

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 assemble on October 1. When the Reichstag meets, it is expected that 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 case 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 reduce to a minimum the number of troops, 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, to talk with the British soldiers who have been fighting on the plains of Picardy.

No Collapse Before Christmas. Anyone who expects a collapse of the German home front before Christmas is doomed to disappointment. The Reichstag is almost certain to play a part in the peace manoeuvring, but with no more success than has attended Karl's efforts, because neither side is ready to consider peace. Although Europe will have a rough winter, sheer momentum will carry the war into next spring. Though the Entente has the upper hand of the submarine, the shipping situation is still a troublesome problem. Industrial unrest in England is slowly disappearing, but is still a cause for worry.

An Impertinent Proposal. Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—A draft of a constitution for a league of nations, worked out in detail by Matthias Erzberger, clerical member of the Reichstag, is published in the "Vossische" of Berlin. It is taken from a book entitled "The League of Nations—the way to peace," which Erzberger will publish soon. The first section of this constitution, dealing with the organization of such a league, says:

"Any sovereign state can enter the league, which shall be considered to have been formed when the following powers are among those who have announced adherence:—Germany, Great Britain, France, the United States and Russia."

The Hague would be the seat of the league, and there the international bureau would conduct its business. Each state, with the approval of its parliament, would appoint one delegate. The international bureau would be controlled by a permanent administrative council consisting of the representatives of the federated powers, with the Dutch foreign minister as chairman.

Dealing with fundamental laws the second section says: "That league shall guarantee the territorial possession of each federated state, as well as undisturbed possession of colonies."

Each state would be independent in the conduct of its foreign affairs within the limit of the league's constitution.

States whose government, with the assent of their parliaments, declare their permanent neutralization, would be recognized by all members of the league as permanently neutral and would enjoy the league's protection. All available means would be used against any federal state, outside of the league, which attacks a federal

"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 ship, Nansemond.

The encounter, according to the Nansemond'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 splinters. Immediately after this shot, the submarine, which previously had shown only her periscope, bobbed to the surface awash, 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.

Minister Gazette, "is not a man whom we can trust, but his appearance as an official despatch sent out from the Prussian ark is always interesting, if only as an indication of the mood of his masters."

The newspaper recalls that last year the centrist leader presented himself as the author of the famous Reichstag resolutions waiving annexations and indemnities, "which were thrown into the scrap heap at Brest-Litovsk and their ashes scattered by the winds when the March offensive appeared to be developing favorably."

London's Opinion. London, Sept. 22.—The article by Matthias 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

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, photographic, 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 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 saving 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, which will result in further saving, 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 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. Lorranger, of the military service council, recently appointed superior court judge at Joliette, Que.

Mr. Lorranger is adjudicating on the claims at the instance of the British embassy.

From claims so far examined, it is expected that perhaps fifty per cent. will be granted. In the main, the procedure follows that of exemption tribunals established in Canada and the military service act.

LAUNCHING OF THE WAR MATANE.

Quebec, Sept. 23.—The War Matane, the fourth standard wooden steamer built by the Quinlan and Robertson at their Limousin yards on the St. Charles River, was launched successfully at 3:30 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 Sismon, 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 Sismon 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. Chapleau, 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."

EXTRA

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

drawn from various sources, which will give the reader a clear understanding of the chaotic conditions in that country today. Other striking news features in this week's "Digest" are:

"Germany's Back To The Wall"

A gleanings of German papers, as quoted in this article, shows that the enemy has now lost his bluster and is protesting loudly that he is flourishing his trusty sword merely to protect himself

Canada's Mighty Arm
Sniping at the New U. S. Tax Bill
The War as a Life-Saver
The One-piece House at Last?
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
How Alcohol Enslaves Us
The Doomed Cities of France
Noonday Prayers for Victory
Rallying the Church to the League of Peace
High Cost of War Charity
War-time Food Problems
(Prepared by U. S. Food Administration)
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PHASES OF THE MOON

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Full Moon	44m. a.m.	11h. 2m. a.m.	11h. 1m. a.m.	10h. 59m. a.m.	10h. 57m. a.m.	10h. 55m. a.m.
First Quarter	44m. a.m.	11h. 2m. a.m.	11h. 1m. a.m.	10h. 59m. a.m.	10h. 57m. a.m.	10h. 55m. a.m.
Third Quarter	44m. a.m.	11h. 2m. a.m.	11h. 1m. a.m.	10h. 59m. a.m.	10h. 57m. a.m.	10h. 55m. a.m.
New Moon	44m. a.m.	11h. 2m. a.m.	11h. 1m. a.m.	10h. 59m. a.m.	10h. 57m. a.m.	10h. 55m. a.m.

WEATHER

Sept. 23.—The weather to-
on fine in British Colum-
-antime Provinces and
n Ontario, and cool, un-
-showery in other parts of

	Min.	Max.
Sept. 23.—	46	62
Sept. 24.—	48	62
Sept. 25.—	38	56
Sept. 26.—	44	64
Sept. 27.—	44	63
Sept. 28.—	50	66
Sept. 29.—	40	60
Sept. 30.—	46	58
Oct. 1.—	54	64
Oct. 2.—	44	58
Oct. 3.—	40	58

ASUALITIES

Sept. 23.—Sunday's Mari-
list follows:
Infantry.
action—E. Perkins, St.
H. Moore, address not
obtainable; not stated;
Randolph, N. B.; Lance-
Kenzie, Bradalbane, P. E.
St. John, N. B.; H.
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St. John, N. B.; H.

Gibson, Connors, N. B.;
war—Captain E. H.
St. John, N. B.; H.
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Engineers.
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Forestry Corps.
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