact that the British were perfectly prepared for the Somme battle. To the last detail the British are prepared, he says. For months a surplus supply of ammunition was accumulated, the result of strenuous, nation-wide endeavor, and an unprecedented bombardment was made possible. Every other branch of the army was turned up for the great effort, and every emergency will happen can find the British unprepared. Lord Derby does not expect any swift advance. The Germans were aware that the British contemplated an offensive; indeed, it was almost officially announced. They did not know the plans of General Foch. Therefore, it happened that while they had made all preparations possible to resist the British, the French were able to take them by surprise, and the French advances were therefore swifter than those of the British.

Up to the present no official lists of casualties have been given out by either the British or the Germans. They will be heavy on both sides. It is to be remembered, however, that on the British side every soldier who passes through a dressing station no matter if his wound is so slight that he is able to report next day, is counted a casualty. But heavy losses are to be expected; probably no offensive that is launched until the war is over will entail heavier losses.

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Yuan Sung Addresses Chinese Parliament
PEKING, Aug. 1.—Parliament, convened to-day, was attended by 400 delegates, one hundred more than necessary to form a quorum. President Li Yuan Sung, after taking the oath, addressed the legislators, urging them immediately to take up non-partisan reconstructive work. The President, who was not accompanied by a police guard, wore European civilian attire. After hearing the President's speech Parliament adjourned indefinitely. It probably will be re-convened within three weeks if party difficulties be reconciled.

State Dept. Favors Large Loan to China

Local Bankers Confer With Acting Secretary Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The State Department to-day informed representatives of New York bankers that it has decided to favor a loan to China by American financiers. The initial loan is about \$4,000,000, and the ultimate amount, it is stated, will be from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

State Department officials deny that this decision marks a reversal of the policy adopted when this Government, early in the Wilson administration, declined to sanction participation of American bankers in the so-called "six power loan," in which China was involved. The Government at that time declined to favor the project, it was stated, because it did not wish to assume an obligation which might lead to international complications.

Officials admit that if the loan in question is made with the approval of the State Department the United States is bound to see that China keeps her obligations.

An official said to-day: "In the case of the six Powers' loan the Government appeared to be flatly committed as guarantors in writing to the collection of debts from China. That situation is changed. Now China needs money and will take all she can get. Of course, if the loans are made on the faith of the Chinese Government, at the request for China to this Government, the State Department will have an interest in seeing that China fulfills her obligations."

Representatives of bankers at the Department to-day were Frank M. McKnight, of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co.; Willard S. Straight, of The American International Corporation, and George B. Lee, representing Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston and New York. They discussed the loan with Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk and Assistant Secretary William Phillips.

The loan is to be predicated on "Chinese treasury notes," and not upon liens of Chinese customs and internal taxes.

At the State Department, it was said, officials do not know whether the loan actually has been made. Lee, Higginson & Co. has already loaned China about \$5,000,000.

New Hitch Over Border Trouble

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Settlement with Mexico of the border troubles seemed as far off to-day as at any time since the Columbus raid.

The principal stumbling block continues to be the insistence of Carranza that the withdrawal of the American troops should be discussed by the commission proposed for settlement of the border troubles.

Some officials hold that the disposal of the troops does not fall within the purview of the commission. They say that because the troops were sent in to Mexico by the President his orders are not subject to change by any other authority.

Army officers predict that the second protocol, or commission plan, will fail just as the first did, by repudiation by Carranza.

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