

## TREATY IS GERMANY'S HOPE, SAYS HARDEN

Acceptance Held Only Way to World Confidence.

### NEW ERA NOW EMERGING

Wilson Declared Predestined to Create and Establish Enduring Society of Nations.

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BERLIN, June 21.—(Special Cable.)—Without yet realizing it, our age of today is experiencing the struggle of the new world against the old. The struggle of spring against winter, which one feels in all the myths and holy books of the east and west, and the present struggle is sure of a place in humanity's mythology; either in the sun or shade.

Not only is weary Germany, ungrateful in its quest for narcotic pleasures, but also everywhere, one hears complaint of the tediousness of the Paris deliberations. In my view the time employed has not been too long, but much too short. Whoever does not show faith in the German cannot expect useful performance from them.

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I have often expressed in this hospitable place how hard the emergency construction of the new Germany has made it for our enemies to show much confidence in us. Nevertheless, one must calculate on extending credits to Germany at least for a year.

President Wilson's arsenal became empty when he could no longer point out the perils of German victory or harp on the imperative need of American armed help. The nations of Europe, exhausted by loss of blood and money, wished when victory came to enjoy with all their senses the fruits of success, to hear, see, smell, taste and touch their splendors.

America's spokesman could not expose the great nation to the danger of being told: "Your sufferings were much less than ours; if you don't now like our way of doing, go home garlanded with our bravest thanks." Nor could he go home voluntarily; nor could he say: "Your peace is not my peace; therefore, I will not sign, and I leave you to your responsibility."

That would have been a beautiful and easy gesture, which assuredly would have brought him much applause, but it would have cheated the men of America out of the harvest for which they had fertilized the soil with their blood sacrifices.

The proclaimer of a great thought, promising far-reaching results, has no right to shrink from hindrances and to drop his thought like a foundling. The president had to remain and see all manner of weeds springing up, amid soul torments and suffering, in order to bring the harvest from the seed of his spirit into the granary.

The agency through which this harvest will be transformed into food for humanity can be only the league of nations. Whoever does not want the league of nations desires that humanity starve.

I can understand the resistance to the proposed Anglo-American defensive alliance which is said to have been arranged for the protection of France. Those who object to such an alliance have not yet recognized that it is a promise which merely presses a plaster on the wound of French sensibility. It effects a strange mixture of pride and fear over the relinquishment on the left bank of the Rhine. Since a German attack is not thinkable, the hour for this alliance to go into effect can never come.

League for World Enemy.  
But whoever fights against the creation of a league of nations, thrusts it aside as a Wilsonian Utopia, hinders the world change which alone can redeem the atrocities of the war. An American opponent can only expose himself as a Wilsonian Utopia, hinders the blood of his countrymen for an old-style peace, purchasable with money, and he paves the way for a Leninist Utopia, because belief in human progress and in the union of humanity seems Utopian to him.

If the classes with property rights do not succeed in creating a supranational tribunal, whose task will be the moral regeneration of the lives of the nations and the socialization of all countries, then the decaying citadel of capital will not long withstand the fury of the masses.

If the league of nations were only a hope, even then it would be criminal to nip it in the bud before it could prove that its fruit could ripen. We to those who would become responsible for the defeat of the league project.

We are about to hear of the changes in the original treaty terms the peace council of four is prepared to make. Must not the world's breath stand still in expectation of the hour of such decision?

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This day may come in our lifetime, when the wounds of Europe shall have become cleansed of pus and the healing over shall have begun.

The president was never a better prophet than in January, 1917, when he said in his message to the senate that the claims of justice could be met only before a final victory by one side, for the side so crowned would always tend to impose its will on the vanquished. This tendency he met in full bloom when he came to Europe.

Only after the failure of the third German summer offensive, after the German line was overrun at Verdun and Courmieu and pressed back to Soissons; after the Anglo-French attack in August, 1918, had weakened and demoralized the second German army, and no doubt remained of the rapid increase in size and bravery of the American army, with overwhelmingly strong armament, did General Ludendorff,

creative head of the German army, realize that the war could not be won by the Germans, as every politician had long known.

Only in the last days of September did he obtain a decision in Berlin to make a peace overture.

Victory Demand Revenge.  
That tender came too late. Victory was already won. No slave, as in old Rome, called out to the triumphant: "Remember, you are mortal." The victors wanted atonement for all atonable misdeeds, but, wrongly, they wanted also revenge. The demand was to end like a criminal trial, with the punishment of the malefactor and compulsory labor for a long time for the accessories.

That, however, cannot be. Payment of tribute squeezed by territorial occupation lasting for decades was possible in the days of Roman glory, but not for long when the decline of Rome set in, and got at all today; and the 100,000,000 grown-ups who for almost five years bore the cross of war sufferings in good faith in the cause of the Fatherland cannot be treated like a naughty child which is stood in a corner until it begs off with promises to behave better. Whoever does not show faith in the German cannot expect useful performance from them.

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definitive peace, the legal status of a new world, cannot be expected in haste, or without representation for the great masses of humanity.

This, I believe, President Wilson has realized and on that account he has temporarily sacrificed conditions on which he had hoped peace might be based in order to clear away the rocks and underbrush from the road into the league.

The covenant is a preamble to the peace conditions. Article XX points out how obligations or understandings are to be modified when they prove irreconcilable with the spirit of the league. That spirit will be based on mutual confidence.

Despite all the harshness of the proposed treaty, I would sign it with calm conscience, for the preliminary peace thus assured would buy for Germany a way into the league of nations and into the world's confidence, not by any visible change of character, but in token of the sufferings endured by all and by the ineradicable germ of good will in the German people.

New Victorious Over Old.  
Such a peace would provide the means for quiet discussion at all times among sensible people who do not wish anything unreasonable and who would impose no intolerable burden upon any nation; discussion among people who knew by experience that harsh pressure and disregard of right deprave men and nations, even worse than excessive good fortune, which often breeds arrogance.

I believe in the purification of humanity through the experiences of the war and in the efficacy of the only available means for good. Therefore I believe in the league of nations and that Woodrow Wilson was predestined to create and establish it.

In every myth and every holy book of east and west the spirit of the new has always been victorious over the old. America's active entry into the war brought a decision for the new world in the armed struggle of Europe, the old world. That decision shines out over the ocean with a great flaming sign of the genius of the times. Our winter lasts longer than scepticism had suspected. Yet spring will come. Already its fragrance wafts about us, and the blindest soul of today will soon be rejoicing in the youthful splendor of its colors.

Woman Gets \$8000 Verdict.

A verdict allowing Rosina Luciano \$8000 for several lots in the Marquam gulch tract, which the city held were not worth more than \$4528 was returned by a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Tucker yesterday. The case was a condemnation proceeding, brought by the city to get land available for playgrounds in Marquam gulch. The woman asked \$15,500 and \$1400 attorney's fees.

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Committees Are Named to Gather Information and Investigate Conditions Elsewhere.

Some 30 automobile truck dealers, interested in the development here of the ship-by-truck movement, which is making such rapid strides all over the country, attended a luncheon at the Benson hotel yesterday to hear an address by Fred A. Rasch, utilities engineer for the public service commission. Mr. Rasch spoke for Julius L. Meier, regional chairman in Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the highways transport committee of the council of national defense, which is greatly interested in furthering the ship-by-truck movement.

Mr. Rasch discussed the movement from the point of view of the public service commission. He told of its great possibilities as a transportation factor, and discussed its success in other localities.

J. D. Hess, district manager of the Firestone Tire & Rubber company, also was a speaker. He especially emphasized the necessity of arranging for return loads for truck lines, to make their operation successful. He also spoke of the need for a system of way-bills, to guarantee to shippers, just as a railway does, the delivery of their goods. C. M. Menzies presided.

A committee was appointed to investigate rates and operation of truck freight and express lines in other states, to obtain exact cost data for information here. F. B. Thompson, C. W. Cornell and E. D. Van Dersel were named on this committee.

A second committee was appointed to arrange for a practical demonstration of the ship-by-truck movement and its possibilities. On this committee are Arnold Cohen, F. W. Vogler, L. J. Sparks, Del Wright, M. O. Wilkins and C. M. Menzies.

Strike Settlement Looms.

LOS ANGELES, June 20.—Settlement of the strike called several weeks ago of 6000 employees of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding & Drydock company at San Pedro, near here, apparently is likely, a company official said and union would hold a conference tomorrow morning at the yards.

Pasco Attorney to Speak.

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### Foreign Cargoes Assured.

Excellent progress is being made by the Chamber of Commerce in the solicitation of cargoes for the new steamship line from this port to European ports. Replies received by the chamber secretary indicate little difficulty will be experienced in securing freight for the vessels, the first of which will sail some time in July. Many inquiries relative to the new service are on file with the Chamber of Commerce and are taken as an indication of the interest being taken by business men and manufacturers of the community.

### Naval Officers Entertained.

Officers of the United States destroyer Rial, now in Portland harbor, were

entertained yesterday at the Portland Hunt club following a luncheon given in their honor by the Chamber of Commerce. The party will be taken over the Columbia river highway today by drivers of the woman's motor corps, and will be taken to points of interest in the vicinity of Portland.

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