

PEACE OFFER PLOT TO SNARE UNWARY

French General Sees Effort of Huns to Trap Labor Into Deceitful Truce.

FALSE PROPOSAL IS BARED

Writer Points Out How Thoroughly Replies of President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau Settled Hopes of Beaten Enemy.

By GENERAL P. M. G. MALLETERRE, of the French Army.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Our American friends must smile as we do when they read the Austro-German comment which accompanies the communications of the German general staff. It has solved the problem of turning defeats into victories. The poor allies, each time they advance, only see signs of "elastic retreat." Marshal Foch stating back only when opportunity is voluntarily offered to him. Hence, the initiative even of their retirement remains with Hindenburg and Ludendorff, always masters of their decisions.

The conclusion from the official German viewpoint is that the military situation is better than ever. They are in distress, the peace offer was not addressed really to the governments of the allies, of whose firm will the enemy is ignorant. It was a device to reach and to confuse the labor element, through which the foe hopes, with the help of deceitful intermediaries, to rouse in allied countries "irresponsible" movements for their kind of "just and conciliatory peace."

Deceit Back of Proposal. It would be deplorable if the Inter-Allied Socialist conference for peace, the Austro-German conspiracy have descended into cellar-like shadows and mystery. Clemenceau's magnificent declaration to the Senate put aside with victorious gesture all the Machiavellian hypocrisy of the offer. President Wilson made known in simple phrase that there is no answer to such a proposition.

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It will be as Germany wished and as Germany has done. This fine phrase of Clemenceau is the password for all the allies. No matter what the mouthpieces of the central empires may say as to the superior force of arms, it will be a military-economic victory which will give us peace. We want a lasting peace, a just peace, a peace of explanation for the guilty.

Foch, Fetzinger and Haig have become masters of the situation, instead of Hindenburg and Ludendorff. This is gradually becoming known in Berlin and Vienna. In the present apparent lull of battle a survey of performances and the purposes of the allied forces may be made.

New Operations Scheduled. The first phase of the campaign was to empty the pockets which had been shot into the line by the first German offensive. This process is over. It was completed by the capture of the St. Mihiel salient. The allied high command is now preparing a continuation of its maneuvers against the Hindenburg line. Mangin is hammering at the hinge of the enemy positions. By intentional coincidence we have become active in Macedonia. Notice the logic of the present operations.

It will be recalled that in recent operations in Albania, the allies drew and pushed aside an Austrian attack at the same time that they were consolidating, and our headquarters staff was able to prepare for operations on the Monastir front. The army of the orient is evidently retrained and capable of prolonged effort, after first-class French-Serbian-Slav divisions shall have pierced the Bulgarian lines on a wide front.

The objectives seem to be to advance from Monastir from the northwest, and to hold the Pripet-Lutsk roads through the Cerna valley. In this way the Vardar line may be more quickly reached, dispensing with attacks against Demit, Capou and Krivolak.

Bulgarian Snow Unrest. If the army of the orient could border the Vardar line between Uskub and Stroumitza, the retreat of the Bulgarian army would certainly have serious effect in Bulgaria, which already appears to be in the throes of grave internal troubles. In Bulgaria, as in Turkey, there are not lacking old Turkish dignitaries, close observers and good judges of affairs, who understand the critical situation of the

BREWER TELLS OF DEAL

(Continued From First Page.) for the initial payment on the purchase of the Washington Times." He said the "attempt through innuendo to associate the Times transaction with 'certain notorious pro-German activities terminating in the control of the New York Evening Mail, is a gratuitous insult, a dastardly and outrageous libel and unworthy of any representative of this American republic."

Charges "Flung Back." Unquestionably denying both on his own behalf and that of the brewing industry any charge against his loyalty, Mr. Felckenspan said he wished to "fling the charges back in the face of those who made them" and offered to match his record with that of "any man of high or low degree in this Nation."

He challenged anyone to show a better record "in any line of duty or of loyalty, often made easy by prosperity, but of loyalty of sacrifice, loyalty in great losses, loyalty in the hour of destruction of my very substance."

Mr. De Ford, who was named as one of the directors of the corporation, said he had resigned from the corporation on March 11, 1918, which was more than a year prior to the date of the loan of \$275,000 made through the concern to Brisbane by C. W. Felckenspan as trustee for a number of brewers.

Father-in-Law Gets Office. John T. Sturdevant and Thomas McEntegart, also named as directors of the corporation, likewise resigned, and there was elected as president Mr. Sturdevant, his father-in-law, Seward Carey, with two of the editor's secretaries as other officers and directors.

The corporation, Mr. De Ford, was organized January 13, 1916, at Mr. Brisbane's request, as an instrumentality for the delivery of that newspaper to Brisbane, which he had purchased with Sturdevant, his associate, and McEntegart, a clerk in his office, to act temporarily as incorporators and directors.

Mrs. Thursby Puts in Cash. Later Brisbane advised him that he "desired to take over the nominal as well as the actual ownership," and to elect directors of his own choice. This was done at the meeting held March 11, 1916, the first and only meeting of this company which either Mr. Sturdevant, Mr. McEntegart or I attended.

After the authorizing of an issue of \$10,000 capital stock Mrs. Alice Brisbane, Thursby's wife, contributed \$10,000 in cash. De Ford and his associates resigned and the other officers and directors were elected. "The corporation," said Mr. De Ford, "while I, or any member of my staff, was connected with its directorship, never had any orders or any part in keeping from the public the purpose or backers of the Washington Times."

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 20.—C. A. Miller, manager of the Miller Brewing Company, today admitted the contributions of individuals of his family to Arthur Brisbane for the purpose of "saving our business," and denied any disloyal intention or any part in keeping from the public the purpose or backers of the Washington Times.

BRITISH THROW FOES OUT

(Continued From First Page.) divisions of the German second army for the destruction of an "underground Gibraltar."

Prussian officers, including a regimental adjutant, have been captured. One of the officers said he had been freedly made that the British never would be able to capture the quarry. A British brigadier-general left his headquarters in the morning, when he supposed had been cleared of the Germans, and went forward to watch the advance of his military units.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The progress of General Mangin's army, in the eastern extremity of the Chemin des Dames has driven the enemy to violent reactions. Five vigorous counter attacks were made last night against the new French positions east of the Moisy farm and north of Allemant. In every one of these unsuccessful assaults the Germans lost heavily.

French Hold Positions. The French troops have maintained all gains made in this region and have succeeded in organizing their new positions. Only about three-quarters of a mile now separates the French from the height on which stands the ruins of Fort Matibon. The difficult ground, adapted to the kind of defensive fighting the Germans carry on.

It is the plateau of Chavignon the last night against the new French positions. More than 450 of their dead were picked up over a space of a half mile long by a quarter of a mile deep during the recent fighting. The possession of this plateau, which is the key to the positions north of the Chemin des Dames, would compel the enemy to abandon a part of the St. Gobain forest.

MYTHICAL WIFE IS BURIED

Sixty Days in Jail Is Portion of Be-reaved Registrant.

Sophia Davis exists no more. It isn't a case of death, sudden or otherwise. Sophia never existed except as a mythical person, supposed wife of John G. Davis.

Davis registered in June, 1917, and when filling out his questionnaire conjured up Sophia as a possibly helpful life-mate in enrolling military service. Before Federal Judge Wolverson yesterday Davis confessed his misdeed by entering a plea of guilty, when arraigned for making a false affidavit in his questionnaire. A sentence of 60 days in jail was pronounced, and Davis faces possible military duty.

SALEM DRIVE IN EARNEST TODAY.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Extra preparations are being made for the features of the Liberty loan drive here tomorrow, which will precede a rousing speech in Willson Park in the evening by George W. Caldwell, of Portland. A monster "mother's parade" will be a feature, including women relatives of men in the service. A community sing also will be held and it is expected that enthusiasm will be aroused to a high pitch.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS in the Liberty Loan Parade

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MOTHERS—With Daughters in School

See These New Serge FROCKS \$6.45 That Are Specially Priced.

Sizes 6 to 14; dresses in good quality navy blue or green serge, made on straight lines, with pleated skirts, large collars and long sleeves. Neat, pretty.

GIRLS' PETER THOMPSON DRESSES, \$7.45 SPLENDID SERGE DRESSES \$8.95

Serge dresses for girls 6 to 14, made in regulation style, with pleated skirt and braid trimming. Ideal frocks for school and general wear. Unusual at the price.

GIRLS' WOOL SWEATERS \$6.25, \$7.00, \$9.50

For girls 6 to 14 years old. Pretty little sweaters in rose, green, cardinal, Copen, brown and khaki colors. Some have belts and others are plain. Fine for school wear these Fall days.

MILLINERY FOR LITTLE TOTS IN THREE SPECIAL GROUPS

For little folk 2 to 8 there are smart shapes in velvets (brown, green, black, Copen), with drooping brims and poke shapes, with ribbon trimming, ribbon shirred crowns, fur trimming and tailored effects. Special at \$1.95, \$2.45, \$2.95.

COMPLETE ASSORTMENTS OF NEW GINGHAM AND CREPE FROCKS Are Shown Now Priced at \$4.45 to \$5.95

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS and SMALL WOMEN

Will Be Particularly Interested in This Display of New FROCKS

Frocks of satin, frocks of crepe de chine, frocks of serge or serge combined with silk; in such variety it will be hard to confine yourself to any one.

These were designed especially for the growing girl and small women who require straight lines and are sometimes "hard to fit" in the section for grown-ups.

Prices Range From \$13.95 to \$45.00 Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



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