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M. Verkervosky, Russ Minister, Reveals Plans for Army Reform.

ENFORCE DISCIPLINE

Through Moral Influence and Maintenance of Harmony in Ranks.

DISMISS PLOTTERS

Senior Officers Connected With Korniloff's Uprising to Be Discharged

By Courier Leased Wire Petrograd, Sept. 11 .--- War Minister Verkervosky has explained to the Central Committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, his plans for army reform. He declared that when he was command ing the Moscow regiment he restor d discipline by means of moral infuence with the soldiers and by eeping harmony among the officers. Co-operation with the officers en-abled him to carry out reforms without sacrificing the technical ef-merency of the troops.

"Following," said the minister, "is our plans for army reforms. All commanders not enjoying conldence will be dismissed and replaced by ficers of independent seniority whe are politically sound and technical-ly efficient. I know personally of many colonels and lieutenant colonels who are fitted to command armies. It is absolutely necessary to Let rid of officers who are not trust ed. General Alexieff must disappear because he does not understan commanders not enjoying confidence because he does not understand the psychology of a modern army. From general headquarters also will be dismissed all higher officers because even if they are not followers, of General Korniloff, they knew of his plot. The units which supported Gen. Korniloff will be sent away rom headquarters."

Reply is in Reality no Reply, But an Attempted Justification of Germany's Course in the War; Kaiser Ever The Champion of Peace and Liberty Says This Remarkable Concatenation

BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

Germany Replies to Pope's Peace Note

PLANS TO RE-ORGANIZE RUSS ARMY ... BRITISH HOLD ALL GAINS AGAINST FOE

Universal Restriction of Armaments

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1917.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Sep. 22-Following is the complete text of the German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal:

"Herr Cardinal:

"Your Eminence has been good enough together with your letter of August 2 to transmit to the kaiser and king my gracious master the note of His Holiness, the Pope, in which His Holiness filled with grief at the devastation of the world war, makes an emphatic peace appeal to the heads of the belligerent peoples. The kaiser king has deigned to acquaint me with your eminence's letter and to entrust the reply to me.

APPRECIATE POPE'S EFFORTS.

"His majesty has been following for a considerable time with high respect and sincere gratitude His Holiness' efforts in a spirit of impartiality to alleviate as far as possible the sufferings of the war and to hasten the end of hostilities. The kaiser sees in the latest step of His Holiness fresh proof of his noble and humane feelings, and cherishes a lively desire that for the benefit of the entire world the papal appeal may meet with success.

WILHELM THE PEACEMAKER

"The effort of Pope Benedict is to pave the way to an understanding amongst all peoples and might more surely reckon on a sympathic reception and the wholehearted support from his majesty seeing that the kaiser, since taking over the government has regarded it as his principal and most sacred task to preserve the blessings of peace for the German people and the world. In his first speech from the throne at the opening of the German Reichstag on June 25, 1888, the kaiser promised that his love of the German army and his position toward it should never lead him into temptation to cut short the benefits of peace unless war were a necessity, forced upon us by an attack on the empire or its allies. The German army should safeguard peace for us, and should peace nevertheless be broken, it would be in a position to win it with honor. The kaiser has, by his acts fulfilled the promise he then made in 26 years of happy rule, despite provocations and temptations.

FORCED INTO WAR !!

"In the crisis which led to the present world conflict his majesty's efforts were up to the last moment directed towards settlement of the conflict by peace ful means. After the war had broken out against his wish and desire, the kaiser, in conjunction with his allies, was the first solemnly to declare his readiness to enter into peace negotiations.

"The German people supported his majesty in his keen desire for peace.

"Germany sought within her national frontier the free development of her spiritual and material possessions and outside the imperial territory unhindered competition with nations enjoying equal rights and equal esteem. The free play of forces in the peaceful wrestling with one another would lead to the highest perfecting of the noblest human possesions. Disastrous concentration of events in the year 1914 absolutely broke off all hopeful course of development and transformed into a bloody battle arena.

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CONVALESCENT HOME IN FLAMES Brant House at Burlington, Military Hospital, Is on Fire.

By Courier Leased Wire Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 22___ The Brant House at Burlington which is being converted into a convalescent hospital for soldiers, is on fire. The Hamilton ire department has sent assist-

AS TO URGING FARMERS

Dr. G. C. Creelman is quoted as bjecting to a campaign to urge farmers to grow more fall wheat. He realizes that it is not a case which ical situation and economic require- our confidence that our enemies alwill respond to urging, but only to the demands of a pressing season of work. If farmers can get the land prepared, the wheat will go in; if pot, we have learned that it is use-fore has more reason than the Ger-tion of future peace under conditions less to try.

WEATHER BULLETIN prevail between nations.

Toronto, Sept. 22-Fine weather prevails over advantage that the important thing Canada with is to lay more stress upon what un-warm conditions ites them in their relations. They in the West and comparat i v e ly will also succeed in settling individ-

"Zimmie"

APPROVE PROPOSALS.

"Appreciating the importance of His Holiness' declaration, the imperial government has not failed to submit the suggestion contained therein to earnest and scrupulous examination. Special measures which the government has taken in closest contact with representatives of the German people, for discussing and answering the question raised prove how earnest it desires, in accordance with His Holiness' desires and the peace resoloution of the reichstag of July 19, to find a practical basis for a just and lasting peace.

"The imperial government greets with special sympathy the leading idea of the peace appeal wherein his holiness clearly expresses the conviction that in the future the material power of arms must be sperceded by the moral power of right. We are also convinced that the sick body of human society can only be healed by fortifying its moral strength of right. From this would follow according to His Holiness' view the simultaneous diminution of the armed forces of all states and the institution of obligatory arbitration for international disputes.

"We share His Holiness' view that definite rules, a certain safeguard for a simultaneous and reciprocal limitation of armaments on land, on sea and in the air as well as for the true freedom of the community and highseas, are the things regarding which-the new spirit that in the future should prevail in international relations-should find first hopeful expression. The task would then of itself arise to decide international differences of opinion, not by the use of armed forces, but by peaceful methods, especially by arbitration whose high peace producing effect we together with His Holiness fully recognize.

"The Imperial Government will, in ing peace be founded which would this respect, submit every proposal promote an intellectual rapproach-this respect, submit every proposal promote an intellectual rapproach-the second proposal promote an intellectual rapproachcompatible with the vital interest ment and a return to the economic of the German empire and people. prosperity of human society. This "Germany, owing to her geograph- serious conviction encourages ments has to rely on peaceful inter- so may see a suitable basis in the course with her neighbors and with ideas submitted by His Holiness for distant countries. No people, there-approaching nearer to the preparaman people to wish that instead of universal hatred and battle that a ableness and to the situation in

conciliatory fraternal spirit should Europe."

"If the nations are guided by this Imperial Chancellor, Michaelis, and spirit it will be recognized to their is addressed to Cardinal Gasparria, Papal Secretary of State.

will also succeed in settling individ, cool elsewhere. Forecasts Moderate north to north west on Sunday. on Sunday.

CARGO BY FIRE WORKSBOMBED Spontaneous Combustion By Courier Leased Wire London, Sept. 22.—British **Responsible for Blaze in** Swedish Steamer. By Courier Leased Wire New York, Sept. 22 .- The cargo of

The document is signed by the Imperial Chancellor, Michaelis, and s addressed to Cardinal Gasparria, Papal Secretary of State. Not Ket Rome, Sept. 21.—The Vatican's Still smouldering at a late hour. The cargo is said to have been insured



ed yesterday evening on the Ypres front. Considerable German forces were engaged without any result being gained except a heavy increase in the enemy losses. "At dusk the enemy launched a powerful counter attack in massed

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Belgian front. Field Marshal g in his report to-day to the war

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Desperate Assaults of Bav-

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Down Last Night.

LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Increased Casualties Only

Result of Teuton Coun-

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AERIAL ACTIVITIES

Birdmen Played Big Part in

British Drive Last Thurs-

by Courier Les British

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formation on a wide front east of St.

Jul'en. "At one point his troops succeed-ed in penetrating a short distance into our new positions, but they were immediately and completely driven out by our local counter-attack. "At all other points West Lanca-shire and London troops repulsed the enemy's infantry with great loss. At the end of two hours of flero fighting our whole line was intar The attack was delivered with great losses were exceedingly severe. "Early in the night after the fail-ure of his attack on the Tower Ham-lets ridge during the afternoon, the ure of his autack on the Tower Ham-lets ridge during the afternoon, the enemy again attacked with strong forces on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road. Here also heavy fighting ended in the complete repulse of the

enemys. "During the evening, a third

"During the evening, a third hostile attack east of Langemarck was crushed by our artillery." Aerial Activities London, Sept. 22.—The following official statement dealing with the activities of the British aviation corps during the British offensive in Flanders was issued last night by the landers was issued last night by the war/office.

EXPORT HIGH "During the first two hours of "During the first two hours of ou attack on Thursday, low clouds and a drizzling rain made flying almos impossible. However, our airplane flew out at low altitudes and drop ped bombs on a hostile airdrome near Courtral, besides firing at bodie of Courtral, besides firing at bodie Forty-Eight Million Bushels From Montreal Elevators near Courtral, besides firing at bodies of German infantry. As soon as the weather slightly improved, our aerial activities became greater, and contact was kept with our advancing troops, and both airplanes and ball loops gave observation for our artil-lerv. On several occasions the loca-t on of enemy troops preparing for a counter attack was reported to our artillery who successfully dealt with the situation. "While the attack was in progress

TOTAL WHEAT

