

CONSIDERABLE STIFFENING OF THE GERMAN MORALE

The Germans, Slow To Accept Rebuff, And Are Still Manoeuvring Politically

Approach of Reichstag's Opening Finds Morale of Army and People Improved—Peace Party Gaining Strength As Result of General Unrest.

AN IMPERTINENT PROPOSAL FOR AN ALLEGED LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Clerical Member of Reichstag Submits Scheme and Invites Criticism—No Possibility of Allies Considering Peace Until Germans Abandon Their Present Frame of Mind.

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London, Sept. 22.—Though the Allied governments made flat refusal to the Austrian note, the political manoeuvring of the Central Powers has not come to an end. The main committee of the Reichstag met Friday, while the Reichstag itself is scheduled to reassemble on October 1. When the Socialist "Vorwarts" uses language of the Pan-German party in commenting on the Allied reply to the peace offer, it is plain that the morale of the Germans has been stiffened considerably.

But the present directors of Germany evidently contemplate making changes in the government which they think will counteract the German unrest. The Germans have recovered from the ease of fright with which they were seized a month ago. They are recovering some of their confidence which had dropped rather low while their armies were retreating on many fronts and the Allies were capturing thousands of prisoners daily. German morale has improved both on the battle and home fronts. Unless this fact is recognized and admitted the Allied peoples are in danger of experiencing some disappointments in the next few months. The German army won't surrender tomorrow, and the German people, not to mention their rulers, are not prepared to accept the terms which the Allies would demand.

Unrest in Germany. state or takes up arms without having applied to the arbitration court or awaited its judgment, or which takes up arms instead of accepting its judgment. Stipulations. Members of the league would undertake to cut down and steadily reduce their land, naval and aerial forces, according to a fixed standard to be agreed upon. They would undertake not to use their forces for any other objects than the maintenance of internal order, defence of their territory against attack and for joint execution of the league's mandates.

Figures showing the annual expenditure for armaments, the number of troops under arms, war materials in hand and the number of warships in commission would be communicated annually to The Hague bureau, which would publish them. The constitution provides for economic equality and for the principle of the open door, all members of the league granting each other most-favored nation treatment.

For the first decade after the foundation of the league each state's surplus of raw materials would be divided between five other federal states, according to a standard to be agreed upon. This would be irrespective of the imports of individual states due to the war. Members of the league would recognize freedom of the seas, Straits, canals and connecting seas, both banks of which are not in possession of the same federal state, and in internationalized and their fortifications retained, guarded by a command consisting of contingents from all the federated states and commanded in rotation every three years by a delegate of the states.

Safety of private property on the high seas would be proclaimed, and the naval prize law and blockade law abolished. Exercise of the right of blockade would be reserved to the league, and only in extreme cases would be used against any federal state which violates the league's constitution and against any state not belonging to the league which takes up arms against the neutralized states. Ships of the federated states and their cargo would be treated in each state like its own. Overseas cables would be controlled by a commission of the league.

No Colonial Troops. Members of the league would renounce the raising of troops in colonial territories. All states with colonies situated in Africa would be perpetually neutral states. The third section, dealing with the league's executive department, provides that, in event of offences members will proceed against the violator of the constitution, first by severance of diplomatic relations; second, complete isolation of the offender by closing frontiers to imports, exports, postal and railroad traffic, and third, in given circumstances by blockade. The same measures would be taken against any hostile menace of a federated state from a non-member. Should the offending state cross its frontiers with hostile intent against one or more members of the league, joint military and marine assistance would be given.

Erzberger invites criticisms of his plan, as well as practical counter proposals. London's Opinion. London, Sept. 22.—The article by Mathias Erzberger on the league of nations, just published in Berlin, is looked upon here as another move in the enemy's peace offensive. "Herr Erzberger," says the West-

"U" BOAT GOT MORE THAN SHE BARGAINED FOR

U. S. Steamer, Attacked by Hun Sub, Fought Back and Seriously Damaged Enemy.

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 23.—A large German submarine, which was lying in wait for trans-Atlantic vessels, 500 miles off the American coast, is believed to have been put out of commission, and perhaps sunk, by the United States shipping board steamer, Nansmond.

The encounter, according to the Nansmond's master, Captain Wm. MacLeod, began at 12.45 p.m., September 19, and lasted 45 minutes. Thirty-four shots were fired by the submarine, the third of which, a six inch shell, fired at a three mile range, was followed by the eruption from the submarine of a cloud of black smoke mingled with sulphur. Immediately afterwards had shown only her periscope, bobbed to the surface, and made slowly off. Captain MacLeod and his men are of the opinion that they scored a damaging hit.

BULGARS APPROVE PLANS OF VIENNA

Say Proposal Corresponds Entirely With Aspirations of Bulgarian People.

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Bulgaria's reply to the Austrian peace note says among other things: "This initiative corresponds entirely with the aspirations of the Bulgarian government and people. The Bulgarian government hasten to express their readiness to send delegates to such a conference. We seek neither conquest nor the establishment of hegemony over our neighbors."

PERSHING'S MESSAGE TO U. S. LABOR MEN

"With Organized Labor Behind Us Victory Is Assured" Cables American Commander.

New York, Sept. 23.—A cable message from General Pershing, in which he asserted that "with organized labor behind us, victory is assured," was received here tonight by the New York State Federation of Labor, in reply to a pledge of support recently sent to the American commander.

The cable message thanked the federation for its congratulations on the St. Mihiel victory, and its promise to keep an uninterrupted supply of war materials moving overseas.

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PLANNING TO CONSERVE THE FUEL SUPPLY

Fuel Controller Holds Conference At Ottawa With Representatives of Canadian Industry.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—A conference and investigation extending over some days has just been concluded between C. A. Magrath, fuel controller for Canada, and representatives of clay-working, cement, phonograph, musical instrument, automobile, enamelware, florists, window glass and brewing industries. The conference was also attended by Mr. J. E. Walsh, transportation manager, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, of Toronto.

At the close of the conference representatives of the various industries submitted written statements dealing with the whole question of fuel consumption, and the special conditions surrounding each industry. These representations are now receiving the careful consideration of the fuel controller, and after certain further information on the subject has been gathered and compiled he will make his ruling as to the measure of restriction that will be imposed in each case. Shortly before the conference the fuel controller met representatives of the Canadian railways, with a view to discussing fuel economies in the operation of Canada's transportation system. The whole subject was carefully canvassed and Mr. Magrath was gratified to find that economies have already been brought into force which, it is anticipated, will result in savings of approximately 50 per cent. of the amount by which Canada's bituminous coal supply for the current coal year has been reduced. It is expected that the restriction of industries of a less essential character will result in a further saving, which will render a sufficient tonnage of industrial coal available for necessary industrial work.

CANADIANS IN U. S. ASK EXEMPTION

More Than 500 Applications Already Under the "Slackers" Treaty.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Five hundred applications for exemption from military service under the "slackers" treaty, have been received from Canadians resident in the United States. Under the terms of the treaty, Canadians in the States or Americans resident in Canada and liable to military service, must either report for duty or claim exemption. In the case of Canadian residents over the border, claims for exemption are forwarded to the British embassy in Washington and thence passed on here, where they are examined by L. J. Loranger, of the military service council, recently appointed superior court judge at Joliette, Que. Mr. Loranger is adjudicating on the claims at the instance of the British embassy.

LAUNCHING OF THE WAR MATANE

Quebec, Sept. 23.—The War Matane, the fourth standard wooden steamer built by the Quinlan and Robertson at their Limoulin yards on the St. Charles River, was launched successfully at 5.30 o'clock tonight amidst the tooting of horns, factory and railroad engine whistles. The War Matane, which was christened by Mrs. W. J. Morton, wife of W. J. Morton, chief engineer of the marine engines department, of the Imperial Munitions Board, is a 3,000 ton steamer measuring 261 feet. Her keel was laid on May 15 and she took to the water slightly over four months later.

ITALIANS AND FRENCH BRING IN PRISONERS

Austrian Positions Destroyed in Fighting on Asiago Plateau—Many Prisoners Taken.

Rome, Sept. 23.—On the Asiago Plateau, on the Italian mountain front, French troops in a local attack have destroyed and damaged the Austrian defensive systems east of Mont Stemel, says the war office official announcement today. The French captured 100 prisoners and five machine guns. In a raid north of Asiago the British troops brought back prisoners. The statement reads: "Artillery activity was intense at times along the Piave. There was a harassing fire at several points on the remainder of the front. In the Ledro Valley we drove back an enemy patrol, and captured an outpost."

"On the Asiago Plateau the French carried out a brilliant local attack to the east of Mont Stemel this morning. They penetrated deeply into the enemy lines, destroyed and damaged their defensive systems and inflicted heavy losses on the garrison. One hundred prisoners were taken as well as five machine guns. A British party brought back prisoners captured in a daring raid into the hostile lines north of Asiago. Two hostile airplanes were brought down."

GHASTLY FIND NEAR QUEBEC

Quebec, Q., Sept. 23.—Laborers Saturday unearthed two human skulls and other bones, near the Old Church at Lauzon. It is believed these are the skeletons of British soldiers interred there some two hundred years ago, for, some time ago old time cannon balls and other relics were found there.

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MUST LIVE UP TO PROHIBITION LAW

Quebec, Q., Sept. 23.—Mayor H. E. Lavigne, this morning, held a conference with Deputy Recorder Des Rivieres, Chief of Police Trudell and City Attorney, J. E. Chaplain, in regard to the enforcement of the prohibition law in this city. After a lengthy session it was decided that the law must be lived up to the letter and that steps be taken to see that no violation will occur in future.

COLLISION IN ST. LAWRENCE

Quebec, Q., Sept. 23.—Two vessels collided in the St. Lawrence during the night of Saturday. One of them had her bows badly smashed and was grounded to escape sinking. The other was apparently little damaged and continued down stream.

War Economy.

"At any rate, there's no advantage in having a wooden leg," said old Giles, the village optimist. "And what's that?" asked a friend. "Well, yo' can keep yer socks up w' tacks instead of having to buy garters."

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A Colored Map of Russia

In this week's LITERARY DIGEST—September 21st—there is a fine, full-page colored map of Russia. This Map shows in detail all towns, rivers, and railway-lines. By its aid you can visualize the territory where the American and other Allied troops are engaged with the Russian Reds.

At this moment, when events in Russia are taking on such critical importance, this Map will be of great service. Accompanying the Map is

A Comprehensive Article On The Russian Situation

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- Making a Stream Build Its Own Dams
- Back to Old Music Loves
- Books Our Soldiers Must Not Read
- The Kaiser as a Church Liability
- A Message to School Teachers From President Wilson
- Current Poetry
- News of Business and Finance
- A Nationwide Drought in Sight
- As Japan Sees the Siberian Move
- China Going Back to Opium
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