

NOTE WORD OF PEACE BASES, SAYS ITALY

None Would Reject Abruptly Satisfactory Proposals, Deputies Are Told.

ENTENTE TERMS WITHHELD

German Communication Regarded as Bona-fide and Inscrutable by Foreign Minister—Vote of Confidence Given by Chamber.

EXCERPTS FROM ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH.

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ROME, Dec. 19, via Paris, Dec. 19.—Foreign Minister Sonnino spoke in the Chamber of Deputies today in reply to several resolutions which had been introduced in the Chamber in regard to the peace proposals of the central powers claimed to be based on the entente terms that the government had, or would have, concrete and precise indications as to the basis on which negotiations would be opened. "As I said on the day before yesterday, this supposition does not correspond with the facts," the Foreign Minister continued. "There is no sign of conditions or bases for negotiations in the enemy's note. I possess information in regard to eventual intentions of peace beyond the note from the enemy which I read in the Chamber."

Discussions Held Improper. "Should preparations be made subsequently, we should consider what to do, but it would be neither practical nor proper to discuss that question today. Moreover, it should be understood clearly that no one of the entente allies can take into consideration any condition whatever which by hypothesis might eventually be put to him under separate form. In the public interest and out of respect to the allied government, I should be unwilling to say anything whatever as to the substance of the answer we shall give to the note of the four enemy powers. The answer will be published as soon as it is drawn up. We all wish peace, and lasting peace. But we consider that lasting peace to be a certain and permanent duration depends not on the solidarity of the fetters with which one people is held subject to another, but on an exact balance among the states, based on respect for the principal nationalities, rules laid down in the laws of nations and reasons of humanity and civilization. If we were in the presence of genuine proposals, with bases of a nature to satisfy the general postulates of civilization and justice which I have just mentioned, none would reject them abruptly. But there is nothing to show even faintly that this is the case and there are many reasons for believing the contrary. Note Regarded as Inscrutable. "I do not desire to use exaggerated language, but the accent of bonafide language, and the lack of sincerity which characterize the preamble of the enemy's note certainly inspire no belief that these mysterious peace conditions which the central empires announce they have in intention of presenting later on, with the object of guaranteeing the existence, honor and free development of the peoples, do constitute an answer to the postulates we have laid down."

Baron Sonnino appealed to the deputies of all parties in the words of Premier Briand, of France, not to permit the move of the central powers to "poison the minds of the people, and to urge them to refrain from playing the enemy's game" by giving way to rash or untimely manifestations which might implant the seeds of distrust and discouragement. He asked them not to vote any order of the day which might let it be supposed that the attitude of Italy differed from that of her allies. Amid an outburst of cheering for Baron Sonnino, the Chamber voted the order of the day pure and simple, implying confidence in the government and further ordered that the Foreign Minister's speech be placarded throughout Italy. The vote on the order of the day was 276 to 49.

Grants Pass Man to Get Pension. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Hawley's bill granting a pension of \$20,000 to James Courts, of Grants Pass, was reported favorably by the pensions committee today. This insures its passage at this session. Read the Oregonian classified ads.

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BRITISH PREMIER, WHO YESTERDAY OUTLINED NATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS BEFORE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.

TURK IS DEFIANT

Hali Bey Replies to Russian Claim to Constantinople.

FIGHTING WILL CONTINUE

"We Answer Fantastic Ideas of Treppoff With Reality of Facts," Declares Minister—Nation Is Ready for Peace or War.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(By wireless to Bayville, N. Y.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out for publication a Constantinople dispatch containing a speech of the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hali Bey, before Parliament dealing with a recent address made before the Russian Duma by Prime Minister Treppoff concerning the agreement between the entente allies with regard to the disposition of Constantinople after the war. "The Russian Minister Treppoff," Hali Bey is quoted as having said, "considered it necessary after the breakdown of Roumania to delude the downhearted Russian people by holding before their eyes a dream of the conquest of Constantinople. He declared that France and England had agreed with Russia to support Russia's despotism over Constantinople and that the Russian people must know why they were shedding their blood. We have not the habit of bragging. We answer the fantastic ideas of Treppoff with a reality of facts, and we thank God that he has allowed our flags to wave victoriously on the Roumanian passes—that is the shortest way from Russia to Constantinople. They began this war drunk with ambitious pretensions and pursuing fantastic plans. We fight and we march on the way of truth and we continue to do so confiding in the Almighty and support by the force of our army and sacrifices of our nation. We are ready for peace but are prepared for war."

WHEAT MARKET UPSET

SENSATIONAL RISE OF 7 1/2 CENTS IN DAY LOST BEFORE CLOSE.

Price Drops 1/2 Cent More When Gosasp Says Way to Peace Conference Not Barred by Britain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Despite a sensational advance of 7 1/2 cents in wheat today, based on reports of the British Premier's speech discussing the German peace offer, the market fell back 7 1/2 cents, owing chiefly to widespread gossip that the way to a peace conference had not yet been barred. Excessively high prices and the late settlement in prices and there was a wide close. At the topmost point of the rise wheat values had recovered about 13 cents a bushel since the lowest Friday. The upturn led to extensive profit-taking by holders, but the selling did not assume a runaway character until reports under London datelines appeared in print here asserting that the door was ajar for specific peace terms from Germany and that a peace conference was yet possible. Final prices showed the general advance of December 3 1/2 lower at \$1.53, May unchanged to 3/4 higher at \$1.64, and July 3/4 to 1/2 higher at \$1.38 1/2 to \$1.39 1/2.

DOOR IS THOUGHT OPEN

(Continued From First Page.) brought caused the war and of having brought about conditions under which peace was morally wrong. Nevertheless, with this predicted diplomatic move out of the way, officials foresee the opportunity, almost the invitation, for Germany to make another cautious advance which finally may bring out the minimum basis of contention. German Embassy Optimistic. German embassy officials were optimistic because the British Premier did not flatly refuse to enter into a discussion. At the same time they deplored the suggestion that definite peace terms might be set forth in formal notes. "The German view, as reflected here, is that nothing can be achieved by a public discussion of terms, for the reason that each set of belligerents is bound to ask more than it actually expects to receive, because there are so many belligerents, each striving to gain realization of particu-

ASO-CHEM DEMANDS DEFINITE ANSWER

"So-Called Peace Proposals" Declared "Wrapped Up in Prussian Arrogance."

ULTERIOR MOTIVE IS SEEN

Ex-Premier Says Finance and Transport Situation Are Serious, but Do Not Justify Misgivings or Alarm.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The former Premier, Mr. Asquith, after declaring that his first duty was to extend congratulations, which he did with all his heart, to Mr. Lloyd George upon his accession to the highest and most important office in the service of the crown, made a brief but pointed reference today in the House of Commons to the "quagmire" of peace. "The country," he said "has just received some so-called peace proposals from Germany. True, these proposals are wrapped up with the familiar dialect of Prussian arrogance. But how comes it, after two years of war, that a power which professes itself conscious of military superiority and ultimate victory begins to whisper—nay, even to shout so that all the world can hear—the word 'peace'?" "Is this from a sudden access of civility? When did the German Chancellor become so sensitive to the dictates of humanity?" "Precarious Compromise" Rejected. "We must look elsewhere for the origin of these proposals. They are born of military and economic necessity. We all yearn for peace but it must be honorable, not a shame-faced peace. There must be no patched-up, precarious compromise. It must be a peace that achieves the purpose for which we entered the war. Such a peace we should gladly achieve. We are bound to repudiate by every obligation of honor and, above all, by the debt we owe to those who have given their lives to a conference. I see nothing in the note from Germany which gives me the least reason to believe that they are prepared to give us reparation and security. If they are in such a mood, if they are prepared to give us reparation for the past and security for the future, let them say so."

Germany Willing to Answer. On the other hand, great emphasis is placed upon the statement that if the entente should refuse a conference Germany and her allies would regard it as a refusal to talk to the leader of the opposition. It is said here, will answer any note Great Britain and her allies send, providing, of course, the communication does not flatly declare the Teutonic proposal to enter into negotiations. No secret was made of the fact that Germany will use every means known to diplomacy in her effort to bring about a conference. Mr. Lloyd George's declaration that to accept the German proposal as contained in the note transmitted through the United States would be to put "our heads in a noose" was met in German quarters by the statement that no quarters of belligerents would in any way endanger itself by appearing at a conference to enter into negotiations. It was added if the entente representatives did not like developments they could withdraw immediately, representatives of the central powers reserving the same right.

Reparation Question for Both. Regarding guarantees the entente will require for the future and the general subject of reparation, German diplomats were sure their government would, at least, be willing to enter a discussion. German holds to the view that if on set of belligerents brings up the subject of reparation the other may with propriety do so, and that she would have claim for damage in Poland, Galicia and East Prussia, which have suffered from the armies of the entente. However, Germany is represented as perfectly willing to discuss in conference any and all subjects relating to reparation, and it was pointed out it was cheaper for any belligerent or set of belligerents to make reparation than to continue the war, which would be more costly. Germany will again offer to enter peace negotiations should the present efforts fail.

The reiteration in Lloyd George's speech of Bethmann-Hollweg's demand for guarantees of a peace that should be permanent centered attention again on what each party considers might insure such guarantee. Partial universal disarmament was mentioned at the German Embassy here in dispatches from Berlin, while Lloyd George today hinted at the substitution of popular for secret diplomacy.

LUXEMBURG MEN TAKEN

BEIGIANS SAY DEPORTATIONS ARE BEING EXTENDED. Members of National Food and Aid Committee Said to Have Been Compelled to Leave Their Homes.

HAVER, Dec. 19.—The Belgian government has been advised that deportations have begun at Woluwe, St. Etienne, about 10 miles northwest of Brussels, but that up to December 4 none had been made from the capital itself. The advice of the government says that the villages in the province of Luxembourg are being swept of able-bodied men. The larger part of the members of the national food and aid committees at Arlon, the chief town of the province of Luxembourg, are deported, although they had certificates given for their protection by the military authorities. It is asserted that the members of the committee deported were not out of work, but, with other men, were engaged in the iron, stone and wood industries. The government reports said that thousands of country people were at the railway stations and witnessed the deportations. The men were singing national airs and shouting, "We did not sign" meaning that they had refused to sign the registers averring that they were going willingly.

CZAR BEGINS REPRISALS

GERMAN OFFICERS RESTRICTED TO PRISON CAMP FOOD. Action Will Be Rescinded, Says Petrograd, When Berlin Permits Russians to Receive Gift Rations.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Petrograd says: It is announced that Russia recently gave Germany, a fortnight's warning that if Russian officer prisoners in concentration camps were not allowed to receive food through Russian committees in neutral countries, German officer prisoners of Russia would be restricted to state rations and forbidden to make local purchases. "The fortnight having elapsed without a German reply, Russia's new regulations are being applied. The prisoners have been informed of the cause of them and told that they will be rescinded immediately Germany permits the distribution of supplies to Russian prisoners."

30 Horses Bring \$21,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Seventy horses sold today at the annual sale of horses at the stock-yards brought an average of \$300 each. Colorado horses including the trotter A. R. G. 21234 will be sold tomorrow.

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Books, Dolls and Novelties Inspiring Values and Splendid Selection Lend Stimulus to Holiday Shopping. 75c Teddy Bears reduced to 59c. 24-inch Jointed Dolls at \$1.98. 18-inch Character Dolls at 50c. 65c Character Babies now at 50c. \$1.25 Character Babies at \$1.00. Folding Doll Carts at 50c, 75c, \$1.50 to \$2.98. Boy Scout, Bird and Motor Books at 25c. Muslin Books at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c. Comb and Brush Sets at 98c. Brush and Comb Sets at \$1.50. Fancy Whisk Brooms at 50c. Crumb Tray and Scraper at 98c. Seven-piece Ebonized Set \$1.25. 5-piece White Manicure Set 98c. 5-piece German Silver Set at 98c. 7-piece Ebonoid Manicure Set at only \$1.25. 8-piece White Manicure Set for only \$1.49. 8-piece Dainty Toilet Set, \$1.98. 8-piece German Silver Set \$2.98. 8-piece Ivory Mounted Set \$3.50. 6-piece Ivory Mounted Set \$4.98. Ivory Picture Frames 50c-75c. Nickel Plated Shaving Stands at only \$1.50 to \$1.98. Toilet Water at 25c, 50c, 75c. Military Brushes at 75c, 98c. \$1.25 to \$2.50. Perfumes at all prices, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 to \$2.50. Box Paper at 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c to \$1.00. 10-K Gold Lavallieres at \$1.25. Gold-Filled Lavallieres at .65c. Gold Plated Lavallieres only 49c. Gold Front Brooches now at 49c. \$2.50 Silver Purses only \$1.50. \$1.50 Leather Hand Bags at 98c. Cameo Brooches reduced to 49c. 10-K Gold Scarf Pins at 75c. \$1.00 and \$1.25.

DRY BILL VOTE DUE. District of Columbia Measure Goes on Passage Today.

REFERENDUM IS DEFEATED. Senator Underwood to Try Again to Have Question Submitted to Residents, Following Tie on His Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The way was cleared in the Senate today for a final vote on Senator Sheppard's bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia, and it will be put on passage tomorrow. Friends of the measure expect it to pass. The main issue came over Senator Underwood's amendment, providing a referendum of the question to District residents. The amendment was beaten in committee of the whole, 23 to 23. Senator Underwood gave notice that he would ask for a separate vote on it when the bill with amendments came up for final action. There is little chance that the tie can be broken by Vice-President Marshall, since he is to leave Washington before the Senate convenes tomorrow. Senator Sheppard showed a disposition to press for a final vote tonight, but there was evidence that any attempt to do so would result in a filibuster, and after much parliamentary maneuvering the Senate went into executive session and left the bill to take the ordinary course tomorrow. Representative Good, of Iowa, introduced a bill today in the House to exclude from the mails to states in which liquor sales are prohibited all newspapers and magazines containing liquor advertisements. To insure hospital patients having warm meals an electrically-heated wagon to hold several food trays has been invented.

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