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Allies Unanimous in Condemning Austria's Diplomatic Move for Peace.

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turn to Germany of her naval bases in various parts of the world. (The text of this portion of Mr. Balfour's speech shows that the foreign secretary went somewhat further in his discussion of the subject of Germany's colonies than the first reports of his address indicated.)

"Germany," said Mr. Balfour, "is going to insist upon the return of her colonies. Here again is a point upon which there can be no misunderstanding. Germany stands on one side, and we on the other. I say it is impossible to say that any conferences can bridge over a difference so deep as to restore to the power of Germany those unhappy populations she misused, or give back to Germany control over those naval bases which can give her control of the means of communication, not only between the British empire, but between the civized nations of the world."

Belgian Government Rejects Separate Peace.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The Belgian government, after consultation with the Allies, according to the Petit Parisien, has decided to refuse without elaboration the reported offer of a separate peace made by Germany.

German Press Bitter Over Peace Note Result.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 21. — The German press generally, from the Socialist to the Conservative, regards the American answer to the Austrian peace note, taken in connection with the speech of Foreign Secretary Balfour, as final proof that the allies, so the newspapers charge, seek to complete the destruction of the Central powers and their peoples and the dismemberment of their territory.

The Socialist Vorwaerts of Berlin is bitter and pessimistic. It declares that the American answer and the utterances of Secretary Balfour compel the conclusion that the entente will not hear of a peace by agreement.

"Mr. Balfour's speech," says the Vorwaerts, "contains two points which a great part of the German people are ready to discuss and two others which will evoke powerful opposition from every German. The first two points are Belgium and Brest-Litovsk. The other two concern the German colonies and Alsace-Lorraine.

"If Mr. Balfour wishes that these last two points should be fulfilled, which would be possible only through a complete military victory by the entente, there would be a feeling left among the entire German people that they had been made the victims of a robbery warfare."

The Vorwaerts says that even if the entente does not admit the justice of the German standpoint, its rejection of the Austrian invitation is, nevertheless, "an act of stupidity and brutality."

The Lokal Anzeiger's comment is of an "I told you so" nature. The newspaper says that President Wilson's answer makes it necessary to wait and see what the entente nations will say. It declares it is evident from Mr. Balfour's speech that negotiations are impossible unless Germany is willing to accept in advance all the conditions laid down by the allies. The newspaper adds: "If the matter of giving our colonies back to us is a closed incident for England, then any peace talk also is purposeless as far as we are concerned."

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, referring to the demands regarding the colonies and Alsace-Lorraine, declares: "What does this mean if not that the entente intends to dismember and crush the German empire? There is but one thing left for us—victory or destruction."

Germany Willing to Participate in Peace Discussion

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 20.—An official communication issued in Berlin says the German ambassador in Vienna today presented Germany's reply to the recent Austro-Hungarian peace note. The German note announces the readiness of Germany to participate in the proposed exchange of ideas.

Hindenburg's Proclamation

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 21.—A proclamation issued by Von Hindenburg to the German army reads:

"The Austro-Hungarian government has proposed to all the belligerents a conference for a non-binding discussion of peace. War operations are not thereby interrupted. Readiness for peace is not in contradiction to the spirit with which we are waging the struggle for the homeland.

"As early as December, 1916, the kaiser, our supreme war lord, with his allies, offered peace to the enemy. The German government has often since then proclaimed its readiness for peace.

"The reply of the enemy was scorn and derision! The enemy governments incited their peoples and armies to continue the annihilating war against Germany. We have thus continued our defensive struggle.

"Our ally has now made a fresh proposal to hold a discussion. The fighting will not be interrupted.

"The army's task is to continue the struggle. In four victorious years of war the German army has energetically protected the homeland and proved to the enemy the invincibility of the army. Only by these means do we help break the enemy's will to destruction.

"While continuing to fight, we have to wait to see whether the enemy is sincere and this time ready for peace negotiations, or whether he will again reject peace with us unless we are prepared to buy it on conditions which would destroy our people's future."

"Be Hard," He Says.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 22. — Field Marshal von Hindenburg, replying to greetings sent to him from a patriotic meeting in Juterbog, said: "The first replies from the enemy camp to the Austrian note reveal our enemies' state of mind. In the face of this there can be only one watchword: 'German people, be hard'."

Disorder and Crime Characterise Situation in Russia under Bolsheviki Rule

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due entirely to lack of ammunition by the Czecho-Slovaks.

The Germans are reported to be concentrating considerable forces at Kharkov and Bielogorod, with a view to an advance on the Volga and to prevent General Alixeff's forces in the Don valley from joining hands with the Czechs about Samara.

Czech-Slovaks Hold Samara

LONDON, Sept. 21. — Bolsheviki forces are retreating on both the northern and southern fronts, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Mail. The despatch says that a telegram had been received in Stockholm from Moscow stating that the Czecho-Slovaks still hold the city of Samara, which the Bolsheviki recently claimed to have retaken.

Japs Enter Tchita.

TOKIO. — A contingent of Japanese cavalry, together with troops belonging to the command of General Semenoff, the Cossack leader, entered the town of Tchita, in the Trans-Baikal, on Sept. 6. The arriving troops were enthusiastically welcomed.

General Executed.

LONDON, Sept. 21. — General Soukhomlinoff, minister of war in the Russian imperial cabinet from 1909 to 1915, was courtmartialed on Sept. 8 and shot on the same day, according to a Petrograd dispatch printed in the newspapers of Vienna and transmitted here by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.

General Soukhomlinoff, on Sept. 26, 1917 was senteneed to hard labor for life by a Petrograd court, after his conviction on the charges of high treason, abuse of confidence and fraud. Mme. Soukhomlinoff, the general's wife, was acquitted.

Execute 800 at Petrograd.

STOCKHOLM.—Wholesale executions are proceeding in Petrograd, according to private telegrams received here by way of Helsingfors. During the past week 800 persons were executed, and more than 400 others are on the prescribed list. Most of them have already been made hostages.

All persons of the rank of councillors of state have been imprisoned regardless of their political views.

Hands Off Warns Tchitcherin

AMSTERDAM. — M. Tchitcherin, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has addressed a long and sharp note to the diplomatic corps at Petrograd in reply to their protest of Sept. 5 relative to the "red terror," according to the Izvestia. The note concludes: "We energetically reject interference by neutral and capitalistic powers in favor of the Russian bourgeoisie. We shall regard any attempt by the representatives of these powers to overstep the limits of lawful protection of the interests of their countrymen as an attempt to support the Russian counter-revolution."

Russian Officials Urge Persecution Of Allies

The Russian people's commissary at Vologda, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Hamburg Nachrichten, has urged on the population of the entire Vologda province the most ruthless persecution of British subjects and French and American citizens. Rioting against entente nationals has taken place at various places, the correspondent says and some Frenchmen and Americans are being murdered.

Czechs Take Perm

PARIS, Sept. 20. — A despatch from Vladivostok announces that the Czecho-Slovak forces have captured Perm.

Attempt To Assassinate Leon Trotzky.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 21.—An attempt has been made at Kursk to assassinate Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki minister of war and marine, according to a despatch sent from Kiev by the correspondent of the Leipziger Abend Zeitung. The correspondent says a soldier fired twice at Trotzky, but missed his mark.

Russia Pays Germany 250,000,000 Rubles

LONDON.—The first portion of the Russian war indemnity to Germany was sent on Saturday last from Moscow to Berlin, according to an Exchange Telegraph company despatch from Copenhagen. It amounted to 250,000,000 rubles, one-half in gold and the remainder in notes.

The money was carried on a special train under a strong guard and was received by a representative of the Reichs bank at the border line.

Report Ex-Czarina and Her Daughters Burned to Death

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The former Russian empress and three princesses and two grand duchesses, whose names are not reported, were burned to death about a month after the Russian emperor was shot, according to a story reaching London. The source of the story is given consideration in some quarters and an investigation has been started.

After the former emperor was killed, the women were taken to an isolated village and, according the present report, made prisoners in a residence. They were there only a few days when a crowd of Bolsheviki attacked the house. The women barricaded the doors and the house was set on fire. All the persons in the house perished.

There have been various reports as to the fate of the former empress of Russia and her daughters. A London newspaper on Sept. 12. reported that she and her four daughters had been murdered by the Bolsheviki. This report was denied a few days later by the Bolsheviki foreign minister.

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British Forced To Relinquish Big Oil Centre

LONDON, Sept. 21. — Baku, in Trans-Caucasia, has been evacuated by the British, who have withdrawn their forces to north Persia. The evacuation was made necessary, it is stated, because of lack of steadiness on the part of the Armenian troops when they were attacked by the Turks during August. By the end of that month it was realized that the co-operation of the local government and its forces would not be sufficiently effective to justify the retention of the small British detachment in the face of the numbers which the enemy could collect.

On September 1 the evacuation was denfinitely decided upon, but on the same day the Turks again attacked, and the allies of the British, reports the statement, again failed to co-operate. The result was that the Royal Warwickshire regiment had to cover a Russo-Armenian retirement, and it is feared that this force lost heavily.

A small force of Russians arrived at Baku on September 9 to reinforce the British. This, with the inactivity of the enemy, tended to improve the morale of the force allied with the British, strengthening their wish to hold the town.

They induced the fleet in the Caspian, which was still in Russian hands, to refuse permission for the British evacuation, according to the advices. Meanwhile, it is added, the Armenians were negotiating to hand the town over to the enemy.

On September 14 the enemy made a determined attack and after the fighting that lasted 16 hours, the brunt of which was borne by the British, the account continues, the latter evacuated the town.

The Turks recently have undertaken an advance from Tabriz, Persia, as far as Jamalabad, and the British detachments which have been watching this road, have retired.

Tartars Occupy Baku

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 20, (via London)—The town of Baku, trans-Caucausia, has been occupied by Tartar volunteers, says an official statement issued by the Tirkish war office.

DECLARED 1917 POTATO YIELD SAVED ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 20. — The huge additional potato crop grown in England in 1917 enabled that country to maintain its position as a belligenent, visiting American editors were told at a dinner today. Rowland Prothero, president of the board of agriculture, the speaker, said that but for its one crop, Great Britain might have been starved into submission.

Continuing, Mr. Prothero told what the agriculturists had done to win the war.

Nothing, he said, so stimulated the farmers to do their best as "the argument that every ton of food they raised helped to bring over the American army to shorten the road to victory."

Concerning the aid which the government had done and is doing to increase production, he said:

"We are finding men to replace the labor they lost—something like 60,000 returned soldiers. Thanks to the energy of our army, we have something like 20,000 German prisoners at work on land, and we have increased the number of women land workers by upwards of 200,000. For the harvest we provided an additional 10,000 soldiers."

Among other provisions made to help the farmers which he enumerated were 60,000 threshing machines and 100,000 horses. The result, judging by acreage, he said, was the largest crop of wheat, barley, oats and rye ever produced in the United Kingdom. Some 800,000 tons of food were raised by allotment holders alone.

GRAIN BOARD ISSUES ORDER ON SEED OATS

Grain Coming Up to Standard Will be Paid For at Five Cents Per Bushel Over Fort William Price.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 23. — Effective today until further notice, the board of grain supervisors for Canada ordered that seed oats requirements by the Canadian seed purchasing commission shall be provided as follows:

The commission will accept oats suitable for seed at Canadian government terminal elevators at Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary, and shipped from any point west of Winnipeg, and will pay for seed oats a premium of five cents per bushel over Fort William price, basis Fort William freights, the price to be determined on inspection date. The commission will not purchase seed oats, however, unless a sample is sent by the shipper to George Serle, chief grain inspector, Winnipeg, for testing purposes.

Market Prices for Rejects

The commission will pay for any cars of oats shipped but rejected for seed by the inspectors on the basis of the grades given the oats by the Dominion inspection department, basis Fort William, and assume back haul and other charges.

The commission is authorized to send seed inspectors into any elevator, warehouse or mill in the western inspection division to examine oats that may be suitable for seed. Seed oats found shall become the property of the Dominion government purchasing commission and are subject to immediate shipment. For such oats a premium of five cents a bushel over basis Fort William prices and freights will be paid.

BLAST IN AUSTRIAN MUNITIONS FACTORY KILLED 382 GIRLS

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 22. — Three hundred and eighty-two persons have been killed and many others injured in an explosion in an ammunition factory at Woellersdorf, a town near the Austrian capital, according to the Vienna newspapers.

Fire broke out in the powder room and the terrific heat quickly overcame those in the flame-wrapped building. The victims were mostly girls.

GERMAN GOTHA WAS DOWNED AFTER RAID ON FRENCH CAPITAL

PARIS, Sept. 20. — Six persons were killed and 15 others were injured in Sunday night's air raid over Paris, according to the list given by the newspapers today. One of the injured was a woman, the mother of six children. One German machine, a Gotha, was brought down in the forest of Compiegne. The two aviators fled, pursued by gendarmes.

This makes two of the enemy raiding machines accounted for by the French. A despatch last night announced that one of the bombing planes was brought down by a direct shot from the artillery defence of Paris, falling in one of the northern suburbs. The bodies of an officer and two men were found in the wreckage.

POTATO CROP IN GERMANY POOR

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 20.—Herr v. Waldow, president of the German Food Regulation board, speaking at a reception to the leaders of the German trades unions, said he regretted the lateness of the harvest, and that there were no sharper means than were at present used to get more foodstuffs.

The corn crop, von Waldow said, was only 15 per cent. better than that of last year, and the potato crop was probably worse. The provisioning of industries, he added, would improve from Oct. 1. A full bread ration certainly would be restored, but declared he could not hold out any prospect for an increase in the potato ration, as unfavorable weather had prejudiced the crop. Meatless weeks must be continued, the speaker said, in order not to endanger the milk and fat supply. Unfortunately, he was unable to hold out any prospect of an improvement in the food supply, but he was positive it would not get worse.

Herr Lenien, a member of the reichstag, who was one of the deputation, replying to Herr von Waldow, said that in view of the hopeless information he gave regarding the food supply, the workers could not continue to work the number of hours they are now working.

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News in Brief

—American patrols after a night raid near the enemy's lines reported that the Germans were placing mines at various points in the region of Haumont. This seemingly indicates that the Germans are preparing to evacuate.

—Germany has demanded from Austria the same number of troops that the German high command sent to strengthen the forces of the dual empire last year, and that 200,000 Austrians are being transferred to the western front.

—Serious food riots continue at Salzburg, according to Munich papers. Rioters attacked the government palace and broke down the doors, whereupon the gendarmes fired, killing or wounding several. Hotels have been looted, food shops raided and army stores plundered.

—The Rheinisch Westfaelische Zeitung of Essen complains bitterly over the impotence of the Austrian government in the face of the separatist tendencies of the Slav races. The newspaper says that since Great Britain and the United States have recognized the Czecho-Slovaks, the agitation for the establishment of an independent Slav state has risen to unprecedented heights and that the Austrian government seems unwilling to dare action against the traitors.

—Announcement has been made that Argentina still has available for export 2,000,000 tons of wheat from the last crop, and 1,500,000 tons of other cereals.

This is in addition to the 2,500,000 tons bought by the entente allies in the grain convention and already shipped.

—Duke Leopold of Anhalt died at Dessau, capital of the duchy of Anhalt, according to a despatch received here. Leopold succeeded his brother, Duke Frederick II. upon the latter's death in April of this year.

—Jugo-Slav agitation and revolutionary activity are so prevalent in Croatia that if the situation does not soon change a catastrophe must be feared, according to the Vienna Reichs Post. The state and communial agencies, in so far as they are in the hands of the Serbo-Croats, are being exploited by them without reserve, the newspaper declares, the schools being specially used as a means of spreading political propaganda. The district authorities and the officials of the law courts, it is added, no longer dare to perform their official duties.

—Artillery activity of an intensity to suggest a possible attack, or an expected attack, occurred in the Vosges lately. It was accompanied by an extraordinary amount of signalling. Enemy airplanes were unusually active. Ten flew over St. Die and twenty over Gerandmer.

—Forty persons were killed and between 100 and 150 others injured in a railway accident near Weesp, eight miles southeast of Amsterdam. An embankment collapsed, owing to the recent rains, and almost the entire train fell down the steep side.

—Operated by electricity, a machine patented by a Buffalo inventor quickly picks the feathers from poultry and gathers them by the vaccuum process into a container.

—By linking a number of lakes and rivers in a hydro-electric project Norway expects to obtain 320,000 electric horsepower at a single point.

—A British passenger steamer which arrived in an Atlantic Port reported she was shelled by a German submarine 80 miles off the American coast earlier in the day. Five shots were fired by the U-boat; none took effect. The steamer fled without returning the submarine's fire and escaped in the fog.

—Bulgarian regiments have arrived at Maubeuge to co-operate with the German troops on the western front, according to the Echo Belge.

—The French Deputy Abel Ferry, who was wounded by an exploding shell in a first line trench early this month, died in an ambulance near the front, where he had been cared for. M. Ferry is the fourteenth deputy to be killed at the front.

—Allied airmen daily are bombing Cologne, Goblenz and other German towns, killing or injuring many persons, says the Het Volk. The newspaper says the number of casualties published in the German papers are much under the actual total. It adds that many residents of the towns that are being raided are fleeing to Holland for safety.

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