

# Press Comment Upon Austrian Peace Offer.

## Teuton Peace Trick Has Fallen Flat With Anglo-American Press.

PAPERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SAY ALLIED TERMS ARE CLEAR AND GERMANY MUST SURRENDER ABSOLUTELY—OFFER OF PEACE TO BELGIUM A SHAMELESS INSULT.

**BRITISH.**

London, Sept. 16.—Austria's invitation to the belligerents to meet in informal peace discussions is given a warm reception by the London morning newspapers. The warmth, however, is not that of cordiality, but of indignant repudiation. The note is seen by commentators as a German trick in which Austria is made the catspaw in an endeavor to gain time to enable the German high command to reorganize its shattered troops. The offer of peace to Belgium is regarded as a shameless insult.

"The Austrian note does not bring real peace any nearer," says the Express. "Preliminary conditions to peace have been stated over and over again by the Allies, and there is not the faintest suggestion that the Central Powers will agree to any one of these conditions. They who drew the sword are scheming to save themselves from perishing by the sword. The distinguishedness of the note betrays that it was written in Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin."

"Our peace terms have been made abundantly clear," says the Post. "When Germany and her dependants are ready to accept them they can let us know. There will be no abatement to them. Germany must be beaten, and must recognize she is beaten. Until then, her suggestions for peace conferences are not to be regarded as any more than the craning of thorns under a pot."

"An impudent sham," is the Mail's editorial head over its comment on the note, which is described as "an other form of an old German trick."

As to the offer to Belgium, the Mail says it is insulting and only "offers Belgians one more scrap of paper."

"The note is absurd on the very face of it," says the Telegraph. "It is disingenuous, cynical and insincere, while the proposal to Belgium is both insincere and insolent. Germany, as a Power, is not to be trusted. Her most solemn compacts are falsified by her actions. We must find a way to bring about the end of the war, and German policy carried out by very different rulers before we can even hope to discuss peace. It is true that all nations desire the end of the war, but peace must be lasting. It must be

one founded upon the recognition of the independence of nations.

The Chronicle says: "Two motives inspire the note. First, the desire to embarrass the Entente by throwing upon them the odium of continuing the war. Second a genuine longing for peace. Berlin and Vienna now realize for the first time that the Central Powers cannot win the war. Instead they are fearful with the dread of defeat and disaster. No one wants to continue the war a day longer than necessary, but the Entente are not going to be fooled with an unreal peace. It would be foolish to expect good results from a conference until Berlin and Vienna change their methods of negotiations."

The Times says: "Germany is employing Austria to renew sham peace proposals and cover up her efforts to gain time while Hindenburg reorganizes his forces. It is one of the oldest and staliest tricks of diplomacy."

The Manchester Guardian asks if the Central Powers would be willing to restore the countries they have overrun, reverse the Brest-Litovsk treaty, set Russia free and leave Poland, Lithuania, Finland and the Ukraine to determine their own destinies.

"These are among the questions which the Allied Governments are entitled to ask, before consenting to enter upon confidential negotiations," the Guardian declares.

**AMERICAN.**

New York, Sept. 16.—"Force, force to the uttermost, force without stint or limit," is the slogan adopted by all of the responsible New York papers this morning in their comment on the Austrian peace note.

Under the caption "Force as a Finality," the New York World says: "Earlier proposals by Austria-Hungary for direct peace negotiations having been rejected, the present suggestion of 'non-binding discussions' is entered into by all the belligerents will hardly be more favorably received. No one but a German or a vassal of Germany could imagine that, with the responsible leaders of Prussian militarism, aims as false and boastful as ever, a peace by negotiation is possible."



### C. F. Snelgrove.

Writes on the Death of his Father. Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Seeing no reference in the daily papers or rather particulars of the sad death of my father, and so many enquiries reaching us from friends anxious to know particulars, I thought I'd write you a few lines of the facts:—

My father received a request from my sister to send her some bakewiches, so he decided that he would go in the country, and pick some himself, and send some to his son who is ill at Wandsworth, and his other daughter in the city.

He started early in the morning, and went part way on a trolley car with the section men. As the day advanced rain came on; some men who met him on the marsh said they were coming out. He said he would remain and fill his bucket, as he wanted to say he picked the berries himself.

When night came on, and he did not return my brother, with whom he lived, thought he was spending the night at his camp which he sometimes did.

Next morning on his not returning, outcry was made he wasn't at his camp, so the woods were searched, and the next day his body was found lying peacefully beside a brook not far from the railway track. He must have taken the wrong path leading from the marsh, and in travelling through the woods got exhausted and chilled, for as his clothing was soaked with rain.

When his body was found the two dogs he had with him were sitting faithfully by his side. The body was removed to his home where interment took place. A very large concourse of people followed his remains to the cemetery. Funeral service was conducted by Revs. Ward and Lunck assisted by Rev. G. S. Chamberlain.

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The Tribune, in a scathing editorial arraignment of Germany for her attempt to use Austria as a catspaw, says: "The force we have pledged—all that is in us—to destroy the intolerable German thing has touched the frontier. American shells have begun to fall upon that myth of invulnerability which is Metz. Gott is falling the Rhine and now Austria says: 'Come, let us all sit down together in a neutral place and have peace discussions.'"

"Germany has lost the war. The peace offensive is now her most dangerous weapon."

The New York Herald says:—"The answer will be a firm and decisive negative. There will be no 'calm exchange of views.' President Wilson has specifically stated and repeatedly affirmed the main conditions of peace. These conditions and principles have been fully endorsed by Entente statesmen in every country concerned. In the answer to Austria-Hungary is 'no'—and this is backed up by force 'without stint or limit.' We have just begun to fight."

The Times says:—"From Vienna, the quarter in which for three years the Allies have felt that the movement for peace could originate, comes the first veritable peace offer, and it comes in a form which the Allies may honorably accept in the confidence that it will lead to the end of the war. The Vienna invitation to conference is not of the kind that victors send forth."

"Upon that we need not dwell. All the belligerents desire the end of the war. The stricken world longs for peace. While no armistice precedes the proposed conference, we are justified in entertaining the hope, the belief, even, that fighting will cease this year as the fruit of this 'non-binding' discussion of terms."

Comment from other cities, along similar lines, follows: Boston Herald says: "The bait thus offered is not attractive and not even fresh. As a factor of the anticipated peace drive it will be of no avail. A peace by negotiation has been impossible by those who—aligned, and kindled the world conflagration."

Boston Globe:—"In all this there one real danger to the Allies. The German diplomatic offensive finds the Allies with a divided diplomatic front. England, France and Italy have never yet officially endorsed President Wilson's war aims. It is plainly the Government's plan to make a specious peace offer which the Allies are bound to reject, then go back to its people and make a successful bid for consequence of support."

Philadelphia Record:—"A sufficient reply to Austria-Hungary's peace overtures was made in advance by the recognition by the United States and its Allies of the Czecho-Slovaks as an Allied nation. We cannot make peace and betray them, and their country must be carved out of the Dual Monarchy."

Chicago Herald and Examiner:—"Talk of peace is idle until the war ends by a decisive victory."

Washington Post:—"Germany started this war; civilization will finish it."

Cleveland Plaindealer:—"Germany has failed to conquer the world with her arms, now she proposes to conquer the world with her wit. We shall reply to his whippers with machine guns. Against his flimsy structures of whining deception we let loose our armies with renewed vigor."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat:—"General March, our chief of staff, voices American sentiment when he says that we're going right on. We are now talking in the language the Germans can understand—the language of force. We can borrow a motto from General Grant. If Germany is ready to surrender unconditionally, let it speak. It would be to its advantage to do so, for we are going right on. It may check our programs for a time, but it can never turn the tide."

The Omaha Bee:—"If the Central Powers recognize in the military situation the hopelessness of their case and are willing to submit to terms, the approach will be without essential difficulty. But they cannot be admitted to a conference on a status other than that of the vanquished."

The Louisville Courier Journal:—"If Austria-Hungary, so selbstehty victimized by Germany, wishes to sign a separate peace, that is a different matter. Let her indicate her desire to do so and it will receive due consideration. But under her present government that is hardly more possible than that Saxony or Bavaria should sue for a separate peace."

Indianapolis Star:—"Any non-binding parley now would serve only to belch out the issues and be productive of no good. The enemy should understand that peace is not to be merely a master of trading. We are fighting for right, and we cannot compromise right or justice."

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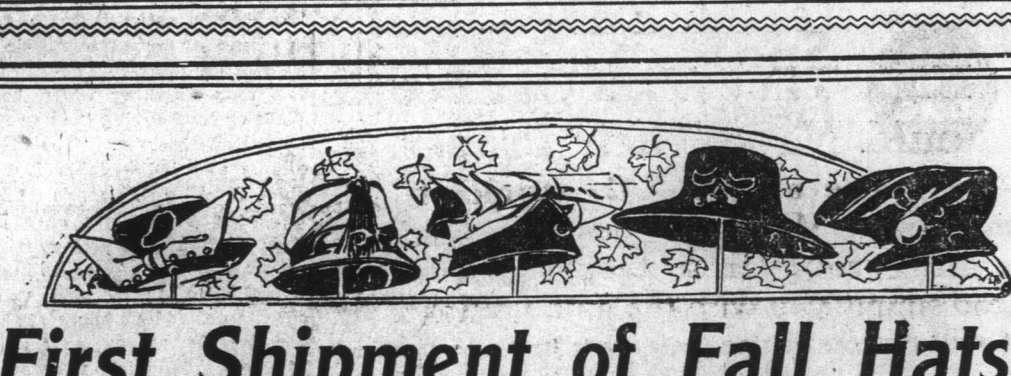
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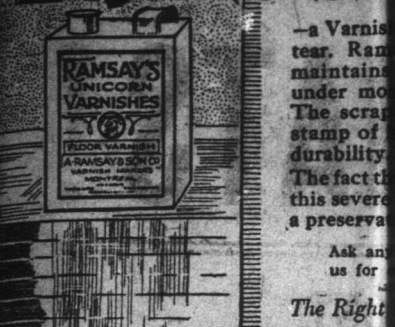
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