

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

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 Against Peace in Britain

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

London, Dec. 13.—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 ministerial crisis.

Government circles also held aloof from any discussion with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administration to a definite course of action. The foreign office would make no 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 to time by the former premier and Viscount Grey and that any new proposals would have to be considered by all the Entente Allies before a definite attitude was possible.

Wilson's Course is Undecided

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's course of action in connection with Germany's peace proposals remained undecided to-day while he awaited the official offer, 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 rejection by the Entente Allies, there was a disposition to find some way, however, delicate and innumerable, to intimate the sincere wish of the United States that some basis for discussion at least might be reached.

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PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Atlantic coast disturbance has moved quickly northward with increased energy causing gales in the Maritime provinces with heavy rain in southern districts and snow in Northern New Brunswick and Quebec. Light snow has also fallen in many parts of Ontario. The weather is cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Forecasts: Fresh winds, mostly north and northwest; local snow falls and flurries and decidedly cold to-day and on Thursday.

PEACE PROPOSALS IN GERMANY ARE MET WITH GENERAL DISFAVOR EVERYWHERE

Entente Press is Unanimous in Calling for Rejection of Proposed Negotiations

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 13.—The German peace proposal is emphatically rejected by The Times, which says: "Germany's proposal bears no relation whatever to the objects for which we are fighting."

"She has been trying by all the means at her disposal to induce us to make the suggestion of mediation. The attempt has lamentably and conspicuously failed and, as she does not judge that any neutral power could proffer mediation with much advantage, she falls back on this indirect offer to the belligerents as a pis aller. It is above all things a symptom of her conscious weakness."

"The allies must absolutely reject any idea of mediation in any shape and from any quarter as long as the basis proposed is the triumph of might and not right. They must refuse with equal firmness to even talk about an armistice until the lands which the enemy has overrun are restored and compensations made. They must renew the enunciation of their peace terms, laid down once for all in Mr. Asquith's Guild Hall speech, and must redouble their efforts to force these terms upon Germany and her accomplices."

Has Learned Lesson

New York, Dec. 13.—Commenting editorially on Germany's peace proposals The World this morning says: "This is shrewd and far-sighted politics. At the same time it is a formal admission that Germany is growing tired of the war and would be glad to find a way out. They are finally discovering that this a world in which one must live with his neighbors, and that is what the imperial government admits in effect when it makes its first tentative proposals for peace."

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MILITARY MEDAL TO CORP. STANDISH

Today's cable giving names of those whom the military medal has been given includes Corporal Collin C. Standish. Corp. Standish was a clerk in J. S. Hamilton & Co's. and enlisted in the first Brantford Con-tingent. He has been twice wounded and returned to duty.

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GERMAN PROPOSALS ARE MADE FOR PURELY EXTERIOR MOTIVES, IS PREVALENT BELIEF

German Proposals are Made For Purely Exterior Motives, is Prevalent Belief

London, Dec. 13.—(New York Times cable)—The Daily Telegraph's Rotterdam says: "I understand the notes were handed to the ambassadors of neutral states last evening. This was done in the name of the Kaiser by the Chancellor, who returned from field headquarters on Saturday. The note was drafted personally by the Kaiser after a conference at army headquarters with King Ludwig of Bavaria, von Bethmann-Hollweg, the minister president of Bavaria and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann."

"The leaders of political parties in the reichstag were not let into the secret until this morning when they were received by the foreign secretary. The majority of the reichstag deputies were in the dark until the last moment."

Whether the United States will transmit the German proposal without any comment whatever, or accompany it with some formal or informal expression, will not be finally decided until the note reaches President's hands, 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 Entente governments have made known their attitude towards the German proposal. This would necessarily be done in such a delicate and ultra-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.

Trying to Force Showdown

One of the principal objects however, was to force a "showdown," and draw from the entente allies some indication whether they are disposed to make peace now, or whether they are determined to crush Germany and dismember her.

Two Views of Peace

Terms Proposed by Huns Germany Recently Attempted to Terrorize Belgium Into Peace Agreement—Threatens Her Very Existence

FROM GERMAN SIDE. Complete restoration of status quo before war. Restoration of Belgium. Independence of Poland and Lithuania. Return of German colonies. Vacation of France. HOW ENTENTE INTERPRETS IT. German domination of "free" Belgium. Succession of Austria to Germany. Economic control of Northern France. Transference to Bulgaria of Serbian territory. London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Telegraph today prints prominently the following: "We have received information from an unimpeachable source that the central powers recently offered peace to Belgium on the following terms: "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 rehabilitation. "In the event of these terms being refused the information has been given Belgium that her very existence—her monuments, her public buildings and even her towns—is threatened."

Chains Which Held Neutrals Now Broken

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

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United States, as well as other neutrals, from making offers of mediation.

Now that one set of belligerents has signified its willingness to discuss peace terms—a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson—there are indications that when 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 the United States.

Based on information from their home governments, the Entente diplomats believe Germany's terms are in general about as follows: Belgium under German control. Restoration of Belgium, but with conditions which would practically leave it under German control, and probably give over the port of Antwerp to Germany. Restoration of the occupied portions of Northern France, but with economic control, which would guarantee to Germany supplies of iron and other raw materials drawn from there. Domination of Mesopotamia by Germany and Austria, to give them a path to the Persian Gulf and break England's gateway to India and Egypt. In award to Bulgaria all of Serbia as far south as Nish, which would take from Serbia as much territory as she gained in the Balkan wars. They expect Germany will demand the return of her African colonies, or at least propose to exchange them for the French colonies. Bulgaria's interests are considered a minor affair, and not fully developed in consideration of peace.

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