

BRITAIN IS SILENT REGARDING PEACE

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

WILSON ENDS 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 received late tonight by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador here, from Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary.

Coincident with the receipt of this 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 between Cecil Straus and Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador.

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.

Each Nation Accuses Poo. The informal exchanges thus far conducted by the American Ambassadors in Berlin, London and Paris have brought forth almost identical statements, each side charging the other with responsibility for starting the war.

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.

There is a disaster greater than war. A hasty, receptive peace could 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 Fott, 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.

"HEALING," Y. M. C. A. TOPIC

Dr. E. L. House to Address Men at Auditorium at Noon Today. "Metaphysical and Spiritual Healing" will be the topic of an address to be given by Dr. E. L. House at 12:15 o'clock today in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOLDIERS OF TWO OPPOSING ARMIES.



TOP, GERMANS AT VISE GETTING WATER—BELOW, BRITISH SOLDIERS WOUNDED AT BATTLE OF MONS, RECEIVING FRUIT FROM GIRLS AFTER THEIR RETURN HOME.

TRADE TIME UNRIPE

Redfield Advises Against South American Campaign Now.

BROAD POLICY IS ADVISED

Commerce Department Says Neighboring Nations Most Need Aid in Regaining Their Credit—Opportunity Declared Large.

OPEN WATERWAY URGED

COMMITTEE NAMED AT SPOKANE TO WORK FOR BOAT LINE. Resolutions include recommendation that Panama Dredges Be Obtained and Appropriations 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 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 today.

Of the executive committee to work for the establishment of the Columbia boat line F. J. Walsh, John E. Grathke, F. C. Harley and George W. Sanborn are residents of Astoria and O. S. Wiglesworth is a resident here.

The report of the committee on resolutions urges a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Waterways Association in Astoria next May; recommends that each member of the association work to obtain a larger membership; favors the establishment of local port associations along the two rivers; recommends the early passage of the pending bill for an increased appropriation 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 R. Struble said 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 \$50,000 appropriation for river survey work.

CANDIDATE IN DEFAULT

WASHINGTON SENATORIAL ASPIRANTS MAKE NO ACCOUNTING. George Turner Shows Heaviest Expenditures, \$5581, but Ole Hanson Omits Meals and Hotel Bills.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Seven of the 11 candidates for United States Senator and 13 Congressional candidates at the recent primary, including two present Representatives in Congress, were liable to prosecution for neglect to file statements of campaign expenses, when the time limit expired tonight.

BROKERS MUST PAY

Democrats of Ways and Means Committee Decide on Tax.

LEVY ON BEER APPROVED

Assessments Against Gasoline, Tobacco and Bank Capital and Surplus Also Fixed in Measure to Meet Emergency.

MEXICANS ALLAY FEARS

National Railway to Be Restored After Stockholders' Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Fears of American bondholders of the National Railway of Mexico were considerably allayed today when Consul Agent Sullivan 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.

The bondholders now have notified the State Department they will await the outcome of this meeting before making any representations concerning the recent taking over of the lines by the constitutionalists.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Carranza officials explained the action as an "exigency of war." The Mexican government owns 51 per cent of the stock of the railway, and the constitutionalists will elect new directors at the proposed meeting.

WINE LEVY LEFT OPEN

Committee to Fix the Wine Tax at 2 Cents a Gallon.

MRS. BRYAN SUFFRAGIST

Secretary's Wife Announces Belief Through Association Committee.

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CARGO BARTERING REVIVED

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 pier with fine wool and salt herring in her hold to be replaced with a special load of grain.

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 expressed desire to make a quick transfer of cargoes, so that the Hermod might sail on her return trip before the end of September.

The war is responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of the food situation in Iceland, Norway, 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

Plans for Helping Needy Non-combatants in Europe Extended.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The number of organizations in the United States which are extending relief to destitute non-combatants in Europe has surpassed 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.

MRS. BRYAN SUFFRAGIST

Secretary's Wife Announces Belief Through Association Committee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—In a signed statement made public here today through the Congressional committee of mercy, Mrs. Bryan announced her belief in the suffrage movement.

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of the National American Woman Suffrage 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 opposed to the movement. It is as follows: "I have never been an anti-suffragist nor attended any anti-suffrage meetings. I have been a firm believer in suffrage without a sex qualification for 25 years and wish success to the equal suffrage movement. Our older daughter has been an interested voter in Colorado, our younger a member of the College League at the Nebraska State University."

Advertisement for Raincoats. Text: 'We Make War on High Prices! In the Selling of Superb Raincoats There is a Reason Why. Goodyear Raincoat Co. The House of Coats. Goodyear Raincoat Co. Sell More of the Better Kind at a Lower Price Than You Can Buy Elsewhere. Our System of Selling Direct From Maker to Wearer Eliminates the Middleman's Profit. THE ONLY EXCLUSIVE RAIN-COAT STORE IN PORTLAND. SPECIALIZING IN RAINCOATS ONLY. ALWAYS ASSURING EVERY PURCHASE. STRIVING EVER TO MERIT YOUR CONFIDENCE.'

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