

PEACE TALK NOW IS FROWNED ON BY UNITY LEAGUE

Germany Must Be Crushed if World Is to Be Left Safe for People of Free Nations.

HUN LONG ENEMY OF U. S.

Intrigue Against America Began With Riots in Samoa in 1889; Wilson's Words Are Cited.

New York, Dec. 22.—The League for National Unity today issued a declaration signed by its officers and executive committee, in which all efforts toward a premature peace are condemned and in determination of continuing the war until a military victory is achieved and the autocratic power of the German government is broken, is pledged.

"We are in this war to conquer the enemy's armies," declares the statement, "though not his territory or population. We intend to begin the campaign to divide our loyal citizens of German birth and descent so as to render this nation impotent in the defense of its security and the rights of the democracies of the world. Germany even sought by the Delbrueck law to establish a continuing German citizenship in Germany, and to make them become citizens of the United States by naturalization. This in effect attempted to cause them to violate the oath which made their security and the rights of the democracies of the world."

Wilson Indorses League

The League for National Unity was organized in Washington on October 15, 1917, and is composed of representatives of the various elements that make up American national life—labor, agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, banking, the church, the press, women's organizations, and the respective heads of the Democratic and Republican national committees. The formation of the new organization was welcomed by President Wilson in an address delivered October 8 to the executive committee, in which he emphasized the need of team play by the forces of American thought and opinion and endorsed the specific work which the league proposed.

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The purpose of the league, as stated in its by-laws, is to create a medium through which the various elements of classes, sections, creeds and parties can give expression to the fundamental purpose of the United States to carry on to a successful conclusion this new war for the independence of America, the preservation of Democratic institutions and the vindication of the basic principles of humanity."

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The statement, bearing the headline, "An American War and an American Victory," follows the German government, foiled and defeated in its plan to cripple the great self-governing nations of the world, first France, next England, and last the United States, is seeking to achieve through its proposals for peace what it has been unable to obtain by arms.

The Imperial German government seeks a compromise in the irrepressible conflict between autocracy and democracy before it shall be too late. All who are willing to compromise on this issue are willing to compromise on the issue of the American people today are fighting for their own liberty and well as for the freedom of the world. The world cannot be safe for democracy so long as an organized autocracy—its people still believing it victorious—exists in the center of Europe, leading 100,000,000 armed men and possessing the resources of 170,000,000 people in the world's central position for all seas and all continents.

President Wilson was the true spokesman of the American people when he said in his message to congress on December 4:

"The American people are impatient with those who desire peace by any sort of compromise—deeply and indignantly impatient with those who would bring about a peace by military defeat."

"It will be full impartial justice—justice done at every point and to every nation that the final settlement must affect our enemies as well as our friends."

No compromise is conceivable if the German government is "not utterly brought to an end" by military defeat.

Great Price Must Be Paid

"They have established a power over other lands and peoples than their own—over the great empires of Austria-Hungary, over hitherto free Balkan states, over Turkey and within Asia, which must be relinquished."

"The peace we make must deliver the once fair and happy peoples of Belgium and Northern France from the Prussian conquest and the Prussian menace, but it must also deliver the peoples of Austria-Hungary, the peoples of the Balkans, the peoples of Turkey alike in Europe and in Asia, from the impudent and unbridled domination of the Prussian military and commercial autocracy."

or political revolution from within. For our president continues: "It might be impossible in such unusual circumstances to admit Germany to the free economic intercourse which must inevitably spring out of the other partnerships of a real peace. But there is no question as to the desirability and such a situation, inevitable because of distrust, would in the very nature of things sooner or later cure itself by processes which would assuredly set in."

At War in Self Defense

Nor would this be our only recourse against the rulers of Germany: "It might be impossible to admit them to the free economic intercourse which must inevitably spring out of the other partnerships of a real peace. But there is no question as to the desirability and such a situation, inevitable because of distrust, would in the very nature of things sooner or later cure itself by processes which would assuredly set in."

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U. S. ATTITUDE ON PEACE UNCHANGED, STATEMENT SAYS

State Department Has Announced That America Stands Squarely on President Wilson's Message

GERMANY IS PLAYING A GAME

Kaiser Seeks to Gain Much and Give Little or Nothing; Greater Pan-Germany Is His Object.

By Carl D. Groat

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—America's position toward peace is unchanged, the state department official today announced. It remains as outlined by President Wilson in his message to congress. There can be no peace negotiations while Hohenzollernism, with its horrors, exists.

The state department answer was given in the latest of reported German peace feelers, extended in an effort to get a peace movement started by Christmas. The department added that it has not received any of these feelers, either formally or informally, and was not advised of Russian Minister Trotsky's statement that he had given the allies two months in which to join Russia's "general peace" movement.

Germany Playing a Game

It was pointed out that Germany's latest endeavor toward peace is still a game to give her hunch and her enemies little or nothing. She is striving to gain advantage in Western Russia, which would more than offset the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, disposition of which she might be willing to leave to Alsatians. Economic, industrial and political absorption of border provinces of Russia and the creation of a colossal inland empire of the rest of that country is the aim of the central empire, according to Russian officials today.

Greater Pan-Germany Is Object

The game Kaiser Wilhelm is attempting to "put across" in Europe now, if successful, will create a pan-Germany greater and more powerful than any the Teuton states ever dreamed of. In the demands of Ukraine, Courland, Estonia, Finland and Poland for independence, Russian officials here see the indelible tracery of Germany's most recent ambitions.

At the beginning of the war, the Kaiser aspired to create a pan-Germany of Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Roumania, and possibly Belgium, a Russian official stated. Balked in her desire to secure Belgium and now realizing that she cannot retain Northern France, the German turned their attention to peaceful absorption of their allies, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Russian Revolution Fatal

Then came the Russian revolution and Germany beheld opening up before her the greatest opportunity in her history—absorption of the richest provinces of the Russian empire. While, on one hand, Germany is openly encouraging the Bolsheviks—whose policies are the antithesis of Prussianism—she is secretly encouraging Ukraine, Courland, Lithuania and other states to strike for independence.

Klamath Falls Is Going Right Ahead

Klamath Falls, Dec. 22.—The progress of the city of Klamath Falls is evidenced by the building permits issued by the city council at the regular meeting. The new Klamath State bank was granted permission to remodel its recently purchased quarters at the corner of Sixth and Main streets at an approximate cost of \$2000. A new building is planned for the corner at a later date. The Ewams Box company is authorized to proceed with the erection of a new factory on the former location on Sixth street, the estimated cost of which is \$15,000.

Fred Garrich was given a permit for the construction of a house at Ninth and High streets at a cost of \$4000.

The crosswalk just beyond the government canal on Eplanade in Hot Springs is to be raised and repaired.

Dallas, Or., Dec. 22.—Louis Wehnart, 21 years old, was drowned in the Luckiamute river near Alfrida Friday afternoon. He was assisting in breaking up a log jam when he fell into the swollen stream. The swift current swept him rapidly out of the sight of his companions. The body has not been recovered.

Logger Is Drowned In Luckiamute River

Great Price Must Be Paid

Greeks Are Seeking More Trade With U. S.

Special Representative Arrives at San Francisco to Plan for Commercial Agencies of Nation.

OREGON SOLDIERS NOT AT CAMP MILLS WHEN MAYOR SENT PROTEST

Former Governor Oswald West Found Men to Be in Excellent Health and Spirits.

Asphaltic Post Road Plan to Be Proposed

Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—The state highway department has prepared for submission to the government for approval a project for hard surfacing 21 miles of the Pacific highway in Marion county from post road funds.

The project begins at the end of the present pavement 1.5 miles north of Salem and extends to the Clackamas county line. It is proposed to lay an asphaltic pavement, and the work will be done by the highway department. The estimated cost is \$25,546, of which the government will pay half and the state half, if the government approves the project.

Governor Out of Town

Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—Governor Withycombe was out of town Friday, having gone to Portland.

Maury I. Diggs Is Released From Jail

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Maury I. Diggs, convicted several years ago with F. Drew Caminetti of violating the Mann white slavery law, has been released from McNeil's Island prison, according to advices received here today. He is reported to have left Tacoma for California today.

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Men From Ranks to Train for Officers

Training School Will Open at Camp Kearny on January 3; Regular Army Men Will Also Be Selected.

French Capture Submarine Crew

Paris, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—French torpedo boats captured the commander and 21 members of the crew of the German submarine which sank the anti-submarine cruiser Chateau Renault in the Mediterranean, it was learned here Friday.

Quebec to Consider Secession Question

Quebec, Que., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The Quebec legislature is to discuss the question of seceding from the Canadian confederation. A resolution, introduced today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for Lotbiniere, reads:

"When I visited the camp, which was several days before Mayor Baker had wired the war department, I found they were in the process of moving and all were gone at the time his wire reached the war department."

That this house is of the opinion that the province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union and the progress and development of Canada."

Darnell Goes to Work

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—James Morrison Darnell, the marrying man, who was released from prison a few months ago, after serving a term for Mann act violations, is swinging a 16 pound hammer in an implement factory here. He declared today he liked the job.

ALLEGED SYMPATHY FOR GERMANY LED TO FIGHT, SAYS MURNANE

Timber Grove School Board Controversy Over Teachers' Application, He Asserts.

Can Desperate Germany Break Through?

Germany's profest contempt for America's war preparations is somewhat belied by evidences of her desperate determination to win before our soldiers arrive in force.

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Editorial Opinion Upon The Charges Before Congress of a Lack of Efficiency in our War Administration

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Transportation Evils and Remedies

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When the Soldier "Goes West"

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