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DEMOCRATIC NATIONS GRATEFUL TO WILSON

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London, Oct. 24.—The popular comment of the President's note here is that it contains the strongest language ever addressed by the head of one great nation to another in modern times. The note is welcomed, first because it brings matters to a new state; further proceedings, if there are to be further proceedings, will be in the hands of all governments interested. Hitherto, so far as the public knows, the nations associated with the United States, and which have more at stake perhaps than has the United States, have been onlookers to the correspondence. The note is welcomed, secondly, because it promises to bring the season of discussion to an end altogether. One way or the other, no one can fail to see that the President's platform or reject it. Acceptance of the platform means that the Germans regard their position as hopeless and that disaster is imminent. That general opinion is that Germany's military position is not so bad, but that their leaders will fight on, only with the hope of creating divisions among the Allies, which has been Germany's reliance of late.

Westminster Gazette. The Westminster Gazette says: "Whether the German government accepts this proposition for an armistice will depend on its estimate of its military and internal situation, and upon nothing else. All democratic nations will be grateful to the president for having forcibly projected the issue between free peoples and military despotism in the foreground at this stage of the war. But let it be said again that the choice rests with the German people. It is for them, and not for us, to say how they shall be ruled. All that we can say is that according as they choose so we must act, and that is the president's last word. We can negotiate with a free people, but we must demand surrender from a military autocracy."

ARRESTED AT THE FUNERAL OF WIFE

Quebec Man Charged With Embezzlement Taken in by Unfeeling Police.

Quebec, Oct. 24.—While attending the funeral of his wife at St. Romuald today, Alexander Hamel was arrested by detectives on the charge of embezzling. He had been hunted for several weeks and the police finally located him when he attempted to follow his wife's body to the grave.

Surrender of Austria Expected

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.—(By The Associated Press)—The speedy unconditional surrender of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy is probable, according to a Vienna despatch to the Frankfort Gazette.

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.—Baron Von Hussarek, the Austrian premier, in discussing President Wilson's reply to Austria in the House of Lords in Vienna on Tuesday said that Austria was able to endorse the President's peace programme without forsaking deep-rooted convictions. He declared it was a historic and fundamental idea of the Hapsburg monarchy that all its peoples should have equal rights. He did not think the President's reply would result in a breaking off of exchanges.

Czech members declared that the plan embodied in the imperial manifesto for the establishment of a Czech state was impracticable.

Earth Trembles in Mighty Gun Battle

With the Allied Armies in France and Belgium, Oct. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—Hard fighting is in progress all along the front of the British attack. The German reply to the British barrage at the opening of the attack was strong. The very earth trembled with the vibrations from the continual roll of terrific explosions. The chattering of British infantry met with strong machine gun resistance, in silencing which the tanks gave material assistance. Good progress is being made everywhere, judging from such reports as are available. More prisoners and guns are being taken.

FRENCH DEMANDING FULL REPARATION

Question of Devastation Wrought in North France Discussed in Parliament.

Paris, Oct. 24.—(Havas Agency.)—The question of the devastation wrought by the Germans in Northern France was the topic of a discussion in parliament today. In the Senate, Antonin Dubost, president, asked that victory should give all its might to chastisement of the offender and reparation for the crimes. "The enemy will be condemned to restitutions for which we will take guarantee, not being able to rely upon his word," said Stephen Pichon, foreign minister. "We are near the end of sacrifices imposed by savage aggression or which its authors try to escape responsibility. Their calculations have been upset by President Wilson." Senators from the liberated regions filed a resolution asking that commissions be sent to ascertain the extent of the devastation, which were described as heart-breaking. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

RAILROAD MEN URGE OVERTIME

Want Time and Half Pay—U. S. Wage Board Considering Request.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The four leading railway brotherhoods have renewed their request for time and a half pay for overtime work, and are now pressing this issue before the railroad administrative board of railroad wages and working conditions. At present most of the men get the same rate of pay for overtime that they receive for the standard day's work. The new application applies to the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen's brotherhoods. In addition the switchmen's union has asked for time and a half credit for holidays and Sunday work. The wage board is considering the application and will make recommendations to Director General McAdoo.

GETS MILITARY MEDAL

Frederickton, Oct. 24.—Sergt. Fred McN. Staples, son of H.O. Staples, of Devon, has been awarded the military medal for gallantry in action during the British operations before Amiens. He was wounded at that time, and is now convalescing at Kitchener's Hospital, Brighton, England. He went overseas with the 104th Battalion.

ROOSEVELT IS AGAINST IDEA OF PRESIDENT

Thoroughly Mischievous Are Fourteen Principles, Says Teddy.

ASKS UNCONDITIONAL GERMAN SURRENDER

Calls Upon Senate of United States to Oppose Negotiated Peace.

TO DICTATE PEACE BY GUNS NOT TYPEWRITER

Ex-President Also Declares U. S. Should Make War on Turks.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt sent duplicate telegrams tonight to United States Senators Lodge, Poindexter and Johnson in which he characterized as "thoroughly mischievous" the fourteen principles which they are to be made the basis of peace. The telegram follows: "As an American citizen I most earnestly hope that the Senate of the United States, which is part of the treaty-making power of the United States, will take affirmative action against a negotiated peace with Germany and in favor of a peace based on the unconditional surrender of Germany."

"I also declare against the adoption in their entirety of the fourteen points of the President's address of last January as offering a basis for a peace satisfactory to the United States. Let us dictate peace by the hammering guns and not chat about the accomplishment of the clicking of typewriters."

Certain utterances of Entente statesmen and of inspired official organs are straightened out here, while accepting the terms laid down by President Wilson, there may be a disposition to inject new matters to retard the advance of Field Marshal Haig's men, and to propose new points based upon ever-shifting conditions. It is believed, however, that if such should prove the case, the new points probably would be taken into connection with final peace negotiations and need not delay the consideration of the form of armistice.

HUNGARY INTENDS TO ASK ENTENTE FOR EARLY PEACE

President Wilson's Reply to Austria Caused Panic in Vienna — The Czech-Slovaks.

Paris, Oct. 24.—Hungary intends to apply direct to the Entente governments to ascertain what terms they will grant an armistice and peace to Hungary, so it is reported in political circles in Budapest, according to a Zurich despatch to the Journal. Austria-Hungary already is reconciled to the idea of unconditional capitulation, says a Vienna despatch to the Frankfort Zeitung, because Vienna is threatened with famine, the authorities are powerless and laws are no longer enforced.

COAL STRIKE ON

Fort William, Ont., Oct. 24.—A sympathetic strike ordered on all coal docks tonight will tie up all coal shipments from the head of the lakes to the west. The order to strike came from the international union today.

ALLIED NATIONS ARE CONSIDERING ARMISTICE PLEA

Supreme War Council to Prepare Fateful Reply to the Germans.

ALLIES TO ACCEPT WILSON'S TERMS

But They May Make Additions as Circumstances May Seem to Warrant.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Germany's plea for an armistice and peace now is before the governments, which are to determine whether they are disposed to accept President Wilson's principles of settlements to which Germany subscribes and, in accord with the Entente Powers, asks their military advisers and those of America to prepare the terms of an armistice which virtually will mean surrender by Germany. In various public utterances, the premier and other leaders of the Entente Powers have repeatedly declared that President Wilson's statements in his address of last January 8 and subsequent addresses reflect their own views.

Something more official and binding is required now, although it is regarded here as a foregone conclusion that this approval will be registered and that the offices of the Supreme War Council will be invoked to prepare the fateful document which will define the conditions under which Germany may secure relief from the incessant hammering of the victorious Allied armies.

No one here today, would undertake to forecast the probable time of a final decision on Germany's plea. It is known, however, that the supreme war council already has given the matter the most earnest consideration. And in that connection it is recalled that there was no delay in notifying General D'Espèry, the Allied commander on the Balkan front, of the terms that should be laid down for Bulgaria when that nation asked for an armistice.

The general principle in each case probably are similar, but there necessarily will be a great variance in the details since not only are a great army and nation to be dealt with but the question of large naval forces as well. Certain utterances of Entente statesmen and of inspired official organs are straightened out here, while accepting the terms laid down by President Wilson, there may be a disposition to inject new matters to retard the advance of Field Marshal Haig's men, and to propose new points based upon ever-shifting conditions.

AMERICANS TAKE TOWN

Washington, Oct. 24.—Continued progress by the Americans on the battlefield north of Verdun was reported today by General Pershing. Enemy positions east of the Meuse were penetrated yesterday and west of the Meuse Banteville was completely occupied and the American line established on a ridge northwest of the village.

C. P. R. Steamer Runs Ashore

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 24.—On her way from Skagway with 300 passengers, the C. P. R. steamer, "Princess Sophia," at 3 o'clock this morning drove ashore on Vanderbilt Reef, Lynn Canal. No further details were contained in the wireless message notifying the C. P. R. officials of the accident. The vessel sailed from Skagway last night, having one of the largest passenger lists she has carried this year. Many of the people who secured passage on the vessel are from interior points in Alaska, having reached White Horse on the last river steamer to arrive.

THE INFLUENZA SPREADS OVER GREAT BRITAIN

Thousands Die in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and on Continent.

Ten thousand in South Africa Dead. Fifteen London Policemen Ill and Public Service Sadly Crippled. Disease of Most Virulent Type. Undertakers and Doctors in London Unable to Cope With Demands.

FIGHTING OF A SANGUINARY NATURE IS ON

British, French and American Troops Are Everywhere Making Good Progress.

GERMAN ARMY IS RESISTING STOUTLY

City of Valenciennes is Gradually Being Enveloped by the British.

FLOODS IN BELGIUM RETARDS FIGHTING

Germans Near Border Continue to Use Many Machine Guns.

(By The Associated Press.) On several of the most important sectors in France, from the region of Valenciennes to the east of Le Cateau; north of Laon, between the Oise and the Serre rivers, and on the front from the Meuse river to the vicinity of Grand Pre, battles of a sanguinary character are being fought.

In those the British, French and American troops everywhere are making progress against the stubbornly resisting Germans. In Belgium the Allied forces, owing to the rapid retreat of the enemy, and the flooded condition of the lowlands, have not yet been able to come into full fighting contact with the Germans, but doubtless a few days more will see them again hand after hand, driving him farther toward his own frontier.

Heading for Mons. South of Valenciennes the British Third and Fourth Armies, with which Americans are co-operating, have continued successfully to press onward with Mons and Maubeuge their objectives. Valenciennes is gradually being enveloped, and soon is destined to be pinched out of the fighting line by turning movements from the north and south in the manner generally adopted in the present day tactics when it is more desirable to envelop a strong position than to waste life and limb in reaching the objective by a frontal attack.

The Germans in this region continue to use numerous machine guns to retard the advance of Field Marshal Haig's men, and the artillery of both sides is violently active. British aviators are dropping bombs behind the line or flying low and cutting troop formations to pieces with machine gun fire.

PARIS LIKES NOTE

Paris, Oct. 24.—Marcel Sembat, in L'heure says: "No reply of the President's, in our opinion, has equalled the present one in frankness. To the carpenter in the United States who implored him not to reply he turned a deaf ear. No better warning could be given Germany than that she holds her fate in her own hands. Will she uncrown the Kaiser and become a free people or will she remain infatuated with the military imperialist? The choice is hers, we will treat her accordingly."

PRISONER ESCAPES

Dorchester, Oct. 24.—A convict named Landry, while working with a gang at the reservoir near the penitentiary this afternoon made his way for liberty, getting safely into the nearby woods. A few hours later guards succeeded in apprehending the escaped prisoner along the C. O. R. track near the Collyer Bridge Station.

FAVOR WOMEN

London, Oct. 24.—The House of Commons yesterday adopted a resolution in favor of women sitting in parliament. The resolution was passed by a majority of 249.

British Drive Huns From Bois L'Eveque

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Oct. 24.—(Reuters.)—British troops today drove the Germans from the Bois L'Eveque, east of Le Cateau, and reached the Sambre-Oise Canal in that region. The advance brings the British considerably east of the German line, the parallel having occupied the sharp elbow in the Scheldt Canal east of Raimies Forest. The Germans everywhere are offering stubborn resistance. The attack was resumed at four o'clock this morning north and south of Valenciennes. With the American Army North-west of Verdun, Oct. 24.—American patrols early today penetrated deeply into the German lines in the region of Grand Pre and north of Verdun. The enemy has been using his artillery and machine guns freely along the entire front.

GERMANY'S ALLIES TO MAKE PEACE

That is Current Belief in London—Austria and Turkey Would Like to Pull Out.

London, Oct. 24.—"Watch Germany's allies if she decides to go on with the war," is the suggestion among diplomats here. Austria shows no intention of remaining the tail to the German kite, the Austrian premier said yesterday that the separate correspondence begun with President Wilson would be continued. Germany's course, therefore, need have no effect upon Austria's, and it will be no surprise to Britain if Austria and Turkey both show their own peace fervors if Germany persists in the war. One report current today was that the associated nations would immediately form a joint diplomatic staff and that Colonel House would represent the United States. A majority of the newspapers have urged the government to announce its peace terms in common with the other allied powers, and considers such an announcement overdue.

LIEBKNECHT OUT

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.—Friedrich Ehrert, the Socialist leader in the German Reichstag, informed the Reichstag today that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, former Socialist member of the Reichstag, had been released from prison, where he was serving a sentence for attempted treason.

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