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AUSTRIA'S PEACE MOVE

At 6:20 p. m., on Tuesday, September 16th, the President received a copy of a joint note sent by Austria to the various Allied powers, proposing "A confidential and unbinding discussion on the basic principles for the conclusion of peace, in a place in a neutral country and at a near date."

The President's reply to this most extraordinary proposal was made immediately and was announced to the public at 6:45 p. m., or about twenty-five minutes after the receipt of the note. The reply, which contains less than one hundred words, is probably the shortest and most remarkable communication of its kind in the history of the world. Its full text, together with Secretary Lansing's announcement of the same, follows:

Washington, Sept. 16.

"I am authorized by the President to state that the following will be the reply of this government to the Austro-Hungarian note proposing an unofficial conference of belligerents:

"The Government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the Imperial Austro-Hungarian Government. It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the terms upon which the United States would consider peace and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain."

The President's statement is clear, firm and final, and it was made with-

out the slightest hesitation. Moreover, it is not only the President's reply, but it is the reply of the whole American people. The Germanic alliance is in precisely the position of a burglar who—after having broken into a dwelling, ravished and killed the mother, kidnapped the children and turned them over to his confederates, and stolen or destroyed everything of value—when finally knocked down by the head of the house, looks up at him as he is about to phone the police and suggests a quiet confidential talk regarding the matter in order to determine just what part of the loot he should surrender in consideration of his agreement to stop depredations and leave the premises. Manifestly the reply of America, having in mind the Lusitania murders and other outrages; of England, remembering the despicable airplane raids on her unfortified cities; of devastated Belgium, Serbia, Roumania, and France; and also of all of the other allied peoples, must be exactly the reply of this agonized parent—another and a harder blow and a demand for unconditional surrender to the forces of law and order.

SPANISH INFLUENZA

Is this new disease which has already killed hundreds and stricken thousands of our soldiers and civilians a new German war offensive? If not, how did it happen that this epidemic appeared so suddenly and extensively in such wide scattered cities and army camps throughout the country?

Smitten as from a bolt from a clear sky thousands of Americans have been suddenly prostrated in many widely separated parts of the country, during the past ten days, by

a disease which is called, apparently for want of a better name, "Spanish Influenza." Naturally, under all the circumstances, there is much speculation regarding the matter. Perhaps because there seems to be a rather natural disposition to ascribe about everything that is perilous in the world today to Germany, some have ventured to guess that the disease may have been introduced and spread by German agents. This theory, however, is generally considered as being not only entirely groundless but really absurd for it seems hardly conceivable that, if Germany undertook an offensive of this kind, she would choose such a mild and humane sort of disease. A much more plausible explanation would seem to be the simple fact that the recent cold snap caught the country entirely unprepared for such severe weather and, as a result of our unheated dwellings and other buildings and the inadequate clothing that was being worn, large numbers of people in different sections of the country contracted colds, which developed in many cases into pneumonia and resulted in an unusual number of deaths.

Almost always at this season of the year colds are frequent and they often result fatally, and it may be well that, but for the high tension of these strenuous war times, this epidemic would not have attracted unusual attention. In any event there seems to be no occasion for special alarm or panic about the matter, for the disease is evidently one which the American medical profession is perfectly able to handle and, moreover, effective measures are being taken, wherever it appears, to check it and destroy its power. It is important, however, at all times—and certainly no less important now—for each individual to secure prompt medical attention for all cases of so-called "cold" or "grippe." This is necessary for the conservation of the health of the community as well as the welfare of the individual.

COUNTY AND CITY LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brodie left Sunday for Salem, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Burghardt until Monday.

Ben Grossenbacher, who has been attending the Benson Polytechnic School in Portland, and who will leave for an officers' training camp this week, was visiting relatives and friends in this city Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Hanny, who has been spending the past month at Ocean Falls, B. C., where she has been visiting her son, John Hanny, Jr., and family, and also her daughter, Miss Wynne Hanny, has returned to Oregon City.

Miss Roma Stafford spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stafford, of Mount Pleasant. She is an instructor in the Portland schools.

Miss Harriet Cochran spent Sunday in Portland with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Keating.

Frank Sullivan, who has been at Ocean Falls, B. C., in Oregon City, where he is visiting his brother, George Sullivan, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred White, of Portland, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorrance Amrine and daughter, Laura, of Eatonville, Wash., arrived in this city recently to attend the funeral of Mr. Amrine's brother, Alva P. Amrine, who died at Fort Sherman, near Columbus, Ohio, October 2, from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons and daughter, Margaret, who have been residing on Seventh and John Adams streets, have gone to Ocean Falls, B. C., where they are to make their home.

A. Wilkins, of Portland, was among those to transact business in Oregon City Monday.

Mrs. Carl Moore, of Boise, Idaho, accompanied by her son, David, were in Oregon City Tuesday. While here they visited with Mrs. Moore's sister, Mrs. Gilbert Morris.

Mrs. E. Northup, of McMinnville, arrived in this city Monday evening, where she is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson.

Robert Kimbreton, of Mill City, Oregon, was a Sunday and Monday visitor in Oregon City.

Arthur Howard, of Estacada, was in this city Monday and Tuesday.

Lieutenant John Halestrom, a former Oregon City young man, who has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and who recently visited in Oregon City, has arrived here for a brief visit, and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mass. Lieutenant Halestrom and Wallace Mass have been stationed at Fort Sill, Mass. still being located there. Lieutenant Halestrom will now have headquarters at Camp Lewis.

Mrs. Charles Spencer, who returned a few days ago from Hood River, where she had been the guest of friends, left for that place Monday

in the apple orchard. Mrs. Spencer has become quite an expert in picking the apples, and as there is an unusual shortage of help at the present time the women are coming to the front and giving their assistance.

Mrs. Edward Stuart, of Bull Run, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warner of Eighth and Madison streets.

W. W. Everhart, county assessor, is taking his vacation this week, and has gone to southern Oregon with a party of friends, where he hopes to find good hunting.

Mrs. M. Bolleck, of Portland, was in Oregon City Monday visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Goldsmith, and sisters, the Misses Goldsmith.

Miss May Kelly, teacher in the Portland schools, spent Saturday and Sunday in this city as a guest of her mother, Mrs. H. L. Kelly.

Miss Stella Cross, of this city, is attending Reed College, where she is taking up reconstruction work.

Born, Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 p. m., to the wife of R. H. Warthen, of Gladstone, a son.

Charles Hosey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hosey, of Green Point, who recently enlisted in the navy, has been one of the victims of Spanish influenza, according to word received here by his parents. He is stationed at Seattle, and is now improving.

WOUNDED AUSTRALIAN WRITES POEM ON LOAN

This poem was written by R. Mill Oliver, a late lieutenant in the Australian Imperial Force, who was wounded at Passchendaele in October 1917, and has just been discharged by reason of his wounds. He is now in San Francisco en route to his home in Australia.

THE CREDITORS

Each mother's son, who has given his life,
In Freedom's fight over there,
Each wooden cross, that points to the sky,
Demands that you do your share.

Each Belgian babe, that has lost its home,
The fatherless, motherless, too,
Cry for succor, but not in vain
For their cries are heard by you.

Each tender nurse, who mothers us
Back to health and strength again,
Can't work alone, she needs your help
Though far from the field of pain.

Each dawn that rises, sees on the tape,
Your sons, waiting the word to go,
And when the barrage thunders down,
They have never faltered or gone too slow.

So each over here can do a share,
Though not in an active way,
Just buy a bond, and help to drive
To his den, the world's beast of prey.

Drive him to his den and across the door,
The stone of Liberty roll,
And blot out the name that has blood
stained,
Civilization's sacred scroll.

THE PEACE WAR MOTHERS AND OUR SOLDIERS WANT

The Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper published by the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, says editorially about the enemy peace offensive:

"Let the weak hearted who are dreaming of a compromise; let the pacifists who are talking a peace by agreement; let the sideliners who have had enough of war; let the secretly inclined pro-Germans who think this war should end without a decision—let them one and all know once and for all that for the American Expeditionary Force there is no such word as 'Peace' with the Huns unbroken. The man who talks of peace today, except through victory, is a traitor."

The enemy peace offensive is likened to the action of German machine-gun crews in the Vesle fighting, when they fought and killed Americans until they were surrounded, then shouted "Kamerad."

The mothers of the American soldiers in France want the same peace as their sons demand. All the courage of the ancient Spartan mother is in the hearts of the women of America. The object of the fourth Liberty loan is to bring that peace—a just peace, a righteous peace, an American peace.

INCREASE OF 1/4 ASKED IN WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE

Every Oregon farmer is asked to add at least one-fourth to his winter wheat acreage, if he farms in winter wheat districts. Since it is evident that some of them may not be able to do this those who can go still higher are urged by the government and the Agricultural College to do so.

"Cultivated fields such as corn, beans, potatoes—offer a splendid opportunity for making up a large part of the increased acreage," says Prof. G. R. Hyslop, the college farm crops specialist. "In many parts of the Willamette valley and western Oregon the beans have been harvested, the corn gathered and the potatoes are being dug. The ground is generally in good condition for seeding right now."



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In Probate

The will of the late August Forberg was filed yesterday leaving all of the property of the estate to his wife, and after her death to his son, to receive \$1000, and the balance to be divided among his other children equally.


Coughed So He Couldn't Sleep
Bronchial coughs, tickling in throat and asthmatic spasms break one's rest and weaken one so that the system is run down and serious sickness may result. Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I had a severe cold this

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