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THE WILSON NOTE

At first reading the note of President Wilson in reply to Germany is disappointing, and we are disposed to share the regret of Senator Lodge that the President should at this stage enter into a discussion with the German government.

When, however, we read the note more carefully, remembering that the German leaders would like to be able to persuade the people that the Allies wish to destroy them, the President's course appears to be marked by wisdom. The keynote is found in this question, which he puts to the German Chancellor:

"Does the imperial chancellor mean that the German government accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to the congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussions with the Allies is to agree upon the practical details of their application?"

The Chancellor cannot dodge this question. He must tell the world, including the German people, whether the President's address of January 8 is to be the basis of negotiations, after Germany has withdrawn every soldier from invaded soil.

Now, what did President Wilson say to Congress on January 8? He declared that Alsace-Lorraine must go to France. Belgium must be restored. All Russian territory must be evacuated and that country given opportunity for political development. Italy must get back the Italian provinces from Austria. The peoples of Austria-Hungary must have full opportunity for autonomous development. Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro must be evacuated and the integrity and independence of Balkan states guaranteed. There must be an independent Polish state, on national lines, with access to the sea. Colonial adjustments must consider the welfare and feelings of the people.

These were some of the things President Wilson set down as peace terms. Now he has put it squarely up to Germany to say whether she is prepared to accept them. If she refuses, the air will be clear and the Allies will know what to do.

Meanwhile the American army on the western front joined with the British in winning another important victory. On the whole front—on all fronts—the Allies continue their victorious advance, and if Germany does not want peace on their terms there will be no armistice. If the German leaders believed they could fool President Wilson by using vague terms, they have their answer. He has called their bluff.

PEACE THROUGH VICTORY.

The German peace proposals will at least bring to the German people a realization of the fact that they are beaten. That is worth something to the Allies. Swaggers and boasts as they may, the German leaders cannot longer conceal the fact that their scheme of world-domination has utterly failed; and that it is now a question of letting themselves down as easily as possible, and saving what they can out of the wreck of their hopes and ambitions. Every day's news of further retreat on the western front will but deepen the conviction that they have lost. When it is made clear to them that the Allied democracies will only make terms with a German democracy which has cast down its idols, we may expect to hear of revolutionary doings in Germany itself. That may not occur until next year, but it is coming. Meanwhile much may be hoped for in another direction. Austria and Turkey already realize that they have nothing to gain by fighting Germany's battles, and the present year may see them out of the fight. The Allies have but to continue their war effort with unabated energy, throwing if possible more vigor into it, to isolate Germany and bring her to her knees. Above all, they must guard against the German intrigue that would divide them and profit by the division.

THE MURDERERS.

How can the Allied nations sit in conference on equal terms with a murderer?

That question thrusts itself forward whenever a peace conference is suggested. Germany, the arch-murderer, is unrepentant. There is not a shadow of evidence to prove that the Kaiser regrets anything he or his butchers have done. On the contrary he is still the elect of God, the man who said:

"Remember that you are the chosen people. The spirit of the Lord has descended on me because I am the Emperor of the Germans. I am the instrument of the Most High. I am His sword, His representative. Disaster and death to those who resist my will!"

The Allied negotiator who sits in conference with German peace-makers will be conscious of another presence. The hushes of the Lusitania and of Belgium, the ravished and murdered women of France and Belgium, the martyred priests and nuns and old men and women, the slaughtered prisoners, the innocent victims of bomb and torch and

sword, the great army of the slain—surely their spirits will be near to them who sit down together on the day of reckoning.

What representative of Britain, France, Belgium, the United States or Italy can extend the hand of friendly greeting to the authors of these crimes? The blood of every fallen hero cries out against it. There is no call for peace from the men at the front. They know—they have seen—and they are willing to pay the price of such a victory as will free the world. We must help them to finish the task.

THE VICTORY LOAN

Without money Canada cannot carry on the war. Without money, there can be no production in Canada, and hard times would replace prosperity. Because the government has had the money it has been possible to keep the soldiers in the field, the factories at work, the people busy and prosperous. It is now necessary to raise \$500,000,000, and this amount must be raised in Canada. We cannot borrow in England or the United States, for their war burdens are very great. The Canadian people have not suffered financially but prospered during the war. They have the money. They can subscribe the whole amount of this Victory Loan as they did the last one. It is a debt they owe the men at the front. In today's Times-Star is given a report of a portion of the speech of Sir Thomas White in Winnipeg last evening opening the second Victory Loan campaign. He sets out clearly the terms of the loan and the reasons why every citizen should be interested in its success. Sir Arthur Currie cables that the result will be watched with interest by every soldier in France.

Glorious news comes from France. The Associated Press says there is every reason to believe the climax of the great offensive has come and that the next few days may witness events which will mark an epoch in the history of the war. The British and Americans won a notable victory yesterday. They inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy and smashed clear through the Hindenburg line on a wide front south of Cambrai. The Allies took nearly twenty thousand prisoners yesterday, and the gain of territory, including very strong German positions, is very important. Cambrai has fallen, and a still greater German retreat is assured.

Miss Van der Flier, the lady from Holland who comes endorsed by Cardinal Mercier, and who seeks to found a garden village for Belgian widows and orphans, will not suffer, nor will her cause suffer in the end, because she has been assailed by pro-German influences in New York. It is like the Huns to assail a woman. They hate Miss Van der Flier because she tells the truth about them and their crimes against the children. Her complete vindication is only a question of time and the courts.

With several cases of Spanish influenza in the city it becomes the more necessary for every person to observe carefully the rules of health and be prepared to act promptly if apparently threatened by the disease. The danger lies in neglect or trying to "fight it off."

The martyrdom of Belgium continues. So long as there is a German foot on her soil she must suffer. The story of her sufferings is such in itself as to cause the people of every self-respecting nation to despise the very name of Germany for generations to come.

The young man to whom the patriotic potato transaction brought \$8,000 found as noble and unselfish a friend as did the Clarke government when it wanted that Moncton check for \$32,000. Good Mr. Degert.

The answer to the Standard's long yawn about the patriotic potatoes is answered by today's evidence at the inquiry.

The British Workers' League declares against any peace talk unless on the same terms as laid down to Bulgaria.

THE TORCH YE THREW.

The following was written by R. W. Zillard, and appeared in the New York Evening Post. It is an American's answer to the late Col. John McClellan's celebrated poem, "In Flanders Fields":

Rest ye in peace ye Flanders dead,
The fight that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep
With each a cross to mark his bed
And poppies blowing overhead.
Where once your own lifeblood ran red,
So let your rest be sweet and deep
In Flanders' fields.

Fear not that ye have died for naught,
The torch ye threw to us is caught,
Ten million hands will hold it high,
And Freedom's light shall never die.
We've learned the lesson that ye taught,
In Flanders' fields.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday at the residence of Mrs. H. D. Christie. Mrs. Arthur reported about a convention held in Sackville. Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Humphrey were appointed to work on the year book, soon to be issued.

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Wilson Asks Whether Chancellor Represents The German People

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Wilson, today, informed the German government that before the United States can discuss an armistice German troops must withdraw from all invaded territory. He asked Chancellor Maximilian whether he represented the German people or the authorities of the empire who are conducting the war. The president's message was not a reply, but in the form of an inquiry. The imperial German government is asked whether it accepts the terms laid down by the president in his address to congress January 8, and subsequent addresses.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

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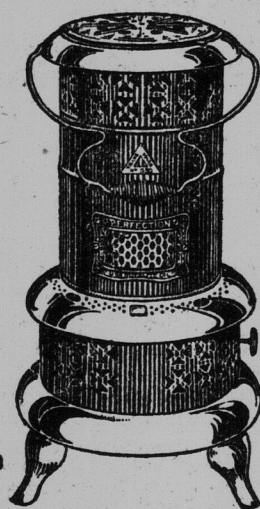
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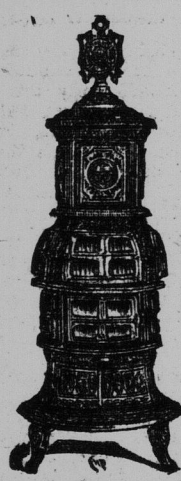


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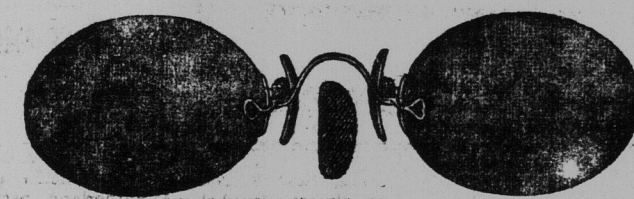
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was carried out by the following: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Rayworth, Miss Nelson, Miss Evelyn Hanson, Miss Roberta Smith, Mrs. G. K. Bell, Miss Pauline Dickenson. Addresses were delivered by Rev. George F. Dawson, Rev. Dr. Steele, Rev. H. A. Penna and Rev. H. A. Good-

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