

FRENCH SAY WILSON BARKED GERMANY

Peace Note Interpreted in Paris as Demand Aimed Especially at Berlin.

LLOYD GEORGE INDORSED

Enemy Called On to Restore Territory, Give Reparation and Offer Guarantees Assuring Real, Not Precarious, Peace.

PARIS, Dec. 22—"A dramatic stroke" in the way Lloyds' interpretation heads President Wilson's note to the belligerents. Commenting on the note, the newspaper says:

"Everybody will understand the importance of America's act. Mr. Wilson's proposal is clear. The United States has had to suffer from the war. Germany is torpedoing its boats, and the United States is sending us material and already has given us financial aid. It is natural that the President should desire to know the purpose of the belligerents. Certainly this act will clear the air. It is right that he should explain clearly just what he wants and that he lay down his cards. He will not be able to escape the request of the American Government."

"Allies' Purpose Declared Clear. As to us, we know why we are fighting. Lloyd George explained it clearly in the British House of Commons. We are fighting because we were attacked and because we do not want to be attacked again." "On the eve of the Christmas holidays," says La Liberté, "President Wilson would greet the dove of peace with greater pleasure since he fears to see his country drawn into the melee. The submarine warfare which Germany threatens to wage to the utmost, regardless of promises made, if its peace overtures are ineffective, may draw the United States into the world conflict. Secretary Lansing expressed that fear, and it is what American public opinion deems."

"We should be certainly dejected if its dignity and interests obliged the Washington Government to break with England, and barbarous Germany. More than any other country, France, which was attacked without the shadow of a pretext, knows what there is of tragedy in such an hour, but we cannot help it. Our American friends must take into account the fact that we are struggling for ends common to them and to us. For civilization and right we are making war on war and to prevent forever the return of hecatombs such as the universe now contemplates with terror." "To President Wilson's suggestion, we Frenchmen can make no other reply than that of Lloyd George, 'Let the Germans restore territory; let them give reparation and let them offer guarantees assuring a real, not a precarious, peace, and we shall be happy to reply to the prayer of President Wilson.'"

"Error" Declared Fundamental. The Temps, which carries great political weight, after alluding to what it terms the courteous and precise form of President Wilson's note, says: "It certainly seems that the Washington Cabinet in its desire for peace has neglected to look the problem in the face and weigh in a real, not a paper, President Wilson's fundamental error dates far back, to his refusal to pass upon the responsibility for the war. Judge what the two groups of belligerents say and think about peace: Can one forget that one of them deliberately broke the peace while the other did everything to keep it?"

The Temps remarks that President Wilson seems to see in Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's speech a declaration of respect for the rights of small nations and asks: "Can one forget in this connection the wrong of Austria against Serbia; the wrongs of Germany against Belgium?" After saying that the war map put forward by Germany in her peace proposals presents only an outward, momentary appearance of the situation, the Temps concludes: "The wish of the United States for peace was ours and that of our allies 10 months ago. The war was imposed on us by a people eager for conquest, and now we want that victory which alone will create a durable peace."

BRITISH ARE SUSPICIOUS

(Continued From First Page.) the bewilderment over the note has been thrown into greater relief by Secretary of State Lansing's statement about the change of war, and Secretary Lansing's subsequent statement rather emphasizes than diminishes its significance.

"The fact that Mr. Lansing should have used such words at all," says the Daily News, "suggests that America's relations with one of the belligerents either is or threatens to be much more strained than has been suspected here. One possibility may be considered at once. Whatever America's apprehensions may be, she cannot be on the verge of war with the entente powers." "Under treaties with the United States signed in 1914 with Great Britain and France, but not by Germany, America could not, at the worst, be more than 12 months' distant from war with England and France."

ALLIES WILL JOIN IN REPLY

Foreign Office Believes Solidarity of Entente is Proved.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In official and diplomatic circles in London, it was generally predicted today that Pres-

ident Wilson's note to the belligerents would be met by an identical reply from the entente powers. It is hardly likely there will be an early reply to President Wilson's note, as it is expected full consultations between diplomats of the entente countries will take place before a formal answer is made. The attitude of both Russia and Italy in regard to the German peace offer is received in official circles with the utmost pleasure, especially that of Italy as expressed in the speech of the Italian Foreign Minister, Baron Scelzingo. While declining to make any official statement it is readily apparent that the British Foreign Office feels that the solidarity of the entente never was stronger than it is today.

The evening papers which do not print editorials came out with big headlines which expressed their views. The Evening News, which is the afternoon edition of the Daily Mail, heads a reprint of the comment of the morning paper, with the one word "NO!" in large black type and underlines "Our Answer to President Wilson," and again, "No! No! No! That's the answer Great Britain gives today without a moment's hesitation to the surprising note from President Wilson." In its comment on President Wilson's note the Daily Mail sharply criticizes the President.

"To revive a term once familiar in American politics," it says, "the assurance of a 'know-nothing.' He does not realize that he makes the blood of every honorable man in Europe boil when he professes inability to distinguish between the objects and professions of the two sides." "The President is as stupidly as he is high-minded. His zeal for humanity has evoked a step that will create the bitterest resentment among all who are fighting, working and dying for the very principles he has at heart. And we may go further and say that only intelligent self-reliance by the various and allied nations can prevent it from creating a serious breach of sympathy between themselves and the American people."

The newspaper declares that President Wilson conveys an insult when he reserves a parallel between the claims of "civilized races" and the "pretensions of the Germans." "It seems to be realized by the majority of Americans outside the White House," it adds, "that the President's intervention represents the very summit of maladroitness. The President's exercise in lofty aspirations lends itself in every way to the consummation of that German peace which would fall like a curse upon the destinies of Europe."

The Westminster Gazette says it does not question the sincerity of President Wilson's explanation that his action immediately after the issue of the German proposals was a mere coincidence. "It was evident from the moment the German scheme was launched," it adds, "that if Mr. Wilson did meditate intervention he would do so in a most timely manner, and it is highly probable that, though acting separately, he could be uninformed about the trend of events in Germany."

"If we are to deal wisely with the situation presented to us by the American note we must realize its importance and make an effort to weight the American point of view without heat or anger." "After referring to the reported shortage of food and material in America and saying that President Wilson was elected by the votes of a people who generally are pacifists in the vulgar, honest and uninformed way, which takes little account of the realities and difficulties in the European world," the Westlake says:

"That being said, what must be our reply to Mr. Wilson? We are in doubt, for we have just in general terms made our reply to our enemy and Mr. Wilson could not suppose that we should vary it at the path moment." "Mr. Wilson must pardon us if we, who are in death grips with an enemy who threatens our rights and liberties, are unable to ascend to those heights above the battlefield from which all combatants seem to be merged in a confused welter of meaningless slaughter."

"But if he has knowledge which he denied us, that our enemy is willing to acknowledge our claims to make restitution and to repair what he destroyed, to afford real guarantees against a repetition, he well knows that we should be the last to reject his good offices."

The Globe today gives a secondary place to its comment on President Wilson's note, which is placed in a satirical vein under the heading of: "What is the matter with him?" "We sincerely hope President Wilson is not unwell," says the Globe. "If we find ourselves getting very doubtful as to his physical well-being, he is hitting the average American citizen very hard indeed, which may account in some measure for the milk of human kindness in the Presidential cocoon."

Referring to President Wilson's note, the Evening Standard says: "Any communication from the head of a great and friendly power is assured of courteous and respectful consideration, but it would be only misleading the President to leave him under the impression that any move on his part toward peace at this time of the war would be welcomed by Great Britain or her allies. The whole facts of the situation should warn him that his intervention is not desired."

"He speaks of a league to insure peace and justice. Such a league already exists. It consists of Great Britain, France, Italy and the smaller powers. All have had an uphill fight. They now see the road fairly clear before them. The enemy has given a shrill cry of distress. The next few months ought to complete his discomfiture." "If the President could realize what these war-worn peoples feel he would surely not suggest that they should forego all their cherished hopes and trust their very existence once more to rotten parchment bonds."

Sootsmen Sharply Critical. EDINBURGH, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed him-



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GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK

Vessel Believed to Be One That Sank American Steamer Columbian.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—According to reports from German sources, the German submarine U-46 has been sunk in the Bay of Biscay by entente naval forces.

33 Got Christmas Pardons.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 22.—Christmas pardons for 33 prisoners in the state penitentiary were issued today by Governor George W. Hays. Among those freed are eight persons convicted of second-degree murder.

Woman Acquitted of Murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Iva M. Barnes, charged with the murder of her husband, James R. Barnes, a traveling salesman, was found not guilty by a jury in the Criminal Court this afternoon. The jury deliberated three hours.

Professor Reddie Returns.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 22.—Professor Archibald P. Reddie, who for the past four months has been traveling on a National Iyceum course, will resume his place at the head of the department of dramatic interpretation upon the opening of the second semester of school in February. Professor Reddie will commence work immediately upon the parts for the Oregon pageant to be given early in the Spring.

Archibald's Successor Named.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford is today elected president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, to succeed the late John D. Archbold. Mr. Bedford has for some years been vice-president and treasurer of the company.

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