

THE GERMAN IDEA OF PEACE TERMS

It is essential to a clear view of the present stage of the war that exact note should be taken of the German interpretation of the Peace Terms of the Allies, as indicated in their reply to the Note of President Wilson. In so many words the Kaiser has told his people that these terms mean "the crushing of Germany, the dismemberment of the Powers allied to us, and the enslavement of the freedom of Europe and the seas." "The destruction of our Fatherland" is now the current German description of the aims of the Allies. These aims are, in brief :

1. The restoration of Belgium, Serbia, and Montenegro, with compensations.
2. The evacuation of the invaded territories of France, Russia, and Roumania, with reparation.
3. International settlements guaranteeing land and sea frontiers against unjustified attack.
4. Restitution of Alsace-Lorraine.
5. Liberation of Italians, Slavs, Roumanians, and Czecho-Slovaks from Austrian and German domination.
6. The freeing of non-Turkish populations from Turkish rule, and the expulsion of the Ottoman Empire from Europe.