

ALLES IN SIGNANT AT WILSON SPEECH

President Said to Have Played Into Hands of German Peace Propaganda.

BERLIN TO SEND THANKS

Suggestion of Move to End War is Declared to Be Ill-Timed, as Teutons Are Said to Be Daily Losing Strength.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LOUGHLIN WASHINGTON, May 28.—(Special.)

President Wilson's overture for peace in the address he delivered here last night will be met by official expressions of German appreciation within the next few days.

Whether the expression will take the form of a request for the use of the good offices of the United States will not be known until consideration has been given the matter by the authorities in Berlin.

The German Government may decide, in order not to be placed in the attitude of asking inauguration of negotiations, that it is preferable merely to say to Mr. Wilson that his views meet with its hearty approval and that any steps taken to put them into effect would be in the interest of humanity.

Alles to Send no Note. The allies, on the other hand, will refrain from making an official communication to the United States on the subject.

If the President should transmit a German request for peace, it will be answered by a statement of such conditions that the attempt to terminate the war will be rendered abortive. If the President should "suggest or initiate a movement for peace" (all the diplomats here are agreed that his speech last night was such a suggestion), the allied world at this time reject it.

Indeed, in allied diplomatic circles resentment is expressed that the President should have permitted himself to become one of the spokesmen of the German Government.

The President was advised several weeks ago, said a diplomat who discussed the matter tonight, that the central powers were inaugurating a publicity campaign designed to show neutral peoples that their one dominating idea was peace, and to put the allies in the position of refusing to terminate the war.

Campaign Skillfully Conducted. "The campaign was skillfully conducted. The initial step was the inclusion in the answer to the American submarine ultimatum, of the statement that the German government, conscious of Germany's strength, twice within the last few months, announced before the world its readiness to make peace on a basis safeguarding Germany's vital interests, thus indicating that it is not Germany's fault if peace still is withheld from the nations of Europe.

"This was followed by reports placed in circulation and finally by an interview given by the German Chancellor. "Germany desired to range with her neutral public opinion, particularly that of the United States, in the knowledge that such sentiment will develop into pressure upon the allies which might force them to come to terms. It is obvious she has everything to gain by endeavoring to compel peace at this time. She is in occupation of a strip of European Russia, a strip of France, all of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro.

Blockade Being Felt. "Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey now are inclosed in a ring of steel. These powers, particularly Germany, are beginning to feel seriously the effects of the blockade. The German Government has been endeavoring on a battle for months to break through the French lines at Verdun, and it has failed. The allies are growing stronger as Germany is growing weaker."

It is a matter of keen regret to allied diplomats that Mr. Wilson should have spoken words which in their judgment will tend to help the German cause by throwing the onus of the continuance of the war on the shoulders of the neutral countries. One neutral diplomat pointed out that the policy of the administration has provoked deep bitterness in Germany and has predicted that a similar bitterness would develop in allied government circles in consequence of the "meddling" character of his effort.

German Peace Terms Given. Here are the German peace terms, as far as they can be obtained: 1. Retirement from Belgium, though Germany will insist on her right to an outlet to the sea through that country. 2. Retirement from Northern France. 3. Retirement from Russia, with the exception of the Province of Courland, which must be ceded to her. 4. Restoration of her colonies and extension of her control over a part of the Belgian Congo. 5. Retirement of Russian and British troops from Turkey. 6. Cession of Macedonian territory to Bulgaria. 7. Dominance of Serbia, Montenegro and Albania to Austria-Hungary. 8. Retirement of Italy from Austrian soil. 9. Agreement which assures "freedom of the seas." 10. Commercial arrangements to assure markets for German products.

GRIP AND NEURASTHENIA

There is a form of neurasthenia that follows the grip. Doctors call it "post-grippal" neurasthenia. One of the foremost medical authorities of New York city in a lecture in the international clinics, said:

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GERMAN IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR WHO SAYS TALK OF PEACE IS ALMOST FUTILE.



HERR VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG.

PEACE TALK FUTILE

Bethmann-Hollweg Says Foes Must "Come Down to Facts."

STUDY OF MAP IS ADVISED

England Declared to Be Coming to Realization That Germany Cannot Be Crushed—Sir Edward Grey's Attitude Questioned.

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ward Grey, as reliably known to me, even stated upon this occasion that he believed that English public opinion would have approved England's participation on the side of Russia if it had come to war.

"We were in a fair way of adjusting our differences with France through the intervention of the Agadir crisis with the well-known warlike speech and threats of Lloyd George which brought up the black warclouds."

"Sir Edward Grey declared that England had never any evil intentions toward Germany and that there had been no coalition against Germany," I reminded the Chancellor.

Plan for Peace Rejected. "That statement of the British Foreign Secretary requires but a one-word answer, and that word is 'inkereisungspolitik'—that is, England's 'isolation policy,'" replied Bethmann-Hollweg. (This refers to the supposed policy of King Edward VII of isolating Germany.)

"The entire world knows through the published documents from the Belgian secret archives that neutral statesmen, as well as Belgian diplomats, not only in Berlin, but in Paris and London, saw in the isolation policy of England nothing but an imminent danger of war."

"What I could do to meet this danger and to avert the threatening and imminent danger of war, I proposed to Lord Haldane which not only have insured peace for Europe, but for the entire world," England rejected it.

Forced War Issue. "But," I interposed, "Grey declared that Germany had demanded the absolute and unconditional neutrality of England, even if Germany provoked a war or was the aggressor in a war on the continent, and that England could not consider such a neutrality agreement."

"I made public in the Reichstag, August 13, 1914, the exact text of the formula I suggested to the English Cabinet in the negotiations at that time," answered Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg. "The last formula read: 'England will maintain this friendly neutrality should a war be forced upon Germany.' Mind you, 'forced,' declared the Chancellor with utmost emphasis upon that word.

Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg leaned forward impressively and once more repeated the words, "forced upon," with great intensity.

"I dislike to come back to all these things which have been thoroughly discussed publicly before the entire world," he continued, "but since you interrogate me as to Sir Edward Grey's remarks, I am compelled to establish that they are not in accordance with the facts.

HUNGRIAN ARMENIANS ASK PORTLAND AID

Broad Appeal for Contributions to Fund for Food to Be Made Today.

10,000 LETTERS TO GO OUT

Banished Thousands Trying to Live by Eating Grass, and One Dollar Will Provide 10 With Food for One Week.

Ten thousand letters will go out to the citizens of Portland today asking them to contribute to the fund that is being raised for the relief of the Armenians who are suffering from the cruelties of the Turks in Asia Minor.

As a result of the massacres and banishments that have taken place since the beginning of the present war, the Armenian population has been cut down from 2,000,000 to 1,200,000, a loss of more than a third, and the survivors, driven from their villages and scattered in the waste places, are dying of starvation and disease.

The campaign is not alone upon representatives in Constantinople, say that the banished Armenians are forced to eat grass and herbs, and are dying by thousands.

One dollar will keep ten Armenians alive for a week, and the organization in America for the relief of the sufferers is trying to raise \$5,000,000 in the United States, to rehabilitate the destitute.

"In many ways the present conditions are far worse than they were in the massacres in the nineties," said Hovsep Cartonian, of the firm of Cartonian Brothers, in an address at the 1000th Congregational church last night.

"In the other massacre the people were permitted to stay in their villages and rebuild their homes, and they could re-establish themselves and begin life over again. Now they are driven over and scattered hither and thither, and the survivors who remain are those who fall in sudden death in the massacres, but upon the women and children and the other survivors who must face after the massacre the misery of starvation and disease."

Mr. Cartonian spoke yesterday morning at the Oak Grove Methodist church, and after the close of his address a collection of \$21 was taken and turned over to the fund.

The campaign is not being conducted, however, primarily in the church canvasses, but will depend upon the broad appeal to the people which is to begin with the launching of the 10,000 letters.

Local Armenians, of whom there are about 50 in Portland, are doing all they can to help the sufferers. A young Armenian who came to this country only about two years ago, and is working for \$7 a week, sent \$5, which was all he had been able to save since he secured a job, to the fund for the relief of his brethren in Asia Minor.

The general committee in charge of the Portland campaign will meet this morning in the office of Amadee Smith, located at the corner of 11th and Commercial streets, to discuss the campaign. The banks of the city are to be asked to take subscriptions throughout the week, and the canvass is to be taken to every department of the city's life.

Ben Selling is treasurer of the committee, Mayor Ames heads it, and with him are the following: H. S. Smith, W. P. Olds, Jonah B. Wise, Amadee Smith, W. M. Ladd, W. D. Wheelwright, A. L. Mills and Rev. E. V. O'Hara.

10 CONVICTED AS SPIES

Three Executed at Brussels and Seven Others Sentenced.

LONDON, May 28.—Ten persons have been convicted of espionage at Brussels according to a Retter dispatch from Amsterdam, which quotes the Telegrafas authority for the statement that three persons already have been executed while the sentences of seven others who were condemned to death were commuted to life imprisonment.

Nineteen others, the dispatch says, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment. "I do not know that," replied the Chancellor. "Only that, Edward Grey himself can be the judge of that. One thing I do know," continued the Chancellor impressively, "when statements of the warring nations come down to a basis of real facts, when they take the war situation as every map shows it to be, when, with honesty and sincerity, they are prepared to terminate this terrible bloodshed and are ready to discuss the war and peace problems with one another in a practical manner, only then will we be bearing peace."

"Whoever is not prepared to do that has the responsibility for it if Europe continues to bleed and tear itself to pieces, I cast that responsibility far from myself."

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French. PARIS, May 28.—The text of the French official statement today says: "In the Argonne, at Hill 335 and Haute Chevauchee, we have occupied the southern lips of three craters made by the explosion of German mines."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the bombardment has been rather lively in the region to the east of Le Mort Homme. "On the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woivre there has been intermittent artillery fighting. "In Alsace two attempts to advance northeast of Balchweiler and northwest of Altkirch have been checked by our fire, which prevented the enemy from debouching."

German. BERLIN, via London, May 28.—The text of the German official statement today says: "German reconnoitering detachments penetrated the enemy's lines at several points during the night. "In the Champagne district they took about 100 prisoners. "West of the Meuse the enemy attacked our positions on the southwest slope of Deadman's Hill and the village of Cumieres. He everywhere was repulsed with heavy losses. "Violent artillery battles were resumed on the east bank of the river. "Eastern theater: A Russian aeroplane was shot down in the region of Sionin. Two Russian officers were taken prisoner."

Italian. ROME, via London, May 28.—The following official communication was issued today: "In the Lagarina Valley the enemy multiplied his efforts but while increasing his losses he lost our positions, nowhere was he able to break down the solid resistance of our brave troops. "Friday evening we repulsed a violent attack against our lines south of Rio Cameras. Friday night and the following morning three additional attacks in the direction of Buole pass also were repulsed. On the remainder of the front as far as from the Astico artillery actions were in progress. Our fire at many places dispersed assembled masses of enemy troops and columns on the march. We repulsed two

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BERLIN CHANGE BETTER

QUOTATIONS ON AMERICAN DOLLAR LEAD IN RISE. Improvement Attributed to Increased Confidence in German Military Position; New Loan Promising.

BERLIN, May 27, via London, May 28.—New York exchange has undergone a marked improvement for several weeks. In April a dollar cost 5.44 marks; it is now 5.17, which has been quoted for more than a week. The greatest improvement occurred with the United States. Discussing general exchange developments today, a director of one of the biggest Berlin banks said to the Associated Press: "The improvement in rates is due to three causes: First, increased confidence in Germany's military position; second, the efforts of the Reichsbank, in conjunction with the great banking houses, to regulate dealers in exchange; third, the reduction of German purchases abroad."

Referring to the mails, the banker said that all business letters of every description now are seized by England, adding that the only way of transferring it from New York is by wireless, which has become the regular procedure. "The prospects for the next German loan," said the banker, "are very good. All the money the people are saving will go to the loan. The old loans stand well in the market; there is still a regular demand for those, and bankers have practically no bonds of the last loan left unsold."

STOCKMEN PLAN PICNIC

Carlton Board of Trade Will Be Host Saturday, June 17. CARLTON, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Carlton Board of Trade, there were present a number of breeders of fine stock and a temporary organization of the Carlton Stockmen's Picnic Association was made and preliminary arrangements were made to hold the first annual picnic in Carlton on Saturday, June 17.

NAVY FEARS OIL SHORTAGE

Threatened Loss of California Field Is Viewed Gravely. WASHINGTON, May 28.—The seriousness with which naval officials view

the threatened loss to the Navy of the California oil reserve fields through enactment of legislation legalizing certain entries on the lands, was reflected yesterday in the announcement by Rear Admiral Griffin, Acting Secretary of the Navy, that a special board of officers had been appointed to study the question of oil resources in the United States with particular attention to the present and future supply available for naval fuel.

Admiral Griffin said it would be unwise, if not impossible, to continue modern construction work of naval craft unless it was positively assured that there was an adequate oil supply for present use and a vast reserve for the future.

The legislation against which the Navy Department protests is a bill by Senator Phelan, of California, which has been approved by the Senate lands committee. It relates particularly to Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 2 in California.

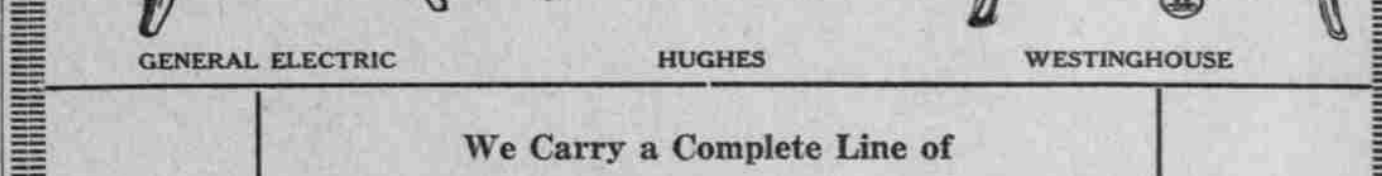
Petrograd reports an attempt of the Germans in the Lake Dravitsky region to start an offensive. The movement was adopted by the concentrated artillery and rifle fire of the Russians.

The Austrians are still on the offensive against the Italians in the region southeast of Trent, but Rome reports that wherever infantry attacks were started, the Austrians met with repulse.

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