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to large and small states alike,

was the sympathetic atitude of the president toward the Russian representatives who dealt with the Gernans at the pence conference—the Bolsheviki, often execrated for their to the military and imperialistic mipermitting themselves to be drawn the Teutonic policy or to the liberal a great address and had given ex-

S. WAR AIMS feetly clear statement of the principal tions adopted by the German reichples upon which they would be wiil- stag last July, the president deand in earnest, and when they found that the actual German terms of setnotable feature of the address ers who had not thought but to keep not be taken for anything worth what they had taken, the negotiations were broken off.

Upon the question of whether the Russians and the world are to listen

PRESIDENT TELLS into the Tentonic peace trap. The leaders and parties who speak the pression to the views of the Ameri-Russians, he said, presenting a per- spirit and intentions of the resolu- can people as a whole. The differing to conclude peace, were sincere clared, must depend the peace of the members of both houses of conworld. This was in line with his previous declaration that the word of while, but he took care to disclaim any intention to suggest a change in German institutions.

American Views Expressed. Everywhere in Washington it was defection from the entente and for nority which so far has dominated agreed that the president had made

ence of opinion was as to whether it was a peace or a war speech. Some cast the president's adress at the members of both houses of congress professed to believe that the Germans might find the terms laid down acceptable as a basis for negotiation and to hope that a bonafide offer might result.

In most quarters, however, there was no such optimism and the speech was loked upon as a great war document-clearing the atmosphere for the governments and peoples fighting Germany, heartening the disorganized Rusians and furnishing a light for the German people themselves when they want to see it.

In response to the universal query as to the reasons which impelled the chief executive to make his appearance so unexpectedly before congress again to enunciate the aims of the United States and its co-belligerents, it was stated authoritatively that in the opinion of President Wilson the psychological moment had arrived when it was absolutely necessary to make a strong effort to counteract the evil effects of German duplicity and double dealing upon the Russlans who had been charged to meet the trained German negotiators. It is felt that no efforts should be spared to prevent a resumption of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations by the Rusians, without earnest but kindly admonition by the allies and America of the terrible dangers to which she is exposed.

New Hun Offer Anticipated. The president assumed in his mesage to congress that these negotiations have been broken off. Yet it is felt in official circles hehe that alarmed at the irritating effect upon their own neuole of the sudden withdrawal of the longed for peace with their eastern neighbor from whom they had confidently expected to draw vast suplies of food and raw material with which to relieve their sufferings, the Germans will make a supreme effort to entice the Russians to resums the conference by abating their first extreme demands or by presenting them In fresh and specjous language calculated to cover

their real meaning. Another reason for today's address is found in the necessity of making some reply to the request of Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, that America and the entente allies join in the peace conference, Germany having made it a condition of any peace agreement that Russia should bring her co-belligerents into the negotiations. Not having recognized the Bolsheviki regime as the Russian government, the only feasible way of comunicating with it appeared to be through a public enunciation of America's war aims, following the example of Lloyd George. It will be necesary to the success of this purpose that circulation of President Wilson's address shall be effected in Russia, to which end the full text of the speech was sent by cable and wireless to all the principal capitals of the world for telegraphic dis-

Probably, in spite of the drastic

German censorship rules, designed to keep the German people in ignor-ance of the real truth, the substance of the adress will also leak across the German frontiers from neutral neighboring states, and thus strengthen the hands of the German Socialistic party in its struggle with the Pan-Germans and the military party. There are indications, though no official admission, that President Wilson and the British premier

spoke with a full understanding as to what was to be said and that the president, who said today "there is no confusion of counsel among the advisors of the central poyers" made his adress suplementary to that of the British premier.

Lloyd George's speech was pro-pared before the abrupt termination of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, and he took a rather hopeless view of Russia's future, declaring that "if Russia acts independently, we cannot help the catastrophe.'

President Is Optimistic, Presiden Wilson is much more op-timistic and hopeful of the awakening of the Rusians to the dangers of the pitfall to which Germany has dug for them.

Some slight differences in the statement of the aims of Germany's enemies today as compared with preceding utterances of President Wilson and even of the recent declarations of Lloyd George are noticed, but it is stated that these are unimportant and not designed in any way to affect or weaken the general principles laid down as the basis for any peace that might be considered. One instance is the use of the trm "evacuation and restoration' by President Wilson in regard to Belgium instead of "restoration and reparation." This "restoration" the president is said to hold, must be at the expense of Germany and not of all warring states as proposed by the Russians. so the difference in phrasing is not regarded as substantial.
The third article in the president's

program, declaring against economic warfare, is regarded here in line with address had been delivered to all the better reasoned conclusions of the entente ministers at present. though on its face it is in conflict with the declaration of the Paris con-

Italian Rights Recognized. The demand for the re-adjustment of Italy's frontiers along national the Italians as full recognition of their Italia irredentia aspirations, something not heretofore forthcoming from America.

In his article providing for an independent Polish state, the president is said to mean that freedom shall be given not only to Rusian Podent is said to mean that freedom shall be given not only to Rusian Poland, but to the Poles in Austria and Germany. It is also sated that the demand for "free and secure access to the sea" for the new Polish state does not mean that Poland should extend the sea sea of the s tend her sovereignty over Eastern Prussia to the Baltic sea, but simply that she should be given the right in free communication with North sea ports, a privilege similar to that enjoyed by Germany in traversing Holland's territorial waters at the mouth of the Scheldt.

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Walter S. Rogers, director of the division of foreign press service of the comittee on public information, lines, is expected to be welcomed by will cost the government approxima-

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