

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

GERMANY SUGGESTING PEACE TERMS Central Powers Propose to Enter on Peace Negotiations

COUNTERCHARGES MADE BY GERMANY OF DEPORTATIONS Claim in Reply to American Note that Germans Have Been Taken From East Prussia and Alsace

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Bethman Hollweg Requests Neutrals to Intercede With the Entente in Order to Effect a Conference For Peace

By Special Wire to The Courier. Berlin, Dec. 12.—via Sayville wireless—Germany and allies propose peace. Flash Berlin, Dec. 12.—(Via Sayville wireless-sub.)—Germany and her allies to-day proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

RADICAL STEPS BY ENTENTE MAY END GREEK PROBLEM It is Generally Realized Now That Constantine is Sparring For Time That Germany May Come to His Aid

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Berlin, Dec. 12.—via London—Germany's answer to the American note regarding the deportation of Belgians is confined almost exclusively to a presentation of the situation in Belgium before the deportation order became effective.

The Chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives of the United States of America and Spain and Switzerland, that is of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries.

The first step, according to well informed observers, will be the presentation, probably to-day, of a new note demanding the complete demobilization of the Greek army, the reassignment by the allies of control over all railroads, telegraphs and posts and the release of all imprisoned Venizelists.

The reply volunteers to permit American diplomatic representatives to visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It concludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against what it describes as the dragging off of Germans from East Prussia, Alsace and other places.

"In the note the four allied (Central) powers propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firm belief, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

With the threat of a Tonton attack on Gen. Sarrail's army in Macedonia, and of possible Greek intrigue against the allied forces hanging over their heads the allies have decided that only the most drastic measures will hold the Greeks in hand.

BREAD SUPPLY IN BERLIN FAILING Food Scarcity There Reaches Crisis; Enforcement of War Legislation Demanded

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 12.—(New York Times Cable.) The Daily Chronicle prints a despatch from Amsterdam which says that the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau prints an article on the food supply, saying: "The food scarcity has reached a crisis as for weeks past in one part of the city or another supply of bread has been failing constantly."

"The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes and also communicated with the Holy See and all other neutral powers."

It is indicated that the demands on Greece may require complete demobilization of the army, restoration of control by the entente over the posts, telegraphs and railways and release of the imprisoned Venizelists.

INJURED LIST IN PETERBORO FIRE Four Dead and Twelve Injured; Many Were Injured

Peterboro, Dec. 12.—The following is a list of known victims of the great fire here yesterday, by which the Quaker Oats milling plant and several other buildings were badly damaged.

"The Chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation and then, insisting upon the achievements of the Central Powers, made an announcement which possibly may be the turning point in the war, which more than two years has held the world under its spell. The Chancellor said:

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SOLDIER'S MAIL IS REGULAR NOW Efforts of Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., Result in Improved Service

The following letter from Chief Slemin to Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., shows that the latter has succeeded in preventing the delay in mails: Brantford, Dec. 12, 1916. W. F. Cockshutt, Esq., M.P. City.

"Soldiers: In agreement with the sovereigns of my allies and with the consciousness of victory I have made an offer of peace to the enemy. Whether it will be accepted is still uncertain."

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U.S. TRANSPORT IS AGROUNDED Carrying Many Soldiers and Civilians, Steamship Sumner Calls for Aid

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 12.—The United States army transport Sumner, bound from Colon to this port, with army officers, troops and civilian passengers, is hard aground on the New Jersey coast off Barnegat. Two coast guard cutters under forced draught, are rushing to the relief of the transport, and are expected to reach it about noon. The Sumner sent out calls for help after striking late last night.

ELIMINATION OF "DARK FORCES" DEMANDED IN DUMA Both Chambers of Russian Parliament are United Against the Government and Call For Change in Ministry

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Dec. 11.—via London, Dec. 12.—The swift procession of political events which has been making a new chapter in Russian history has come to a temporary halt awaiting the final decision of the government. The present situation is as follows:

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Strong northerly winds with snow falls and flurries and becoming much colder to-day and on Wednesday.

Two Heroes Return Home Brantford last evening welcomed home from the war two more heroes, veterans of the Mad Four's Battalion, in the persons of Ptes. Sam Godfrey and T. Walton, who arrived in the city via G. T. R. at 7:32 p.m.

NEW EMPEROR IS EAGER FOR PEACE Successor of Francis Joseph Desires to Rebuild His Empire at Leisure

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 12.—The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, under date of Dec. 4, quotes newspaper reports to show that Emperor Charles is signaling his accession to the throne with many acts of mercy.

Forecast: Strong northerly winds with snow falls and flurries and becoming much colder to-day and on Wednesday.

GENERAL MOBILIZATION London, Dec. 12.—2:15 p.m.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen says advices have been received there that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

Norwegian Ship Sunk Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian Steamer Agder is reported sunk.

The Agder is a vessel of 304 tons gross. Her recent movements have not been reported.

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