

ROME SAYS KAISER REPLIED TO PONTIFF

Peace Plan Said to Be Agreeable Provided Enemies Make First Overtures.

AUSTRIA IS IN ACCORD

Netherlands Anti-War Council Prepress Manifesto Urging All Belligerent Peoples to Proclaim Desire to End War.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—A dispatch to Fourmiers News Agency from Rome says that the German Emperor, in answer to the peace letter of Pope Benedict XV, declared his willingness to accept peace negotiations provided the nations with which Germany is at war made the first overtures.

Austria made a similar reply to the Pope's letter, the dispatch adds. Pope Benedict's appeal for peace, addressed to the belligerent nations, was issued on July 23, the anniversary of the opening of the European war.

The letter invited "the true friends of peace in the world to extend their hands to hasten the end of a war which has transformed Europe into an enormous battlefield."

APPEAL FRAMED IN HOLLAND

Peoples of Warring Nations Urged to Proclaim Desire for Peace.

THE HAGUE, via London, Aug. 14.—The Netherlands anti-war council has presented an address to Jonkherr Dr. J. van Londen, the Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs, asking his collaboration in the formation of a permanent conference of representatives of neutral powers to work in the interests of peace.

The anti-war council also issued a manifesto, printed in Dutch, English, French, German and Russian, exhorting all belligerent peoples to proclaim their desire for peace.

BOMBTHROWING IS TAUGHT

(Continued from first page.) the non-commissioned officers and an engineer, facing us, with his back to the front of the trench. He was the instructor. At the order of the Captain he placed an innocent looking satchel on the trench edge at his right elbow, plunged a hand into it and briskly plucked out, one after the other, eight different varieties of bombs. Picking them up, one at a time, he gave a terse lecture on the construction and method of operation of each.

Bombs All Fully Loaded.

The bombs were all fully loaded, and the explosion of them would have sent the whole of us well on the way to the cemetery. I noticed in some of the officers, and certainly in myself, a certain tension as we were shown the monochromatically illustrated within an inch or two of actuality how a percussion bomb would explode if brought in contact with the fuse.

In demonstrating the first grenade he adjusted around his wrist a loop with about eight inches of cold hanging from it. A heavy two-pronged metal pin was attached to the end of the cord. Picking up a black spherical bomb slightly bigger than a baseball, he stuck a pin lightly into a hole in its side. The bomb was then thrown with full force.

Fuse Started by Nail.

The third bomb was a can of white tin attached by two wires to a white deal handle. A nail was stuck into a hole in the can. The nail was hammered in by a sharp rap against the ground. "If you try to knock it in against the palm of your hand it would hurt," exclaimed our instructor.

The fourth bomb was black and round and was started by scratching the tip of a stiffly projecting bit of ignitable fuse against a black band of raspy material worn round the thumb of the left hand.

The sixth and seventh were incendiary grenades to set fire to wooden obstructions etc. The one, exploding, scattered the burning liquid to a distance of a few yards, the other set fire only to the spot where it burst. These were both large spherical bombs. Before being thrown kerosene was poured into them through a little bung-hole, which was then stoppered up.

French Gas Not Poisonous.

The eighth was an asphyxiating bomb. I cannot, however, be too careful in emphasizing the fact that this so-called "asphyxiating" bomb was not poisonous, like the German asphyxiating gas, but merely irritated the eyes, nostrils and throat, so that when thrown into a German bombproof it

would force out the occupants. It left no ill after-effects. Besides these there were two aerial torpedoes. One was shot out of an old-fashioned little mortar propelled by a black powder. The other was bigger and more powerful, and had a fin tail to keep its flight accurate. It was fired from a gun made for the purpose.

The sergeant of engineers having completed his little lecture, the soldiers and officers all withdrew to the end of the field, some 200 yards behind the trench, and there lay down on their stomachs. The engineer in the trench took bomb No. 1, stuck the pin at the end of the cord firmly into the hole, swung his arm back and let fly.

The engineer next picked up bomb No. 3 with the deal handle, hammered the nail home with one sharp rap against the palm of his hand and sent the bomb hurtling through the air.

Effect of Explosives Watched. Next came bomb No. 4. The demonstrator adjusted the black band around his left thumb, took the bomb in his right hand and gave it a scratch. Then he hurled it from his hand.

Bomb Really Never Lands. Next came the new aerial torpedo fired from the new gun. (The old little mortar with the black powder was not used.) The new gun made practically no report in discharging the torpedo.

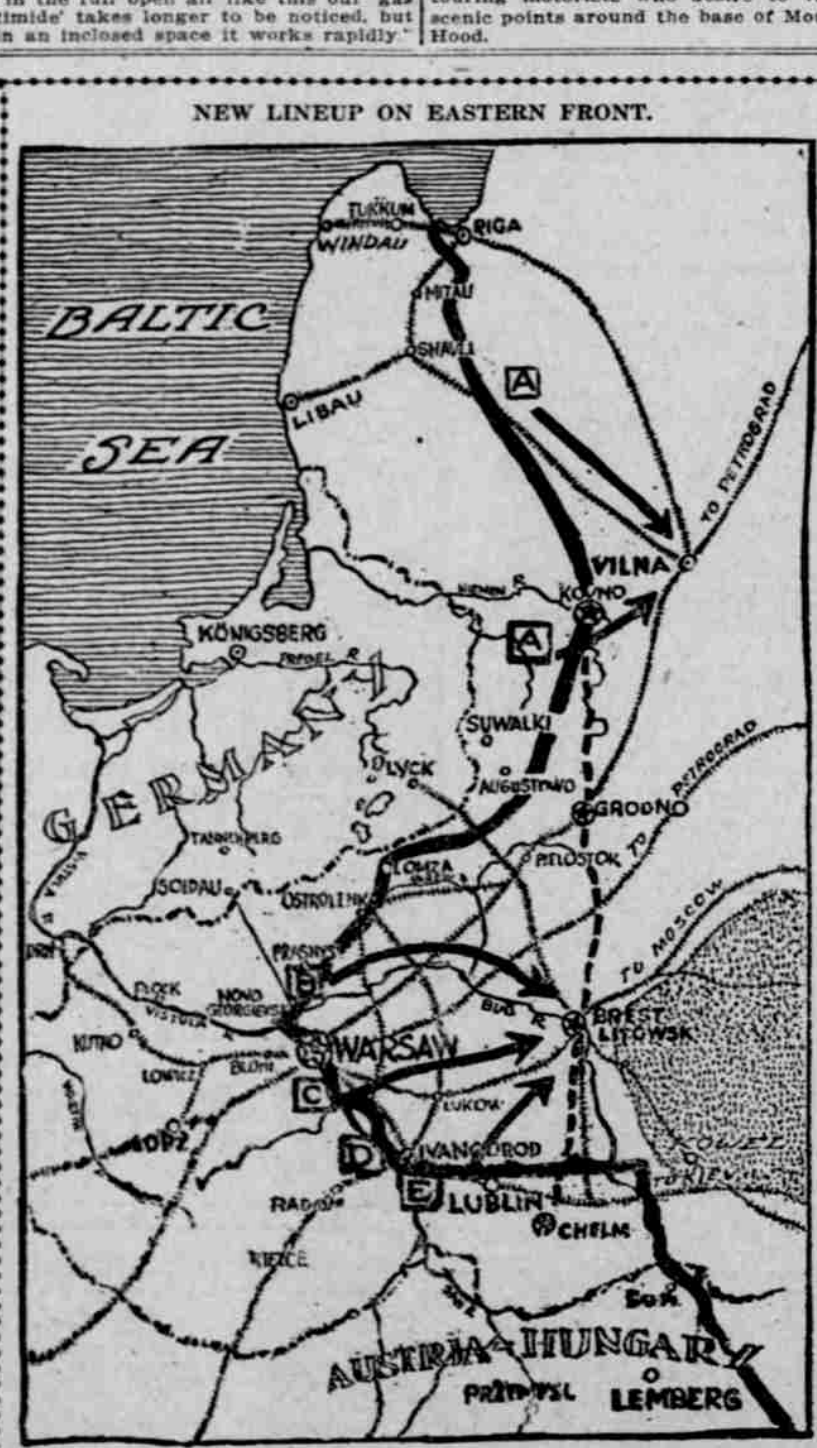
Next came the two incendiary bombs. One of them burst on contact, setting fire to the patch of grass where it landed. The other had a fuse which shot out a stream of golden sparks like fireworks before exploding.

Last came the asphyxiating bomb. It consisted of a sphere formed by five pieces of perforated iron held loosely together in a sort of a disjointed shell by a little wire basket.

To show that this gas was not poisonous, like the Germans' gas, we were invited to stand in a close circle right around the fragments of the bomb immediately after it had been thrown, with our heads bent over. We stood and stood, sniffing away, but could detect no gas of any kind.

Smell Is Like Wood Alcohol.

NEW LINEUP ON EASTERN FRONT.



Assuming that the Russians will fall back to the line Kovno-Brest-Litovsk-Chelem, indicated by dotted line, there is a question whether the Germans will continue an offensive movement in Poland or turn their attention to the west lines or to Serbia.

FIRE LOSS \$260,000

Rosenblatt Store Damaged \$75,000 — Alisky Building Almost Destroyed.

SLEEPERS RESCUED Insurance Covers Much of Loss—Structure Will Be Repaired.

The Principal Losses. \$75,000—Samuel Rosenblatt & Co.; covered by insurance. \$60,000—Alisky building; covered by insurance. \$25,000—Skidmore Drug Co.; insurance \$18,000.

Scarcely had he finished speaking when I began to notice a small something like wood alcohol. At the same time my eyes began to stream with tears, my nose felt as though it was intruding in one long, continuous sneeze, and I turned hastily away, coughing and sputtering and wiping my eyes, with an officer on each side keeping me active company.

There's the Story

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Concentration Against Southern End of Russian Line Proceeds on 3 Roads.

STRONG OPPOSITION MET Petrograd Believes Original Plan of Retirement Will Be Accomplished—Prisoners to Be Used on War Supplies.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 14.—The new positions occupied by the Germans and Austrians were outlined with approximate accuracy on good authority today for the first time since the fall of Warsaw.

Attacking Vessels Strike Mines. The trawlers eventually were driven off. Two of the German warships damaged were torpedo-boats, the other a cruiser. They struck mines and apparently were injured severely.

NINE AUTO DRIVERS FINED La Grande Police Begin Campaign Under Tail Light and License Law.

Large and Cheap Production Is Declared Essential to Success.

URIC ACID SOLVENT For Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble 50-Cent Bottle (32 Doses) FREE

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forcement of the license law, and the Automobile Club is calling a meeting to urge all owners to procure their licenses.

CHEMICAL CART REBUILT Two Wheels Added to Fire Apparatus at Gresham.

GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Extensive repairs and improvements have just been completed on the chemical cart of the Gresham fire department by Edward Osborn.

TRUSS SPAN IS UNDER WAY Interstate Bridge Steel Work Promoted by Contract Time.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The big truss span for the Columbia River Interstate bridge is being assembled on the docks built here for that purpose.

ADVISE ON DAIRY IS GIVEN Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Successful dairymen produce the largest amount of milk and butter at the lowest cost possible.

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