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WAR COUNCILOR OPPOSES PARLEY

Bonar Law Replies to Member of Commons Who Would Listen to Germany.

PURPOSE HELD TWO-FOLD

All Blood and Treasure Would Have Been Spent in Vain, Says Chancellor, if Frightfulness Went Unpunished.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the House of Commons today.

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

Military Decision Dreaded. "My understanding," said Mr. Smith in his address, "is that the reply of the Premier to the German note was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise answer and the best possible answer at this stage."

"I am not prepared to face the prospects of a military decision, which means a year of attrition unless I am convinced there is no other way out. An attempt to hold the central empires down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever and would fasten conscription and militarism forever on all nations."

Mr. Bonar Law said: "If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were greater, I am convinced that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain."

"It is all very well to say, 'Let us get our terms of peace.' Yes, but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before the war? 'Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations, will, I hope, understand the position at which we now have arrived. Germany has made peace proposals. On what basis? On the basis of her victorious position as victor, man who, considering the conditions under which this war was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, I believe that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any way than by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?'"

War Has Two Objects. "What are we fighting for? Not territory, not greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—peace and security for security for peace in time of peace. I can remember what has happened in this war, outrages in Belgium, outrages by land and sea, massacres in Armenia, which Germany could have stopped by a word, then realize this: The war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done."

"Is peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? Is it to be a precedent unless all the nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces are an enduring peace."

"I am not afraid. I am sure our troops will fight to the end. If the people at home, who up to now have made few sacrifices, except the sacrifice of those dear to them, are determined in this matter, and if they believe that the object for which they are fighting can be secured, then there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make."

LANSING VIEW MODIFIED

(Continued From First Page.) has been removed by the frank talk at the White House today and by the character of the second statement which the Secretary issued. That second statement, by the way, has all the earmarks of having been dictated by the President himself. It is characterized by the same phraseology. Besides being given to the press, it was immediately transmitted to all the American Ambassadors accredited to the belligerent governments for such use as may be deemed necessary.

The President's action in suggesting that the belligerents exchange views as to terms was a sensation in itself. But a greater sensation was caused by the Lansing declaration that the United States was on the verge of war.

The Ambassadors of every nation at war went to the State Department in the course of the day to ask Mr. Lansing one question: "Why did the President act?"

To each Ambassador the Secretary explained what he said in the original statement—that back of the President's action was the fact that "more and more American rights have been invaded by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation has become increasingly critical," and that the United States has been "drawing nearer and nearer to the verge of war."

WHITE HOUSE DEEPLY MOVED

German Embassy Silent and Entente Diplomats Plainly Perplexed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It is learned tonight that Secretary Lansing's first statement today, which led to misunderstandings and caused consternation in diplomatic circles, was not approved at the White House and that there was question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the American note was anything but what it was indicated on its face. So, after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the second statement was formally prepared and distributed at the State Department.

TEXT OF SECRETARY LANSING'S EARLY STATEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing early today authorized the following statement of the Government's reasons for sending to the belligerents the note asking them to state the terms on which they would be willing to make peace.

"The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows: "It isn't our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical."

"I mean by that that we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are drawing nearer the verge of war to the belligerent states, in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

NO NATION HAS BEEN SOUNDED. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday.

Secretary Lansing further said: "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the President nor myself regard this note as a peace note; it is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

WRONG IMPRESSION CREATED. The statement issued by Mr. Lansing, after he had been called into conference by the President, was: "I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made this morning, and I wish to correct that impression."

"My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country, as one of the neutral nations, has in the possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind, and I do not intend to intimate that the Government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality, which it has consistently pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties."

"I regret that my words were open to any other construction, as I now realize they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents show the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accepted."

BRITAIN IS PUZZLED Wilson's Note Asking Peace Terms Absolute Surprise.

RESENTMENT IS NOT FELT Plans of Allies for Sending Joint Reply to German Proposals Probably Will Not Be Changed by Events.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Absolute and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised and frankly admitted so.

The members of Parliament were equally surprised when the news spread through both houses at the afternoon session.

The newspaper offices were surprised and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the foreign office in the morning papers.

The information from America in the last few days, both in dispatches from the usually best informed Washington correspondents and in articles in the banking and business firms, has said that the President had no intention of taking any steps toward peace or making any move in European affairs.

Entente Position Affirmed. Most of the newspapers commented on this course with satisfaction. The tenor of their comments tomorrow will be that Premier Lloyd George's speech and that speeches of the Russian, French and Italian statesmen have affirmed the entente allies' position and that the German government's action gives notice of the nature of the proposals which it would bring to a conference, the allies cannot accept the invitation to sit around a European council table for discussion of its terms.

Joint Reply Not Delayed. It is believed the note will not interfere with the plan of the allies sending a joint reply to the German proposals, which probably will be done before Christmas. It is understood that the opinion in official circles is that the speeches delivered within the last fortnight by the spokesmen of all the allied governments, the latest by Premier Lloyd George, form the most effective replies to the proposals of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and really settle the position of all the allies regarding any peace movement from any quarter.

The Star, which, as well as the Daily News, has pacifist tendencies, says that Premier Lloyd George's statement that the British welcomed Germany's overtures, and that the position on the paths of peace, has not received the attention it merits.

Optimistic View is Taken. "On the whole, the prospect before humanity is not quite so black as it was last Christmas," the Star continues. "The nations have reached the stage of talking about peace, and are talking at each other rather than talking to each other. It is because the dawn of peace is only starting to break that there may be some hours before dawn blossoms into sunrise, but a faint light already is seen in the eastern sky."

Noel E. Buxton, Liberal member for North Norfolk, expressed in the House of Commons today, the hope that "the government will welcome the action of America in negotiating the terms of peace."

Mr. Buxton paid tribute to the generosity of the United States toward Belgium and to the help it had given the entente in the war and said: "There are 50,000 Americans fighting for us. America is with us in the war because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

Prison Guards Are Shifted. SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Warden Murphy, of the State Penitentiary, announced today that he has made a general reassignment of the guards at the State Penitentiary, changing hours and duties, as a matter of efficiency. Some of the guards had been employed longer hours than others, and by the changes he has made, he believes the general conditions of safety at the prison will be improved.

SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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DRYS DEMAND VOTE

Prohibition Amendment to Be Pushed Before Congress.

FAVORABLE REPORT MADE

Senate Committee Recommends Passage and House Will Be Urged to Adopt Special Rule to Expedite Passage.

TRAIN REPORTED WRECKED

Physicians Are Rushed to Scene in Oklahoma. GAINSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 21.—A special train carrying physicians was dispatched from here tonight on reports that southbound Atchison, Topeka &

its passage opened the way for the resolution in both houses, the House judiciary committee having taken similar action two weeks ago. In the House it is proposed to appeal to the rules committee for a special rule to bring the resolution before the House for a vote—within a prescribed time. Champions of the resolution in the Senate can resort to no such parliamentary expedients and must take their chance of getting the amendment ahead of other legislation. Senator Sheppard, author of the Senate resolution, will urge its consideration at every opportunity.

The Senate committee amended the working of the resolution, but its effect is unchanged and it would prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States.

The District of Columbia prohibition bill will be voted on in the Senate January 9. Another measure to bar liquor advertising from the mails in prohibition states was favorably reported today from the Senate postoffice committee.

Physicians are rushing to scene in Oklahoma. GAINSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 21.—A special train carrying physicians was dispatched from here tonight on reports that southbound Atchison, Topeka &

Santa Fe passenger train No. 17 had jumped the track at the end of the Red River bridge on the Oklahoma side, seven miles north of here. No reports have been received of whether any persons were killed in the wreck.

BUCHAREST NOT FINAL GOAL Capital Only One Objective, Mackensen Tells Kaiser.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 21.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, responding to

a telegram of Emperor William offering congratulations on the capture of Bucharest, says: "Bucharest was one goal, but not the final one."

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