

POPE'S APPEAL TO END WAR RECEIVED

Pontiff Pleads to Substitute Force of Arms With Moral Force of Right.

DISARMAMENT IS FAVORED

Message Suggests Evacuation of Belgium, France and Restitution of German Colonies as One of Peace Conditions.

(By the Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Foreign Office tonight issued the French text of the letter from the Pope to the King... "Your Majesty, the holy father, anxious to do everything he can in order to put an end to the conflict which for the last three years has ravaged the civilized world, has decided to submit to the belligerent peoples concrete peace proposals..."

"In expressing to Your Majesty my sincere thanks for this extreme kindness, I am happy to take the opportunity to offer you homage of sentiment, a very profound respect with which I have the honor to sign myself, your Majesty's very humble and devoted servant. (Signed) "GASPARELLI"

"To the leaders of the belligerent peoples: Since the beginning of our pontificate the horrors of a terrible war let loose on Europe. We have in view, above everything, three things to preserve: Perfect impartiality toward all belligerents, as is suitable for him who is the common father and who loves all his children with equal affection..."

Past Efforts Cited. "Whoever has followed our work during those three painful years which have just passed has been able easily to recognize that if we had always remained faithful to our resolve of absolute impartiality and to our attitude of benevolence we have not ceased to exhort the peoples and the belligerent brothers again to become brethren..."

Toward the end of the first year of the war we addressed to the nations in conflict most lively exhortations, and more, we indicated the part to be followed to arrive at a stable and honorable peace for all. Unfortunately, our appeal was not heard and the war continued desperately for another two years, with all its horrors. It became even more cruel, and more bloody, more earth, over the sea and in the air, and one saw desolation and death descend upon the cities without defense, upon peaceful villages and on their innocent population, and now no one can imagine the sufferings of all would be increased and aggravated if other months, or, worse still, other years, are added to this sanguinary triennium."

"Is this civilized world to be nothing more than a field of death? And Europe, so glorious and so flourishing, is it going to be stricken by a universal madness to run to the abyss and to lend its hand to its own suicide?"

Duty Only Is Motive. "In such a terrible situation as in the presence of a menace so serious, we who have no political aim, who do not listen to suggestions or to the interests of the belligerent parties, are solely compelled by a sentiment of our supreme duty as the common fathers of the faithful, by solicitation of our children who implore our intervention and our pacifying work."

"Through the voice even of humanity and of reason we once more emit the cry of peace and we renew a pressing appeal to those who hold in their hands the destinies of nations. But in order no longer to speak in general terms as the circumstances had counselled us in the past, we now wish to make more concrete and practical proposals and to invite the governments of the belligerent peoples to come to an agreement upon the following points which seem to be a basis of a just and durable peace, leaving to them the task of analyzing and completing them."

"First of all, the fundamental points must be that the material force of arms be substituted by the moral force of right from which shall arise a just agreement by all for the simultaneous and reciprocal diminution of armaments, according to the rules and guarantees to be established in the measure necessary and sufficient for the maintenance of public order in each state. Then in the substitution for arms the institution of arbitration with its pacifying function, according to the rules to be laid down and the penalties to be imposed on the state which would refuse either to submit a national question to arbitration or to accept its decision."

International Comity Desired. "Once the material force has thus been established all obstacles to the means of communication of the peoples would disappear by assuring, by rules to be laid down, the true liberty and community of the seas, which would contribute to end the numerous causes of conflict and would also open...

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to all new sources of prosperity and progress. "As to the damages to be repaired and the war expenses we can see no other means of solving the question than by submitting as a general principle the complete and reciprocal condonation which would be justified moreover by the immense benefit to be derived from disarmament so much so that no one will understand the continuation of a similar carnage solely for reasons of economic order. "If for certain cases there exist particular reasons they would be deliberated upon with justice and equity, but the arrangements with the immense advantages to be derived from them are not possible without a reciprocal restitution of the territory at present occupied."

Restoration of Colonies Urged. "The evacuation of French territory, on the part of other belligerent parties, similar restitution of the German colonies. "As regards the territorial question, as, for example, those which have arisen between Italy and Austria, and between Germany and France, there is reason to hope that in consideration of the immense advantages of a durable peace with disarmament, the parties in conflict would wish to examine them with a conciliatory attitude and to bring them to a solution which would be in the interest of the peoples and the general welfare of the great human society."

"The same spirit of equity and justice ought to be followed in the examination of other territorial and political questions, notably those relative to Armenia and the Balkan states and territories making a part of the ancient kingdom of Poland, whose noble and historical traditions and sufferings which it has endured, especially during the present war ought to conciliate the sympathies of nations. "Such are the principal bases whereon, we believe, the future re-organization of the peoples ought to be built. They are of a nature to render impossible the return of similar conflicts, and to prepare a solution of the economic questions so important for the future and for the material well-being of all belligerent states."

War Termined Suggested. "Therefore, in presenting to you, who direct at this hour the destinies of the belligerent nations, we are animated to see them accept and see thus the termination at an early date of this terrible struggle which more and more appears a useless massacre. "The whole world recognizes that the honor of the armies of both sides is safe. Incline your ears, therefore, to our prayer. Accept the fraternal invitation which we send you in the name of the Divine Redeemer, the Prince of Peace, reflect on your very grave responsibility before God and before man. "On your decision depend the repose and joy of innumerable families, the life of thousands of young people; in a word, the happiness of a people for whom it is your absolute duty to obtain their welfare."

"May the Lord inspire your decision in conformity to His very holy will. May God grant that while meeting the applause of your contemporaries you will also obtain in the future generations the splendid name of pacificator. "On your decision depend the repose and joy of innumerable families, the life of thousands of young people; in a word, the happiness of a people for whom it is your absolute duty to obtain their welfare. (Signed) "BENEDICT. "At the Vatican, August 1."

CHECKS CAUSE OF ARREST

William Alexander, Claiming Portland as Home, Not Known Here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—William Alexander, who told the police he was a constructing engineer, was arrested here today on a telegraphic warrant from the Sheriff of Santa Clara County charging him with having passed bad checks in San Jose. He said he was known in Portland, Or. His explanation was that he did not know his personal account had been overdrawn and that the amount involved was less than \$20.

No William Alexander, constructing engineer, is listed in the Portland city directory and all efforts to locate acquaintances were futile last night.

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Commission Asks Survey With View to Minimize.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission today wrote to President Griffith, of the Portland Fuel & Power Co., stating that there is an alarming frequency of accidents on the lines of that company which the commission believes can be prevented.

While not attempting to state the cause of the various accidents, the commission suggests that the company make an efficiency survey of operating conditions looking toward such improvement as will minimize the hazards.

L. O. HARDING LIEUTENANT

Oregon City High School Teacher Ordered to American Lake.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Lloyd O. Harding, youngest son of Mrs. George A. Harding, of this city, who has been at the training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, has received the commission of Second Lieutenant, and ordered to report at American Lake, Wash., August 29. Lieutenant Harding for a year and a half has been instructor in the Oregon City High School, and was re-elected this year. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

GANTENBEIN HOME TRADED

John M. Scott Acquires Property From A. C. Dixon.

The old Gantenbein home, on East Twenty-fourth street, between East Lincoln and East Grant, has been acquired by John M. Scott, son of the late Harvey W. Scott, of this city, which includes a large residence and half block of ground, was secured on a trade from A. C. Dixon, the Scott exchanging income property on East Seventh and Oregon streets.

Bishop Hughes, of the Methodist Church, is now occupying the residence that changes ownership to Mr. Scott.

MAN CAUGHT NEAR ARMORY

William Fisher, Said to Be German, Has No Permit.

William Fisher, alleged to be a German citizen, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Schad and Long and held for the Federal authorities because he was within a mile of the Armory without a permit from the Government.

Jim Morris, a Greek cook, was arrested on a charge of failing to register for conscription.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

ARMY ACTS AGAINST DUES AT VANCOUVER

Sentinels to Be Posted Outside of Resorts Unless City Co-operates.

DRUGGISTS ACCUSED, TOO

Commanding Officer at Barracks Charges Sale of Drugs Containing Large Percentage of Alcohol to Soldiers.

Unless the civil authorities at Vancouver, Wash., act promptly to suppress with a conciliatory attitude the military authorities at Vancouver Barracks will post armed sentinels in front of the resorts to prevent soldiers from sneaking in from the post.

Warning to this effect has been given by the commanding officer at Vancouver Barracks. There is no disposition whatsoever on the part of the military to conflict with the civil authorities, but the situation is felt to be so serious that it requires immediate action.

The Army will take a hard only if the city officials prove unable to cope with conditions with the promptness deemed necessary.

Investigation by Colonel Edward Burr, commanding officer at Vancouver Barracks, has disclosed the fact that several lodging-houses in Vancouver are being conducted in disorderly manner. They depend for patronage on soldiers from the post.

Ban Against Women Desired. Under the law of May 15, 1917, the commanding officer is endeavoring to have these so-called "hotels" conducted on a respectable basis.

Should the city officials be unable to suppress vice conditions, the commanding officer feels certain that the posting of armed sentinels in front of each resort will have the desired effect, as the habits of the resorts will not be able to exist without the soldier patronage.

The Army authorities also have evidence that several drug stores in Vancouver have been making a practice of selling bitters, paregoric and other drugs containing a large percentage of alcohol to soldiers in uniform in any quantity desired.

Unless this practice, too, is discontinued armed guards will be placed in front of the offending drug stores and soldiers forbidden to enter them.

Army Officials Hold Power. The military authorities take the stand that the efficiency and moral character of the young men enlisting in the service of the country must not be impaired by dive keepers and unscrupulous merchants, even if iron-clad methods must be invoked to better conditions.

The Federal laws on the subject give them ample power to take necessary steps to protect the soldiers, but they feel that the practices complained of can be speedily bettered if military and civil officers work in harmony to stamp them out.

Section 12 of the Army bill, approved May 15, reads as follows: "The Secretary of War is hereby authorized, empowered and directed during the present war to do everything by him deemed necessary to suppress and prevent the keeping or setting up of houses of ill fame, brothels, or bawdy houses within such distance as he may determine of any military camp, station, fort, post, cantonment, training or mobilization place, and any person, corporation, partnership or association of persons permitting to be received for immoral purposes any person within any place, structure or building used for the purpose of lewdness, assignation or prostitution within such distance of said places as may be designated or shall permit any such person to remain for immoral purposes in any such place, structure or building aforesaid, or who shall violate any rule, order, or regulation issued to carry out the object and purpose of this section shall, unless otherwise punishable under the Articles of War, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by fine not more than \$1000, or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both."

Regulations promulgated by the Secretary of War in pursuance of authority provide that "the keeping or setting up of houses of ill fame, brothels, or bawdy houses within five miles of any military camp, station, fort, post, cantonment, training or mobilization place being used for military purposes by the United States is prohibited."

WOODMAN LEADER BURIED

J. G. Coyan, Long Portland Resident, Laid to Rest by Lodge Fellows.

Funeral services for the late Joseph G. Coyan, for 39 years a resident of Portland, were held yesterday at 2:30 o'clock from the Skevas undertaking establishment, Webfoot Camp, W. O. W., had charge of the services. The body was cremated.

Mr. Coyan was prominent in Woodmen circles, having been an organizer in the lodge, and was a member of Webfoot Camp. Frank Motter made the funeral address and Mrs. Mabel Wilson sang "Crossing the Bar." Mr. Coyan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara Coyan, two sisters and a son, all of this city.

Progress of the War.

LENZ again is the center of the fighting on the western front. The Canadians have taken Hill 70, dominating the city from the north, and are within the city itself, engaging the Germans in desperate fighting at close quarters, after advancing on a two-mile front to an extreme depth of one mile.

For several weeks the Canadians slowly have been closing their lines in the west, northwest and southwest. In preparation for a supreme effort to place this center of the coal fields of the Pas de Calais in their possession. Hill 70, just east of Loos and north of Lens, was the greatest obstacle.

Early Wednesday the Canadians stormed the hill. The splendid effort was successful and within a few hours the important position was cleared of Germans. The Canadians swept on toward Lens from the northwest, capturing several suburbs and entering the western part of the city. The Germans tried desperately to check the Canadian advance, but their counter-attacks were vain. While suffering only slight casualties themselves, the Canadians inflicted heavy losses on the Germans and captured almost 200 prisoners.

In Flanders the intense artillery fighting goes on with undiminished vigor. The attack has been more active, but except for the French, is engaged only in raids. On the Dixmude road northwest of Elzschote the French pushed forward and succeeded in realizing considerable progress. Several artillery duels and small and isolated attacks have occurred. Poles and French front from St. Quentin to the Swiss border.

Fighting in Southwest Moldavia, apparently is lessening in intensity. In the mountains the Russians and Rumanians have given up a height west of Ona to the Austro-Germans. In the Putna Valley toward the line of the Sereth Berlin reports Field Marshal Maskenssen has made some progress, capturing the town of Straceni. Three thousand prisoners, guns and machine guns have been captured by the Austro-Germans in the Moldavian theater. Around Fokshani there has been no fighting, but south-east along the Seret the Teutons have stormed the bridgehead at Batareacu.

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BAR WILL AID MEMBERS

PRACTICE OF MEN AT WAR TO BE CARED FOR.

San Francisco Association Exempts Soldier-Members From Payment of Dues.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Lawyers who go to war need not withdraw from the San Francisco Bar Association, nor need they give up their law practice when they join the colors, it was resolved by the members of the association today.

The membership of the association has formed a "committee for legal relief for men in military and naval service." Its purpose is to extend legal aid to those going into the service of the Government and to take care of the practice of lawyers who may enlist.

All members of the bar association going into the service will be exempt from payment of membership dues during their time of service.

The membership of the committee for legal relief consists of many of the most prominent judges and attorneys in the city.

LIQUOR ARRESTS MADE

Police Accuse Two of Violating Prohibition Law.

John Golik, 163 North Sixteenth street, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Teeters and Schum and charged with violating the prohibition law. The police say that Mrs. Minnie Clifton accompanied Patrolman Teeters, who was not in uniform, to Golik's house and bought a quart of whiskey for him for \$5. She is held as a witness.

James Coukos was arrested by Patrolmen Schad and Long at 28 1/2 North Fourth street and charged with violating the prohibition law. The police seized 2 1/2 quarts of liquor as evidence.

RAIDED I. W. W. SEND BILL

Claim for Canary Birds and Parrot Is Presented to State.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 15.—State Controller John S. Chambers was asked today by the Oakland branch of the Industrial Workers of the World to reimburse them for damage done when their headquarters was raided by "soldiers of the state" last Friday.

The damage was estimated at about \$200. The union's itemized account included \$74 for canary birds and a parrot and \$200 for potted plants.

Controller Chambers replied that he had no authority to settle such claims for the state.

PATHFINDER AT EUREKA

Defense League Car Passes Out of Oregon Into California.

EUREKA, Cal., Aug. 15.—The pathfinder automobile of the Pacific Coast Defense League arrived here late today en route to Lower California with a message to Governor Cantu from Mayor A. E. Todd, of Victoria, B. C.

E. J. Rehea Severely Burned.


E. J. Rehea, 23, of 170 West Emerson street, was burned severely about the face and chest last night by steam from a boiler. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. His condition is not serious.

Mrs. Sarah Huntington Overcome.

Mrs. Sarah Huntington, 43, of 824 Patton avenue, was found unconscious in her home last night by her husband, Alfred T. Huntington. She was partially asphyxiated. Mrs. Huntington was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital at an early hour this morning hospital authorities had been unable to find out if she had been overcome accidentally.

PORTLAND MAN ON WAY TO FRANCE.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Corps. of Portland, was in Washington today en route to France, where he will act as field clerk in the Army Engineer Corps.



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