

KAISER'S NOTE TO WILSON IS PROTEST

War Lord Censures Warfare by Belgian Citizens and Use of Dum-Dum Bullets.

LOUVAIN RUIN REGRETTED

Resistance Compelled Punitive Measures, Says Monarch—Message Is Kept Secret—No Action Asked, Is Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—President Wilson today received a personal cablegram from Emperor William, of Germany, protesting against the use by the allied armies of dum-dum bullets and the participation in the war by civilians of Belgium. The message expressed also the German Emperor's deep regret at the destruction of the Belgian city of Louvain.

"My heart bleeds for Louvain," is one of the phrases which the Emperor is understood to have used. He declared, however, that the population of Belgium had offered such resistance that his Generals had, in many cases, found it necessary to administer severe punishment.

Wilson Neutral Auditor.
It is not known what reply President Wilson will make, but the attitude of the Washington Government toward protests of this kind in the present war has heretofore been one of a neutral auditor. All the belligerents are anxious to lay their protests before the American Government because they wish through it to reach the court of public opinion. Realizing this as their chief desire, the Administration has not attempted to pass upon the merits of any of the protests, leaving the discussion of means of ending such excesses as are complained of to future international conferences.

Regue Clauses Guide.
The use of dum-dum bullets and the unnecessary destruction of property are specifically prohibited by articles of the Hague convention. Belligerents therefore are anxious to place their cases on record, so that at the final reckoning in the peace council which will terminate the war appropriate consideration may be given to their claims. At the French embassy not only was denial made that the allies had been using dum-dum bullets, but the opinion was expressed that no manufacturer in France was able to make such bullets.

CARRIERS FOR SUFFRAGE

Few Opposing Votes Cast in Convention of 400 Delegates.

OMAHA, Sept. 9.—After a quiet campaign of three days the United States National Association of Postoffice Clerks late today passed almost unanimously a resolution endorsing women suffrage. In the convention of more than 400 delegates there were only half a dozen votes against the suffrage measure.

DESIRE FOR PEACE MUTUAL

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ambassador here, that Germany had not gone into the war for further additions of territory.

Germany Wants Status Quo.
It is apparent there is a movement on the part of Germany to obtain: Peace on the basis of the present war status quo.

To place on the allies responsibility for the war.

To relieve Germany of the charge of wanton destruction of life and property.

It shows that Great Britain will not be content with a peace which will be merely a truce; that as far as possible she proposes to end war through the conflict now in progress.

TWO STRIKING NEW WAR PICTURES.



TOP—BRITISH AIRSHIP SCOUTING AT OSTEND. BELOW—RUIN IN VISE, BELGIUM, AFTER GERMAN OCCUPATION.

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KING ADDRESSES LOYAL COLONIES

Message Declares Continuity of Civilization Is Threatened by Foes.

PRINCES OF INDIA RALLY

Announcement in House of Commons That Native Rulers, 700 in Number, Have Offered Personal Aid Brings Cheers.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—King George today addressed a message to the British Colonies declaring that Great Britain had been forced into the present war by the violation of the neutrality of Belgium and its obligations to its ally, France. The message expressed gratitude that the overseas dominions have supported the mother country loyally. As given out by the official bureau, the message is:

"During the last few weeks the peoples of my whole empire at home and overseas have moved with one mind and purpose to confront and overthrow an unparalleled assault on the continuity of civilization and the peace of mankind."

Belgium and France Considered.
"The calamitous conflict is not of my seeking. My voice has been cast throughout on the side of peace. My ministers earnestly strove to allay the causes of the strife and to appease the forces with which my empire was not concerned. Had I stood aside when, in defiance of pledges to which my kingdom was a party, the soil of Belgium was stained with blood, and my cities made desolate, when the very life of the French nation was threatened with extinction, I should have sacrificed my throne and given to destruction the liberties of my empire and of mankind."

Overseas Dominions Loyal.
"Paramount regard for a treaty of faith and the pledge of word of rulers and peoples is the common heritage of Great Britain and of the empire. My peoples in the self-governing dominions have shown beyond all doubt that they wholeheartedly endorse the grave decision it was necessary to take. My personal knowledge of the loyalty and devotion of my overseas dominions had led me to expect that they would cheerfully make the great efforts and bear the great sacrifices which the present conflict entails. The full measure in which they have placed their services and resources at my disposal fills me with gratitude, and I am proud to be able to show to the world that my peoples overseas are as determined as the people of the United Kingdom to prosecute a just cause to a successful end."

Newfoundland and Canada Prompt.
"Newfoundland has doubled the number of its branch of the Royal Naval Reserve, and is sending a body of men to take part in the operations at the front. From the dominion and provincial governments of Canada large and welcomed gifts of supplies are on their way for use both by my naval and military forces and for the relief of distress in the United Kingdom which must inevitably follow in the wake of war."

Indian Rulers Pledge Loyalty.
In the House of Commons today, C. Roberts, one of the under-secretaries of the Colonial Department, read a message from the Viceroy of India, which said that the rulers of the Indian native states, nearly 700 in number, had with one accord rallied to the defense of the empire with personal offers of succor as well as the resources of their states. In addition to sending men and money, some of the native rulers of India are equipping a hospital ship.

The house was deeply moved by this message and its reading was greeted with cheers.

HONGKONG FOLK PANICKY

Portland German Consul Receives Letter Relating Conditions There.

Fritz Kirchhoff, German consul to Portland, received a letter yesterday from a friend in Hongkong. Conditions there are terrible, says the correspondent.

"Chinese are flocking by the thousands from Hongkong to Canton and Macao, the latter a small Portuguese colony near Hongkong," says the letter. "Business is at a standstill. No merchant is allowed to sell his goods unless he can prove that he has a six months' supply on hand. The Standard Oil Company had to produce its stock books before it could open its doors."

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conditions. The city is under the most strict martial law, with hundreds of native shops closed, and the people apparently panic-stricken, declares the writer.

The condition in Hongkong is purely psychological, says Mr. Kirchhoff, who declares he can see no reason why the city should be in such a turmoil, for it is in no danger of attack by any nation.

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