

GERMANY SEEKS PEACE ON OWN TERMS

TERMINATION OF WAR DISCUSSED BY CHANCELLOR

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The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace, "so long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion."

Conscious of her military successes, the chancellor said, Germany declines further responsibility for a further continuance of the war.

Want Permanent Peace "The war can be terminated only by a peace which will give the certificate that war will not return," the chancellor declared.

He asserted Germany's food supplies were sufficient and that her immense stores of copper were adequate for many years.

The address of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, awaited with extraordinary interest, was in response to the socialist interpellation: "Is the chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

In his reply the chancellor said: "So long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals, which would not shorten, but would prolong the duration of the war."

Ready for Proposals "At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to take this fact into account. Theoretically arguments for peace or proposals of peace will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer."

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them. Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes we decline responsibility for continuance of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world."

In these words the chancellor, with impassioned force stated the position of the German government on the question of peace. His remarks were cheered with great enthusiasm.

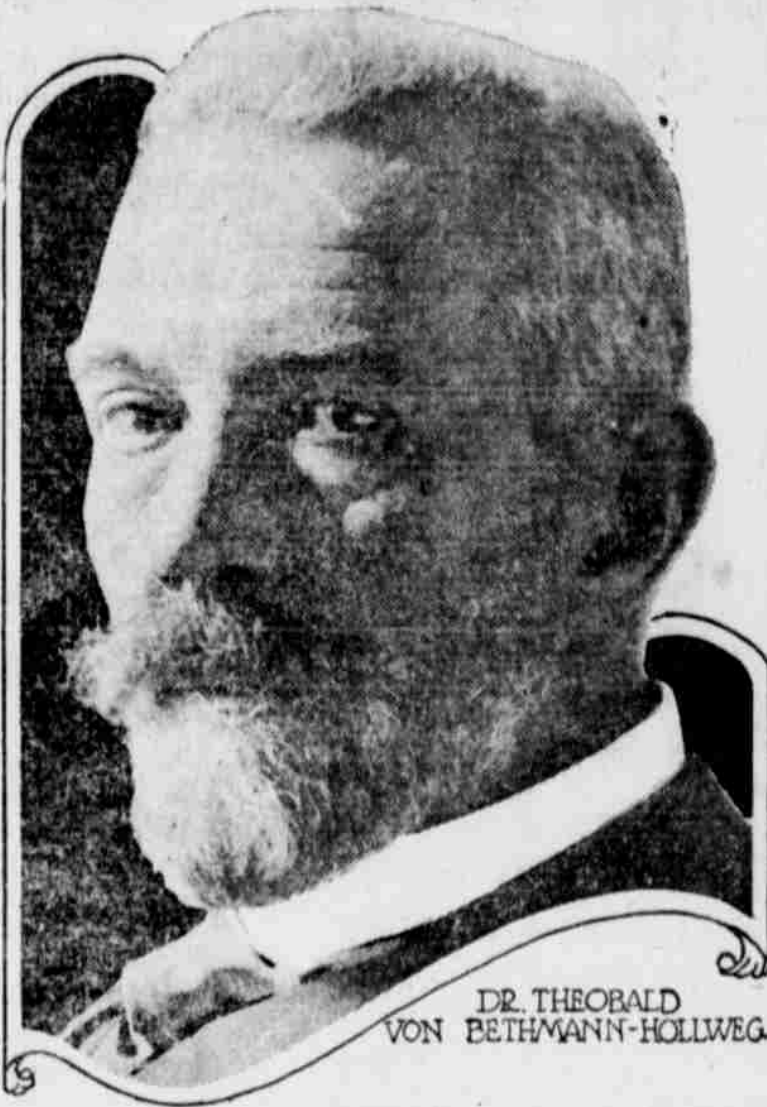
British Empire Threatened When Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg rose to reply to the interpellation presented by Dr. Scheidmann, socialist leader, silence fell over the whole house but was soon broken by manifestations of approval.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg began

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CARRANZA RECOGNIZED BY LEADING POWERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Practically all the principal powers of the world, with the exception of Japan, now have recognized General Carranza's government.



DR. THEOBALD VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

ALLIES TOLD TO EVACUATE SALONIKI WITHOUT DELAY

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The Vossische Zeitung in a leading article on the Associated Press interview with King Constantine of Greece, says that the clear sense of the king's declarations is that Greece is determined its territory shall not, like Chinese territory in the Manchurian war, be made a regular theater of hostilities.

"King Constantine announced to the allies that permission to cross Greek territory was granted on the supposition that the fighting was to be done in Serbia. It is the fault of the entente allies and not of Greece that the allies have come too late, and with insufficient forces, and find no intact Serbian army to cooperate with."

"If the entente allies promise to break off their unsuccessful undertaking and evacuate Saloniki without delay, Greece will render to them final and valuable proof of its good will and will assume before the neutral powers and Bulgaria the undertaking that the entente allies will carry out their promise."

"The entente allies will use its army to protect the re-embarkation."

SOUTHERN OREGON COMPANY APPEALS

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—The Southern Oregon company appealed here today from the decision of the United States district court embodied in a decree signed Tuesday by Judge Charles E. Wolverton.

POWDER FACTORY TOWN OF HOPEWELL BURNING DOWN

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, the new Du Pont powder factory town, near Petersburg, was burning at 3 p. m. today.

The announcement by the district court today that it would sign the decree presented by Mr. Smyth is a sweeping victory for the government.

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TURK FORCES REACH RED SEA AT SUEZ

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RAILROAD LOSES EVERY RIGHT IN GRANT EXCEPT \$2.50 PER ACRE

Judge Wolverton Signs Decree Declaring O. & C. Land Grant Forfeited to Government—Railroad Loses Right to Timber—Up to Congress to Provide Way of Disposal.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—Practically intact, the decree in the Oregon & California land grant case as presented yesterday by Constantine J. Smyth, special assistant to the attorney general, was signed by Judge Charles E. Wolverton of the United States district court, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

By the terms of the decree the Southern Pacific will be stripped of every right in the lands of the grant with the exception of \$2.50 an acre. This equity is assured to the railroad company when congress arranges the disposition of the grant, in accordance with a recent decision of the United States supreme court.

The court declared the land forfeited as a result of the failure of the grantee to live up to the stipulations of the grant and after recognizing the railroad's equity, referred the disposition of the lands to congress. The grant comprises 2,300,000 acres in southwestern Oregon.

When congress disposes of the lands the Southern Pacific will get \$2.50 an acre. This does not mean that the lands will be sold for that amount. If they bring more than \$2.50 an acre, the excess will be in the hands of congress for disposal.

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SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 9.—General Jose Ynez Salazar, a former Huerta general, tried on charges of perjury, was acquitted by a jury in federal district court here today.

The charges grow out of Salazar's testimony at Luban corpus proceedings following his entrance into American territory after the battle of Ojinaga, northern Mexico, in 1914.

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FORD'S PEACE CRUISE AN INSPIRATION



Bryan and Henry Ford on the deck of the Oscar II, just before it sailed.

BRYAN ASSERTS VOYAGE FORCES TALK OF PEACE

People of Warring Nations Already Discussing Peace as Result of Sentiment Created by Auto Maker's Exploit, Declares Commoner—Says Mission Deserves Success.

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. (Copyright, 1915.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Peace voyages like that upon which Mr. Ford and his companions have embarked are an indication of a growing desire that something shall be done. The question is not whether Mr. Ford's plan will meet with immediate success—time only can answer that question.

It can do no harm—it has already done good. It has started people to talking about peace here and in Europe—that is so much gained—and it has exposed to contempt the sordid interests that ridicule all talk of peace.

Then, too, there is an inspiration in the earnestness and unselfishness of a man of large wealth who is controlled by his heart instead of his pocketbook.

Health and safety to those who sail; they are in search of something more precious than the golden fleece. Success attend them!

No one can do more than guess in regard to the time when peace will come, or as to the means by which it can be hastened.

One phase of the subject has not been sufficiently considered, namely, the right of the neutral nations to bring moral pressure to bear upon the belligerents to state the terms upon which peace can be restored.

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ELISCO ARRENDO NEXT AMBASSADOR FROM MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Elisco Arrendondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, has been selected to be the next ambassador to the United States from Mexico.

Secretary Lansing formally announced receipt of advices announcing Mr. Arrendondo's appointment. The new American ambassador to Mexico, Secretary Lansing said, would be announced later.

The Mexican embassy here received its first information of Mr. Arrendondo's appointment through the state department dispatches, which were forwarded by John W. Belt, who is representing the department with General Carranza.

The appointment of ambassadors will restore full diplomatic relations between the two governments which were interrupted with the recall of Henry Lane Wilson two years ago and the subsequent controversy with General Huerta.

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FORD ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FORGING PEACE ON EUROPE

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP OSCAR II, via wireless to Cape Race, N. F., Dec. 9.—Tentative plans for the itinerary of the preliminary procedure of Henry Ford's party of peace advocates were announced today.

At Christiania, Norway, the party will remain three days, and Norwegian delegates will be selected by the expedition of sending out invitations broadcast, as was done in the United States.

A special train will be dispatched to Stockholm to recruit and transport Swedish delegates, and another special train will bring Danish delegates from Copenhagen.

Leaving Scandinavia the party purposes going direct to The Hague by rail, providing Mr. Ford can obtain permission to pass through Germany. He will agree to a non-stop trip, if the Germans will only grant permission to traverse the country.

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