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No War By Christmas Says Pacifist Ford**Promises to Have the Boys Out of Trenches and Shaking Hands—Sure His Plans to End War Will Succeed, But Keeps Details Secret.**

New York, Nov. 24.—This is to be the world's greatest Christmas if Henry Ford can make it so.

Mr. Ford, whose automobile output is second only to the birth rate, expects, by the 25th of next month, to have all the "boys in the trenches" out of their holes and shaking hands with each other in pledges of never-ending peace. He doesn't tell how he will do it, but he says it will be accomplished.

Mr. Ford announced to-day that he has chartered the Oscar II. of the Scandinavian line to sail from here on Dec. 4 with a band of peace missionaries, who will strive to show the warring monarchs that they are all wrong.

"And when I get those boys out of the trenches they'll never go back again," Mr. Ford says.

In the party will be Mr. Ford, John Wanamaker, Jane Addams, Ida M. Tarbell, and possibly Thomas A. Edison. Of course there will be others. Mr. Ford hasn't had time to figure out his full passenger list, for he didn't get his idea into shape until between 11 and 12 o'clock Tuesday night.

EDISON IS SCEPTICAL

Mr. Edison told Mr. Ford that he'd like to go but thought this would be impossible.

"But I'll make him go," the Detroit automobile maker said to-day. And to persuade the inventor that he should make the trip, Mr. Ford went to East Orange to-night.

Of Mr. Wanamaker's acceptance of the invitation Mr. Ford said:

"When I suggested his going, Mr. Wanamaker responded instantly, 'I'd go anywhere in the world with you in an effort to stop this war.'"

The only definite announcements about his project that Mr. Ford would make to-day were:

Peace Whistle Blows Dec. 25.

The ship will leave here on Dec. 4. The whistle for the soldiers and sailors to "quit fighting will be blown early on Christmas Day.

Twenty-four hours after Oscar II. weighs anchor at this port, Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Evening Post will open an office in Washington with \$20,000 Mr. Ford has given him, where he will seek to learn what members of Congress favor the administration's defence plans, and why they favor them.

Confers With President

Mr. Ford got into town early today from Washington, where he had a conference with President Wilson on peace. He refused to say whether the President had encouraged or discouraged his purpose. The optimism of the Detroit pacifist to-day would lead one to believe that Mr. Wilson did not regard the proposition unfavorably.

Soon after Mr. Ford had established himself at the Hotel Biltmore, the fact that he had opened negotiations for chartering the Scandinavian liner was wormed out of him. He saw Harry Jacobson, general manager of the passenger business of that company, whose office is at 1 Broadway and asked Mr. Jacobson to arrange for the vessel. Mr. Jacobson cabled to the home office with the understanding that the liner will be temporarily his as soon as she gets in here.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, when Mr. Ford gave an arranged audience to newspaper men, he said that he would be unable to give out any detail until to-morrow afternoon.

Must Empty Trenches

"For the present," he said, "I can tell you only that we are going to assemble a great group of the biggest and most influential peace advocates in this country—who can get away—on this ship. The names of the ports at which we will stop will be given to you later—perhaps to-morrow. We must get those boys out of the trenches by Christmas."

"How are you going to get them out?"

"I can't tell you just now. But we will use the wireless; we'll get the heads of the neutral nations together, and we'll get the press, the greatest of agency for good behind us."

"And we'll have the boys out of trenches by Christmas. They'll walk out of their holes across to the men who are fighting them now from other trenches, and they'll shake hands in smiling agreement never to go back to those trenches again."

Only One Per Cent For War

"If we know only one thing, we know that the boys in the trenches do not want to fight. We know that from letters we have received, and we know it from other sources. In this entire world only 1 per cent of the population are in favor of this war, and this 1 per cent is made up of the capitalists who are drawing fortunes from the manufacturing of war materials."

"We're going to win, because we have to fight only that 1 per cent. I know all these men who are making money out of this war and I know them so well I know how to beat them. They have no argument that can stand up against our programme. We'll have the best men and women that the United States can offer and when we get the heads of neutral nations together with us, our efforts to bring this horror to a speedy end will be certain of success."

"So it is not purposed calling the rulers of the nations at war into conference with your organization?"

"That question will be answered at the same time that we announce our plans fully."

Socialists as Authority

Mr. Ford was asked what made him so certain that the men at the front were opposed to war. The automobile maker turned to Louis P. Lochner of Chicago, secretary of the national peace federation, who is working with Mr. Ford on the peace plan.

Mr. Lochner said:

"I was in Germany and in France shortly after the war started. In Berlin is a headquarters of the International Society of Socialists. There the socialist leaders received letters from socialists at the front, declaring that none of the men in action wanted the struggle to continue."

"In France I learned the same thing about the French soldiers, who—as was the case with the Germans—reported that they had learned their enemies wanted the war to end. The socialists in Berlin got together quietly once each week and go over the reports they receive from comrades in the trenches. The German government knows of these meetings but they are not matters of common knowledge."

Exports to be Welcomed

Mr. Ford has not the slightest doubt that his expenditure will be welcomed at every foreign port reached by the Oscar. His bubbling confidence was most evident in the answer he gave to a question of whether he will take an active part in Mr. Villard's Washington campaign.

"I'll get to work with Mr. Villard," he said, "immediately on my return from abroad, after the war is over."

It could not be learned to-day whether the peace liner will be engaged for a round trip. Mr. Lochner said he understood the charter called for only a one-way trip. W. Benton Crisp of Crisp, Randall & Crisp, lawyers of 80 Broadway, who is assisting Mr. Ford, said to-day he was not privileged to talk. The cost of chartering the vessel for the trip across is estimated at \$100,000. The Oscar II. can accommodate 250 first and second-cabin passengers.

Navvies Go to Next

When the Detroit manufacturer gets the boys out of the trenches and after he gets to the bottom of this American preparedness idea he will take up another important feature of world life.

"I speak of this naval advisory board," he said. "In place of that board we should have a group of men to pass on the production of things designed to benefit mankind, in life and property instead of turning the attention of these experts to the making of devices that take life and destroy property."

"We should take all of these great minds—and many more—and have them suggest improvements in the things that will help us to live better and cheaper."

Job to Make Life Happier

"In my own plant we have a department that looks after this feature of existence. The men in this department are engaged solely in trying to make life happier for our employees, showing our workers where their dollars will go farthest with the same result that would attend the spending of more money, and in pointing out to them necessities the absence of which they remark but cannot define."

Much of Mr. Ford's confidence is based on the hearty co-operation of the Women's Peace Party—with whose members he conferred to-day—and on the behalf that the numerous peace organizations abroad will joyously join their efforts with his.

Proof War's End Desired

It is understood that Mr. Ford will have other conferences with President Wilson.

The former announced to-day that

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A thousand creeds and battle cries,
 A thousand warring social schemes,
 A thousand new moralities,
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Eash on his own aparchic way,
 From the old order breaking free—
 Our ruined world desires, you say,
 License, once more, not liberty.

But ah, beneath the struggling foam,
 When storm and change are on the deep,
 How quietly the tides come home,
 And how the depths of sea-shine sleep;

And we who march toward a goal,
 Destroying only to fulfil
 The law, the law of that great soul
 Which moves beneath your alien will;

We, that like foemen meet the past
 Because we bring the future, know
 We only fight to achieve at last
 A great reunion with our foe;

Reunion in the truths that stand
 When all our wars are rolled away;
 Reunion of the heart and hand
 In the one God that dwells behind.

Forward—what us in idle words?
 Forward, O warriors of the soul!
 There will be breaking up of swords
 When that new morning makes us whole.

NO SANCTION FOR REPRISALS

The Spectator—"It would be impolitic, not to say rash, to lay it down as an inviolable rule that we should never practise reprisals. If we did, we should be in the position of the man who said that in no circumstances would he go to law, and thenceforth became the victim of all the unscrupulous arts of his rivals. We must not tie our hands. Fortunately we are not required to do so by moral law, for, as Burke said, nothing absolute can be affirmed on any moral or political subject; and we shall certainly not commit ourselves to the proposition that reprisals could never be morally justifiable or materially affectual. But, with this reservation, we can most heartily declare our agreement with those who decline to sanction the principle of reprisals on any evidence now before us."

HISTORY'S EPITAPH ON FERDINAND.

London Telegraph—"The Washington Government has been informed by the American Minister at Constantinople that the American massacres have been resumed with vigor since Bulgaria's entry into the war. That statement may well be his cry of epitaph in the ingratitude, perjury and treachery of the ruler of the Bulgarian people, who themselves have felt the bloody hand of Turkey."

OUR SEA SUPREMACY STANDS

London Times—"The extension of our blockade should make it clear to all whom it may concern that, since our naval position has been challenged by Germany, we are determined not to sacrifice one jot of the legitimate advantages it secures to us. We know that it alone stands between the free nations of the world and a German maritime tyranny as intolerable as the military tyranny which she is even now seeking to establish in Europe. Our sea power is a condition of our existence, but a condition that threatens no one, coerces no one, and is a terror only to pirates. We shall not cease to use our every resource in its defence until it, and with it the cause of all our Allies, is safe against attack from any quarter. This determination, which is shared throughout the British Empire, is the best answer to inspired mediators and officious neutrals who have been seeking surreptitiously to create in England and in Allied countries an atmosphere favorable to consideration of German 'terms of peace.' We warn them, and all diplomats, financiers, and intriguers who may set their hands to this task, that they will not only labor in vain, but will incur the just and fierce resentment of a united people resolved, now as ever, to carry this war through to complete victory."

Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, a Hungarian pacifist, and Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a socialist member of the British Parliament, will see Mr. Wilson at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and "lay before him documentary proof that a majority of the people of the warring nations want the war ended as quickly as possible."**READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.****Special Showing of NEW DRESS GOODS****DRESS VENETIANS, all colors, 50c. up****COSTUME TWEED, assorted, 50c. "****DRESS SERGES, Bl'k & Navy, 70c. "****Plain and Fancy, Black, 40c. "****For Evening Wear****COLOURED VOILES, All Shades and Prices.****Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe**

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