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GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS ARE NOT MET WITH FAVOR

The Canadian Torpedo Boat Grilse is Lost at Sea With All Aboard

Strong Wave of Opinion PEACE PROPOSALS MADE IN GERMANY ARE Against Peace in Britain

British Public Sees in Germany's Proposals Only an Effort to Evade Responsibility For the War

London, Dec. 23 .--- A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposals was evident in the first expressions available last night, both from public men and British press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from high authoritative sources containing the sentiment of the Government.

In the absence of some tangible official proposition British officials were disposed to maintain reserve. It was noticeable that the proposal had not created any profound impression among the average Londoners. There was little talk in the hotels or other public places, and this discussion was far less animated than in the recent

Want Details First Government circles also held aloof from any discussion with an evident desire to learn more of the details as follows: before committing the new administration to a definite course of action. comment, in the absence of the terms but indicated that the British attitude up to the present was embodied in the declarations made from time time by the former premier and Viscount Grey and that any new proposals would have to be considered

the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regard as the most essential basis of any peace—namely, such guarantees against German militarism as will permit England, France and their allies to demobilize their vast armies, reduce their enormous military expenses.

nouncement of the plans of the new Government next Thursday, but if an announcement is made it will probably contain reference to the German proposals, though this is unlikely, pending the receipt of the probably contains the enormous war burdens of the present, instead of being perposals and thus renew the enunciation of their peace terms, laid down once for all in Mr. Asquith's Guild Hall speech, and must redouble their plunged into war."

posal itself through official channels. Laugh at Boastings.

Some expressions showing the early drift of public sentiment were

which says:

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a symptom of her conscious

"The allies must absolutely

fore it is too late. His move is con-sidered to have the additional ad-

vantage that, in the event of its fail-

ing, it will enable him to throw the

blame for the continuation of the war on the allies, which he hopes will have a moral effect on Germany

HEAVY FIGHTING

Paris, Dec. 18.—12.30 p.m.—A counter-attack delivered by Bulgarian froops against the Italians on the Macedonian front north of Monastir resulted in spirited fighting yesterday. The war office announced today that the attack failed.

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and the neutral nations.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: sir Arthur Conan Doyle: "We want to know more about the terms, for without them the imperial chancellor's suggestion of peace is preposterous, ridiculous. We, too, are conscious of victory, and his boastings will be laughed at."

Peace Disastrous Now.
The Marquis of Londonderry: "We have got to win this war. Peace at tral power could proffer medthe present time would be disastrous of all the Entente Allies before a efinite attitude was possible.

Those in close connection with the win out absolutely."

In present time would be disastrous in the much advantage, to the nation and the Empire. It is she falls back on this indirect only a question of time, and we will offer to the belligerents as a

a reject any idea of mediation in such guarantees against German militarism as will permit England, France and their allies to demobilize their vast armies, reduce their enormous military expenses and return to lasting conditions of peace.

Illness Defers Announcement.

Doth Premiar Livyd Cargo and Mr. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and secretary of state for foreign affairs. Both Premier they Crosse and Mr. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and this may result in deferring the an nouncement of the plans of the new foreign affairs. Thursday, but if

Wilson's Course

Washington, Dec. 13—President Wilson's course of action in connection with Germany's peace proposals remained un-decided to-day while he awaited the official proffer, which the Central Powers have asked the United States to transmit to the Entente Powers. .The impression grew, that, while the President's first consideration was to safeguard his usefulness as a peacemaker by omitting any comment which might possibly be coupled with a reject-ion by the Entente Allies, there was a disposition to find some

way, however, delicate and informal to intimate the sincere wish of the United States that some basis for discussion at least might be reached.

Many officials felt that an indication of the temperature of the governments of the Entente should be available before the influence of the resident of the United States was thrown into balancer. The president cancelled all his outside engagements today, including one to preside over the annual meeting of the Red Cross, and remained in the White House, where he conferred with Col. E. M. House, his friend and adviser, who made one trip to Europe to sound out peace sentiment.

PROBS

Toronto, Dec.

There are some as moved of Manitoba, charged with killing his emfloyers, John Vincent stonewards at Stonewall, willing his emfloyers, John Vincent and his wife Saturday at Stonewall, and he police court this morning. He will be held pending the work of the police court this morning. He will be held pending the work of the police court this morning. He will be held pending the work of the president of the United States was thrown into balancer. The president cancelled all his outside engagements today, including one to preside over the annual meeting of the Stove in the Vincent. Terrified, he struck Mrs. Vincent. Terrified, he struck Mrs. Vincent day the words: I can only characterize this official peace offer as pure rubbish."

General Creagh retired from the army in 1914, after forty seven years entired, intending to wound Vincent, or official peace offer as pure rubbish."

Wyou did, then I'll get you." Vincent. "You did, then I'll get you." Vincent. "You



Thursday.

Maritime

in Northern New Brunswick and snow has also failen in many parts of Ontario. The weather is cold in nearly all parts of the Domin-

several months ago. Colonel House may go again if the president makes is Undecided a move to accompany Germany's proposals with suggestions of any character.

occasion to express in general terms his attitude without binding himself in a definite way. in a definite way.

Murder Charge

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 13.—The sixteen-year-old boy, Bertram J. P. Spain, who was arrested last night at a local hotel on information supplied by the police of Manitoba, charged with the police of Manitoba, charged with killing his employers, John Vincent the eyes of the world and a historical victed at Owen Sound of extertion.

tic coast disturbance has moved quickly north-ward with inward with in creased energy British regiment and says his father causing gales in has been killed in action.

heavy rain in southern districts and snow in Northern V

Today's cable giving names of Forecasts

Fresh winds, mostly north and corthwest: local snow fells and flucnorthwest; local snow falls and flur- enlisted in the first Brantford Conries and decidedly cold to-day and on tingent. He has been twice wound-

Unanimous in CallingFor Rejection of Proposed

Negotiations Torpedo Boat Grilse Feared Lost With London Dec. 13.-The German peace proposal is emphatall Hands ically rejected by The Times,

feared H. M. Canadian toring.

"She has been trying by all
the means at her disposal to induce us to make the suggestion of mediation. The atno relation whatever to the obtoin of mediation. The at- has be tempt has lamentably and con- hands.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The following statement has been issued through the office of the chief press censor for Canada:

"The Minister of Naval Service regrets to report that it is feared that H. M. Canadian torpedo boat Grilse (Lieut. Walter wingate, R.N., C.V.R.) has been lost at sea with all hands.

"The vessel left Halifax at 3 p.m., December 11, for Bermuda. At 4 a.m. December 12, a wireless message was received. At 3 p.m., December 12, another wireless message was received.

be glad to find a way out. They are neer Roebrt Wilkinson, R.C.N.; finally discovering that this a world in which one must live with his

er Charge

Against Boy

Leased Wire.

Dec. 13.—The sixteenby, Bertram J. P. Spain, rrested last night at a loninformation supplied by

The Sun concludes a lengthy editorial as follows:

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German Proposals are Made For

Purely Exterior Motives, is Prevailent Belier London, Dec. 13.—(New York Times' cable)—The Daily Telegraph's Rotterdam says:

"I understand the notes were handed to the ambassadors of Flash, Ottawa, Ont. Dec. neutral states last evening. This was done in the name of 13.—The minister of the na- the Kaiser by the Chancellor, val service announces it is who returned from field head-

The majority of the reichstag deputies were in the dark until the last moment."

the lands which the enemy has over-run are restored and combles over-run a

advantage.

The indefinite adjournment of the Reichstag by its own decision leaves. the government a free hand to conduct further negotiations and is regarded as tantamount to a vote of

Copenhagen Dubious, London, Dec. 13. — Germany's peace proposals caused the greatest sensation in Scandanavia, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Dagens Nyheder of Copenhagen says that it learns in authoritive services that it is believed.

to start peace negotiations. This paper says.

"Premier Trepoff's declaration that Constantinople is the aim of Russia and that the fact that the governments of England and France have been changed into special war governments do not give the impression that a wish for peace exists those countries. It will not be surprising therefore if the German offer is refused although it will be difficult for the Allies to give an absolute refusal."

absolute refusal."

Note Reaches Vatican Berlin, Dec. 13.—The note presented by Dr. Von Muhlberg, German minister to the Vatican, to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state

"According to instructions received I have the honor to send to your eminence a copy of the declaration which, by the good offices of the powers entrusted with the protection of German interests in the countries with which the German Empire is in a state of war, has been transmitte to these states, and in which the Im perial government declares itsell ready to enter into peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments also have sent similar notes. (Continued on page three.)

Chains Which Held Neutrals Now Broken

Germany's Prposals of Peace Enable Washington to Put Forth Efforts to Same End

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarde here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained

discuss peace terms-a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson-there are indications that the United States, acting as the intermediary, transmits the German proposal, it may accompany its action by some steps, necessarily delicate, to throw the influence of the United States into the balance for at least a consideration, however preliminary, of the terms on which a lasting peace might be brought to the world. Some ranking officials of the American government believe a league of nations, such as President Wilson has suggested, must be the outcome, and it could not be perfected without the participation of

Wilson May Act

Whether the United States will home governments, the Entente diptransmit the German proposal with-

at army headquarters with decided until the note reaches President King Ludwig of Bavaria, von Bethmann-Hollweg, the minister president of Bavaria and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman.

"The leaders of political parties in the reichstag were not let into the secret until this meaning when they were respectively."

decided until the note reaches President with the note reaches President with a note reaches probably to-day.

There were indications last night that President wilson might find some way to express the solemn and earnest wish of the United States for a careful consideration of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of peace, even before the Enternation of the suggestion of p morning when they were reproposal. This would necessarily be
done in such a delicate and ultradone in such a delicate and ultraceived by the foreign secretary.

confidential way that it never would

The majority of the reichstag

confidential way that it never would be publicly known should the allies decline the offer.

Wants to Know Entente Side
Regardless of whether President Wilson decided to accompany the German proposal with any word, it was said last night he unquestionably would take steps to learn the attitude of the Entente Allies, and would probably send his personal adviser. Col. E. M. House, to Europe.

The absence of any specific terms for peace in the note, or in the German consideration of peace.

posed to make peace now, or whether they are determined to crush Germany and dismember her.

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the double purpose of placing upon the Allies the responsibility for continuing the war, and of impressing upon the German people that they are fighting a defensive conflict against enemies who refuse quarter.

Gleimx, who was born at Blasewitz Saxony, in June, 1873. The man was last known to have worked on a farm in the vicinity of Brattord.

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could only injure the cause of particular and place Germany at a diplomatic disadvantage. Their attitude was that if the central powers exposed all their cards before peace negotiations began they would be placed at a dissemble of the principal objects however, was to force a "showdown," becomes apparent whether they will and draw from the entente allies some indication whether they are dissemble of the process against deportation of Belgians, the controversy with merce, all will mark time until it becomes apparent whether they will be solved by the advent of peace.

many and dismember her.

Diplomats of the entente allies here regard the peace offer as having Gleimx, who was born at Blasewitz,

says that it learns in authoritive Sweedish circles that it is believed there that the German offer will not met with immediate rejection by the Allies. The Copenhagen Politiken believes that in view of what has happened during the past few days in Russia, France and England it is unlikely that the allies will agree to start peace negotiations. This paper says.

gium Into Peace Agreement-Threatens Her Very Existence

FROM GERMAN SIDE. Restoration of Belgium. dependence of Poland and Lithuania. eturn of German colonies.

Vacation of France. HOW ENTENTE INTERPRETS IT. German domination of "free" Belgium. Seccession of Antwerp to Germany, Austro-German domination of Mesop Economic control of Northern France.

Transference to Bulgaria of Serbian territory. London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Telegraph today prints prominently

"We have received information from an unimpeachable source that the central powers recently offered peace to Belgium on the following

The Belgians are invited to insist upon immediate peace. In return for this their country will be restored to them, its independence guaranteed and financial assistance given for its economic rehabilita

"In the event of these terms being refused the intimation has been given Belgium that her very existence—her monuments, her public

buildings and even her towns_is threatened."