

CAPITAL WARY OF GERMAN REPLY PENDING OFFICIAL NOTE

TAKE REPLY WITH GRAIN OF SALT IS OFFICIAL ADVICE

First Impression Is That Hun Answer Is Equivalent to Unconditional Surrender Offer.

OFFICIAL NOTE NOT YET IN TEXT RECEIVED VIA NAUEN WIRELESS, WHICH SUPPLIES GERMAN PROPAGANDA; COMMENT MADE.

By Jay Jerome Williams
Washington, Oct. 12.—At first reading the reply of Prince Max of Baden, imperial German chancellor, to President Wilson's note of inquiry appears to be equivalent to unconditional surrender on the part of both Germany and Austria. The admission to take the reply with a grain of salt—an admonition issued today by high government officials—holds good tonight.

The text of the note was received in Nauens wireless dispatch tonight and is, therefore, unofficial. Until the official note is delivered in person to Secretary of State Lansing by Frederick Federlin, the Swiss charge d'affaires, this government will have no official statement. The text had not been received tonight at the Swiss legation.

For one thing, officials tonight were suspicious of the communication because of its origin. It is a Nauens dispatch and all Nauens dispatches in the past have been but samples of German propaganda.

The main point, however, is found in the German chancellor's response to the president's third question.

Prince Max says he speaks in the name of the German government and the German people, and ostensibly gives the impression that great reforms have been wrought in Germany; that in reality it is a democracy. This, officials plainly state, is not the case.

His words, in this respect, it was said, do not mean anything, that is providing his words in the official note coincide with those in the unofficial communication. The reason they do not mean anything, it was explained, is because the reichstag, which Prince Max would have the United States believe represents the will of the German people, has no control over the chancellor. The latter is responsible solely to the Kaiser.

In the event this proves to be the case, the note will call forth a reply from the president that will quell the Teutonic peace maneuver.

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What Germany Proposed President Wilson's Reply

THE GERMAN PROPOSAL

"The secretary of state makes public the following communication:
"From the charge d'affaires ad interim of Switzerland, in charge of German interests in the United States:
"Legation of Switzerland, Washington, October 6, 1918—Department of German Interests:
"Mr. President: I have the honor to present herewith upon instructions from my government, the original text of a communication from the German government, received by this legation late this afternoon from the Swiss Foreign Office.
"An English translation of this communication is also enclosed, the German original text, however, is alone to be considered as authoritative.
"Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration."
"F. OEDERLIN,
"Charge d'affaires, A. L.
"of Switzerland.

THE AMERICAN INQUIRY

"Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf of the President, your note of October 6, enclosing the communication from the German government to the President, and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German Chancellor:
"Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German government and in order that that reply shall be as candid and straight-forward as the momentous interests involved require, the President of the United States, deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the Imperial Chancellor.
"Does the Imperial German government accept the terms laid down by the President in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses, and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?
"The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the government of the United States, as transmitted by the Charge d'affaires, A. L., of Switzerland, on October 6, 1918:
"The German government requests the President of the United States to take steps for the restoration of peace, to notify all belligerents of this request and to invite them to delegate plenipotentiaries for the purpose of making up negotiations.
"The German government accepts as a basis for the peace negotiations the program laid down by the President of the United States in his message to the Congress of the United States on January 8, 1918, and in his subsequent pronouncements, particularly in his address of September 27, 1918.
"In order to avoid further bloodshed, the German government requests that a general armistice on land, on water and in the air.
"MAX, Prince of Baden,
"Imperial Chancellor."

HUNS GIVE WAY UNDER PRESSURE OF ALLIES

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within their grasp. They were only five miles from Attigny and about six miles from Reims, through which the Aisne flows in a westward course.

German Talk of "Victory."
The German war office, in its day communicate, referred to "smooth execution" of the retirement in the Aisne bend, made possible through "General von Eiselein's victory over immensely superior forces of Americans and French in a fortnight's struggle and the enemy's exhaustion."

Despite their "exhaustion" the allies today had sufficient will to pluck away with cavalry and armored automobiles at the Boche rear guards, while their infantry pushed northward along the whole 40-mile line.

The French are reported across the Retourne river on its entire course, and are pushing rapidly northward from Valenciennes. While this had not officially been reported, its occupation seemed certain.

Evacuation Is Admitted
To the westward, evacuation of the Chemin-des-Dames region was officially admitted by General Occupation of Crecy-les-Corbeilles imminent. Flanking of the St. Gobain massif and the great center of Leon, from the south, was being rapidly carried out. Starting of the enemy recession from the St. Gobain strong hold, regarded as the best natural defense on the west front, was looked for hourly.

British troops who advanced to within a mile of Douai in the west yesterday evening were reported today to have crossed the Senece canal on a wide front south of the city, thus carrying out the encirclement of the big coal center.

The British expected to reach the outskirts of Douai tomorrow. They were approaching the city with caution, owing to the knowledge that it had been mined, as was Cambrai.

The Germans admitted a retirement west of Douai, and occupation of several villages by the British east of Lens. Despite the capture of St. Quentin the Germans appeared to be making a stiff defense along the line of Solesmes, La Cateau and between Bohain and Guise.

Progressing in Serbia
The Sava river and Andigny forest afforded them excellent natural defenses. South of Bohain they were resisting along the Oise canal.

Repulse of British, French and American partial attacks on both sides of Bohain, was claimed by Berlin.

Progress of the allied armies in Serbia and Albania continues rapid. The Serbs, in the face of strong Austro-German resistance, were fast pushing their way toward Nish. They had crossed the Toplitza river and were within 72 miles of their former provincial capital.

The Italians pursuing the Austrians northward in Albania, were across the Skumbri river and within 15 miles of Durazzo.

London, Oct. 12.—(U. P.)—British troops continuing their progress north of Solesmes, today advanced to within nine miles of Valenciennes. It was indicated in Field Marshal Haig's report.

The British also advanced on the front south of Douai and made progress east of Lens.

"We made steady gains toward the Selle valley," the statement said. "The enemy's rear guards were driven from the villages of St. Vaast, St. Aubert, Villers-Cauchies and Vesnes-le-See (nine miles southwest of Valenciennes)."

The west bank of the Senece river between Arieux and Corbehem (a mile and three quarters south of Douai) was cleared and both villages were captured.

"East of Lens we captured Montigny, Harnes and Anny."
Washington, Oct. 12.—(U. P.)—Desperate resistance by the Germans on both sides of the Meuse today failed to stop the advance of the Americans and French, General Pershing reported today.

Capture of three villages by American troops operating with the British, was also announced.
"On both sides of the Meuse violent counter attacks and desperate resistance has failed to stop the advance of French and American divisions."
"We have taken Mollive farm, north of the Bois De Conservey. Our troops have passed through the Bois De Forest and are before the villages of Landreel, George and St. Jurin, which is in flames."
"An American army corps, operating with the British, has fought its way

WILSON RECEIVES WORD OF GERMAN NOTE AT THEATRE

Was at Metropolitan Opera House When Text of Reply Handed Him; Audience Ignorant of It.

PRESIDENT IN GOOD SPIRITS

President's and Mrs. Wilson's Photographs Auctioned for Italian Benefit.

New York, Oct. 12.—President Wilson tonight received first word of Germany's answer to his note of inquiry as he sat in a box at the Metropolitan opera house, where he attended a benefit for blind Italian soldiers.

The president was sitting with Colonel E. M. House, his close friend, with whom he discussed the momentous events now transpiring.

They were in quiet conversation on several occasions after the bulletins were taken into the presidential box, in which the famous diamond horseshoe, President Wilson, however, continued to give most of his attention to the performance.

Word of Germany's reply had not yet reached the thousands in the audience. The president, after a strenuous day, drove to the theatre from the Waldorf hotel, shortly after 8 o'clock, accompanied by Colonel House and Mrs. Wilson.

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House, Secretary Tumulty and Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson. The great theater was packed as the president entered. He received an ovation, the cheering lasting for several minutes.

President Wilson appeared in buoyant spirits and as if under no strain at all. Autographed photographs of the president and Mrs. Wilson were auctioned off by Burr McIntosh, for the benefit of the fund which is under the patronage of Mrs. Wilson.

Enrico Caruso, J. P. Arthur, Mrs. William Hart and other theatrical and operatic celebrities were among those who appeared in the benefit.

President Wilson led the applause.

GERMANY'S REPLY IS DISLIKED AT CAPITAL

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Germany represented merely the constituted authorities now conducting her war—the Kaiser, has replied as expected: "The reichstag has approved, and hence we speak not only for ourselves, but for the people."

While the German reply declares that the Hohenzollern spokesmen represent the people as well as the throne—because the peace pact was taken "in agreement with the reichstag"—nevertheless, the president holds that under present electoral conditions the people of Germany are powerless to make or prevent war, and must blindly follow their masters.

No Mention of Turkey
On this point there is every indication the president's response will be short and sharp. He has never relaxed in his determination not to deal with the German authorities as now constituted.

A significant feature of the reply is noted that Germany apparently speaks only for herself and Austria-Hungary, evidencing her resignation perhaps to the inevitable elimination of Turkey from consideration as an ally.

Officials tonight exercised great caution in commenting on the reply, but did not withdraw earlier suggestions that there was nothing to indicate the reply would be received "favorably" by the president.

Early Answer Expected
That President Wilson will respond quickly, probably early next week, was forecast tonight. It was stated at the allied embassy here tonight that in exchange of the last few days President Wilson has been fully advised as to the French and British attitude toward the peace campaign, and that when he replies he will do so now in full accord with them.

Significant counsel was offered in these quarters against any "massive sympathy for Germany" growing out of the clever manner in which the Teuton spokesmen may have indicated, both in their present reply and in inspired reports emanating from Germany, that a spirit of repentance has come over the Hohenzollerns.

Extended Discussion Not Looked For
Summed up, the opinion tonight was that President Wilson would stand by his original statement that there can be no discussion until Germany withdraws, unequivocally, from occupied territory, and that he is not disposed to discuss the point further.

Washington, Oct. 12.—When a copy of the German note reached Secretary

Candidates Querried On Industry Views

Having written candidates for public offices for their views on Oregon industries and what plans they have along this line, A. G. Clark, manager of the Home Industry League, Chamber of Commerce, is contemplating calling a meeting of the candidates, at which time questions concerning their views may be asked. Manufacturers and retail merchants would be invited to attend. At present, no steps are being taken to call the meeting, pending the termination of the closing order necessitated by the Spanish influenza.

Parents Anxious to Find Two Roseburg Boys Who Left Home

The mothers of Mac Butler and Raymond Spencer, both of Roseburg, are distracted over their absence from home and take this means of appealing to them to let their parents know where they are. The parents of neither boy have any desire to punish them; they only want to know their whereabouts and how they are faring.

Butler is 16 years old and Spencer 14 years, the former being the son of Foster Butner, who is in Portland trying to get some trace of the missing boys. They left home together on October 1 and about that time it was reported in Roseburg that they had come to Portland. Although Mr. Butler has enlisted the services of every organization of the city interested in juveniles, including the police, in the search, no trace of the youths has been found in this city.

Mr. Butner says that if the boys will simply let their parents know where they are and how they are getting along it will lift a heavy load of anxiety from their minds.

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