

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE DELIVERED IN PARLIAMENT

Germany Now Believed to be on Verge of Invading Switzerland

SENDING OF MORE ALLIED TROOPS TO SALONIKI FORESHADOWED

In Latest Ultimatum of Entente to Greece; Venizelist Prisoners Released by Government

London, Jan. 18.—Control by the Entente allies in Greece will be accorded by delegates from all the four powers. Russia is sending a special officer to Athens for this purpose. He will replace the Russian Military Attaché, who has been ordered to active service.

In compliance with the demand of the Entente the arrested Venizelists have been released, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters. The despatch says that quiet prevails in the Greek capital.

Bigger Allied Stroke

Washington, Jan. 18.—The text of the recent allied ultimatum to Greece, presented to the State Department for its information by Charge Vouras of the Greek Legation, reveals that the allies notified the Athens Government in the communication "that military necessity may lead them shortly to disembark troops at Itea for passage by railroad to Saloniki."

This portion of the ultimatum, not mentioned in press despatches coming to this country through the allied censorship is regarded here as highly significant, possibly forecasting a much greater concentration of allied troops in northern Greece for a drive against the Berlin-Constantinople Railway line. It conforms to the expectation held in several quarters here that the Balkans soon are to become the theatre of a more active campaign by the allies.

No Armistice

Another demand made by the ultimatum, and not mentioned in the first announcement cabled to this country, would require the Greek Government to guarantee that no civilians hereafter shall carry arms.

Officials of the Greek Legation announced today that a petition signed by more than 300 corporations and labor unions of Greece, appealing to the United States to intervene to raise the allied blockade of Greek ports, had been presented to American Minister Drapers at Athens. The Legation officials said they had reason to believe that the allied censorship had prevented press despatches regarding the petition from reaching the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN STRONGEST OF GERMANY'S ADVERSARIES

And Reichstag is United in Demanding Use of the Most Effective Weapons Against Her

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Prussian diet took upon it today the role of critic of the government, which the Reichstag at its latest session refrained from doing. Nevertheless the prediction, which was heard yesterday that the session would be marked by the most vigorous attacks on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg turned out to be incorrect. The speech of Dr. von Heydenbrand, Conservative leader, who is associated with the Centre and National-Liberal parties in favor of a more unrestricted use of submarines, was far more moderate than on earlier occasions and was

MANY TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

Over 428,000 Officers and Men Captured During the Year

525 GUNS

Also Taken; Majority by Army of Gen. Brusiloff

London, Jan. 19.—More than 428,000 officers and men were taken prisoner by the Russians during the past year, and 525 guns captured, according to the Russian service organ, as quoted in a Central News despatch from Petrograd today. The Journal closes its review of the war operations during the year with the following approximate figures of men and booty taken:

Officers, 8,770; men, 420,000; guns, 525; machine guns, 1,661; trench mortars and mine throwers, 421.

More than 80 per cent. of the foregoing was yielded by the operations of General Brusiloff.

Question of Golf Amateurs

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Official cognizance of the recent ruling of the United States Golf Association regarding the amateur restrictions probably will not be taken by the Western Golf Association at its annual meeting, and it is expected, according to Charles F. Thompson, president-elect. The amateur question, however, provoked much discussion at the last annual meeting, and it is expected, will be given further consideration.

"Personally," said Mr. Thompson, "I am not in accord with the amateur ruling of the United States Golf Association. I think it hits a number of players who are amateurs in action, even if earning their living in sporting goods establishments. I have traveled extensively both east and south and at least ninety per cent. of the golfers I have met are of the same opinion."

Portions of Swiss Army are Rapidly Mobilized While Germany Concentrates Troops on the Frontier

Paris, Jan. 19.—General Ulrich Wills, commander of the Swiss army, wishes to mobilize all Switzerland's forces, according to a Berne despatch to The Petit Parisien. The Federal Council is said to regard such a measure as excessive and to have decided to mobilize only the second and fifth divisions, but it is considered not impossible that further units will be called to the colors.

London, Jan. 18.—"Swiss newspapers assert that masses of German troops are concentrating near Basle," says the Exchange Telegraph Company's Geneva correspondent. "The Swiss general staff is convinced that an invasion of Switzerland is contemplated with a view to freeing Alsace from the French invader."

A despatch to the same telegraph company from Rotterdam says: "The Austrian newspapers are commenting extensively on the possibilities of a violation of Switzerland's neutrality. They admit that France would have no purpose in making the move, while Germany and Austria might hope to gain breathing space. Switzerland, however, would defend her neutrality to her last man, so success on the part of the Central Empires is considered doubtful."

"Generally the newspapers, therefore, counsel the Austro-German staffs not to augment the number of enemy powers. The Hungarian papers declare that the violation of neutrality has never helped any belligerent and say that Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian throne, who was assassinated at Sarajevo, lived, he never would have sanctioned a violation of Belgium, either for military or dynastic reasons."

Disregard Neutrals

London, Jan. 19.—A demand that neutral interests shall not be allowed to interfere with Germany's struggle for victory, was made at the opening of the Prussian diet yesterday by Herr Friedberg, leader of the National Liberal party, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuters. Herr Friedberg was one of a number of speakers, who urged

a vigorous prosecution of the war and increased submarine activity. He said: "We must expect from every neutral that he do not lay stress on his interests, where for us it is a fight for existence. Such interests must not prevent us from gaining a peace that will satisfy German aspirations and safeguard the world from new and similar catastrophes."

Paul Breitenbach, Prussian minister of public works, who made a speech along similar lines, said: "The gigantic events of the war necessarily affect state machinery. The government and parliament must come to an understanding and settlement, but there can be no question that the entire state machinery needs a fundamental change. We demand that everybody does his utmost for the fulfillment of his duty in order to help our armies to victory."



SPEECH FROM THE THRONE DELIVERED BY DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE IN PARLIAMENT TODAY

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—With the usual ceremonial but much curtailed social display, Canada's twelfth parliament was opened for its seventh session by His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire this afternoon. Lack of accommodation in the temporary quarters in the Victoria Memorial Museum made it necessary to cut off the customary long list of invitations to seats in the Senate Chamber during the ceremonies. This eliminated the usual brilliant assemblage of consuls-general, church dignitaries, deputy ministers, etc., while the invitations to ladies were confined to the wives and daughters of senators, members, deputy consuls and judges of the Supreme Court. Her Excellency, the Duchess of Devonshire and her daughters, the Ladies Maud and Blanche Cavendish, were also in attendance. The Duke of Devonshire was accompanied from Rideau Hall by his staff of aides and after receiving the report of the Commons on the election of Speaker Rhodes, he read, the following speech from the throne:

"I esteem it a high privilege to become closely identified with Canada at the time when she is taking so splendid a part in the world-wide struggle, and I look forward to her ability and capacity to exercise an ever increasing influence in bringing the war to a victorious conclusion. When peace is again happily restored, I am confident that the vast resources of the Dominion will continue to be developed for the lasting benefit of the empire, and in the best interests of liberty and humanity. Although nearly two and a half years have elapsed since the outbreak of war, yet that period has not been more than sufficient for the enormous preparation necessary to read, the following speech from the throne:

strength into the struggle. The events that have transpired since prologation, give convincing testimony of the efficiency of the measures thus taken and bear splendid tribute to the valor and heroism of His Majesty's forces in every theatre of war. With preparation already so ample and still increasing we may confidently anticipate that the not distant future will bring such success to the allied arms as will assure the full maintenance of the purposes and ideals for which we have engaged in this war. The Canadian forces despatched overseas during 1916 numbered more than 165,000 and the aggregate of enlistments in Canada since the outbreak of war is nearly 400,000. In attack as well as in defense the valor, endurance and resourcefulness of the Canadian troops have been conspicuous on every occasion when they have met the enemy, and they have splendidly upheld the highest traditions of their country. Equally notable and impressive has been the fine spirit of loyalty and devotion which has prompted them to throw their strength into the struggle."

SUBMARINE WARFARE VIEWED AS GERMANY'S LAST WEAPON

HUNS CONFER OVER FOOD

Austrian Premier and Head of Food Department Meet Von Hollweg

ECONOMIC

Questions Discussed Including Roumanian Food Supplies

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 19.—Premier Clam-Martini of Austria, and General Hofer, head of the Austrian war feeding department, have had a conference on the food problem with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, and Adolf Batocki, German food controller, according to a Hague despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The conference was mainly concerned with economic questions, including the distribution of the food captured by Roumania. It is understood, however, that peace and Galician questions were discussed exhaustively. The German press, according to the despatch, treated the conference with marked coolness.

People are Starving and in Despair and Have Confidence No Longer in their Leaders

London, Jan. 19.—Under late issue of Cologne the Times prints the second of two articles on the conditions of the Germans, mainly regarding the food shortage, which is inconclusive. But considering the authority of the unnamed writer, the following extracts from the note are worthy of publication: "The exasperation produced by the duration of the war is increasing in the absence of nutritious food, and has produced more original and independent thinking and talking than have been known in Germany since the beginning of the war. Never have the leaders been so bitterly criticized. Even the great god, Hindenburg, has been abused, as well as von Bethmann-Hollweg. There is, however, one great reason why the Germans generally believe in the hope of peace. It is not that they believe in a military victory in the west, where indeed, defeat is considered almost certain. It is the fact that the call for peace now comes not merely from the politicians, but from the soldiers. It is an open secret that Hindenburg, who has just made a second visit to the western front, returned profoundly impressed with the fact that the politicians must endeavor to make peace. The whole line from Alsace to Ypres is really a nightmare for the German army. While it is true that the big submarines have not had the success that was expected, the feverish building of submarines and parts in all the manufacturing towns I visited is conclusive evidence that the government shares the general opinion which is spreading over Germany that the submarine alone can snatch victory. The well-known head of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Europe, who is personally a strong advocate of peace, almost Berlin discussed the military and submarine question, the people to whom is known the point of view of our government in the war, are settling down to starvation."

Miners Send a Protest

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 19.—The Berlin Yvontists says that the four miners federations have telegraphed the war feeding department protesting against the reduction of the weekly potato ration from five to three pounds. The telegrams say that turnips are not a substitute for potatoes, and ask the authorities to re-establish the former rations.

TRAINMEN DEAD

Nelson, B.C., Jan. 19.—Captain John C. Gore, for many years superintendent of the C. P. R. upland river and lake service, died here suddenly yesterday, aged 64.

ALLIED WARSHIPS STILL ON SEARCH FOR RAIDER MOEWE

Believed Now That the Black Marauder of the Atlantic is Not Operating Alone

London, Jan. 19.—Lloyds announces that the Spanish Steamer Valle has been sunk.

London, Jan. 19.—Lloyds reports that the Norwegian Steamship Bergenhus is believed to have been sunk.

The Bergenhus, 3,606 tons gross, was last reported at Gibraltar on December 21 on her way from Genoa for Baltimore.

New York, Jan. 19.—Increased apprehension was felt in Marine circles today owing to undened credence which the shipping world in general has placed on overnight reports that the black raider in the south Atlantic waters, believed to be the Moeve, is not operating unassisted. According to these reports, this fugitive raider carried several sets of armaments and has furnished guns to at least two of her captive ships, the St. Theodore and the Yarrowdale, which in turn became prey for rovers. The Yarrowdale, British, is reported to have arrived at the Cape Verde Islands with the crews of eight of the ships which were sunk. Her early departure on a raiding mission would cause no surprise among shippers.

Reports as yet unconfirmed place the present whereabouts of the Moeve a considerable distance to the north of the Ireland-to-Brazil sea lanes, where her havoc was accomplished. Meanwhile the entente war vessels, aside from hunting

down an active raiding squadron, are keeping close watch on several merchant vessels suspected of supplying the Moeve and her allies with food and of assisting them in other ways.

As a precaution against an illegal use of Brazilian territory as a base of operations for the German ships a portion of the Brazilian navy is manoeuvring off that country.

SHATTERING OF ALLY ARROGANCE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—via London.—According to German newspapers, the Emperor, replying to a telegram from the King of Wurtemberg, endorsing the Emperor's address to the nation, following the Emperor's reply to President Wilson's note, telegraphed:

"You have strongly expressed in the name of your brave Swabians the feeling of indignation and determination which, in these days of the unmasking of the enemy's plans of destruction, are the entire nation. Accept my heartfelt thanks for your fresh expression of loyalty. Hold on with blood and treasure until the arrogance of our enemies is shattered by the unshakable will to victory of the Fatherland and its loyal allies."

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Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 19.—With the passing eastward of the disturbance which was in the St. Lawrence valley yesterday, a cold wave has come in from the northward and the temperature this morning is from ten to twenty below zero in northern Ontario and in Quebec. The weather continues moderate in the western provinces.

Forecasts

Fair and cold. Saturday—westerly winds, continued cold with light snow falls.

"Zimmie"