

POPE'S PROPOSALS REJECTED

Reparation, Restitution and Indemnity, Essential to Peace --NEW YORK SUN

Premature Compromise Would Betray all Sacrifices Made --LONDON POST

Rejection of Proposals Only Course Open to the Entente --LONDON CHRONICLE

Instigated by Central Powers, Allies Suspect

London Press Traces Overtures to an Austrian Origin, and Pronounces Impossibility of Their Acceptance by Entente.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 15.—Some of the morning newspapers refrain from commenting on the Pope's peace proposals while those which discuss them editorially base their genesis to Austria, and either reject absolutely or indicate the belief that the text when received will show them to be unacceptable.

The Daily News, which, although a firm supporter of the allies' aims, has decided pacifist leaning, says that whatever hitherto has restrained the Pope from coming forward as an official champion of peace, the long delay has materially impaired the advantages the Vatican originally possessed for disinterested intervention.

"It is our business to pass judgment upon a policy which exhausted itself in impotent sighs over the iniquities perpetrated in Belgium and imagine it possible to extinguish the world conflagration by a succession of timid intrigues. The fact is—whether it is reasonable to blame Benedict and his advisers therefor is another matter—considerations of temporal and secular interest having so long stayed in his hands, it is impossible to accept the Pope's intervention now as dictated purely by the desire which animates all good and all sincerely religious men to end a horror which is destroying Europe.

No Compromise The Post, expressing similar views says: "To listen to a compromise before a guarantee is secured against a repetition of the ordeal through which civilization is passing, is to betray all sacrifice and suffering that have been endured. If the vatican really is optimistic about the reception of its proposals the vatican shows that it is entirely out of touch with the sentiment of the allies."

The Post, taking it for granted that the proposals are instigated by Germany, and remarking that they are in advance of anything Germany has hitherto been disposed to discuss, attributes her anxiety for an immediate negotiated peace to a realization that the continuance of the war will give her much less than such a negotiated peace, because she will have to face with depleted resources the full weight of a new enemy, the American republic, and adds that Germany affected to believe the United States, as a belligerent, did not count, but that illusion has already been shattered.

The Pope's proposals must be examined on their merits as strictly as any made by Chancellor Michaelis, President Wilson, or Lloyd George. Statements Beneficial The Daily News thinks it fairly clear that the Pope's appeal was really inspired by Austria, but maintains that if His Holiness can really persuade the belligerents to state their conditions in concrete terms, he will confer a very great, if belated, blessing on mankind, and if he can further persuade Germany to declare its willingness to restore the independence of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and withdraw from other invaded territories the door to peace will be open and a blank refusal by the allies to negotiate on such a basis would be almost unthinkable.

Must Refuse The Chronicle refers to the traditional intimacy of Austria and the Vatican and the Austrian court's desire for peace, and adds the fact that the proposal comes immediately after the expulsion of the Russians from Bukovina, will not escape anybody who is in the habit of putting two and two together. We may assume that the Pope acted at Austria's prompting. In any case the allies (Continued on page 3)



Democracy: "On what grounds do YOU claim exemption?" --New York Times.

Reparation In Broadest Sense the Keynote to Peace; Restoration, Restitution and Indemnity For Belgium Insisted on by U. S.

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Aug. 15.—The Corriere d'Italia, semi-official organ of the Vatican, says that in the court of arbitration destined to avoid future conflicts, the Pontifical authority will be worthy of being represented, being a guarantee of the disinterested protection of the interests of peoples. New York, Aug. 15.—Commenting editorially on the Pope's peace suggestion, The Herald says the Pontiff speaks a word that the German Government has not yet been able to bring itself to speak—"restoration." That is a beginning, it says, but unless it is taken in its broadest and most comprehensive sense restoration is not enough. For Belgium, for France, for Serbia there must not only be restoration of territory and of a complete and unquestioned sovereignty over the land restored to their peoples, but there must also be a full and complete restoration for damage done. There can be no peace that does not take responsibility into fullest account, that does not provide for adequate punishment of all individually and collectively, that does not make fullest reparation from Germany, that does not contain in itself the rights or to guarantee against a repetition of the crime.

When the hideous blight of Prussianism is destroyed forever the German people can have peace, not before. Any "peace" proposal that does not contemplate unconditional surrender by Germany contemplates a peace not worth thinking about.

SOCIALISTS TO HASTEN PEACE

French Party, By Attending Stockholm Conference, Might Succeed

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 15.—Reasons why the French Socialists believe it advisable to attend the Stockholm conference are given in a speech of Albert Thomas, Socialist member of the French war council, to his constituents on Sunday, the full text of which has just been published. It had been awaited with extreme interest owing to M. Thomas' position as Socialist leader and minister in connection with the vote in the Chamber of Deputies, August 2, when the Socialists either voted against the government or abstained from voting.

M. Thomas admitted the difficulty, while French and German soldiers are killing each other at the front for French Socialists to meet the German Socialists and discuss in safety, conditions of peace. He dwelt lengthily on the widespread sentiment he found during his visit to Russia against imperialist aims even among simple soldiers. Such sentiment made it advisable for the French to go to Stockholm to express France's anti-imperialism. The declaration of the German majority Socialists that Alsace-Lorraine must remain German, made their presence at Stockholm impossible.

"Some of our Socialists think," continued M. Thomas, "that by going to Stockholm we could hasten the hour of peace and could, after settling the question of responsibility for the war, seek at the conference for a military solution, would bring to the people some sort of a halting peace. When such formulas were found the Socialists would return to the governments, saying: "Here is an honorable and fitting peace to which all Socialists agree. Don't you think it ought to be realized?" They would argue that it would immediately save the lives of six to seven hundred thousand Frenchmen.

HEIGHT OCCUPIED. By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Aug. 15.—A height west of the Rumanian town of Onca was occupied by Teutonic forces, the war office announces. The statement says no attacks were made by the enemy in the Fokshani region, on the southern Rumanian front.

CASUALTIES By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Aug. 15.—A casualty list issued at noon contained 153 names, of whom 14 were killed in action, 8 were wounded, 2 prisoners of war, one missing, 9 seriously ill and the others gassed or wounded. (Continued on page 4)

HILL 70, STRONGHOLD OF FOE, FALLS TO CANADIANS

Noted German Position on Lens Front Captured This Morning; Sweeping Offensive Launched by British on Wide Front Results in Shattering of Enemy Lines

By Courier Leased Wire. British Front in France and Belgium, August 15.—(By Associated Press)—Hill 70, the famous German stronghold, northwest of the French mining city of Lens, which dominates the city and the Loos salient, was captured this morning by the Canadian forces. The British also pushed their lines into the northwestern environs of Lens in a semi-circle around the western side of Hill 70. The British attack was made on a 4,000 yard front which had an extreme depth of 1,500 yards. Beginning at a point just above Hugo Wood the new British positions now run southeast and beyond Hill towards Lens. The line then bends southwest and encircles the suburbs of St. Laurent and St. Emilie. The British guns had been pounding for days Hill 70 which the Germans considered impregnable. The infantry attacks began at 4.25 o'clock this morning. The capture of Hill 70 ranks in importance with the biggest military operations of this year. It was the last dominating position in this section which remained in the hands of the Germans and from it a wide territory can be controlled. Hill 70 is to Lens and the Loos salient what Messines is to Ypres, and in some ways it is even a more enviable position than the Messines Ridge because even after the fall of Messines, the Germans still retained Fikem ridge from which they could sweep the country surrounding Ypres. Hill 70 was bombarded with guns of all calibres which worked havoc among the German defenses on the crest of this eminence. The Germans undoubtedly prepared for the attack as fully as possible for there is no question that they were aware it was impending. Their nervous shelling of the communicating roads back of the British positions here, for many days gave full evidence that they knew sooner or later they must defend their claims. So it was a case of the better side winning. It was just twenty-five past four when the British guns dropped a protecting barrage before the Canadian trenches and the troops leaped over the parapet for the charge. Details of the fighting are not yet available but the troops swept forward with the invincible precision which has characterized the latest work of the great British fighting machine. (Continued on page 4)

ANARCHY RIFE THROUGH SPAIN

Rioting Occurred In Several Cities, Business Almost Halted

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 15.—Six persons were killed and nine others were wounded when strikers clashed with soldiers at Barcelona, according to a statement by the Spanish captain-general, received here by the Petit Parisien. Madrid, Aug. 15.—Interior Minister Guerra said yesterday that the strike agitation had increased in several quarters of the capital, but that the troops acted vigorously and quelled the disturbances. The government has taken steps to restore order. The captain-general at first framed his orders in a moderate spirit and then replaced them by others more severe. The government and press are without news from the provinces. A few newspapers hope to appear to-night. The rest have suspended publication on account of the military censorship. Madrid is without cable. Most of the stores are closed. Groups of workmen parade the streets, while soldiers patrol the principal points of the city. Premier Dato said: "We are confronted with an anarchist movement, inspired by no definite object, not even of effecting a change in the ministry." The capital is like an armed camp. The bakers having struck, bread for the inhabitants is being baked by the soldiers. Reports from San Sebastian, Santander, Corunna and Grenda say that the situation in those places is quiet. The street cars running have been manned by soldiers. Trains, although delayed, are running. The arrest of the principal members of the Socialist party has been ordered.

OUTBREAK IMPENDING

By Courier Leased Wire. Amoy, China, Aug. 15.—Large bodies of the northern and southern Chinese armies are being concentrated in the vicinity of Chaouan, a town near the coast in Fukien province, forty miles north of Swatow. A clash between the opposing forces is considered probable.

Germany First

The World says: The relations between the Vatican and the Austrian Government have long been intimate. It is fair to presume that the Pope has not made a formal proposal looking toward peace without full consultation with the government at Vienna. It is likewise fair to presume that Vienna would not have consented contrary to the wishes of Berlin. In any case the first response to the Vatican proposals must come from the German Government, and there must be convincing proof that it has not tricked the Pope as it tried to trick President Wilson.

A Moral Idiot The German government in this war has proved itself a moral idiot, and negotiations with a moral idiot are necessarily attended with grave misgivings. What the Vatican has to suggest will necessarily receive the most respectful, earnest attention in every capital of the allied nations, but all of them have a right to demand that Germany must speak first. When the nations know what Berlin has to offer, what reparations Germany is prepared to make for its crimes and what guarantees the German people themselves can give for the future conduct of their government, democracy will know whether negotiation is possible or whether Prussianism is merely seeking a breathing spell, preparatory to a fresh assault on civilization.

Proposals One-Sided

The Times says: Except for the express provision that Belgium, Serbia and Rumania are to be set free and the occupied territory of France evacuated, we find in these Roman terms, not one of those conditions of peace which the allies have repeatedly and with the utmost emphasis declared to be essential, indispensable. On the other hand we recognize the conditions which it has long been known would be acceptable to the Central Empires excepting only the proposed submission to the peace conference of the questions of Alsace-Lorraine, Trentino, Trieste and Poland. It does not require the gift of prophecy to foresee and predict that the conditions of peace which he explains he has offered to the consideration of the world, will not without material modifications and additions be deemed acceptable by the allied governments.

Full Reparation.

The Sun says: As to Belgium, for instance, what is meant by restoration? Merely restoration to the map, or restoration to conditions which existed when the Kaiser informed President Wilson through Ambassador Gerard that Germany had found it necessary to violate Belgium neutrality on strategic grounds. Restoration that means no more than the criminal's withdrawal from the scene of his unspeakable crimes. (Continued on page 3)

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Toronto, Aug. 15.—Showers have occurred in the Western provinces also in eastern Ontario and Quebec elsewhere the weather has been fair. Forecasts, Light to moderate winds, fair and warm to-day and on Thursday.