

TOUS WINTER PEACE, THEY SAY

Tentative Proposal Made Public by Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister.

NO ANNEXATIONS INCLUDED

Demands of Russian Delegates Held to Be Basis for Negotiations, but Teutons Insist That All Belligerents Must Participate.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—The central powers are ready to make an immediate general peace without compulsory annexations and without contributions.

This is their answer through Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, made on Christmas day at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian proposals, which they are ready to accept in most particulars as the basis of negotiations. They insist, however, that the central powers cannot bind themselves one-sidedly to such conditions without a guarantee that the allies will recognize and fulfill these conditions.

The Russian delegates asked for a ten-day recess in the negotiations in order to put the proposal before Russia's allies.

Count Czernin declared that the central powers believed that the basic principles uttered by the Russian declaration could be the basis of such a peace. He said they shared Russia's condemnation of a continuation of the war for the sake of conquest.

No Annexations Intended.
The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister declared that the central powers did not intend to forcibly annex territories seized during the war, nor to deprive nations of political independence lost in the war.

The question of the subjection of nationalities who have not political independence to another country cannot be solved internationally and must be met by each government and its people in the manner established by the constitution of that government. The protection of the right of minorities is an essential part of the right of peoples to self-determination.

All Belligerents Must Join.
In the event of a mutual renunciation of indemnification for war costs and war damages, Count Czernin continued, each belligerent would have to bear only the expense incurred for its subjects made in the territory of the damage caused in its own territory to property of civilian subjects of an enemy country by violations of international law on the part of the belligerent. The creation of a special fund for this purpose, as suggested by Russia, could be discussed only in the event that the other belligerents join in the peace negotiations within a certain time.

The chairman of the Russian delegation expressed willingness to make peace without annexations and indemnities and with the self-definition of peoples. He demanded, however, a Russian statement on self-definition as being incomplete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the political rights of little and oppressed nationalities and Russia would insist on guarantees that their lawful rights would be protected in a general peace treaty.

Czernin Explains Position.
Count Czernin explained the position of the central powers in a statement which he read at the second session of the peace conference here, Tuesday evening. His statement follows: "The delegations of the allied (Teutonic) powers, acting upon the basis of the peace conference, have declared and peoples, will conclude as soon as possible a general peace. The delegations, in complete agreement, have repeatedly expressed the view of their governments, that the basic principles of the Russian declaration can be made the basis of the peace conference."

"The delegations of the quadruple alliance are agreed immediately to conclude a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They share the view of the Russian delegation, which condemns the continuation of the war purely for aims of conquest."

No Conquest Contemplated.
"The statement of the allied (Teutonic) governments in programmes and statements have emphasized time and again that for the sake of conquest they will not prolong the war a single day. The governments of the allies unwaveringly have followed this view all the time. They solemnly declare their resolve immediately to sign terms of peace which will stop this war on the above terms, equally just to all belligerents without exception."

"It is necessary, however, to indicate most clearly that the proposals of the Russian delegation could be realized only in case all the powers participating in the war obligate themselves scrupulously to adhere to the terms in common with all peoples."

"The powers of the quadruple alliance now negotiating with Russia cannot, of course, one-sidedly bind themselves to such terms, not having the guarantee that Russia's allies will recognize and carry out these terms honestly without reservation with regard to the quadruple alliance. Stating upon these principles and regarding the six clauses proposed by the Russian delegation as a basis of negotiations, the following must be stated:

Evacuations Are Considered.
"Clause 1—Forcible annexations of territories seized during the war does not enter into the intentions of the allied powers. About troops now occupying seized territories, it must be stipulated in the peace treaty, if there is no agreement before, regarding the evacuation of these places."

"Clause 2—It is not the intention of the allies to deprive of political independence those nations which lost it during the war."

"Clause 3—The question of subjection to that or the other country of those nationalities who have not political independence is not the business of the peace conference."

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SPY'S FOUNDED IN CANYON

Murder of Miner Leads to Discovery of Franz Schulenberg's Concealed Cabin.

LONELY SPOT IS SELECTED

California Authorities Working on Theory San Gabriel Prospector Was Killed Because of His Knowledge of Den.

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RED CROSS TO DISTRIBUTE

American Organization Will Care for Prisoners in Germany.

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The next morning the party entered at London for a Channel port on its way to France. On this journey we passed through the richest part of England and visited the most beautiful and most fertile of food production to be seen on every hand.

At the port we embarked upon a large boat, in the company of some 2000 or 3000 British soldiers who were returning from leave, and started for France. The Channel was just about as rough as I had been led to believe it would be. I had no sea sickness, but I think I wear a life belt, the odor of which was no preventive of seasickness.

City of Dreams Seen.
We landed in France at an exceedingly early hour and immediately entered our first dinner on French soil. We boarded a train composed of matchbox cars, there probably being 100 of these in the train. I saw just one car of which I had so often read and often dreamed—Paris—where we arrived after an all-night journey, proceeding from the station to the Hotel de Crillon.

The French were exceedingly courteous, taking us to many points of interest, including the tomb of Napoleon, where we were granted the unusual honor of being allowed to descend into the tomb. We also visited the tomb of Lafayette and placed a wreath of flowers upon the grave of the Frenchman who proved such a good friend in the days of our struggle for independence.

We found Paris in a somewhat dilapidated condition. No house has received a fresh coat of paint during the last three years, the streets were not clean, and there was a general air of neglect. This because the Government is not keeping up its national plant at present, but is devoting everything to the war. There is a total absence of the beautifully dressed Parisian girl, of whom we have read so much. The women over there all seem to be working, and they are wearing clothes made at least two years ago. All the time I was in Paris, I saw just one pair of these high shoes that you see so often in the United States. They were of bright red velvet.

Women Make Sacrifices.
The women wear short dresses, very low shoes and cotton stockings. I did not see one pair of stockings which I took to be silk. From the manner in which these devoted French women and girls are working, I am satisfied that they would go without any stockings if they could insure some man at the front having a warm pair of socks.

Paris is darkened at night, but not to such a degree as London. The German airplanes have not made a raid upon that French city for a long time. There is very little hilarity and no levity. The cafes were well filled, but the men and women were talking in serious tones; and what struck me even more forcibly was the total absence of gesticulation for which the French are noted. It has been said that the Frenchman talks with his hands and his shoulders, and the switchmen and brakemen on the railroads give their signals by whistling instead of by hand as we do in this country; this for fear that the rapidity of gesticulation would confuse the engineer. There is no danger of that now. Every Frenchman is self-contained and grim. Also, every third young woman you see is clothed in black, and wears a long black veil. She is a war-widow.

Little Immorality Noted.
I saw slight evidences of immorality in Paris. We visited two large hotels, which had been taken over by the American Y. M. C. A. Five men and young women were in attendance and everything possible was being done for the comfort, well-being and entertainment of our boys in France. Meals are served, sleeping rooms furnished, writing material supplied, games provided and tobacco sold at low prices. Unquestionably the Y. M. C. A. is doing a grand work as are also the Knights of Columbus, who maintain similar places.

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We not only passed some 5000 such vehicles, but we also passed possibly 10,000 French soldiers with light artillery, who were on their way to Italy, the German drive having been made the day before. From the British front, I am informed, an equal number of soldiers started for Italy the same day. All wore looks of grim determination. I saw no French soldier smile, saw no flags and heard no music, except some bagpipers. It was all war.

Late that afternoon we arrived at the ruined and historic town of Rheims, where the most beautiful cathedral in all Europe formerly stood. Part of it stands now, but it is a mass of ruins, with its priceless art treasures destroyed and injured beyond repair. The walls of the building are tottering, and when we were there the address was obliged to stay together. Possibly, the Archbishop thought if one got killed by a falling wall it might as well get us all.

None of the Germans had been done by the Huns during this war than the destruction of this historic edifice. There was absolutely no reason for it, as it was a place of no military importance, and its destruction seemed an act of pure wantonness.

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HISTORY IS RUN EASY

MAJOR AUBERT SAYS REAL BATTLE YET TO COME.

Germany's Fight for Existence to Begin After War Is Over Is Frenchman's Belief.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—"Germany's greatest and most terrible enemy," said Major Louis Aubert, a member of the French high commission to the United States, in an address before the American Historical Association in convention here today, "is not England or France, or the United States. It is history—the written memories of man—the record of her own deeds as it shall exist for posterity."

No nation can survive with such an enemy, said the distinguished Frenchman, and his intimation was that Germany's real battle for existence will be the battle of the pen and the pen of the future.

"History," Major Aubert said, "not hatred, justified France in her determination to gain Alsace-Lorraine. History has stood up constantly to lift a warning hand and to direct the suspicion and dislike of the world against Germany for the deeds of that past. And history as it is being written of this war will make the future of the German rulers a difficult and terrible experience."

HARBIN IN CHINESE HANDS

Russian Maximalist Troops Overpowered by Celestials.

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—In a fight between Chinese and Russian Maximalist troops at Harbin, Manchuria, Wednesday morning, the Russians surrendered and were disarmed and made prisoners, according to a report which is considered reliable, received here from Harbin.

The advice says the Chinese now occupy the garrison at Harbin.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian forces, according to a report received from Petrograd, have occupied the headquarters of the fourth, eighth and eleventh armies on the Romanian and southern western fronts. Those who resisted were disarmed, and a quantity of guns and rifles were seized. The Ukrainians have occupied the station at Brailov and disarmed the guards.

A telegram received in Petrograd from Tomsk reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia, between the Red Guard and the Whites. The Whites are reported to have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

CARRIERS QUIT UNCLE SAM

More Money in Shipyards, Say Special Delivery Boys.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Twelve special delivery carriers, the entire force of the Seattle postoffice, today served notice on the postmaster: "We quit December 31 to go to work in the shipyards New Year's day for more money."

The postmaster has called for volunteers to fill the vacancies. Boys from 16 to 20 years of age, owning bicycles or motorcycles, are preferred. No civil service examination is required and the pay is \$50 a month.

ALIEN ENEMY MAYOR-ELECT

Suit Started at Michigan City, Ind., to Prevent Occupation of Office.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 27.—Quo warranto proceedings were begun here today in Superior Court by Samuel J. Taylor in an effort to prevent Mayor-elect Fred C. Miller, an alien enemy, from assuming office on January 7.

Mr. Taylor's petition declares that, although Miller received the highest number of votes in the recent election, many were illegal, because of alien enemies, and that even had the vote been legal Miller, as a subject of the German Emperor, cannot, under the law, hold office.

CALIFORNIA BOND SALE OFF

Only One Bidder Appears at Offering of State Highway Issue.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.—The sale of \$5,000,000 worth of California state highway bonds set for today by Friend W. Richardson, State Treasurer, was postponed until January 24, 1918, after a conference between Treasurer Richardson and members of the State Board of Control, which is known by the name of the State Highway Bond Commission.

Switzerland to Be Fed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The War Trade Board in an announcement tonight, confirmed dispatches from abroad telling of an agreement to ration Switzerland and gave the rules of procedure for exporters to follow in making shipments. No details of the agreement were given, but it is known it fixes the amount of foodstuffs the United States will ship to Switzerland in return for assurances that none of the shipments will be permitted to go through to Germany.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

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Styles in Plain Colors and Clever Combinations. On Sale Friday at Half Price.

Boudoir Caps to Close Friday at 50c

An after-Christmas sale of dainty Boudoir Caps. They come one to the box, and are made of fine crepe de chine or satin with lace, ribbon and flower trimmings.

Now! For a Great Sale of Women's Fashionable Fall Coats

Clever Models in Fine Velours and Mixtures—\$16.95

In order to immediately readjust our stock of Women's Fashionable Winter Coats we have gathered all small groups and broken lines in one great assortment and priced them at an extraordinary low figure. Included are most every desirable new style—many with belt and large collar—the materials are fine velours and mixtures in browns, greens, blues, etc.—all sizes in the lot but not all sizes in each style, so come early and select your size in the style you like best at \$16.95.

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY White Voile Waists at 79c

A splendid lot of Women's White Voile Waists to close at the above low price—styles with low neck and long sleeves.

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Store Closes at 5:30 P. M. Saturdays at 6 P. M.

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THIRD & MORRISON The Most in Value—The Best in Quality

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PROFESSOR STONEBURN SEES LOWERING OF FEED PRICES.

Investigation Also Leads to Conclusion Fowl Will Respond to Call for Greater Effort.

That the coming season will be marked by an enthusiastic response from American poultry-growers, who have been asked to speed up egg and poultry production as a war measure, is indicated from the recent report of Professor F. H. Stoneburn, of Philadelphia, who was appointed by the American Poultry Association to conduct a survey on our poultry plant regarding the high price of feed.

Alfred R. Lee, animal husbandman in the poultry investigation, declared to Professor Stoneburn that the feed situation is vastly improved. "With feed prices restored to a normal basis at an early date, the poultry man will see to it that he will see to this as a patriotic duty, a response to the appeal of the Government, and because it will be profitable as well," states Professor Stoneburn's report. "And renewed activity of the 'National poultry yard' will surely result in a sharp demand for breeding stock, hatching eggs and baby chicks necessary to replenish the depleted flocks. I am convinced no effort will be spared to provide American poultry men with ample supplies of feed at a price which they can afford to pay."

SANDY RIVER POWER SITES RESERVED.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn from entry for power site purposes 136 acres of public land on the Big Sandy River below the

mouth of the Salmon River. The land may be used only for power development.

AUTO STRIKES M. S. BISHOP

Goldendale Man Receives Scalp Wound in Street Mishap.

M. S. Bishop, of Goldendale, was severely injured at 8 o'clock last night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Roy P. Pike, 448 East Fourteenth street North, at Broadway and Hoyt street.

Mr. Bishop, who is 77 years of age, was crossing Broadway with his son-in-law, John D. Sampson, of 981 Montana avenue, as Mr. Pike came south on Broadway. Pike said that his windshield, which was in position, was obscured by rain and that it was therefore impossible for him to see Bishop. The car was in the "Good Samaritan Hospital, where he was found to have a severe scalp wound.

—THE— Multnomah Hotel

NEW YEAR WATCH PARTY

Will Be the Brightest Spot in Town After 9 o'clock Monday Night

Joy Will Reign in the Arcadian Garden

More Joy Upstairs