

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

President Wilson More Hopeful of Austrian Peace Than Is Lloyd George.

AGAIN SETS FORTH DEMANDS

Bolsheviki Perplex the Germans by Abandoning the War Without Signing Treaty-Ukraine Makes Separate Peace-All Ready for West Front Offensive.

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President Wilson believes Count Czernin meant what he seemed to say in his recent speech on peace, and still hopes Austria-Hungary may be separated from Germany and that the war may be brought to an end without a great deal more of fighting.

Premier Lloyd-George believes that In its real substance the Czernin address was as uncompromising as that of Chancellor von Hertling and that the allied war council at Versailles was right when it declared peace must be won by force of arms.

In his address to congre day Mr. Wilson enunciated the four cardinal principles to which he said the enemy must agree before general peace pourparlers can be begun. Briefly, these are:

Each part of the final settlement must be based on essential justice to Insure permanent peace.

No peoples shall be bartered for the gain of any sovereignty or to retain the now discredited "balance of pow-

Territorial settlements must be for the benefit of the people and not of

neighboring states. All well defined national aspirations

must be satisfied. Until a peace based upon these principles is secured, the president asserted, America has no choice but to go on, and will continue its mobilization of its resources until the whole strength of the nation has been put into this war of emancipation. He denounced the stand of the imperial

chancellor, but seemed to invite Count

Czernin to lend Austria away from its

autocratic ally. - E3 --Though hailed as a sign of weakening by most of the Teutonic press, the president's speech is not so regarded by his fellow countrymen. Many of them may believe he is overoptimistic concerning Austria, as does Lloyd-George, but they accept at its face value his statement of the nation's determination not to stop fighting until the resuits he demands have been achieved. They feel no harm can result from leaving open the door to possible negotiations with any one of the central powers, provided there is no letup in our war preparations because

be needed. Premier Lloyd-George's stand in supporting the Versailles council and maintaining secrecy concerning the plans decided on by it was indorsed by parliament, which gave him a vote of confidence by an overwhelming majority.

of the bare chance that they may not

The German press warns Mr. Wilson again that his efforts to separate Germany and Austria-Hungary will be futile and calls his references to American mobilization mere bluff.

The kalser, it may be noted, also delivered a speech, in which he said any peace must be preceded by an admission of German victory.

The outside world is not permitted to know much of what is going on in Austria, but such information as does escape the censor really indicates that President Wilson may not be far astray in his hopes. It is said Austria shows increasing reluctance to sending her troops to fight against the British and Americans in France. The Berliner Tageblatt admits that the internal situation in Austria is serious and that government "is no longer possible, since the Czechs, Jugo-Slavs and Poles

which the German parties are power-

According to an American correspondent in France, the peace program of Hindenburg, Ludendorff and the crown prince, forced on Von Kuehlmann and the emperor, includes the extending of the East Prussian frontier, making an autonomous protectorate of the Baltic provinces, dismembering Belgium and annexing or otherwise controlling the Briey-Longwy industrial region of northern France. The question of Poland apparently is left to Austria.

Meanwhile Trotzky and his bolshevik comrades have handed Germany a hard nut to crack. Flatly refusing to sign a peace treaty, they declared the war with the central powers, so far as Russia is concerned, has ended. They decline to fight longer against the Austria. Simultaneously, the complete

lered, although it was reported als order was immediately countermanded and that the reorganization of the Red guard was begun. At first the people of Germany and Austria hailed this great "victory" with extravagant joy, but in a few hours they and their governments began to wonder what it would avail them. They cannot obtain treaty recognition for their intended annexations on the east front, and they are far from sure that it will be safe to move to the west all or nearsia, but what ultimate good will that do them?

The bolshaviki always have maintained that they are operating, not for the benefit of Russia or any other nation, but for the workers and peasants of all nations, and they are persistently continuing the spreading of their propnganda all over the world. Whatever may be the real motives of Lenine, Trotzky et al, they appear to have the Prussian autocrats up in the air just

Ukraine, one of the independent govrnments into which Russla has split, has presented a complication that may be more serious for the allied cause than the quitting of the bolsheviki. It has signed a separate peace treaty with the central powers which opens to them the possibility of obtaining immense stores of food from that rich grain country. However, as pointed out in these columns some time ago, the transportation system of that part of Russia is so utterly inadequate that supplies can be got out only extremely slowly, and besides, the crops have been sadly neglected ever since the war began. The treaty gave Ukraine quite a slice of Poland, which aroused the Poles to bitter opposition.

Germany during the week attempted to put the screws on Roumania, demanding that it accept peace terms within 24 hours or suffer the consequences. But the Roumanians defied the kalser, declaring they still had unshaken confidence in their allies and would continue to fight to the finish. Their armies now occupy all of Bessarabia, where they have repeatedly defeated the bolsheviki troops. It is believed they were nerved to take this determined stand by prospects of an allied offensive in the Balkans which they might aid by attacking the Bulgarlans and Austrians from the north. There are increasing evidences that such a drive, to cut off Turkey and reduce Bulgaria, is contemplated. A new Roumanian cabinet is headed by Gen-

eral Avarescu. In southern Finland, where the Red guards are still holding out against the government, horrible conditions prevall. Murders and all other crimes are committed openly and the bolsheviki are running amuck. Sweden still fears to violate neutrality and send help to the government. Recent reports from Stockholm said certain Red guard leaders had asked General Mannerheim to

consider peace negotiations. There is little to say of the Italian front except that the fighting there was mainly by the artillery and aviators and that neither side had any marked advantage.

Seemingly the stage is set for Germany's supreme military effort on the of high treason and sentenced to death. west front, and Field Marshal von "They order those things better in form an important majority, against Woyrsch, the invader of Poland in France," as Uncle Toby used to say inhighments handling food supplies. age.

1915, is said to have been selected to lead it. Allled avintors report that the kaiser has gathered about 2,100,000 men there and that elaborate rehearsals are going on behind the lines. Where the blow will fall has not been revealed, but the commanders of the allied armies evince no fear that it cannot be repulsed. They have made every preparation that their skill and resources permit and are sitting tight. All feeling-out movements by the ene my have been checked and the French, in their turn, have been making some strong raids that carried them far into the German lines. In every way possible the Germans have been seeking to test the strength of the American forces, and there are indications that Pershing's men will be in the orders the forward movement.

It is believed in London, and hoped workers and peasants of Germany and by naval men, that Germany plans to combine a naval drive with her spring farm-loan act. der 'Ilization of the Russian armies offensive. The kaiser is supposed to have a number of "supersubmarines" which have not yet been in operation

and which may then be put to work. Switzerland is growing very nervpaper and invade her territory in or- Monate quotas of books. der to attempt to turn the right flank | Pilot Rock, Ore., was the first town of the French armles. There have in the country to send in a check. Laubeen large concentrations of German rens, Iowa, a town of 900 population, troops near the Swiss frontier, and took in \$100 before the first smileage ed that the conquest of the little re- with 200 population, bought \$63 worth ly all their troops. As the bolshevik | public would be a matter of but a of books, the largest sale in proportion leaders long ago admitted, the Teutons | few days. It was said skeleton govern- to population yet returned. been prepared by the authorities in Berlin,

succeed, as the allies are determined it shall not, Wilhelm has been constructing most elaborate and extensive systems of defensive works back of his present lines all the way from the North sea to the Swiss frontier.

Vice Admiral Sims went to Rome last week, presumably to confer regarding plans to clear the Mediterranean of U-boats, which have worked havor there with allied shipping for p

Efforts of the government to recruit a great army of shipyard workers are meeting with considerable success, but the work of building our marine was threatened by a prospective strike of 50,000 members of the marine woodworkers' union. They demanded \$6.40 months. a day instead of the \$4.80 allowed by the shipping board, and the government got busy at once to try to settle the dispute.

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board sent a telegram to the union heads warning them that the fathers who have sent their sons to war will not long permit continued interference with the shipping program and urging that the workmen continue their labors and trust to the fairness of the wage adjustment board.

Charges of gress mismanagement and reckless spending of money in connection with the new government shipyard at Hog Island, Pa., having been made, the president ordered an investigation to determine whether there had been any criminal misuse of funds. Rear Admiral Bowles, general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation, said he was confident all expenditures ordered by the board would be vindicated.

Reorganization in the war department reached the general staff last week. It has been restored to its former power and under General March as acting chief of staff are now five new members-Generals Pierce, Jervey and Graves, and Colonel Ketchan.

-- PM ---Owing to good work by Director General McAdoo and his assistants and milder weather, traffic conditions have greatly improved, and Fuel Controller Garfield felt warranted in rescinding the order for heatless Mondays. The railroads are now giving much attention to the transportation of corn and wheat, for the former must be marketed and the distribution of wheat and flour still is very faulty.

Bolo Pasha, the Levantine financier who conspired to break down the French morale and to bring about a dishonorable peace and who was financed by Germany, was found gullty

independent socialists:

MAN IS ADVERTISING THAT HE WILL ORGANIZE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATIONS FOR \$500.

SMALL TOWNS MAKE RECORD

Ahead of Cities in Buying the Smileage Books-American Soldiers Lost on Tuscania Protected by Government Insurance.

Washington. - Another scheme for swindling the farmers of the United States has been discovered by the fed- pretended popular manifestations in eral farm loan board. A man advertising himself as an authorized organizer of 'national farm-loan associations is sending out advertising matter emblazoned with the national flag, stating that he will organize such associations at \$500 each, and will teach others the trick for a certain sum of east. The true opinions of nations money. His advertisements have reached farmers and business men over a large part of the United States. He claims to be so busy organizing national farm-loan associations that he needs help, but will take time to the day, and the proletariat must teach others for a monetary considera- force peace on the basis of the recon-

All such representations are fraudulent. In order to borrow under the farm-loan act, it is necessary for farmers to organize co-operative nadonal farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the federal farm loan board, published more than a year ago, for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend any money for promotion purposes. Associations thus organized will not be chartered by the federal farm loan thick of the fighting when Hindenburg board. Farmers are warned therefore against anyone asking a fee for his proffered services in connection with applying for a loan under the federal

Results of the smileage campaign, which put books of theater admission coupons on sale in nearly every town and city in the country, show the ous with fear that the kaiser will de- small towns and villages far ahead of termine to tear up another scrap of the cities in overselling their propor-

Teutons in Zurich have openly boast | book was received. Titouka, Iowa,

can easily push a long way into Rus- ments for the cantons already had The coupons in smileage books are exchanged by the soldiers for admission to entertainments in theaters Just in case his spring drive doesn't built in the camps by the commission on training camp activities. Admission charges range from 10 cents to 25 cents, or from two to five smileage coupons.

> Any American soldiers lost on the terpedoed transport were protected by United States government insurance and government compensation. Those who had not applied for insurance were covered by automatic insurance, which is payable to a wife, child or widowed mother. The automatic insurance aggregates about \$4,300, netting \$25 a month for 240 months. Insurance that had been applied for is payable to a much larger class of beneficiaries and can go as high as \$10, 000, netting \$57.50 a month for 2:0

The compensation in case of death, given by the government without charge and regardless of rank or pay, ranges from \$20 to \$75 a month, based on the number of dependents. Payments under the compensation feature of the military and naval insurance act in case of death are payable to a widow, children, or dependent widowed mother.

The automatic insurance ceased on February 12, but the compensation feature of the act is a separate provision. The scale of compensation in case of death follows:

(a) For a widow alone, \$25. (b) For a widow and one child, \$35.

(c) For a widow and two children, \$47.50, with \$5 for each additional child up to two. (d) If there be no widow, then for

ne child, \$20. (e) For two children, \$30. (f) For three children, \$40, with \$5

for each additional child up to two. (g) For a widowed mother, \$20. The amount payable under this subdivision shall not be greater than a sum which when added to the total amount payable to the widow and children, does not exceed \$75.

To meet the shortage of small silver change in Norway a large issue of onecrown notes (at normal exchange the Norwegian crown is worth 26.8 cents | retailers sell in amounts less than the United States currency) has been put in circulation.

The United States publis health along sanitary lines in areas adjacent to 28 military camps. Complete sanitary organizations work to prevent protect civillans from communicable diseases where they have occurred in which they will be stationed, among troops.

The organizations include physi-

The committee on public information has received the following excerpts from a speech in the German reichstag by Herr Ledebour, joint leader of the

"Again has an opportunity been neglected to satisfy the world's longing for peace. It is plain that a step backward has been taken and that the political authorities have completely adopted the military views of the conservatives. It is very disquieting for friends of peace to hear the chancellor say that we now have a free hand in the west. Czernin's speech is a striking refutation of Hertling's, for Czernin accepts Wilson's proposals as the basis of understanding, whereas the chancellor rejects them. We hope, nevertheless, that we shall soon have the negotiations, which Czernin's action permits us to expect. We cannot agree to Czernin's and Kuehlmann's interpretation of the right of self-determination. We want general peace on a democratic foundation. The the occupied territory were brought about under the influence of the German administration. The creation of the kingdom of Poland was a tremendous mistake. The German government must give up its false methods, and we shall soon have peace in the can only be expressed by a referendum after evacuation. The Fatherland party wanted to replace Hertling with Prince Buelow, but that is no longer necessary. Militarism has won ciliation of all nations."

Complaints have been made to the pigeon section of the signal corps that carrier pigeons of the racinghomer type, being trained throughout the United States for communication service with the American army, have been shot by persons on hunting expeditions.

Because of the important part carrier and homing pigeons are playing in the war, and the need for their breeding and development in this country, the war department has considerably expanded the pigeon section of the signal corps. Homing pigeons constitute one of the most effective means of communication in the army.

Any pigeon in the air may be a carrier pigeon flying from a loft under government supervision. Its destruction may be a serious loss to the American army. Anyone coming into possession of pigeons labeled "U. S. A .--18," indicating they are being trained for army purposes, is requested to report the fact at once to the office of the chief signal officer, land division, Washington, D. C.

Special courses of training for athletic instructors have been established at Camp Kearney, Linda Vista, Cal. One lieutenant and one noncommissioned officer from each company have been detailed to take the courses which include boxing, wrestling and calisthenics. The classes are held three times each week, and the officers In turn instruct their men.

Two athletic fields have been laid out at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., and stands with seating capacity of from 16,000 to 18,000 persons built at a cost of \$3,000 each. The expense was met with funds derived from athletic contests and entertainments given by the men.

Attendance at boxing at Camp Upton, Yaphank, N. Y., to which officers and noncommissioned officers have been assigned, has been made compul-

According to a late report, of the 1,800,000 women engaged in agriculture in the United States, 750,000 are under twenty years of age and 1,050,-000 are negroes. A majority of the woman workers are found in the Southern states.

The lines of work in which women will be likely to increase their farming activities, according to the report, are vegetable gardening, poultry raising, butter making, hog raising, etc. It is suggested that women who know how to operate motorcars may with little additional training operate trac-

Now that American troops are taking their places in the trenches, attention is again directed to an estimate by the secretary of war, that the losses up to June 1, 1917, of the British expeditionary forces from deaths in action and from wounds amounted to but 7 per cent of the total of all men sent to France since the beginning of the

The ratio of losses of this character today, because of improved tactics, is less than 7 to every 100 men.

It is the opinion of the United States food administration that the gross maximum profit for wholesalers in flour should not exceed from 50 to 75 cents per barrel. The profit to retail dealers in original mill packages should not exceed from 80 cents to \$1.20 per barrel, depending upon the character of service performed. Where original mill packages, the gross profit should not exceed 1 cent a pound.

Women with a fluent knowledge of service is carrying on a campaign French are being trained in several cities for work in France as telephone operators with the expeditionary forces. They will not be sent over the spread of disease from the civilian in one unit, but ordered to go in population to military forces, and to groups from time to time. No information can be given as to the locality

Men who are capable of bandling cians, sanitary engineers, nurses, at- horses are still wanted for the vettendants and laborers. Methods un- erinary corps, They must be physidertaken include inspection of all es- cally fit and not of selective-service



England enthuses over our firstovers. But wait till she sees all ouf boys in the line.

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To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

A Bright Outlook. Lady-I'm sorry, dector, that I had to send and ask you to come such a long way.

Doctor-Don't mention it. I happen to have another patient in the neighborhood, so I can kill two birds with one stone.'

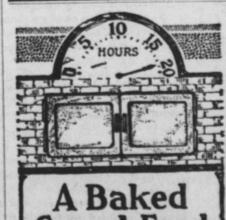
The Evangelist's Joke.

At last Sunday morning's revival service in Atchison Evangelist Bob Jones asked all his hearers who were glad the revival was being held to raise their right hands. Hundreds of hands waved in the air. "Now," said the speaker, "take your right hand and put it in your pocket for a dollar." The audience laughed and then "came across."-Kansas City Star.

An Uncertain Birthday.

He is a trifle absent-minded, but a most dutiful brother and he congratulated himself that he had never yet missed sending his sister greetings for her birthday. Feeling that her birthday was imminent, but not certain whether it was the sixteenth or seventeenth, he dispatched his usual card a few days ago. To make certain of avoiding mistakes, however, he omitted the date.

A few days later he received a note from his sister, saying that she realized she was old enough to be called of uncertain age, and so she presumed the date of her birth was growing correspondingly uncertain, but three birthday cards from him in one month was a little too much, even for her, and would be please change from birthday to Christmas or Easter greetings, as the little town in which she lived was very gossipy, and so many birthdays might occasion talk .- Indianapolis News.



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