

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

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

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"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.

Although the latest advices from British officials in Greece report conditions well in hand, a large number of entente nationals are continuing to leave Athens. The allied authorities are taking stricter measures for the control of messages sent from Greece.

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.

"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.

London, Dec. 12.—The latest reports from Athens say that the note of the entente governments to Greece is ready and undeposited. It is expected to be presented to-day.

T. H. & B. RAILWAY. EAST BOUND. 7.37 a.m. DAILY—For Hamilton and intermediate points—Toronto, Welland, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and New York.

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."

Market Affected. New York, Dec. 12.—The Stock Market became immediately unsettled to-day on the receipt of news of the tentative peace proposals.

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 12.—via Sayville wireless—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency, as follows: "Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to-day announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies 'conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own

Two Heroes Return Home. Brantford last evening welcomed home from the war two more heroes, veterans of the Mad Fourty 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.

U.S. TRANSPORT IS AGROUND. 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.

PROBS. Toronto, Dec. 11.—The disturbance which was over Illinois yesterday morning, has now reached the Atlantic coast and is increasing in intensity while a fairly pronounced cold wave covers the western provinces.

INJURED LIST IN PETERBORO FIRE. Four Dead and Twelve Injuring; 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.

Norwegian Ship Sunk. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 12.—11.32 a.m.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian Steamer Agder is reported sunk.

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

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: A majority of both parliamentary chambers, for the first time in their existence, presents a united front against the government and a series of extraordinarily sensational accusations against the present cabinet and disclosures of government inefficiency and corrupt influences have crystallized into the more definite shape of a demand for ministry which can be supported by the legislative bodies and the public opinion of the nation.

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GENERAL MOBILIZATION. London, Dec. 12.—2.15 p.m.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen says advices have been received there from Switzerland to the effect that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

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