

HUNS ABANDON INDEMNITY IDEA IN PEACE DRIVE

German Vice-Chancellor Says Germany Has a Right to Indemnification but in Spite of Favorable Military Situation Will Waive Claims—Status Quo Now Demanded.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 12.—Reiterating that Germany "as the innocent and attacked party" in the war, had a right to demand indemnification, Friedrich von Payer, the German imperial vice chancellor, in his speech today at Stuttgart said that "we prefer on solemn reflection, and even with our favorable military situation to abandon this idea."

Turning to the question of the occupied territories, the vice chancellor said that as a preliminary condition of peace for Germany and her allies those nations must have all their pre-war possessions, including the German colonies, restored. Then Germany, he declared, could evacuate the occupied regions and could give back Belgium without encumbrance and without reserve, providing no other state was more favorably placed in regard to Belgium than was Germany.

He asserted that Germany would not submit to the entente powers for approval or alteration the peace treaties which Germany had signed with the Ukraine, Russia and Rumania.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 13.—The postponement of peace prospects and the likelihood of a fifth war winter weigh equally on all belligerents, and not only Germany alone, in the opinion of Friedrich von Payer, the imperial vice chancellor of Germany, expressed in a speech at Stuttgart.

Herr von Payer reminded his hearers that after four years the war still was being waged almost entirely on enemy territory. He admitted that the U-boat war had not worked as quickly and successfully as had been hoped. He added, however, that it is useless to speculate as to whose was the fault. The enemy, he said, was still unable to compensate their losses by new construction and declared that the robbery of neutral ships almost without parallel by the entente could not be repeated.

On American Troops
"The more troops the United States sends the greater will be the need of shipping for reinforcements of munitions and provisions," Herr von Payer said. "The filling up of the enemy army by Americans, therefore, bears in itself its limitations."

Contending that the genius which already had helped the Germans over heavy obstacles would still help them Herr von Payer said:

"If we lack cotton and oils, our enemies lack coal. Food is scarce here and there but already things probably have turned in our favor, in the east the world is again open to us for a food supply, while our enemies' supplies of foodstuffs and raw materials give precedence to the front's calls for America's armies and their provisioning."

The speaker said that the enemy's only hope is that the Germans might collapse inwardly sooner than they. He asserted that enemy attempts to sow discord were unavailing.

To Force Suffrage
Regarding the Prussian suffrage bill, which he considered of prime importance, he said that "it is no longer Prussian, but eminently a German question," adding, "moreover it is my belief that if equal suffrage does not issue from the committee of the upper house the government will proceed to dissolution."

Herr von Payer considered that the present terrible struggle would not end with peace of the customary character.

"In former peace negotiations," he said, "the middle and the lower classes, when it came to the council table, fell quietly into the background. This now is changed and the government will conclude the coming peace treaties in harmony with the entire people."

"The main thing for them in peace is not the acquisition of land, treasure and glory; they aim nowadays at least at the conclusion of a lasting peace and therefore there will be no peace of conquest."

12,000 HUN PRISONERS.

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have taken 40 German guns.
Neck of Salient Narrowed
German prisoners say the American attack was expected but that it was delivered so rapidly that they had no time to put up a stubborn resistance when they were ordered to. Pannes, which was energetically defended by

the Germans, was easily captured by the Americans.

The Americans are reported to have captured Vigneulles, seven and a half miles north of Vivray, through which the former line ran.

General Pershing's troops also are said to have captured Beney, Heudicourt and Bois De Thiaucourt.

If these places have really been captured, the neck of the St. Mihiel salient has been narrowed to less than six miles and if the two German divisions reported last night to be in the salient still are there, it is decidedly improbable that they will be able to get away.

The Germans are blowing up the ammunition dumps at Hattonville and Domhous.

Advance All Night

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LOIRRAINE, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press, 1 p. m.)—General Pershing's troops continued their steady advance against the St. Mihiel salient throughout the night. They reached and even passed the objectives set for them. Prisoners continue to pour in.

The Americans pushed ahead all along the front except at one point. They were met with less resistance than they had expected.

The Germans made only one counter attack in an attempt to stem the on-rushing tide of Americans.

The Germans, however, began their protective barrage too early. They gave the Americans warning of what was coming and General Pershing's men were completely prepared for the counter attack when it started.

Removing Artillery

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LOIRRAINE, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press, 1:40 a. m.)—The Germans last night and early today were attempting to remove their artillery through the town of Vigneulles under the stress of the American attack on the St. Mihiel salient. They were under the greatest difficulty, however, being hampered by airplanes as well as artillery fire.

The enemy has already lost a number of cannon and trench mortars besides a large number of machine guns.

AMERICANS VICTORIOUS.

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miles across.

Two Divisions Trapped

Two German divisions were reported last night to be still in this part of the salient and if they have not succeeded in extricating themselves their capture seems probable.

The Germans have had great difficulty in getting their artillery away over the lone railroad line at their disposal. They were working feverishly last night to move the guns out thru Vigneulles, but their way past now seems blocked by the continued American progress today. Numbers of trench mortars and a great quantity of machine guns are already in American hands, besides the cannon reported taken. The other railway line in the salient, running thru Thiaucourt was early blocked by the American capture of that place.

The immediate object of the drive apparently is to close the mouth of the salient. Ultimately it is believed that General Pershing hopes to cut off the enemy's control of the Briey ore region from which are obtained much of the raw material for German guns and ammunitions. At the present rate of the American advance the occupation of the German fortress at Metz is a possibility.

The Americans were favored by favorable weather and a firm terrain.

William S. Hopkins, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hopkins of the Snowy Hutto orchard, leaves tomorrow for Faribault, Minn., to complete his course at the Shattuck military academy which he has attended for several years.

MEDFORD GIRLS TO ENTER NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Marie Gates, daughter of Mayor C. E. Gates, and for the past nine months secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, was a happy young woman this morning when she received notice from the war department at Washington that her application for entrance into the army school for nurses had been accepted. Her application was sent in about three weeks ago in response to the government's urgent request for women to enlist for nurse work. Another successful applicant was Miss Joan Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson. They received the same instructions.

Enclosed in the letter was the notice of her appointment, her assignment to the nurses training school at Camp Lewis, and instructions to report there between Sept. 15 and Oct. 1st.

Also enclosed were other instructions including the providing of herself with five uniforms and how they should be made, two pairs of low-heeled boots, aprons, etc., and a watch with a second hand. The instructions prohibited the wearing of jewelry of any kind, and were interpreted to mean that Miss Gates can not take with her her \$50 wrist watch. Following several months of training at Camp Lewis the young women will be sent into active service at the front.

DOPE FIENDS INCREASE IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Habitual use of morphine, cocaine, heroin and preparations containing other narcotic drugs, has increased rapidly in the United States within the last two years and a drastic anti-narcotic law must be enacted at this session to check the wholesale spread of the habit. These are the conclusions made public today by a special treasury investigating committee. It is estimated that at least 1,500,000 persons in the United States are drug addicts.

A REAL VICTORY IS NOW IN SIGHT SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 13.—"Nothing but heart failure on the part of the British nation can prevent our achieving a real victory," said Premier Lloyd George, speaking today at Manchester.

The premier said that the British casualties in the last offensive in France were one-fifth of what they were in 1916.

"To end all wars," the premier said, "we must impose a durable peace from our enemies. The Prussian military power must not only be beat but Germany herself must know and the German people must know that their rulers have outraged the laws of humanity and that Prussian strength cannot protect them from punishment."

Premier Lloyd George said he was all for a league of nations and that in fact a league already had been be-

gun. The British empire, he said, was a league of free nations and the allied countries fighting the battle for international right were now a league of free nations.

"This must be the last war," Mr. Lloyd George said. "Don't let us be misled that the establishment of a league of nations without power will in itself secure the world against a catastrophe. A league of nations with the Prussian military power triumphant would be a league of fox and geese—one fox and many geese. The geese would greatly diminish in numbers."

CHARLES WARNED FOR AIDING HUNS

ROME, Sept. 12.—In regard to the transfer of Austrian troops to France the National Zeitung writes:

"Woe to Charles if he permits himself to be compelled to send Austrian troops into the charnel of the western front."

"That will link his destiny with that of Ludendorff and seal his own fate and that of his subjects forever." On the other hand, Germany finds

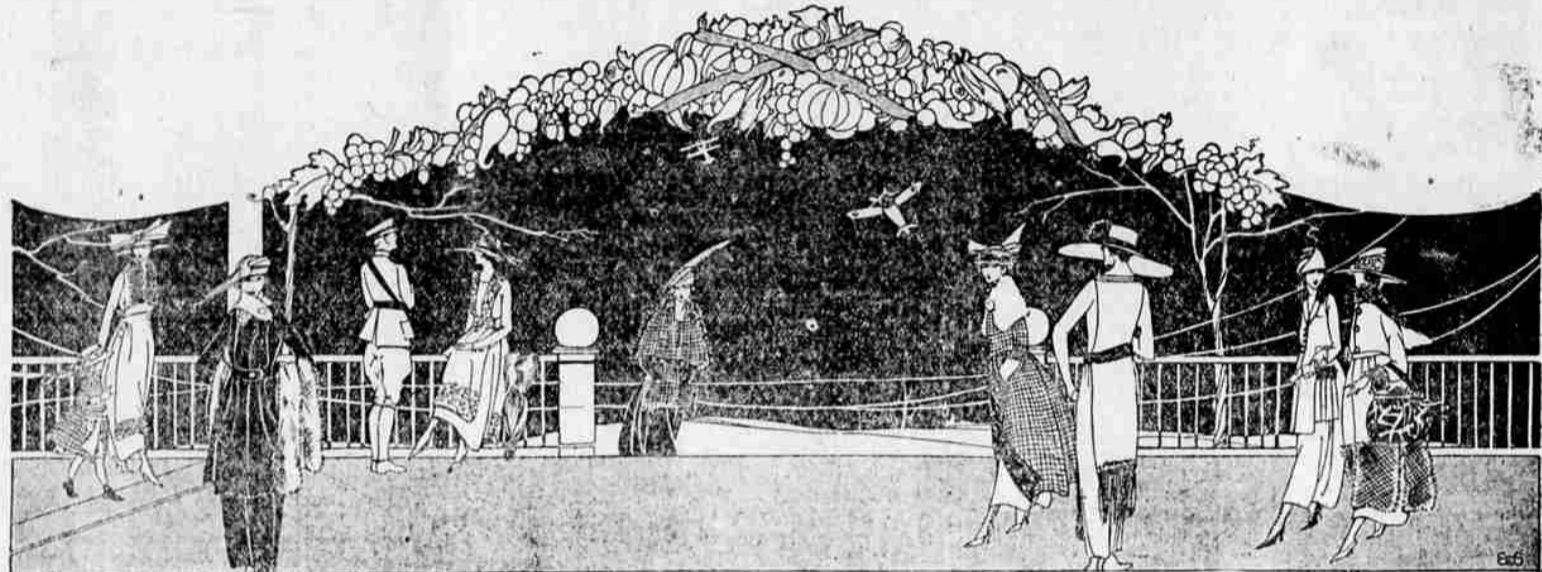
itself short of effectives and is accumulating all the men it is possible to withdraw from the auxiliaries and provision trains to send them to the front to fight, and Austria cannot refuse the help demanded.

LEMON JUICE TAKES OFF TAN

Girls! Make bleaching lotion if skin is sunburned, tanned or freckled

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless. Adv.



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