### BRITAIN IS SILENT REGARDING PEACE

No Proposal Is Received From Foes, Says Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

ACTIVITY

President Decides to Await Definite Expression of Terms From One of Nations at War. Before Renewing Efforts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- Great Britain has received no proposal for peace, either direct or indirect, from Germany or Austria, and therefore has nothing to say on the subject.

This was the substance of a message This was the substance of a message received late tonight by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador here, from Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary. The Ambassador had inquired early today whether any proposal of peace was before his government in view of the persistent rumors from Berlin that peace proposals were being exchanged.

Coincident with the receipt of this information from Great Britain it was learned authoritatively that President

information from Great Britain it was learned authoritatively that President Wilson had not pursued either with Great Britain. France or Russia, the informal suggestion of the Imperial German Chancellor that "it was up to the United States to obtain a statement of peace terms from the allies." President Abandons Activity.

At the White House the view was expressed that the President practically abandoned the idea of carrying further the informal peace movement begun ten days ago, in a conversation begun ten days ago, in a conversation between Oscir Straus and Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. He has decided to await a definite expression of terms from some one of the beiligerents, feeling that it would be inconsistent with American neutrality to press any of the belligerents to make overtures to the others.

The State Department has not communicated with the British or French Ambassadors here on the subject, or the German Ambassador now visiting in New York. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, as well as Jules Jusserand, were at the State Department today in confer-

the State Department today in confer-ence with Counsellor Robert Lansing, acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Bryan. Ambassador Spring-Rice did not mention peace, discussing neutral-ity questions.

Reports Interest Diplomats. The French Ambassador made only casual inquiry as to the correctness of two newspaper reports, one giving a list of pre-requisites and conditions under which Germany was supposed to have informed the United States of a willingness to make peace and the other giving the substance of a conversation between Ambassador Gerard at sation between Ambassador Gerard at Berlin and the Imperial Chancellor. He learned that the latter report was cor-rect, but made no comment. The Bel-gian Minister had also inquired about

the reports.

None of the diplomatists expressed any views on the subject to state de-partment officials, and among those representing the allied powers the feel-ing prevailed that President Wilson would not ask the American ambas-sadors abroad to continue the con-versations until terms of peace were voluntarily proposed by any of the belligerents.

Each Nation Accuses Foe.

The informal exchanges thus far conducted by the American ambassa-dors in Berlin, London and Paris have brought forth almost identical statements, each side charging the other with responsibility for starting the war, each declaring that it had been attacked and saying that it would con-sider terms of peace only if overtures were made by the enemy without defi-

nite statement of terms.

It was pointed out here today that the United States was careful to avoid informal soundings and obtained a written request from Russia and Japan for a discussion of peace before acting as an intermediary to settle the Russo-

FRENCH SUSPECT PEACE TALK

Germans Attempt to Prepare Revenge, Is Newspaper's View.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 18.—The reported project of mediation by the United States among the warring nations has elicited much public and newspaper comment here. Referring to a dispatch emanating from Berlin, according to which a conference to fix the basis of peace already has been summoned in Washington, the Temps

"Germans, who are numerous in America, perhaps thought to render a service to their empire by stirring that of the English or the opinion of er impartial country, sees this game and has already given its verdict. "There is a disaster greater than

war. A hasty, deceptive peace would give only a breathing space which would enable German militarism to prepare its revenge and a war worse than the present.

CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED Henry Fott, However, Will Be Asked

to Prove Deliveries to City. Although it has been found impossible for the city to prove charges made recently that Henry Foott, a sand and gravel dealer, gave short measure to the city on deliveries amounting to \$900, he is to be made to prove that he delivered a few of the amounts

of material he has charged up to the city. This was decided at a meeting yesterday with City Commissioner Facts in the case against Mr. Foott were presented to the city's legal department and to the District Attorney and both have announced, it is said, that there is no ground for prose-

"HEALING," Y. M. C. A. TOPIC Dr. E. L. House to Address Men at Auditorium at Noon Today.

"Metaphysical and Spiritual Healing"

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOLDIERS OF TWO OPPOSING ARMIES.





-Photographs by Bain News Service TOP, GERMANS AT VISE GETTING WATER—BELOW, BRITISH SOLDIERS WOUNDED AT BATTLE OF MONS, RECEIVING FRUIT FROM GIRLS A FTER THEIR RETURN HOME.

### TRADE TIME UNRIPE

Redfield Advises Against South American Campaign Now.

BROAD POLICY IS ADVISED

Commerce Department Says Neigh boring Nations Most Need Aid in Regaining Their Credit-Opportunity Declared Large.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Secretary Redfield informed the Senate today that the time was not opportune for trade campaign in South Moreover, replying to the Senate's resolution asking for an esti-mate of the probable cost of sending Government vessels carrying American samples and trade envoys to South America's principal ports, the Secre-tary suggested that displays of "in-dividual and corporate products should not be made under the auspices of the

The effect of the European war has not impaired the ultimate purchasing power of South America, Mr. Redfield said, but its present buying strength and resources of current credit are aversely affected.

"There is a large opportunity in South America," he added, "but it is an opportunity for study and for the laying down of broad business policies looking to a permanent trade when the current conditions shall have improved. current conditions shall have improved.

For the moment it seems that the policy called for 's that of service to South America by helping her regain her credit rather than to expect her under existing conditions to make large under existing conditions to make large

purchases.
"It would rather seem that measures should be taken, if practicable, in our own country, to assist South America in her urgent financial need and to provide the ready direct course of ex-change in dollars which she so much requires. If and when these things are done, and hardly before, then will be time to look for the placing of con-siderable orders for American prod-nets."

ment of capital in Latin-America can hope for early material advantages from the present situation."

The Department of Commerce will

Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, Santiago and Lima. Department commercial agents already are at work in the field.

WASHINGTON SENATORIAL ASPI-RANTS MAKE NO ACCOUNTING.

George Turner Shows Heaviest Expen ditures, \$5581, but Ole Hanson Omits Meals and Hotel Bills.

"Metaphysical and Spiritual Healing" will be the topic of an address to be given by Dr. E. L. House at 12:15 collock today in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association. This lecture is given by special request. Yesterday a large audience heard Dr. House on "Jesus, the Conscious Mind of God."

On Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock President Homan, of Willamette University, will be the speaker, and a special musical programme will be presented.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 18.—(Special Tender) and 13 Congress, were liable to prosecution for neglect to file statements of campaign expenses, when the time limit expired tonight.

The delinquents are the state Department they will await the concerning the cutcome of this meeting before making any representations concerning the recent taking over of the lines by the constitutionalists.

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Dege, Democrats; J. A. Falconer (Representative), A. V. Fawcett and Lewis J. Kreger, Progressives: Adam H. Barth, Socialist; Representative, First District—David Perry Rice, Republican; John B. Shorett, Democrat, and James W. Bryan (Representative), Progressive. Representative, Second District—George W. Adamson, Republican; J. E. Campbell and H. G. Nordeen, Progressive; George E. Boomer, Socialist. Representative, Fourth District—A. C. Shaw, W. A. Halteman and Percy P. Powell, Republicans; J. C. Harkness, Socialist.

Statements filed this year show average expenses to have been light. George Turner, leading candidate for the Democratic Senatorial nomination, shows the largest expenditures, \$5581.55, but Ole Hanson, Progressive Senatorial nominee, with a statement showing expenses.

senatorial nominee, with a statement Senatorial nominee, with a statement showing expenses of \$4046.71, neglected to include hotel bills and meals, shown in Judge Turner's account. Wesley L. Jones, unopposed for the Republican nomination, shows expenditures of \$75.02, his filing fee and a

TO WORK FOR BOAT LINE.

Resolutions Include Recommendation That Panama Dredges Be Obtained and Apprepriations Sought.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—With the appointment of an executive committee to work for the establishment of a line of boats on the

glesworth is a resident of Wenatchee.

The report of the committee on resolutions urges a good atendance at the annual meeting of the Waterways Association in Astoria next May; recom-mends that each member of the asso-ciation work to obtain a larger mem-bership; favors the establishment of are done, and hardly before, then will be time to look for the placing of considerable orders for American products."

The Secretary gave warning that under existing conditions "only those who are prepared to take certain risks or to make actual investment of capital in Latin-America can hope for making the state of the propriation for river and harbor improvements and recommends that steps be started to obtain dredging machinery used at Panama for use on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Wallace P.

Columbia and Snake rivers,
Wallace R. Struble said the river
should be made so safe that there will be no hazard in a journey up to the British Columbia line. He urged that every encouragement be given to the bill of Senator Chamberlain for a \$50,-The Department of Commercial attaches in Rio de sanciro, Buenos Ayres, Santiago and bill of Senator Chamberlain for a \$50,-900 appropriation for river survey work.

### MEXICANS ALLAY FEARS National Railway to Be Restored After Stockholders' Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Fears of American bondholders of the National Railways of Mexico were considerably allayed today when Consular Agent Silliman advised the State Department that the constitutionalist government proposed to turn the operation of the railways over to the company after a shareholders' meeting to be held October 7.

## BROKERS MUST PAY

Democrats of Ways and Means | CARGO BARTERING REVIVED Committee Decide on Tax.

LEVY ON BEER APPROVED

Assessments Against Gasoline, Tobacco and Bank Capital and Sur-

COMMMITTEE NAMED AT SPOKANE ways and means committee determined uation in Iceland, Norway, Sweden and today to include them in the war revenue bill which is now being perfected Arguments that brokers should not be taxed because stock exchanges now are closed were not regarded as sufficient to entitle brokers to exemption, inasmuch as it is probable that the exthe need for war revenue has passed, Perfection of the revenue bill was not completed today. Stamp tax rates will Columbia and the adoption of strong resolutions favoring the opening of river traffic through the Inland Empire, the Columbia and Snake River waterways convention came to a close liminating checks is still undeterare contemplated in the stamp tax which are extending relief to destitute rates as levied during the Spanish-non-combatants in Europe has sur-American War, although the matter of

American War, although the matter of eliminating checks is still undetermined.

Wine Levy Left Open.

The committee today approved the additional tax of 50 cents a barrel on beer, the tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline and the special taxes on bankers, brokers and tobacco dealers. It is proposed to fix the wine tax at 14 cents a gallon on dry wines and 20 cents on sweet wines. The matter was left open, however, in order to give the California wine growers, headed by Theodore A. Bell, an opportunity to file a statement with the committee tomorrow.

Dassed all expectations, it was announced tonight by the committee of mercy. To increase the facilities for relief work, the committee of mercy is contemplating the formation of 48 independent state committees to collect and distribute funds entrusted to them, it was said.

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The membership of the committee we will mercy comprises many prominent men and women, including Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard; Professor William M. Sloane, of Princeton; Mayor Mitchel, of New York; Vincent Astor, August Belmont, Louis Brandels, Norman Hapgood, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Gertrude Atherton and

The committee decided to eliminate the minimum tax contained in the Spanish War revenue law on bankers. The law levied a tax of \$50 on bankers. With capital and surplus not exceeding \$25,000 and \$2 a \$1000 additional. \$25,000 and \$2 a \$1000 additional. The proposed bill will fix the bankers' tax at the flat rate of \$2 a \$1000 of capital

Republican members of the House voted unanimously in open conference tonight a declaration that with proper retrenchment in Government expenditures there would be no necessity for war revenue legislation.

Whole Tax to Be Opposed. Minority Leader Mann advised the Republicans to vote against the whole war revenue tax proposition as un-necessary. This will be the minority programme when the war revenue bill is brought into the House, and it ac-cords with that already adopted by

the Senate.
The talk tonight varied all the way The talk tonight varied all the way from discussion of the balance of trade to denunciation of the Democratic tariff law as the cause of bread lines. Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, charged that Congress, and not the President, was to blame. Representative Green, of Massachustits, caucus chairman, insisted that the responsibility rested squarely upon the President.

Representative Lenroot, of Wiscon. Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, favored, and Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, moved that Representative Mann introduce a joint resolution tomorrow to provide for joint Congressional paring of all pending appropriation bills and appropriations for the current year. Republican Leader Mann declared this was use-

# less as a minority proposition, was voted down.

Iceland Loads Ship and Sends It Out to Trade for Food.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Trade by barter, or its virtual equivalent, induced by war conditions in Europe, was revived in New York today when the steamer Hermod, from Reykjavik, Iceland, tied up at a Jersey City pler with fine wool and salt herring in her hold to her problem of the conditions of the problem of the conditions of the conditio Olaf Johnson, official grain buyer for

the Iceland government, and Svein Bjornsson, leading grain expert of Reykjavik. Iceland, hastened to the Produce Exchange, where they ex-pressed desire to make a quick trans-WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Stock brokers who have protested against a proposed special tax of \$50 a year will not escape assessment. Democrats of the satisfactory condition of the food situation in Iceland. Narway Sweden and

Denmark," Mr. Bjornsson explained. It was said Denmark might emulate Iceland's example in sending trading vessels here for grain supplies

MANY AID RELIEF WORK changes again will be operating before Plans for Helping Needy Noncombatants in Europe Extended.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The number of organizations in the United States

Secretary's Wife Announces Belief Through Association Committee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—In a signed statement made public here today through the Congressional committee

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Second Floor

of the National American Woman Suf-frage Association, Mrs. W. J. Bryan. wife of the Secretary of State, declares herself in favor of woman suffrage. The statement was made public to set at rest rumors that Mrs. Bryan was op-posd to the movement. It is as fol-lows:

"I have never been an anti-suffragist nor attended any anti-suffrage meetings. I have been a firm believer in suffrage without a sex qualifica-tion for 25 years and wish success to the equal suffrage movement. Our older daughter has been an interested voter in Colorado, our younger a mem-ber of the College League at the Ne-braska State University."

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