

TENTH YEAR SEEK BARGAIN WITH ENTENTE

DAWN OF A WILSON PEACE IS DEATH OF ANTELEUROPA AND FREEDOM FOR BALKAN STATES

Eleventh of President's Peace Conditions Means Blasting of Kaiser's Dream of German Europe and Liberation of Abused Balkans—More Wars if Eastern Question is Not Settled.

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The eleventh of the fourteen conditions of peace laid down by President Wilson in his address to Congress touches upon one of the most intricate and difficult of all the obstacles to a general European settlement—the Balkan problem. In his historic speech, Mr. Wilson outlined the conditions of solving this question—the familiar old "Eastern question," which has plagued statesmen and diplomats for more than three centuries—as follows:

"The evacuation of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro, with free access to the sea by Serbia, the restoration of occupied territories, the free relations of the several Balkan states along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality, and international guarantees of their political and economic independence and economic integrity."

Meaning of First Demand.

Several weeks ago, in one of these articles, I discussed at length the meaning of the first of these demands of the president—that with respect to the evacuation of the Balkan states, the occupied by the central powers, the territories of Montenegro, Serbia and Rumania. It would mean interposing a solid barrier between Austria and Germany on the one hand, and Turkey and Bulgaria on the other, and would thus cut off the Balkan states from the sea.

In the present article I desire to discuss the more limited problems affecting the Balkan states themselves, rather than the rest of the world. What condition is it that Mr. Wilson seeks to create or to restore in the Balkans, and why? The answer to these questions is to be found in the very recent history of the Balkan states. It is not necessary to go back of 1912 to get a grip upon the problems of 1918, despite the fact that most of the Balkan difficulties—that is, the rivalries of Serbia, Greece and Bulgaria—are themselves a thousand years old.

Prior to 1912 the several Balkan states had been in a state of mutual jealousy, mutually jealous, they re-

SCORE PERISH! N. S. BLAZE

Twenty Meet Death When Lumber Camp Is Burned Near Truro.

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The dead are as follows: Alfred Guthrie, wife and six children; Benj. Matheson, Pughwash; Robt. McLean, Westville; James Gratto, Gratto; Edgar Taggart, Port Elgin; George Sheet Harbor Road; Wm. Watson, Gratto; George Ayres, Martin Gratto; Miller Hawley, Cape Breton; John Moore, Lester Moore, Halifax; Ervin Bentley, Kempton.

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—Hungerford in Pittsburg Sun.

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO BURN SOLDIER IS BELIEVED

Batterman Victim of Acid, Placed on Theatre Seat in an Apparent Attempt of Some Crank To Injure Members of Canadian Army—Other Cases Reported.

What appears like the deliberate attempt of some crank to do bodily injury to the Canadian soldiers, occurred in the Princess Theatre Thursday night when a member of the 63rd Depot Battery was severely burned by acid while attending the performance.

The soldier entered the theatre dark building and soon after taking his seat began to feel an uncomfortable sensation similar to a burning pain. He looked around and then the other of the chair in an effort to ease the pain. He found the chair was covered with a substance which he hurriedly left the theatre.

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ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS SPLIT; PEACE TREATY NOT YET SIGNED

Washington Believes Germany Ready To Make Bargain With Entente, But the Offer Would Not Be Considered If at Russia's Expense—Wilson To Make Early Statement.

JAPANESE SLAIN BY BOLSHIEVIKI

150 of Mikado's Subjects Are Reported Massacred in Siberian Province.

BRITAIN AND STATES PROTEST TO FINLAND OVER ALAND ARREST

Matter Is Put Up Directly to Finnish Commander.

DEPUTIES "MIX IT" IN THE AUSTRIAN HOUSE

Wild Scuffle Cause by Discussion on Food Shortage.

CANADIAN FOOD BOARD WARNS MILLERS OVER THE FEED AND FLOUR

Ottawa, March 15.—Millers throughout Canada have been warned that in the event of a shortage of feed, the Canadian Food Board will take action.

WASHINGTON EXPECTS DOMINION TO PASS A DAYLIGHT MEASURE

Bill Has Passed Last Legislative Session in American Congress.

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FRESH DISORDERS IN GERMAN FLEET OFF ALAND ISLANDS

Petrograd, March 15.—Fresh disorders have occurred in the German fleet off the Aland Islands, according to the Russian military newspaper Krasnaya Armia.

U. S. WHEAT HOLDINGS NOW 68,972,000 BUSHELS

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Wheat holdings at country mills and elevators on March 15 were estimated at 68,972,000 bushels, according to a report from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

SWEDISH TRAWLERS AND LARGE STEAMER TAKEN BY THE GERMAN U-BOATS

London, March 15.—A number of large Swedish trawlers and one of the largest Gothenburg steamers have been captured by German submarines off the coast of Sweden.

FOE TURNS EASTWARD TO OFFSET ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OF ALLIES

London, March 16.—Germany must count as accomplished the fact of an economic war after the war, and control by Great Britain and the United States of sea-borne traffic in raw materials.

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MUST CUT DOWN ON THE WHEAT

Washington, March 16.—Further limitation of wheat consumption in the United States and Canada is under consideration by the food administration.

STRANGE MALADY IS DRIVING DOGS MAD NEAR AILSA CRAIG

Animals Affected in Batches and Spreads Rapidly.

R. F. C. CADET, POSING AS OFFICER, LEFT BEHIND UNPAID BILLS TRAIL

Finally Trapped in Hamilton, But Breaks Leg in Desperate Leap for Liberty When Military Police Escort Came From London To Bring Him Here For Trial.

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TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecast.

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DRIVE FOR WORKERS TO HELP SOW CROP SHOULD START SOON

Increased Production Depends Entirely on Labor Supply.

PARTY OF RETURNED MEN TO BE SPLIT UP BECAUSE OF SIZE

London Men Will Be Allowed To Go Home as Usual.

DUTCH ACCEPT ALLIES' DEMAND

Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press hears on excellent authority that the Dutch Government has accepted the demands of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

THOMAS FOUND ENGLAND DETERMINED ON WAR UNTIL JUST PEACE HAD

Paris, March 16.—M. Thomas, the French munitions minister, is back from a tour of England, where he found industrial and commercial conditions flourishing. He said he found England had no desire for a peace that was not based on justice and right, and the English were solidly for the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

ORGANIZES FRIDAY

Patriotic Fund Committee Will Prepare for Local Campaign.

MAKES BREAK FOR LIBERTY

When the girl, who appeared to be a mere child of about 17 years, was released and told to go to her home, which she claimed was in Toronto.

ARRIVED TOO LATE

Meantime the military authorities began to interest themselves in the affair, but the military policeman who went to arrest the officer arrived five minutes after the two had again left the city for the east.

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WHAT DO HUNS WANT?

American experts on the Russian situation, while agreeing with Lord Cecil's statement that no such terms can be considered, give no evidence of how much may be known here of what Hindenburg refers to as Germany's peace intentions.

GERMANY WANTS IRON ORE

The extent to which the question of future supply of iron ore is being considered by Germany is indicated in latest advice received here, showing discussion of the subject in the Reichstag.

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