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GERMANY SEES NO HOPE FOR PEACE IN NOTE OF ALLIES

Italian Warship is Officially Announced Sunk From Striking Mines

ALLIES DROP MASK SAYS THE KAISER

The Arch Hun Talks of Entente Hypocrisy and Lust of Conquest

WILHELM

Again Deludes His Subjects With His Inspired Revelations

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 13.—The following proclamation by the Emperor to the German people has been officially published in Berlin:

"Our enemies have dropped the mask. After refusing with scorn and hypocritical words of love for peace and humanity, our honest peace offer they have now in their reply to the United States gone beyond that and admitted their lust for conquest, the baseness of which is further enhanced by their calumnious assertions. Their aim is the crushing of Germany, the dismemberment of the powers allied with us and the enslavement of the freedom of Europe and the seas, under the same yoke that Greece, with gnashing of teeth, is now enduring.

"But what they could not achieve in thirty months of the bloodiest fighting and unscrupulous economic war they will also fail to accomplish in the future. Our glorious victories and our iron strength of will with which our fighting people at the front, and at home, have borne all hardships and distress, guarantee that also in the future our beloved fatherland has nothing to fear. Burning indignation and holy wrath will redouble the strength of every German, man and woman, whether it is devoted to fighting, to work or to suffering. We are ready for all sacrifices. The God who planted his glorious spirit of freedom in the hearts of our brave peoples will also give us and our loyal allies, tested in battle, the full victory over all the enemy lust for power and rage for destruction.

"WILLIAM I. R."

STATEMENT OF RED CROSS COMMITTEE

Total Amount Collected in Recent Campaign is $20,668.17

The committee in charge of the campaign of last November in the City of Brantford to collect money in aid of the British Red Cross fund, beg to submit the final statement for the information of subscribers:

Municipal grant, $7,835. Voluntary contributions: Schools, $373.-43; women's organizations, $5,559.-53; general contributions, $6,900.-21; total voluntary contributions $12,833.17. Total contributions $20,668.17.

The total amount, $20,668.17, has been remitted to the treasurer of the Provincial fund, Toronto.

On behalf of the committee, the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, Messrs. Frank Cockshutt and H. T. Watt, desire to heartily thank all the workers who assisted in collecting the money, the city council who so cordially co-operated with the citizens, and all the subscribers whose generosity contributed to the satisfactory result attained.

It is a matter of gratification to the committee to be able to report that the objective, namely $20,000, was somewhat exceeded, and that the City of Brantford has again been able to do its share towards the grand work of the British Red Cross on behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Empire.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The weather has been moderate in Ontario with light snow falls, but elsewhere it continues very cold especially in Saskatchewan, where the temperature is from twenty to forty below zero.

Forecasts

Mild, with light snow falls. Sunday again with strong westerly winds.

ENTENTE REPLY A DEFINITE STEP TOWARD SETTLEMENT

Its Phraseology Denotes Certainty of Allies in Their Victory

By Courier Leased Wire.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 13.—The Allies' reply to President Wilson is regarded as a noteworthy step toward the discussion of peace by the Corriere D'Italia, because it is a statement of the precise aim the Allies wish to reach through war. The Tribuna says that the Allies presented in their answer "a map of Europe drawn according to righteousness and justice in contrast to any war map emanating from the overbearing spirit of conquest," and concludes its comment by saying that the note is worded in language such as is only used when the writer is mathematically certain of victory.

Swedish Press

London, Jan. 13.—The Swedish press in general agrees that the Allies' reply to President Wilson destroys all hope of peace, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Stockholm Tidningen is the most optimistic. This paper considers that even if the Allies' peace offers are extreme, there is still hope of a compromise, because it is expected that Germany will now also publish her peace terms. The Tidningen calls attention to the phrase in the Allies' reply demanding free economic development of all states, and says that it indicates that plans for an economic war against Germany after military operations have been abandoned and leaves the way open for further negotiations. The Dagens Nyheter considers it Germany's duty to continue the negotiations, as by merely saying that the Allies terms are impossible, "she will not be playing the game."

Swiss Verdict

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris, Jan. 13.—The Journal, commenting on the Allies' reply to President Wilson, predicts that the note will make the most favorable impression. "Its language is firm and dignified," says The Journal, "and is that of sincerity. It is instinct with the principles of justice. The Allies have explained their position with all possible clearness, and it is now for the Germans to reply."

BELGIANS MAY NOW BE RETURNED

Germany Backs Down in Her Deportations as Result of Holland's Protests

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Jan. 12—via London, Jan. 13.—Germany has notified Holland that Belgian workmen deported from that country into Antwerp, will be given the option of returning to their homes in Belgium if unable to find work or of removing to Holland or of going to Germany. This step is taken in consequence of Holland's representations based on the invitation of military governor of Antwerp in October 1914, addressed to Belgian fugitives in Holland. The military governor assured the fugitives if they returned they would not be drafted for forced labor for Germany. The German communication explains that these assurances were given under quite different circumstances from the present and under the explanation that the war would be a matter of months only, but that Germany has decided to acknowledge and respect them.

A slightly different version of the German communication to the Dutch Government was given in a despatch from the Hague on January 11 quoting a parliamentary paper which was read under the Dutch foreign office. According to this paper Germany announced her willingness to repatriate the Belgians in question on the condition that Holland undertook to care for them if they could not find work it being asserted that Germany could not permit them to become charges on public charity.

AN ORDER.

Mrs. F. L. Pickering, the well known mattress maker, has received an order from the Naval Service, Ottawa, to make 500 mattresses, and 1,000 covers, to be shipped F.O.B., Halifax.

All Quiet on Western Front

French and German Official Statements Record No Activity

Paris, Jan. 13.—2 p.m.—"There was artillery fighting in the region of Chaulnes," says to-day's official announcement. "The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

Berlin, Jan. 13—Sayville—"Comparative calm continued to prevail," says to-day's official report from the Russo-Galician front.

TO SECURE JUST AND LASTING PEACE

The War Must Continue, Says Spanish Press on Peace Question

Madrid, Jan. 13.—via Paris.—The Imparcial says that the Allies' reply was inspired with the most dignified and pure sentiment. "With calm precision," says this paper, "the Entente Governments explained their attitude and proved the necessity of continuing the war in order to obtain a just and lasting peace. They also defined their programme which considers, not only the restitution of invaded territory, but the reorganization of Europe on an history basis and conformably with the principle of nationalities, which guarantees the growth of press and liberty."

GERMANY SEES HOPE OF PEACE SHATTERED IN ENTENTE REPLY

Socialists Want Peace Conference

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 13.—The Scandinavian Socialist organization has received a telegram from American Socialists asking its assistance in calling an international peace conference at The Hague for June 3, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Copenhagen Social-Demokraten says that there are good prospects that the three Scandinavian countries will support American effort in this direction.

Will Not Submit to Terms of the Allies and So Must Fight on as Before

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 13.—The German press, although expressing indignation at what it considers slurs on the Central Powers in the reply of the Entente to President Wilson, and although angered at the peace conditions, finds consolation in the belief that the note will serve to weld together all classes into an unconquerable and determined whole. Papers like The Tageblatt and the Lokal Anzeiger emphasize this expected effect of the Allies' reply, and almost ignore the second German note, which was published simultaneously. The pan-German press, on the other hand, gives the German communication the greatest importance and hails it as a sign that the leaders of the Central powers are finally coming around to their view in regard to the Belgian and other questions.

The Entente's specific delination of its aims is accepted in general with relief as finally eliminating all guess work and allowing everyone to see just what is at stake. The extravagance of these aims, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, binds central Europe a thousand times tighter together. The Tageblatt thinks that the note, instead of being a heavy blow for Germany, as predicted, really makes things easier because it will serve to arrange all differences of opinion. This paper believes that the reply "at one stroke unites such opposites as the Socialists, who are desirous of avoiding any rejection of overtures, with the moderates, who now favor a business peace and with the annexationists, who insist upon the total defeat of the enemy."

In conclusion The Tageblatt says: "The Entente's note has put an end to this elucidation game and has driven away the tiny rosy cloud. Everyone must know what attitude to take towards such undisguised desires for the subjugation of the German people. For Germans there is no doubt and it does not need to be reiterated that it is not as easy to defy Germany on the battlefield as on paper."

The other Berlin papers generally take the view that the Allies' reply means an end to peace hope. The Taeglische Rundschau says that "war by notes is thus exhausted for the present." "From the Serelt and the Mediterranean," it continues, "another war is calling with a more impressive voice."

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

St. Elmo Commandry at its last Commandry meeting elected the following officers: Past Eminent Commander, C. Symons; Eminent Commander, A. Corman; Lieut. Commander, B. H. Wright; Prelate, C. Marvin; Capt. of the Guards, S. Batson; Financial Chancellor, B. H. Benning; Chancellor, W. H. Mulholland; 1st Guard, T. Shellard; 2nd Guard, C. Davis; Sword Bearer, John Farr; Marshall, Alf. E. Wallace; physician, Dr. W. D. Wiley; pianist, A. A. Freeborn; Auditors, Jochn Kerr, A. T. Wallace; Trustees, Alf Evans, John Kerr, A. E. Wallace.

RE-ELECTED

At the annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid yesterday all the officers were unanimously re-elected.

ITALIAN WARSHIP ANNOUNCED LOST

Battleship Struck Mine and Sank; No Others Have Been Lost

AUSTRIAN

Airmen Attempt Raid and Are Captured by Italians

By Courier Leased Wire.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 13.—The Admiralty office announces the loss of the Battleship Regina Margherita. The announcement says:

"Serious military reasons, which have hitherto prevented the publication, no longer existing, it is announced that the Warship Regina Margherita struck two mines on the night of December 11 and sustained such severe damage that she sunk by the head in a few minutes. A majority of the crew of 945 went down with the ship. Unfavorable conditions made the rescue of the survivors most difficult, but 270 were saved. The captain and fourteen officers are among the lost.

"Beyond the losses of ships officially announced up to the present there have been no others and news to the contrary, which has been in circulation among the public for some time, is consequently absolutely false."

Aerial Activities.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 13.—The following official communication has been issued by the war office:

"Our aeroplanes bombarded Prosecco and the fortifications of Triste on January 11. Damage was done to the enemy's works and the machines returned safely in the face of a fierce fire from the enemy's anti-aircraft batteries. On the same night two enemy seaplanes made a fruitless excursion against Grado Cervignano. One of them was hit by our anti-aircraft guns and obliged to land. The aviators were made prisoners.

SUBMARINES TAKE MORE TOLL

British, Russian and Greek Vessels are Latest Torpedoed

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 13.—Lloyds shipping agency announces that the Russian sailing vessel Rubq (a three masted bark of 942 tons, last reported sailing from Darien, November 9, for Flestwood) has been sunk.

London, Jan. 13.—The Greek steamer Evangelos, 3,775 tons gross, has been sunk.

The British steamer Brentwood, 1,192 tons, is believed to have been sunk, Lloyd's reports.

FINE REDUCED

The apeal in the Andrich liquor case in which the defendant was fined $200 and costs some time ago in the local police court, was heard in Osgoode Hall yesterday. Mr. J. Haverson, K.C. appearing for the defendant, and Messrs J. R. Cartwright, K.C. and S. A. Jones, K.C., representing the crown. The defence moved to quash the conviction for selling liquor. The charge was amended and a fine of $50 imposed.

"DER TAG"

—By M. McConnell in The Toronto News.

Allied Note Will Benefit Entente in Neutral Eyes

Contrast Between Reply of Entente and That of the Central Powers to Peace Note of Wilson

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 13.—The Manchester Guardian believes that of two replies of President Wilson's note received from the belligerents it would be found to the advantage of the Allies that their terms are fully defined, and to the disadvantage of Germany that her's are left indefinite.

"The German note," says The Guardian, "avoids all definiteness, both in its accounts of the past and in its proposals for the future. With characteristic lack of humor it complains of the deportation of civilians from occupied territory, as though Germany had never enslaved a Belgian or a Frenchman; of breaches of international law, such as the declaration of London, which was never ratified; of England's starvation campaign which was and is a reprisal upon the submarine campaign initiated and waged with circumstances of great inhumanity by Germany.

"The German note may pass muster with Germany, but will not impress neutrals."

The Guardian thinks the Allied note will benefit the Allied cause in the eyes of neutrals, and particularly Americans, who will note with satisfaction that the American plan for a league of nations is welcomed in general terms by the Allies as a whole."

VIENNA WOMAN ARE STARVING

Must Subsist on Half Pay When Their Husbands Are Called to Colors

London, Jan. 13.—The Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna publishes a letter to the burgomaster from the wives of city tramway employes who have been called to the colors, appealing for full pay. The letter, as quoted in an American despatch to The Times says:

"We are in a deplorable condition, our distress is frightful and our children are pining away."

The letter cites the increase in salary granted to employes who have not been called to the colors and says that these men in spite of this increase are starving. It continues:

"How then with us poor creatures with our half pay Our wretchedness is great. On our knees we entreat your excellency to have compassion and grant us full pay. Do not abandon us. Take pity on our children."

Immanuel Baptist Revival

Rev. Dr. Spencer preached an able eloquent and earnest sermon on, Does God Answer Prayer?" last night. The speaker arranged his subject thus, seven conditions of prevailing prayer, seven instances of answered prayer. Two examples of outstanding prayer. To expect God to answer our prayers we must have right hearts. If we cherished and nutured evil of any kind our prayers would not be answered. Also we needed a forgiving spirit. Nothing trivial or serious must be allowed. Too many churcn people had a bitter unforgiving spirit. No wonder their prayers were not answered. If we do not forgive you will not hear us. Then Faith was needed. George Muller of Bristol for 50 years by faith in God and prayer met the needs of 2,500 orphan children. Then our prayers must be intense and full of perseverence. We need also the true motive. No selfish motive would do. God's glory, Christ's exaltation, and the salvation of the lost; besides all our prayers must be presented in the name of Christ. Whatsoever ye shall ask in "My name."

The prayer of Jesus in 17th of John was beautiful. When Christ prayed to God He called God "Father." When for the world in general Christ said "Righteous Father." Some people were too familiar. They prayed as if God was a bit of a chum or a playmate, rather than the Creator and God Almighty. Reverence was essential. Abraham had faith and Lot was saved from Sodom. Gideon was not very sure, and he needed a sign. We must be on our guard about asking for signs. It was better to do the next thing and wait for guidance. Nehemiah prayed and God answered and opened up his way and he rebuilt the ruined walls, despite the schemes of God's enemies. A woman prayed for her daughter and God healed her. A father prayed for his son, and Christ cast out the spirit of lunacy. The thief on the Cross prayed, and was saved at the last moment that none need despair, and that none might presume.

The Publican who felt and confessed his sin went home happy. Paul prayed for guidance and God converted Him, then Paul confessed Christ, was received into the church and began life of service. People should say, "First what will Thou have me Do." Messrs Smith and Loerall contributed much by their helpful songs, and Rev. W. E. Bowyer took part along with the pastor, while Miss McCombe sang with fine voice and effect, "Don't stop Praying."

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

The Board of Trade acknowledge further receipts as follows:—

Fred W. Frank	$ 2.00
Mrs. J. W. Tutt	2.00
E. P. Park	30.00
J. C. Biggar, Mt. Pleasant	30.00
Mrs. John Berry, Middleport	5.00
E. L. Coold	2.50

The "monthly pledges" will be acknowledged later.

WITH THE BANTAMS

The Bantams are marking time here over the week-end, having secured four recruits here during the week, and thus headed with the 215th or the Canadian Engineers in this respect. Two prospects were approached this morning and it is likely that they will be given a medical examination to-night.

Latest Teuton Notes are Weak Attempts at Defence

Are Greeted With Ridicule by the French Press, Their Claims Being Shown in their True Light

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The new Austrian and German notes are greeted with ridicule by the French press of all shades of opinion. The Figaro says the Germans and Austrians had declared they would not reply to the refusal of the Allies to consider the proposal, but that on reflection they concluded it would be better not to remain quiet under the smashing blow of our note.

"They have replied," says this newspaper, "but as they had said, they could not continue the conversation even indirectly with enemies who treated them so badly, it is to neutrals they addressed their attempt at a defense. For the two notes, we see to-day, are but bad pieces of special pleading of counsel who realize the jury's verdict most inevitably be against their clients.

"As to their comparison of the way they treated the Belgians and Serbs with great Britain's treatment of reland and the Transvaal, it is only necessary to point out that there are 300,000 Irish, all volunteers, in the British army, and that General Botha conquered German West Africa, while another Boer general is now completing the conquest of German East Africa.

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