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ALLIES' PEACE TERMS REORGANIZATION OF EUROPE UNDER MORE STABLE REGIME

Restoration of Violated Belgium and Smaller States, Expulsion of Turks From Europe, Set Forth as Entente Aims — Reparation Demands Will Be Made Known When Negotiations Actually Commence.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The translation of the French text of the Entente note as cabled by Ambassador Sharp at Paris, follows:

"The Allied Governments have received the note which was delivered to them in the name of the government of the United States on the 19th of December, 1916. They have studied it with the greatest care and with the greatest interest, and they have reached the conclusion that it is a document of the highest importance, and that it is a document which will be of great value to the world."

"In a general way they desire to declare their respect for the lofty sentiments inspiring the American note and their whole-hearted agreement with the proposal to create a league of nations, which shall assure peace and justice throughout the world. They recognize all the advantages for the cause of humanity and civilization which the institution of international agreements, destined to avoid violent conflicts between nations, would create; agreements which would imply the sanctions necessary to prevent their execution and thus to prevent an apparent security from only facilitating new aggressions."

"But a discussion of future arrangements for assuring a durable peace presupposes a satisfactory settlement of the present conflict. The Allies have a profound desire as the government of the United States to terminate as soon as possible a war for which the central powers are responsible and which inflicts such cruel sufferings on the human race. But in their judgment it is impossible to obtain at this moment such a peace as will not only secure to the victors the reparation, the restitution and the guarantees justly due them, by reason of the act of aggression, but which will also be a guarantee to the safety of Europe; and at the same time such a peace as will enable European nations to be established upon a secure foundation. The Allied nations are conscious that they are not fighting for selfish interests, but above all to safeguard the independence of peoples, of right and of humanity."

"The Allies are fully aware of the losses and suffering which the war causes to neutral as well as to belligerent states, and they deplore them; but they do not hold themselves responsible for them, having in no way either willed or provoked this war, and they desire to reduce these damages in the measure possible, with the inexorable exigencies of their defence against the violence and the will of the enemy."

"It is with satisfaction, therefore, that they take note of the declaration that the American communication is in no wise associated in its origin with that of the central powers, transmitted on the 18th of December by the government of the United States. They did not doubt, moreover, the resolution of that government to avoid even the appearance of support, even moral, of the authors responsible for the war."

"The Allied Governments feel it their duty to challenge in the most friendly, but also in the clearest way, the analogy drawn between the two groups of belligerents. This analogy, based on public declarations of the central powers, is in direct conflict with the evidence, both as regards responsibility for the past and guarantees for the future. President Wilson, in alluding to this analogy, did not, of course, intend to adopt it as his own."

"If there is an historical fact established at the present date, it is the willful aggression of Germany and Austria-Hungary to insure their hegemony over Europe and their economic domination over the world. By her declaration of war, by the instant violation of Belgium and Luxembourg, and by her methods of warfare, Germany has proved that she systematically scorns every principle of humanity and every respect due to small states. More, as the struggle has progressed, has the attitude of the central powers and their allies been a constant challenge to humanity and civilization."

"Atrocities Should Explain Protest. It is necessary to recall the horrors which accompanied the invasion of Belgium and of Serbia, the atrocious regime imposed upon the invaded countries, the massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent Americans, the barbarities perpetrated against the populations of Syria, the raids of zeppelins on open

towns, the destruction by submarines of passenger steamers and of merchantmen even under neutral flags, the cruel treatment inflicted upon prisoners of war, the juridical murders of Miss Cavell, of Capt. Fryatt, the degradation and the reduction to slavery of civil populations, etc. The execution of such a series of crimes perpetrated without any regard for universal reputation fully explains to President Wilson the protest of the Allies."

"They consider that the note which they sent to the United States in reply to the German note will be a response to the questions put by the American Government, and according to the exact words of the latter, constitute a public declaration as to the conditions upon which the war could be terminated."

"Entente Objects Are Outlined. President Wilson desires more; he desires that the belligerent powers openly affirm the objects which they seek by continuing the war. The Allies experience no difficulty in replying to this request. Their objects in the war are well known. They have been formulated on many occasions by the chiefs of their diverse governments. Their objects in the war will not be made known in detail with all the equitable compensations and indemnities for damages suffered until the hour of negotiations."

"But the civilized world knows that they imply in all necessity, and in the first instance, the restoration of Belgium, of Serbia, and of Montenegro and the indemnities which are due them; the evacuation of the invaded territories of France, of Russia, and of Rumania, with just reparation; the reorganization of Europe guaranteed by a stable settlement based upon the principle of nationalities, on the right which all peoples, whether small or great, have to the enjoyment of full security and free economic development; and also upon territorial agreements and international arrangements so framed as to guarantee land and sea frontiers against unjust attacks; the restitution of provinces or territories wrested from the Allies by force, or against the will of their populations; the liberation of Italians, of Slaves, of Rumanians and of Telesco Slovaks from foreign domination; the enfranchisement of populations subjected to the bloody tyranny of the Turk; the expulsion from Europe of the Ottoman Empire, which has proved itself so radically alien to western civilization."

"Deny Extinction of Aims. The intentions of His Majesty the Emperor of Russia regarding Poland have been clearly indicated in a proclamation which he has just addressed to his subjects. He is saying that if the Allies wish to liberate Europe from the brutal covetousness of Prussian militarism it never has been their design, as has been alleged, to encompass the extermination of the German people and their political disappearance. That which they desire above all is to insure a peace upon the principles of liberty and justice, upon the inviolable fidelity to international obligation with which the Government of the United States has never ceased to be inspired."

"In the pursuit of this supreme object the Allies are determined individually and collectively, to act with all their power and to consent to all sacrifices, to bring to a victorious close a conflict upon which they are convinced not only their own safety and prosperity depend, but also the future of civilization itself."

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS.
FOREST, Jan. 11.—The following officers are installed in Royal Oak, No. 108, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing year: I. P. G., O. W. DeJessey; N. G., John Koe; Y. C., Gordon Hill; R. S., C. Stuart; F. S., L. P. McKindsey; treasurer, D. A. Buchanan; R. S. N. G., Williams; L. S. N. G., John Shipley; R. S. V. G., J. W. Coffey; L. S. V. G., W. W. Hamilton; master, R. H. McFarlane; son, Fred Mason; R. S. S., Frank Freese; L. S. S., John Scouler; L. G. Dr. C. A. Patterson; O. G., Harold Lindsay.

FRENCH FRONT QUIET.
Paris, Jan. 12.—There were no events of importance on the French front last night. Here today's report from the war office.

PRESS OF STATES ALMOST UNITED IN COMMENDATION OF ALLIES' PEACE TERMS

"New Declaration of Independence in Behalf of Civilization," Says New York Herald — "Dare Germany Do Less," Asks World.

New York, Jan. 12.—Following are extracts from American newspapers of this morning on the Entente reply to President Wilson:

The Herald says: "In a document that will rank as one of the most notable in history, the Entente nations present an outline of the objects for which these nations are fighting, and, broadly, the terms upon which alone peace can be achieved. It is not a trace of the 'bluff and bluster' of the Prussian reply to President Wilson. Realizing to the full their responsibility to the peoples they represent, and the righteous cause to which those peoples have dedicated themselves, as well as to humanity, the official spokesmen for the Allies have written a new declaration of independence in behalf of civilization."

Dare Germany Do Less?
The World: Can Germany now refuse to follow the Allies in explaining both the aims and objects of the war and the terms of peace? Unless the imperial government is willing to go as far as its enemies have gone, it can have no standing before the great tribunal of popular opinion. It has asked for peace as a victor, but even as a victor it has declined to disclose the terms upon which it would consider peace."

The diplomacy of the Allies in the reply to the president has shown that 'decent respect to the opinions of mankind,' which was held in very low estimation by the German government, can Germany do less? In the circumstances dare Germany do less?

Cannot Say Terms Unjust.
The Times: Will the Central Powers, will Germany, have the effrontery to say that there are not just terms, every one of them just? In that opinion she would have the judgment of the whole world against her. As now she has not the right of it in arms against her. New York Herald, a German language newspaper, says the note of the Allies will receive an answer from the side of Germany. "This answer will be moderate, for Germany is conducting a war of conquest," declares the paper. "Apparently, then, there will come an answer from the Entente; and so it will go, we hope, with address

and counter address until a basis is found on which the restoration of Europe will be possible."

Door Still Open.
The Philadelphia Inquirer says: Not much hope for the peace is held forth in the reply of the Entente to the note of President Wilson. Inviting terms upon which governments to state the door is not absolutely closed.

The Boston Globe says: Such terms would be accepted only by a crushed and broken enemy, and Germany is not. Not being in position to dictate an advantageous peace, the Allies' stated terms which would be sure of rejection.

Germany's Boast Turned.
The Boston Journal says: Customarily allowances are made for diplomatic jockeying. The Allies' note has no such tone. Its statements need not have been held, its promises need not have been so precise to this note is not of the kind that can be moderated tomorrow and forgotten next week. It is a statement of fact. The shaft of Germany's boast is turned by the Allies' shield of pride.

The Washington Post says: Some emphasis may be laid upon the statement by the Allies that it has never been their design to encompass the extermination of the German people and their political destruction. But the context reveals that this is anything but an olive branch.

Reparation Essential.
The Baltimore Sun says: After all, in spite of the severity of the terms laid down by the Allies to be the responsibility for the war and the nature of Prussian militarism be correct—and most Americans believe it to be so—just some such reparation as is asked and some such guarantee for the future is essential.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: There is no vagueness in the terms set forth in the note of the Entente Allies to President Wilson. The answer to the German note spoke of guarantee and penalties, but defined nothing. The communication to the American government constitutes, it is stated in the words of the president, "a public declaration as to the conditions upon which the war should be terminated" and they are set forth in grim terms.



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January sale of newly-made Black Moire and Colored Sateen Petticoats, deep flounce and 4-inch pleating frills. Worth \$1.25, at 98c

Black Sateen Petticoats, with Jersey knit top, for cold weather. Were \$1.25, at 98c

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About one hundred pieces of fresh and dainty Neckwear, bought specially at a sale price. The lot includes the latest styles in Georgette Crepe, Organdy and Pique. Worth 39c, 50c and 65c, on sale Saturday, choice 25c

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