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Austria Prepared For Immediate Peace

GERMANY READY TO DO ANYTHING TO SECURE PEACE

AUSTRIA READY FOR SEPARATE PEACE TO SAVE DUAL KINGDOM

Prepared To Enter Into Direct Anglo-French Negotiations.

ARRANGING CONFERENCE
Delegates Arrive at Geneva, Proposing Meeting.

CONDITIONS ARE TERRIBLE

Internal Developments Such That Humiliating Peace Will Be Accepted.

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Geneva says:

"A party of Austrian diplomats arrived this morning at the Hotel Metropole here. They stated that the dual monarchy has proposed that a conference should take place at Geneva, the home of the Red Cross and one of the cradles of world liberty.

"There also are grounds for stating that Austria, while not prepared to desert her allies, is prepared to enter into direct negotiations with Britain and France. Opinion prevails here that Austria's internal conditions are so terrible that the dual monarchy, to avert bankruptcy and ruin, will accept a humiliating peace without a preliminary discussion."

DIFFERENCE IN WORDING
MAKES LITTLE CHANGE

Phraseology of Official German Note Slightly Altered.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received here early today. So far as was known it was unaccompanied by any other communication and was said to be substantially the same as the unofficial text received Tuesday from Berlin.

The official text, which differs in phraseology from the unofficial, follows:

"The Imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communication of the president, the noble initiative of the president looking to the creation of basis for the foundation of lasting peace.

"The president discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choice of the way open.

"A direct exchange of views appears to the Imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The Imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant, which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose speedily assembly on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states.

"It is also the view of the Imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can first be taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion. The Imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached, to co-operate with the United States at this sublime task."

\$25,000,000 MORE IN GOLD

Canadian Shipments Swelling American Import Total.

New York, Dec. 28.—Gold valued at \$25,000,000, imported from Canada, has been deposited at the sub-treasury here to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co., it was announced today. This makes a total of \$664,000,000 worth of its metal brought into the United States from all sources since January

CONCERTED PROVINCIAL MOVE TO ABOLISH ALL "COMMISSION HOUSES"

Prairie and Maritime Provinces, British Columbia and Ontario Will Restrict Liquor Importations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Sir James Aikens, lieutenant-governor, is to assist in a concerted move by the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with temperance forces to secure a more restricted restriction of the liquor traffic.

During last week half a million dollars worth of liquor was brought into Winnipeg from Kenora and Dryden, Ontario.

All provinces have asked Sir James Aikens, who framed the Manitoba temperance act, to draft an amending clause to the temperance act in each province in order to abolish "commission" houses, and to prohibit liquor being kept in export warehouses in each province, so that, falling Dominion legislation, preventing transportation of liquor into provinces where the sale is prohibited, citizens can secure liquor only by importing it direct from distilleries and breweries in other provinces.

Refuse To Allow Full Light On War's Responsibility.

ANSWERS ARE EVASION
French Paper Lays Bare Ob-jects Behind Speedy Replies To Peace Note.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The German reply to President Wilson's note is regarded as an evasion by the Lausanne Gazette, which says:

"The Berlin Government pretends to welcome President Wilson's initiative, but it really evades answering the American note as well as the Swiss one. It suggests a conference between the belligerents, but at the same time it closes doors and at the same time it which each of the negotiators would be free to boast of extensive concessions made and accuse his adversary of secret reservations and bad faith."

What the appeal of Washington and Bern is for is the juxtaposition in full daylight of the objects of the war, but the objects pursued being evidently contained in the motives of those who let loose the war these motives cannot help being made apparent. It is easy to see what a formidable indictment they would form and why Berlin and Vienna insist on discussing peace on the basis of the unofficial text of procedure which would throw a full light on the responsibility for the war."

WILL TOUR CANADA TO PROMOTE THRIFT, SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

Sir Thomas White Inaugurates Scheme Immediately After New Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Sir Thomas White announced today that he will inaugurate a thrift and savings campaign immediately after the opening of the New Year. In order that he may give sufficient time to this, Sir Thomas announced that he will inaugurate the patriotic fund since war began, and Mr. McKinnon having been chairman of the special parliamentary commission on pensions on which the present pension system has been based.

Sir Thomas states that during the next three months he proposes to address public meetings throughout Canada on the subject of thrift. He states that the more this can be responded to the more Canada will be strengthened to make advances to the Imperial Government for the purchase in Canada of munitions and food supplies. He expects the co-operation of the Canadian banks and postoffice savings banks throughout Canada.

TANCREADE'S CONDITION APPEARS WORSE TODAY

Again Refuses to Eat and Is Extremely Melancholy.

The condition of Mr. Tancreade today is not as hopeful as during the last two days.

According to officials at the jail the condemned murderer's state of mind is difficult to understand.

He is subject to sudden moods. Yesterday, he appeared as normal in mind and occupied, it is believed that no trouble would have been experienced with him. This of course was not permissible for a man under the sentence of death.

WASHINGTON IS FEARFUL THAT BREAK IS SURE

Believes Failure of Peace Negotiations Means New Sub Crisis.

MUST CLEAN ITS SLATE

This Is Only Alternative Left in German-American Relations.

WILSON HURRYING PEACE
Pushing His Campaign To the Limit To Avoid Subsequent Unpleasantness.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Dec. 28.—The fear that if present peace negotiations fail this nation then must clear its slate on the submarine situation with Germany grows again today.

But President Wilson intends to push his peace work to the limit to avoid possible subsequent unpleasantness with Germany if it is possible. There is now no mistaking official belief, that President Wilson's peace notes to the belligerents, and the two subsequent "Explanations" by Secretary Lansing, in effect constituted a warning against any unbridled acts of war that would involve American lives or rights.

Danger of Break.
New York, Dec. 28.—In a dispatch from Washington to the New York World, a strong supporter of the Wilson Administration, Henry N. Hall, in this morning's edition, makes the unqualified statement that "danger of a United States-German break lies behind the peace moves of the kaiser and President Wilson."

Throughout the latter part of November and early in December, the World says, evidence accumulated at the state department that created grave doubts as to whether Germany was respecting the conditions of peace.

The submarine pledge given to the United States after the sinking of the (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

MERELY REPETITION OF FIRST PEACE PROPOSAL

Semi-Official Swiss Statement So Branded Germany's Reply.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 28.—The semi-official Swiss, commenting on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note says:

"The note conveys the impression that the central powers are not disposed to listen to President Wilson's suggestion and make public, before a conference, the conditions of peace. The Allies must see that they do not promote the success of that transparent manoeuvre by the adoption of a purely negative or intrinsically attitude. Our right course is not to repeat the same, but to state our terms when the challenger to negotiations has stated hers."

A Distinguished London Old Boy Pays High Praise to The London Advertiser

Chester Glass, son of the late David Glass, K.C., M.P., of this city, who is a successful New York lawyer, sends the following letter to The Advertiser:

"I want to congratulate you on 'The Advertiser.' I am a subscriber and read it every day. It certainly is a wonderful paper, and I think equal in interest, if not better, than those at Toronto. There is a snap and goabout the editorials and a lavish expenditure for news which marks the successful journal today."

"One almost wonders how a city of the size of London could support a paper of this kind, but I suppose you have a wide circulation outside and your constituency is, in fact, the whole province. I was about to mail a check to the company for my subscription and thought I would like to express my appreciation of the paper success for the coming year. Yours very sincerely, (Signed) 'CHESTER GLASS.'"

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 41; lowest, 25 o'clock last night. The official for the 12 hours ending 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 19.

TOMORROW—COLDER.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—6 a.m. Forecast.

Fresh west to northwest winds; fair today and on Friday, and becoming much colder.

GERMANY'S REPLY RENEWED EFFORT TO TRAP ALLIES

Eagerness for Negotiations Interpreted as a Desperate Move to Prevent Defeat.

SEIZED AT ANY STRAW

Germans Accepted the Wilson Note as Means of Staving off Inevitable.

LONDON POST STRONGLY OPPOSES
Any Discussion Which Would Halt War.

London, Dec. 28.—The London morning papers generally regard Germany's reply to President Wilson as no reply at all, but a renewed effort to trap the Entente into a conference at an inopportune moment for the latter, with a view to averting what is consistently maintained here as inevitable—the defeat of the central powers.

The Post, asserting that Germany regards President Wilson's note as an instrument fashioned to serve her interests, says that Germany has seized the occasion with the desperate eagerness of a drowning man catching at a straw.

Rejecting all idea of a conference the Post says:

"Could Not Resume War."
"It is perfectly evident that if a discussion were once begun the war could not possibly be resumed. The long gathering momentum of the Allies once checked, could not be recovered."

The Post calls the German proposal for a conference "an impudent affront," and adds, "that he afforded occasion for this affront should help President Wilson to understand why in all the Allied capitals his action is regarded as an insult."

The German answer may well refer to the friendly spirit of the American note, for the effect, however undesigned, is to accuse Germany and embarrass the Allies."

New and Significant Step.
The Daily Telegraph thinks the reply marks a new and significant step in the game of desperation forced upon the central powers by their well justified dread of what the immediate future holds for them.

The Daily News says: "The failure to meet President Wilson on a common ground cannot be ascribed to obstinacy. Germany's affectation of misunderstanding will not head nobody. The original German note, and the present reply to President Wilson have the common object of throwing upon the Entente the onus of rejecting ostensibly genuine proposals. The Allies must see that they do not promote the success of that transparent manoeuvre by the adoption of a purely negative or intrinsically attitude. Our right course is not to repeat the same, but to state our terms when the challenger to negotiations has stated hers."

John McKinnon was a brother of James McKenna, 555 Princess avenue, this city. Mr. McKenna received a letter from his brother about two months ago, from Rochester, Michigan where he was engaged on construction work for the Detroit United Railway. He was 41 years of age and unmarried.

The late Mr. McKinnon always used the American spelling in his name while his relatives here use the Old Country form, McKenna.

Mr. McKenna left today for Capaco, where the body is being held awaiting his arrival.

Another brother resides in Chicago.

THREE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN QUEBEC

Mother Leaves Home and Tots Lose Lives.

St. Michel de Naperville, Que., Dec. 28.—Three children of Roch L'Abadie, Paul, Anita and Annette, aged respectively 4 years, 3 years and 18 months, were burned to death last night. The mother had left the house for a few moments and on her return found the place in flames. Attempts by Mrs. L'Abadie and neighbors to save the children were thwarted by the rapidity with which the flames spread.

DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM MEXICO

Garranza's Answer to American Note Insists On This.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here from New York this morning, bearing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City. He made telegraphic arrangements last night to submit the answer today.

The character of Carranza's reply has not been revealed, but it was generally believed it was another suggestion for modifications and contained the insistence that the American troops in Mexico be withdrawn unconditionally.

CENTRAL POWERS READY TO NAME TERMS TO PREVENT BLOCK IN PEACE CONFERENCE

PARLIAMENT CALLED TO MEET JANUARY 18

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Parliament has been called to meet January 18. It is expected that Premier Borden will leave for England about a month later to attend the Imperial conference. Parliament may be continued under the leadership of Sir George Foster or may be adjourned until Sir Robert Borden returns.

TINO SAID TO HAVE ORDERED TROOPS TO FIGHT ALLY ARMY

Greek Monarch Reported as Ordering Interned Division To Macedonia.

London, Dec. 28.—A telegram has been received from Saloniki by the Anglo-Hellenic League to the effect that the Greek division which surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala has been ordered by King Constantine to leave Greece, Germany, where it has been interned, for the Macedonian front to fight against the Entente Allies.

BROTHER OF LONDONER FOUND DEAD IN VILLAGE RESERVOIR IN MICHIGAN

John McKinnon's Body, Discovered at Capaco, Shows No Signs of Foul Play.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 28.—The body of John McKinnon, believed to have relatives in London, Ontario, was found in the reservoir at the village pumping station at Capaco, twenty miles west of here yesterday afternoon. A letter with the address, 555 Princess avenue, London, was found in his pocket.

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Mystery surrounds the case as no one seems to be able to account for the body being in the reservoir. No one can find out who killed the man about the village. Examination of the fact that the body had been in the water for about two weeks. No marks on the body would indicate foul play.

Identification of the body was made by Sam Bowler, a former school mate. He was unable to account for McKinnon's presence in Capaco.

The coroner is holding the remains in hopes of getting into communication with relatives.

All Hope Abandoned for Missing Former Great Lakes Boat.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was regarded as probably lost today. Search for the vessel and her crew by coastguard cutters, which was begun after the Maryland's wireless calls for help were suddenly silenced on Christmas night, was abandoned today. Flotsam found by the cutters could not be identified as being from the Maryland.

The cutters had circled for more than 30 hours in the waters southeast of this island, in the vain hope of finding the vessel. The Maryland's wireless operator, the steamship, recently converted from a great lakes cargo carrier to an ocean-going craft by her owners, the Great Lakes Company of Philadelphia, had been given a top rating of seaworthiness, and it was believed she must have received a very severe buffet to go down so quickly.

When the cutters Gresham and Aouch turned back today from their search for the Maryland, they took up the hunt for another missing vessel, the new steamer Ozama of the Clyde Line, bound from Portland, Me., for New York, with cargo. Since leaving Portland on December 1, the steamer had not been reported and Clyde Line officials sought the assistance of the coastguard service in searching for their craft.

OZAMA COMES INTO PORT.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Clyde Line steamship Ozama, four days overdue from Portland, Me., has put into Block Island, according to a message today from the master of the ship to officials of the line here.

It is believed she was blown to sea in the storms of the past week.

KILLED BY BRANCH.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Brussels, Ont., Dec. 28.—While cutting wood in the bush yesterday, William Alcock, 19 years old, son of Harry Alcock, was instantly killed by being struck by a branch of a falling tree.

SERVICE NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A service arranged by the Overseas Chapter I.O.O.F. will be held on New Year's eve in the Majestic Theatre, instead of the regular Sunday evening service. Rev. H. H. Bingham of the Talbot Street Baptist Church will address the gathering.

Germany Ready To Permit Confidential Exchange of Views To Gain Respite From War.

New York, Dec. 28.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington this afternoon says:

Germany, it was made known today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the Entente belligerents to enter a conference without proper knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the Entente powers would base a refusal on such a condition.

The central powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson, should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States Government or soon would be.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT EXPECTED.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived today. It was declared that no confidential communication of the United States Ambassador General von Bernstorff, accompanied it. There are indications, however, that a confidential statement of Germany's position if made would come through the ambassador. It has been announced in advance, however, that it would not be made public, and it is likely that its receipt even would not be admitted.

Germany, it was said today, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestions from the president. As the case stands now, the German Government considers it has met all the suggestions in the president's note, and a statement to that effect has been made by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

EXPECTS CONFERENCE.

It was said today that Germany had no intention of asking the Entente to make public its terms and at the same time would not publicly divulge her own on any consideration. The view expressed in German circles here is that the Teutonic text is laid before the Entente delegates will be such as to admit of their acceptance.

Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who hurried back to the capital last night, reiterated again today that he felt a conference would result from the present situation and that he considered it in a light of optimism. Germany's position is represented as one of willingness to impart her terms in a confidential manner first if that is absolutely necessary, a conference but still preferring to reserve them for presentation at a round table where they could be discussed with more freedom.

MUST SHOW MOVE IN STATE INTEREST TO GAIN SUPPORT

Alberta Labor Leader Is Outspoken On Registration Question.

Edmonton, Dec. 27.—J. A. Kinney, vice-president of the Alberta Federation of Labor, and one of the leading representatives in Alberta of labor, said tonight:

"The approval of the Government's national service scheme by the trades congress executive will no doubt result in a large number of trades unionists in Canada supporting the scheme. But I am of the opinion that not until the Government indicates that the mobilization of all human energy will be in the interests of the state, not for private gain, will the scheme gain the general support of the working class of Canada."

RECOMMEND FILLING CARDS.

Saskatoon, Dec. 28.—Former A.I.D. Bailie and J. J. McGrath, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, said today they were satisfied that the labor representatives had made a careful study of their reply respecting national service before they made it. They would recommend to union men here that the cards be filled in according to conscientious conviction.

LEAVE IT TO EXECUTIVE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Following are excerpts from the minutes of the executive hearing of the result of the conference of 18 representatives with the Do- (Continued on Page 11, Column 3.)

BRITAIN FAVORS IT

Wants Daylight Saving General Year 1917.

London, Dec. 28.—The Times today prints a forecast of the report of the committee which has investigated the results of last year's daylight saving. It says the evidence taken shows that opinion overwhelmingly favors making the plan general in 1917. There is almost a consensus among the interests which had the most difficulties because of the setting of the clocks ahead that they remained were far outweighed by the advantages obtained. The Times says it is virtually certain that the daylight-saving plan will be renewed in 1917, but that it is likely to begin some time in April instead of May.