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AMERICA CANNOT ACCEPT TERMS OF PEACE PROPOSAL

Belief Is President Will Appeal to Germans to Throw Off Their Yoke

WILL NEVER CONSENT TO ANTE-WAR CONDITIONS

Pope's Plan Would Let Germany Go Scot Free, Though She Caused the War

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, Aug. 16.—Political changes in Germany, stripping Kaiserism of its powers, would shorten the war.

President Wilson has appealed once to the liberal element in Germany to cast off its yoke. That he will do so again is strongly believed here. Eventually this seed will grow and bear fruit, allied diplomats say.

"Peace can come only with the realization of allied war aims," it was stated at the British embassy today. "The war can be shortened by such a political orientation in Germany that will strip Kaiserism of its powers."

Liberal diplomats say there must be a constructive response to the pope. That the heaven of democratization, already at work in Germany must be encouraged by a hopeful word now from the United States and the allies. It is insisted. There must be no summary refusal, which might indicate determination to thwart every peace move on the ground of German trickery, it is said.

Germany's reconstruction will come from within—not by force from without. If the Germans show a disposition to take aggressive action against their government, the end of the struggle will be in sight.

Berlin or Vienna Back of It
This summarized the official view here today after two days' conferences between allied diplomats and Secretary Lansing. The state department still awaiting the official communication from the pope, declined to discuss the situation.

A note of sarcasm crept into some comment on the pope's message today. "Merely the work of Emperor Charles to save his throne," said one diplomat. "He could then say to his people, 'See I have brought you peace' and must be enthroned forever."

"The only comment at the French embassy was:

"There need not be too much fuss about this note. If Berlin itself is not directly behind it, Vienna certainly is."

The Vatican does not seem to be existing in the aid of neutrality in its peace move. Spanish Ambassador Riano today denied that his embassy is in any way interested in the various moves or that any communication in reference to it has been received from Madrid.

Will Re-state Position
President Wilson is expected to answer the pontiff's peace plea with a statement showing the world why the allies must fight on so long as the German autocracy exists.

He probably will receive the pope's note today. According to his advisers, there is only one course open to him. They said unless present sign fail, he will re-state more emphatically than ever that the United States was against Germany's autocratic system—its intrigues and horrors—rather than with any aim of crushing the German people themselves.

It is expected to be another bid to the German liberals to cast off the yoke of Kaiserism, and effect a new

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ABE MARTIN

London, Aug. 16.—A pointed answer to German hopes of starving out of England through the submarine campaign was given by Premier Lloyd-George when he announced today that the food situation was now better than it has been in many years.

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Marrriage couples are fond of stargazing because they are properly equipped for it.

Sounds Like Order for World's Seminaries

Great Lakes Training Station, Illinois, Aug. 16.—Carmels, 100,000 packages. Milk chocolate, 100,000 packages. Sweet chocolate, 12,000 packages. Salted peanuts, 50,000 packages. Sugar coated peanuts 50,000 packages.

read like an order for all the seminaries in the world, but it is intended for the 11,000 jockies in training here. In addition, they eat 240 gallons of ice cream, in cones, daily

ASSIGNS NUMBERS TO NEW NATIONAL ARMY

Oregon Will Be In Forty-First Division of National Guardsmen

Washington, Aug. 16.—The war department today assigned numbers to the divisions of the new national army as follows:

Seventy Sixth division Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Seventh Seventh, metropolitan portion of New York; Seventy Eighth, remainder of New York and northern Pennsylvania; Seventy Ninth, southern Pennsylvania; Eightieth, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia; Eighty First, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; Eighty Second, Georgia, Alabama and Florida; Eighty Third, Ohio and West Virginia; Eighty Fourth, Indiana and Kentucky; Eighty Fifth, Michigan and Wisconsin; Eighty Sixth, Illinois; Eighty Seventh, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi; Eighty Eight, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota; Eighty Ninth, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado; Ninetieth, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma; Ninety First, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho Montana and Wyoming.

National guard divisions will be numbered as follows:

Twenty Sixth division, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut; Twenty Seventh, New York; Twenty Eighth, Pennsylvania; Twenty Ninth, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia; Thirtieth, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; Thirty First, Georgia, Alabama and Florida; Thirty Second, Michigan and Wisconsin; Thirty Third, Illinois; Thirty Fourth, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska; Thirty Fifth, Missouri and Kansas; Thirty Sixth, Texas and Oklahoma; Thirty Seventh, Ohio and West Virginia; Thirty Eighth, Indiana and Kentucky; Thirty Ninth, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas; Fortieth, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico; Forty First, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

Pays High Tribute to American Soldiers London Is 'Thrilled'

London, Aug. 16.—High tribute was paid to the American engineers who paraded through the streets of London yesterday, by Premier Lloyd-George in an exclusive interview with the United Press today.

"It was a thrilling spectacle and moved us very much," said the premier, as he recalled the spectacle of the khaki clad Americans swinging past the war office with thousands wildly cheering them. "It moved us because we knew the real significance of it. We knew that behind those fine fellows there is a nation of a hundred million that never yet has set its hand to any task it has not accomplished."

"They are a fine body of men. I went to the war office to see them march by with the cabinet, and the men made a great impression, not only upon members of the cabinet and myself, but also upon the military advisers of the government who were there with us."

FOOD SITUATION GOOD

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Disloyal Americans and the Traitorous Congressmen Roundly Scored by Root

New York, Aug. 16.—A blow at the pro-German press and the pro-German agitator was struck here today as the speech of Elihu Root, returned commissioner to Russia became public.

Addressing a throng at the Union League club, Root said:

"There are men walking about the streets of this city tonight who ought to be taken out at sunrise tomorrow and shot for treason. They are doing their work under false pretense, they are pretending to be for their country and they are lying in every way and in every word. They are covering their solvings with the cloak of pretended Americanism; and if we are to be competent and fit for our liberty, we will find them out and get at them."

"There are some newspapers published in this city every day, the editors of which deserve conviction and execution for treason. And sooner or later they will get it."

The crowd cheered as Root finished his ringing denunciation. Following

WILL ASK PRESIDENT TO TAKE COAL MINES

Governor Capper of Kansas Will Take Action in His State If This Not Done

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Governor Arthur Capper, of Kansas, will leave Chicago tonight to make a personal appeal to President Wilson and the federal trade commission to take over the coal mines of the country at once and establish "fair and impartial prices." He made this statement to the interstate coal conference here this afternoon.

"If we fail to obtain government regulation of coal mines," Capper continued, "I, for one, propose to use my constitutional power to take-over and regulate the coal mines in my state."

Governor Harding of Iowa, urged the conference to draft a resolution memorializing the federal trade commission to establish "fair prices" of coal at the mines in each state.

"If the federal government does not act quickly we will be obliged to go to our states for aid," declared Governor Philipp of Wisconsin.

Federal control of the nation's coal mines, to be effected as speedily as possible, was urged by the majority of the 100 delegates attending the interstate coal conference here today.

Charges of alleged coal combines, excessive profits and unfairness, were intermingled in appeals for exclusive federal control and federal regulation, with state control of distribution prices.

Governor Lowden of Illinois, today received a telegram from the federal trade commission, asking him to appoint a committee to confer with the commission on coal prices. The telegram suggested the price phase of the question be as little complicated as possible, explaining that "the commission has been charged by congress with

NO TRUTH IN STORY OF SOLDIERS WOUNDED

War Department Has Had No Information, Believes Story Idle Rumor

Washington, Aug. 16.—Neither the war department nor navy department had any confirmation of a disaster to American troops in France. Answering a report that wounded Americans had been transferred to an English hospital, both departments said they had received nothing of any form of trouble for the Americans, but promised to make such news public as soon as it arrives if not incompatible with the military situation.

The bureau of public information announced no confirmation by the departments.

Authorities thought the story might have originated from transfer of sick or convalescent Sammies from France, though they had not been advised any were taken to England.

The bureau's announcement reads: "The war department has authorized the statement to the committee on public information that no information has been received concerning the wounding of any American soldiers or of the arrival of wounded at any English or other port, or of any battle, accident or disaster in which American soldiers might have been injured. In all cases such information will be given to the public as soon as possible."

MILO LANTZ, KILLED

Molalla, Or., Aug. 16.—Milo Lantz, age 51, farmer, formerly of Salem, was struck on the head by a hay fork and killed here today.

WILL GO TO FRANCE

Washington, Aug. 16.—More than 2,000 graduates from the first series of officers' training camps have been assigned to go to France. They will receive further intensive training there, and ultimately to fill the gap caused by promotions or casualties. The assignments are from all camps, and other assignments will probably be made later.

BANDIT SHOT IN HEEL COMITS SUICIDE

Ran a Mile After Being Wounded After Trying to Rob Bank

Redding, Cal., Aug. 16.—Despairing of escape after being shot through the heel by one of the pursuing posse, the bandit found dead near McCloud yesterday after an unsuccessful attempt to rob the McCloud bank, committed suicide, according to the findings of the inquest today. From scribbling on a bit of letterhead, from a Tacoma, Wash., hotel, it was practically determined that the man's name was either Henry Kent or Henry Knox.

At the inquest it developed that when the bandit and his partner fled from the bank, two employes of a nearby garage opened fire at the fleeing men. Kent, or Knox, was shot through the heel. He ran a mile, after being wounded, and then blew out his own brains after a futile attempt to stop a heavy flow of blood from his wound.

Forest rangers, sheriff's officers and citizens continued their hunt for the dead bandit's partner today. A man was seen near McCloud at five o'clock this morning who is believed to have been Kent's partner. The posse is working on the theory that he is fleeing toward Henderson, on Pitt River, or Baldron on the McCloud river.

Japan Wants Only America's Friendship

A Pacific Port, Aug. 16.—Predicting their friendly cooperation will hereafter be the keynote of all relations between America and Japan, Viscount Ishii, head of the imperial Japanese war mission to the United States today closed the formal program of the mission's entertainment on the Pacific coast. Private entertainments will continue for a few days before the mission departs for Washington to deliver to President Wilson a "message of confidence, good will and cheer," from the mikado.

Review of Our Troops Stirs the French Villagers---Boys in Perfect Fighting Trim

By J. W. Pegler
(United Press staff correspondent)

American Field Headquarters in France, Aug. 16.—French soldiers and villagers in this region realized today they had a real army of democracy in their midst. The review of General Pershing's Sammies was one of the most democratic, tradition-shattering spectacles ever witnessed in the war zone. One unit of American fighting men marched to the tune of "Happy Heinele"—a medley of "The Wagon on the Line" and "Ach Au Lieber Augustin," that has been that particular regiment's favorite music since the Cuban campaign.

Pope's Peace Proposal 'Dammed Nonsense'—Patten

Chicago, Aug. 16.—"It's all damned nonsense!" and "the fist of James A. Patten," wheat "king" came down on his highly polished desk with a crash. It was his reply to the pope's peace proposals.

"All the Germans have devastated Belgium, ravaged its women and cut the hands off its children—then have peace without restoration—would you call that honorable peace?"

"Germany has to pay!" his fist came down for the second time.

"No doubt the pope was sincere but he was hoodwinked by a tiger. We must bring Germany to her knees."

"Who are these fellows in congress who are entering to German votes—Sherman and LaFollette. I say to hell with them. The Kaiser has to be licked."

BRITISH TROOPS STRIKE AGAIN ON A SIX MILE FRONT

This Time Northeast of Ypres and Are Still Forcing Germans Back

FIERCE FIGHTING DONE ALL NIGHT AROUND LENS

French Attack at Same Time—Airplanes Do Most Effective Work

(By William Philip Simms)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British armies in the field, Aug. 16.—British troops swung another terrific blow against the Germans today, attacking on a front of six miles.

The French struck simultaneously, and at the time of cabling the forces of both nations were pushing forward with relentless fury.

Side stepping to the left, the British delivered their blow today northeast of Ypres, while the Germans were still staggering in bloody confusion from the assault on Lens.

From opposite Polygon wood, about four and a half miles northeast of Ypres, to the junction with the French line, six miles distant, the forces of Field Marshal Haig advanced after perfect preparations.

The French, timing their thrust to strike with that of the British, had crossed the Steenbeek at the time of cabling and were still pushing forward.

The fighting in the region of Lens was extremely bloody during the night. The Canadians crushed the Germans like flies as they came back time and time again in counter attacks. One after another German divisions came on until at 9 o'clock last night ten counter assaults had been thrown back with bloody losses.

The Fourth German guards division was practically annihilated.

Others had failed to shake the Canadians hold on approaches to Lens when the Fourth guards were ordered into action.

They came across the open country in force. They were walking straight into a death pocket, but they passed on. Then British artillery and machine guns

REAL CAUSE FOR THANKS

Portland, Or., Aug. 16.—Women operating street cars. Women running elevators. Women doing work in almost every line, taking up man's duties that brother, husband, father, cousin may go to war.

"That's what we can expect in the United States at no distant date, General W. A. White, head of the British recruiting mission declared here today.

"Thank God for the women," he exclaimed.

POPE APPEALS TO WARRIORS TO LAY DOWN ARMS

Says He Is "Moved Only by Sentiment of Supreme Duty to Humanity"

ARBITRATION TO TAKE PLACE OF ARMED FORCE

Would Restore Belgium and Evacuate France—Has No Plan for Balkans

(By Ed L. Keen)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Aug. 16.—With new emphasis following publication of the official text of the peace appeal of Pope Benedict, the British press today answered "no" to his proposals looking toward ending the war. The conditions outlined by His Holiness are regarded as indicating a stronger trend of German inspiration than the unofficial outline.

The message, as made public by the foreign office last night, suggests the following principal points as conditions upon which an understanding can be reached, guaranteeing a durable peace:

Suggestion of moral force of right, for the material force of arms. Reciprocal diminution of armaments, leaving only sufficient armament for the maintenance of public order.

Substitution of arbitration for armistice. Each state must accept the international decision, according to established rules and be subject to punishment if refusing to submit to arbitration or accept the decision.

True liberty and freedom of the seas. Restitution of all occupied territories. Evacuation of Belgium with guarantee of her full political and economic independence.

As for the irretractable territory, it is hoped that in view of the advances of a durable peace with disarmament, the disputing countries will be willing to examine each question in a conciliatory spirit.

The question of the Balkans, Poland and Armenia to be examined in the same spirit of equity and justice.

England was frankly surprised that the pope should place the armistice of Germany and the allies on an absolute plane, there being no word of censure; no protest against the Belgian horrors, no mention of expecting from Germany some statement that would give the allies guarantee that such agreements as His Holiness suggests might not in the future be declared "scraps of paper" and thrown aside.

"The whole world recognizes that the honor of the armies of both sides is safe," the pope asserts. "Honor of Armies."

The honor of the army which invaded Belgium, which massacred women and children, which shot Edith Cavell, which deported helpless men and women into slavery, which ruthlessly devastated the rich fields and orchards of France in its recent "strategic retreat" is therefore put on a level with the honor of the army of France and England, fighting in defense of their homes, of national honor and against an autocracy that threatened to engulf the world. England refuses to regard the honor of such armies in the same light.

The pope's message, which is approximately 2000 words long, is devoted in its beginning to a recitation of the horrors of the war and to the efforts the Vatican has made from time to time to restore peace.

It is pointed out that the Vatican has been entirely impartial. The spread of the conflagration is pointed out, the increasing horrors and suffering, after which the pope asks:

"Is this civilized world to be nothing more than a field of death? And Europe, so glorious and so flourishing, is it going, as if stricken by a universal madness, to run the abyss and lend its hand to its own suicide?"

Appeal Is Pro-German. "If the views of the press and public represent the keynote of sentiment, it may be taken for granted that the reply of the allies will be respectful

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LEFT TO RIGHT, HENRY WOOD, W. S. FORREST, WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS.

Three United Press staff correspondents were waiting on the quay at Boulogne when Gen. Pershing arrived in France. They were Henry Wood, W. S. Forrest and William Philip Sims—all American trained and all veterans of the war-writing game. They are covering the story of America's great expeditionary army for U. P. clients.



THE WEATHER
Oregon: Tonight and Friday fair; moderate westerly winds.