

BELGIUM APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICA

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Madame Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state, reached New York today aboard the Cretic with an appeal to the men and women of America for aid for the people of Belgium, whose homes have been laid waste by war.

Madame Vandervelde made the following statement:

"Madame Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state, has come to the United States from Antwerp to appeal to the generosity of the great American democracy on behalf of her countrymen—men and women—whose land has been ravished by the horrors of war through no fault of their own, and thousands of whom are now destitute. Thousands have lost all they had, land, houses, farms, money and the very tools with which they got their daily bread. Thousands are even without clothing and have become wanderers and outcasts at the gates of the earth.

"Madame Vandervelde wishes to tell the American people what she has seen herself—the stream of refugees leaving Malines; the bombardment, the murderous raids of the Zeppelins and the story of the burning of Louvain. She wishes to tell them also of the sublime courage of the Belgian people.

"A few hours before she left Antwerp, King Albert of Belgium sent his secretary to Mme. Vandervelde to wish her good luck and to tell her that the king approves her intention of appealing for help for the Belgian refugees to the people of America. She brings with her also a letter from Queen Elizabeth, in which the queen approves of her mission.

"Madame Vandervelde implores the American people to help Belgium to repatriate all these poor people, to start them again in life in new homes. Their sufferings are unutterably terrible and hundreds of the breadwinners, fathers, husbands and sons, have been killed in the war."

RULE BY CITIZENS OR SOLDIERY ISSUE DECLARES BARRIE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The Cunard liner Lusitania from Liverpool reached her pier today here under wireless instructions received last night as she was nearing port, according to passengers, ordering her to make all possible speed, unload her passengers and be ready to sail for Halifax to act as a transport for Canadian troops. The officers would not verify this report, but offered no explanation for rushing the big liner to her pier at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Prominent among the 1502 passengers, the majority of whom were returning Americans, were Sir James M. Barrie, author and playwright; A. E. W. Mason, the English novelist; Mrs. George Vanderbilt and Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, George De Forest Lord, Madame Jamelli, Dr. Wm. C. Carl, organist of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and Wm. Dudley Foulke of Richmond, Ind., president of the Municipal League of the United States.

Speaking of the war, Sir James M. Barrie said:

"The real ultimate cause of the war is militarism. The nations have been arming themselves and a loaded gun always goes off sooner or later. In my opinion, the war will last a long time. The issue involved is as clear as the cause which brought it about—it is whether soldiers or citizens are to rule in Europe.

"So far as England is concerned, the most striking feature of the war is the way in which the young men of Britain are enlisting.

"One hears the Kaiser generally blamed for the war. This is somewhat less than fair. The Kaiser was a young man in 1870, when the war spirit was strong, and he is merely the product of a system.

"It is too early to talk of peace negotiations. No peace would be lasting nor would it produce the results which we all hope for unless one side is thoroughly beaten."

AUSTRIAN PURSUIT STILL CONTINUED BY RUZSKY'S ARMY

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Colonel Golejewski, military attache of the Russian embassy, gave out today the following official dispatch, which he said he had received from Petrograd:

"Along the whole of the front our pursuit of the Austrian rear guard is being successfully continued. We have taken Sandomir (in Russian Poland, fifty-one miles southwest of Lublin).

"The strongly fortified bridge head at Krozesow, on the San river, was taken by a dash of our leading battalion. Keeping the retreating enemy on the run, this battalion crossed the bridge close on the heels of the Austrians, and entering the town simultaneously with them, took possession of it.

"Near Jasow (in Galicia, thirty miles northeast of Przemysl) the baggage trains of the sixth and fourth Austrian corps, over thirty guns, 5000 prisoners and enormous artillery stores were taken.

"In East Prussia only unimportant skirmishing was reported."

In Peoria the republicans heard the policies of the party outlined by Senator Borah.

The progressives, meeting in Champaign, planned to adopt a platform which it was predicted would advocate full woman's suffrage and the short ballot and criticize the democratic administration in both state and nation.

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The chart is graduated in inch tenths, ten inches square and laid off in angles from zero to 90 degrees. Any distance is determined by either multiplying or dividing in tenths. Horizontal distances are read at bottom, from left to right. Vertical distances on left side from bottom up. Slope distances are noted at either bottom or left side.

Units of ten are black, of five are in red. Single degrees and circles are in green, single horizontal and vertical units are in yellow.

The chart is designed to aid engineers in preliminary surveys and save much tedious labor; to assist builders, who can set level squares instantly to the required angle; to enable miners to determine distances required to make connections.

WILSON REFUSES TO HEAR PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Wilson today declined to receive Horace L. Brand of Chicago, who came to present messages from several German-American organizations, protesting against the charges of atrocities made by the Belgian commission against the German army.

The president is understood to be deeply disappointed over what he feels is disregard of his neutrality statement. He is determined to check, as far as possible, continued efforts of natives of European countries living in America to take sides on the question. He does not believe such citizens should publicly take sides.

ILLINOIS PARTIES IN CONVENTION

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Democrats, republicans and progressives in the three conventions listened today to keynote speeches and adopted platforms for the state campaign.

In Springfield the democrats heard the policies of the national administration lauded by Roger C. Sullivan, candidate for United States senator from Illinois, and by Governor E. F. Dunne.

STARTLING FACTS IN HOUSE OF BONDAGE

The facts presented in the House of Bondage at the Star Theater tonight are so startling as to seem incredible. They are however well known to those who have become familiar with the problem of the social evil, and can be duplicated indefinitely from court records, such as the congressional commission whose report on this subject is known as senate document No. 196.

Dr. Anna Shaw, the well known New York settlement worker, has the following to say after seeing "The House of Bondage." "The House of Bondage" has my decided approval. I can't see how it would be possible to depict that sort of life to the inexperienced who need teaching, without showing the revolting conditions of the life. It teaches a valuable lesson to young women in shops and factories and to those who come alone and friendless to a great city. These later are in the greatest danger as an unscrupulous older woman who shows affection and personal interest can lure them away as easy victims."

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