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GERMANY'S NATIONAL FUTURE AT STAKE, CHANCELLOR INSISTS IN REICHSTAG 'PEACE' DEBATE

War One of Defense Only, Kaiser's Spokesman Declares to Socialist Interpellation - Refuses to Specify Terms-Up to Allies

PEACE STATEMENTS MADE BY BELLIGERENT STATESMEN

In the course of the present week statesmen of three of the warring European nations have made formal statements on the text of peace. Premier Arquith, in the House of Commons, spoke guardedly, yes-terday—"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy Government, either directly or through a neutral Power, they will be discussed by the Allied Governments." Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, regarded as the Kaiser's spokes-man, said in the Reichstag today—"As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with con-fusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten, but lengthen, the duration of the war. "If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them," he declared.

declared. Albert Thomas, French Minister of Munitions, in a speech early in the week, declared that the Allies would require the cession of Alsace and Lorraine to France, guaranteed independence of Serbia and Belgium and while of Prussion militarium of meliminers of Serbia and Belgium and

Lorraine to France, guaranteed independence of Serbia and Belgium and crushing of Prussian militarism as preliminary to an end of hostilities. This represents the Allies' main demands. Germany demands a sateway to the Orient, enlarged trade opportunities, buffer kingdoms between the German frontier and France and Russia and territory for Bulgaria and Turkey.

German Chancellor's views on peace given December 9, 1915:

German Chancellor's views on peace given December 9, 1915: "Germany will not offer peace proposals." "Germany is ready to discuss peace proposals made by Allies which are compatible with Germany's dignity and safety." "Germany is fighting in its own defense and its life and liberty must be guaranteed."

FRENCH COMMISSIONERS HERE TO VISIT WAR PLANTS

Left to right-Walter P. Miller, chairman of Entertainment Committee, Chamber of Commerce; M. L. Vibien, director of the National Bank of Credit; Maurice Damour, M. E. Delasalle-Thiriez, secretary of the Syndicate of Spinners. The photo was taken in front of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel today as they started on a tour of the city.

British Premier's uledge, given November 9, 1914: "We shall not sheath the sword """ until the nation of Prussia is finally destroyed." until the military domi-

BERLIN, Dec. 9. The Imperial German chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg today refused to state possible terms of pence, in reply to the demand made by the German Socialists, in an interpellation by their leader, Dr. Philip Scheldemann.

Instead, he made it plain to a great rathering in the Reichstag that any peace proposals must come from Germany's

"For the German nation," said the

"For the German nation," said the Chancellor, "this war has always re-mained what it was at the beginning-s war of defense for the German nation and her future." You Betimann-Hollweg emphatically served notice on the quadruple Entente that they must abandon completely the idea of crushing Germany or so-called "Frussian millingism." The Allies still ding to this notion, he added, "with naive brutality." bratality." He indicated, too, that Germany would

hat consider as one of the possible terms of peace the surrender to France of Al-

of peace the surrenner to France of Al-mace-Lorraine. He met the French claims on Alsace-Lorraine on the "nationality basis" with the statement that S7 per cent. of the Al-race inhabitants speak German. And he tenated Eveland he incufring what would land by inquiring w "nationality" test happen if the same ere applied in the British possessions in India and Egypt.



Fixes It at 25 Per Cent. of Regulars' Rate

CLASH IS EXPECTED cities.

The Military Bill at a Glance Is entitled "An Act to increase the efficiency of the military establishment of the United States." BANK AT LOGAN, Provides Federal pay for the organized

militia. Increases the regular army from 108,-000 to 141,843 officers and enlisted men. Provides for six instead of four addi-tional regiments of field artillery, and 12 instead of 15 additional companies of engineers. Provides for 32 companies of coast artillery and for four aero squadrons. Authorizes the continental army of 400,000 men, as asked for by the President, to be raised in three instalments of 133,000 men annually. Brings infantry organization up to maximum strength, but does not authorize the ten additional infantry regiments asked for by the President. Term of enlistment in the continental

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 9.-A suspected German spy with a powerful field glass and blue prints in his possession was arin his alleged attempt. The man under arrest came here several weeks ago and obtained work in tube

house No. 1. He left his work in that section of the plant last night. Detec-tives followed him and arrested him at

large plant here. Officials of the company refuse to disclose the prisoner's name. The State De

BROAD STREET,

Philadelphians will have opportunity

Half the amount of the new loan that

is to be made will be spent on the con-struction of subways and elevated lines in accordance with the Taylor transit plan. That part of the authorizing ordi-

nance referring to the transit plan is as

follows: "For the construction of a subway in Broad street, from League Island to I Olney avenue, with the necessary branch lines northeast and northwest from Broad street, and the construction of an ele-vated railway from Front and Arch streets to Rhawn street, via Front street, Kensington avenue and Frankford ave-nue to Rhawn street, and the construc-tion of such other subway and elevated

tion of such other subway and clevated railways as shall be authorized by Coun-cils, \$55,009,000,"

This leaves with City Councils absolute

authority to say whether or not the sub-way loop shall be constructed. Director of City Transit L. Merritt Taylor at.s

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

for by the \$90,000,000 loan are:

DR. STEELE VIEWS STONEMEN'S CLUB AS A "MONSTER"

Likens Organization to "Frankenstein" Creation. Sure to Cause Mischief

OFFENSE TO THE CHURCH

SOME OF DOCTOR STEELE'S **OPINIONS ON "STONEMEN"**

"Any hundred thousand men who herd together will get into politics not later, but very soon." "Any one who touches that project of

\$200,000 clubhouse will find his fingees hurned sooner or later, with financial scandal." "And, human nature being what it is,

pro-Protestant and anti-Catholic are only names for a distinction without a difference. "Frankenstein monster."

"Too many of the clergy have far too long left the Word of God to serve

QUICK NEWS

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BRITISH ACTION INDICATES SIX YEARS OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 9 .-- Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary, introduced the Government Parliament and Registration bill in the Mouse of Commons this afternoon. The bill provides that the life of the present Parliament shall be at least six years. This indicates that the Cabinat believes the war will last at least six years.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, ENGLISH POET DRAMATIST, DEAD

ONDON. Dec. 9 .- Stephen Phillips, British poet and dramatist, died today at Depl.

"BIKERS" SMASHING RECORDS YET

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 9 .- The learing Icams in the six-day bloycle race were five laps ahead of the 1914 record this afternoon at 2 o'clock. They had traveled 1731 miles.

STRAUS SUCCEEDS MCCALL ON SERVICE COMMISSION

ALBANY, Dec. 3.-Governor Whitman today appointed Oscar Straus chairman of the Public Service Commission, first district, to succeed E. E. McCall, removed.

COMMUNIPAW SAILS FROM ALEXANDRIA

LONDON, Dec. 3.-A Lloyd's Dispatch states that the American oil steamer Communipaw sailed from Alexandria Wednesday. The Communipaw was first reported to have been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean off the African coast. Later it was said she was attacked but escaped.

BIG FIRE SWEEPS GENOA QUAYS

GENOA, Haly, Dec. 2 .- A devastating fire, fed by oil and cotton, swept the quays today. Thousands of barrels of oil stored in the warehouses exploded. Seven thousand bales of cotton, as well as great quantities of paraffin, were destroyed. Twenty loaded railway cars were also burned.

CARRANZA NAMES ARREDONDA U. S. AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Eliseo Arredonda, former Carranza agent in the nited States, has been appointed Mexican Ambassador to this country, the State Department announced today,

U-BOATS SINK TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The Cunard steamer Veria and the steamship Gouandris have been such by submarines. The crew of the Veria, which was a vessel of 3220 tons, was saved. The Veria was built in 1899 and halled from Liverpool. It was in the Mediterranean service.

TURKS HARASS RETREATING BRITISH

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.- In constant clash with the retreating British, Turkish advance columns have reached Sheikh Saad, a few miles from the Pritish base at Kut-el-Amara.

"We continue to harass the enemy's retreat," said today's official states ment, "ounfshing some enemy columns attempting to escape. We have captured 300 camels."

REICHSTAG TO BE ASKED FOR NEW \$2,500,000,000 LOAN

BERLIN, Dec. 2.-The Reichstag will be asked to vote a credit of 10,000.-000,000 marks supplementary to the 1915 budget, the Overseas News Agency has announced. At the normal rate of exchange this credit would represent \$2,500,-000,000 in United States money. At the present time, however, it would represent only about \$2,000,000,000. Assuming the normal rate of exchange, the new credit would make a total of \$10,000,000,000 voted by Germany for war.

COLONEL TO USE HIS BIG GUNS AT HOME

in His Trunk

SUSPECTED GERMAN SPY CAUGHT

ing The man is lodged is jail on the du Pont Company's plant. Detectives are said to have trailed him from northern

rested here last night in the Du Pont Company's plant. Detectives say he was in the act of placing a high explosive in the shipping shed. A Greek arrested with him at the time was released this morn-

and blue prints in his possession was ar-

Large quantities of gup cotton ready for shipment were stored in the shipping warehouse, which the man is alleged to working on the case,

the shipping shed. In his trunk, in one of the company's bunk houses, were found blue prints and photographs of nearly every unit of the

AT DU PONT'S HOPEWELL PLANT

Detectives Declare They Found Him in Act of Blowing

Up Shipping Shed-Blueprints Found

NOT A WAR OF CONQUEST.

"We do not fight to subjugate other na tions," was one of the Chancellor's strik-ing periods. "We fight for the protection ing periods. "We fight for the protection of life and liberty. "If our enemies make peace proposals

compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always he ready to discuss them, ' was another assertion. And a moment later: "This war can only be determined by a peace which gives human certitude that it will not re-turn."

CHEERED LY REICHSTAG.

Thronged galleries heard the Chancel-ler's declaration. It was known more than a week in advance that the Chancellor would make his expected answer to the demands of the Socialists today, and all tickets to the Reichstag were at a premium several days ago.

Gerard and Imerican Ambassador other members of the diplomatic corps attended today's session. In the big throng were many officers just returned from the front and wearing their gray Beld uniforms, some of them, including Socialist officials, decorated with the

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WEATHER

It seems that we were cheated out of It seems that we were cheated out of that blizzard after all; and it looked like the real thing for a while, too, with those millions of white flakes floating down where are they now? There are sowh-where are they now? There are some petple, it happens, by the way, who do not care for blizzards, but they are faw and far between. What we hope these intermittent snow flurries are working up to is a real, regular, old-fashloned heavy snow, beginning at about i weloke on the afternoon of December i and continuing into the night, while we sit over eider and ginger cakes, tak-hus an occasional plance out the window ing an occasional glance out the window at the white, padded street and the pedestrians stumbling along out there. That would make that long-awaited week-end equal to two Christmases rolled into one

, FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Generally fair tonight and Friday; slightly colder tonight; moderate westerly winds.

LOST AND FOUND

LOVING CUP-Lost, a silver loving cup, on Monday evening, Dec. 6, in the Moose Hall, sisting as taken by mintake. Finder clease peurs to Mr. Louis Schmidt, 1231 Market at Handaame reward. No questions asked. Handanue reward. No questions asked. Handanue reward. No questions asked. HOOCH-class diamond sumburst brooch, Saf-rday H-Last, ether in Camden or Philadelphia. If party who found same will be a compared street. Camden, they will receive suitable reward. LETY, HUTTON-Lost, gold sleeve button, with HUTTON-Lost, gold sleeve button, Reset HUTTON Lost. Reset H. J. on back. Reset of returned to G. H. J. Jinking, Pay-maniar's fiftee. Navy Yard.

Lost, round beaver muff in Wana on Foa Hoom. Five dollars reward, mona anked. Return to Bies Christmut at Stations and Station and Stational Stationary Station

ANDRAG-Lost on Broad, between Berks & Telephone Haring 1411.

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army is six years, three with the colors and three in the regular reserve. President appoints all officers, but those above the lank of lieutenant colonel in

the continental army must be confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The first of the preparedness bills, that creating the new regular army of defense, virtually was completed today by Representative Hay, chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs. The bill will be taken up in committee before it is introduced

in the House. If the Republican members of the committee are announced by Saturday, as is expected. Chairman Hay will call the first meeting for next Mon-

day and public hearings will begin Tuesday. The measure will then go before the House as the collective thought of the committee.

First of all, the Hay bill fails to provide for 10 regiments of infantry that the President asked for. On the other hand, without executive suggestion there is in-cluded the mooted proposition providing Federal pay for the organized militia of the several States. The measure is the first radical depar-

ture from a nonmilitary policy, except

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UN GRANDE INCENDIO NEL PORTO DI GENOVA

Migliaia di Barili di Petrolio e di Balle di Cotone e Venti Vagoni Distrutti

En telegramma da Genova dice che un grande e violento incendio e' scoppiato questa mattina nel porto e si e' presto propagato ai docks, distruggendo quanto erano nel magazzini dei docks nono es-piosi, e settemila balle di cotone e grandi quantita', di paraffina sono andate per-dute. Inoltre venti vagoni ferroviari ancora circa le cause dell'incendio, ma si tema che si tratti di incendio doloso, e no e' improbabile che im qualche agente teutonico abbia compito il dell'ince teutonico abbia compito il dell'ince teutonico abbia compito il dell'ince dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.

Man Stricken on Street Dies

of 144 South 5th street



FEW LARGE ACCOUNTS PASS LOAN ORDINANCE

The Bank of Independence, at Broad and Windrim avenues, Logan, an institu- at the special election February 8 to asture. There was no run, and depositors accepted the statement of bank officers that all liabilities are to be paid in full.

A similar announcement was made by State Banking Commissioner William If. Smith from his home at 827 North 63d street, where he is confined by illness. street, where he is common of maximum Mr. Smith said the institution had not been successful and that all depositors would get their money. Deposits now, he said, amount to about \$20,000. The business of the bank is to be liquidated.

President, Alfred C. Watson Vice president, John Snyder, Cashier, D. A. McMonigle, Counsel, John P. Connelly,

PLANS NOT REALIZED.

PLANS NOT REALIZED. The institution was founded in the beau-tiful and rapidly growing Logan section in the belief that it would become one of the most successful and powerful sec-tional banks in the city. Contrary to ex-pectations, business was slow coming in. The deposits at no time, it is said, reached the expectations of the banks' backers. The small unsigned typewritten notice pasted on the glass door of the institu-tion which announced the cessation of business caused considerable excitement among depositors, many of whom had Christmas money deposited in the bank. The actice read: "A liquidation committee is appointed

The notice read: "A liquidation committee is appointed to close up the business of this bank. All parties interested will be notified." Vice President Snyder, who lives at 16th and Ruscomb streets, gave positive assurance today that all depositors will be paid in full.

"The reason for closing the bank is that it was not paying and the stock-holders could not see their way clear to carrying the business on at a loss." he said. "I promise that all depositors will

information." "Are the assets of the bank greater than the liabilities?" he was asked. "Yes, they are," he replied. "Was this action forced upon the of-ficials of the bank?" was the next ques-Art Missuim Library Pairmouni Park Sensal porks Univention centres Univention Just Municipal Just Pres and police stations

Man Stricken on Sureconscious A 72-year-old man who fell unconscious at 4th street and Snyder avenue today died at the Mount Sinai Hospital less than an hour after he was admitted to that institution. He was Mendel Dietz, or this South 5th street.

tables."

"It not this the simple, cold, hard fact: That it was stolen from under the very noses of its early organizers by the No Name Society and made to all intents and purposes political?" "One parish in this diocese has put the

whole Episcopal Church to embarrasa ment.

"I know that we will all agree that surreptitions, dark, clandestine ways, pass-cards, degrese, initiations, etc., have no place either in the language or life of the Church."

The Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, in an open letter to the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, today urged that the clergymen of Phila-

to explain why the Rev. Dr. Steele refuses to serve on the committee of 36 clergy-men and laymen named to confer with the Hev. H. C. Stone and George Wharton Peppier by Doctor Roberts. It had been the intention of the ministers backing the movement in opposition to the ritual of the organization to try to have se-tain modifications made in the methods or administering degrees. Doctor Steele urges that, instead of supporting the fellowship in any way, the ministers work to have it "disbanded before worse mischief begins.

"It is no point of its ritual I would take

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FACTORY OWNERS LEAD ATTACK ON FLAMES

Spectacular Blaze in Butterworth Textile Machinery Plant in Kensington

Members of the centucy-old firm of H. W. Butterworth & Sons Company, manu-facturers of textile machiners, led their employes today in a spectacular attack upon the first fire the plant has had since it was established in 1820. The blaze started in the coal building, containing hims in which are 300 time of

other engineers consider the loop an abso-lute essential to the system. The ordi-nance also avoids mention of the Darby containing hims in which are 300 tons of pea coal, and is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion. It spread from there to the adjoining storeelevated line, giving Councils power to authorize this later at its discretion. Otherwise the ordinance is in accord with bouse, in which are many valuable pat-terns and 20 tons of imported plated sheet iron. One end of the coal building was destroyed, and damake by water in the storehouse brought the total loss above The other improvements to be provided \$10,000

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Twenty of the employes in the plant, 1.000.000
Which is on both sides of York street, be-tow Cedar, the offices being at 2415 East 2.000.000
York, are trained to fight fires, and, 1.000.000
Table of the south side over to the north side of the street, where the fire was. They pushed a freight car out of the yard and ran it along the tracks into the street, 2.000.000
Carrying the hose to the top of the car, 2.000.000 they played a stream upon the burning building.

building. At the same time Harry W. Butter-worth and other members of the firm led a party to the roof of the storehouse, and with axes fought the flames, which and with axes fought the flames, which Loss and were just beginning to get foothold on 1,000,000 that structure.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 9 .- "I cannot speak in Toronto until the war is over; I cannot trust myself, for I would certainly say what would be unwise to say. In these words, spoken with strong feeling, Colonel Roosevelt gave his refusal to Major Deavon, president of the Toronto Canadian Club, when the former President was asked to address the club in the near future.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SINKS ITALIAN CRUISER

VIENNA, Dec. 9 .- An official statement issued last night says: "One of our submarines on the morning of the 5th sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels off Valona (Arlona), Albania."

SLAV GUNS BRING ZEPPELIN TO EARTH

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9 .- One of the heavy Russian batteries forced a German airship to descend in the region of Merzendorf, north of Baldon, according to an official report. The Russian bombardment was maintained upon that vicinity and a loud explosion was heard, which may have resulted from the destruction of the airship by our fire.

MINNESOTA'S PLIGHT NOT DUE TO PLOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.--A wireless message received from Captain Garlick, of the disabled liner Minnesota, declared that the troubles of the Minnesota were entirely mechanical, that there had been no mutiny and no trouble with the crew. According to a wireless received from the wrecking steamer Inqua, the Minnesota was being towed toward San Francisco at from four and a half to five knots an hour and would be in the vicinity of San Pedro tomorrow morning, and expected to reach San Francisco next Wednesday. All her 16 bollers are out of commission.

GERMAN PLOTTERS REPORTED AT WORK IN SPAIN

LONDON, Dec. 9.-According to the newspaper El Radical, extensive German ots to destroy railway lines, bridges and tunnels in the Province of Huelva (in southwestern Spain, north of Cadiz, and close to the Portuguese frontier) have been brought to light. The scheme is to wreck enterprises connected with or owned by the Allies. It is stated that German money to the extent of \$500,000 is being sent to the district for the purpose of sabotage. Barcelona is named as the headquarters of the plot, which in its ramifications bears a resemblance to the conspiracies recently unearthed in the United States.

ONLY 50 FEET OF EARTH BLOCKS PANAMA CANAL

PANAMA, Dec. 9 .- Only 50 feet of earth now separates the waters of the channel in the Gaillard cut of the Panama Canal. This little neck of land, less than 20 feet high, probably can be removed by dredges in a few days. Although the prospects are that the waters of the two sections of the canal will speedily join each other, there is no expectation that the channel will be ready for the passage of ships for many weeks. Colonel Goethals says the slides have not yet stopped and might close the canal again before the operations are completed.

CURTISS BUILDING 10-TON WARPLANE FOR BRITAIN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 3 .- An aeroplane weighing 10 tons, with a cruising dius of 675 miles at a speed of 75 miles an hour, is under construction here in the Curtiss factory. It is expected that within a few months this great "dreadnought of the air" will be ready for flight. It will be sent to Great Britain and will be used in fighting Zeppelins and submarines. The machine will be six times as large as the America, at present the biggest battleplane in the world. It will have a wing span of 133 feet, a length of 68 feet and will be propelled by six motors of the V-2 Curtiss type of 160 horsepower each. It will carry eight passengers and mount several guns.

BRITAIN DELAYS REQUISITIONING OF HOCKING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-Requisitioning by the British Government of the American Transatlantic Line steamship Hocking, protested by the State Department, has been postponed for three weeks, Secretary Lansing has been advised. The steamer is at Halifax, where it was taken by a British warship. Ambassador Page's presentation at London of the American protest is believed to be one cause of the postponement. The American Consul General at Halifax has informed the State Department that the prize court there allowed last week the requisition moved by the attorneys for the crown. Postponement was obtained by the English Attorney General at the request of Colonial authorities.

Harbor and pler improvements. Radioval of grade crossings, S. Phila. Other grade crossing removals Mandanuis said. "I promise that all depositors will be paid in full and that all losses will be shouldered by the stockholders. "The matter is in the hands of the liquidators now," he said, "and I have heen advised by counsel not to give out information." Paving intermetions Houlevards League Island Park Water supply Byberry Philadelphia Hospital Art Mussum

tion. "No, we were not forced," was the

tion founded last February under State | sure the construction of the Broad street supervision eight months ago, closed its subway from League Island to Olney doors today, after the officials decided avenue, the Frankford elevated, spurs supervision eight months and avenue, the Frankford elevated, spurs foors today, after the officials decided that it could not be made a paying ven-that it could not be made a constored on the northern end of the subway in northeasterly and northwesterly direcnortheasterly and northwesterly directions and other high-speed transit lines that Councils may direct. The ordinance that when voted on fa-

vorably by the people will authorize the increase of the city's borrowing capacity by \$90,000,000 was introduced to City Councils today. It will be passed without opposition. It then will be advertised for 30 days and will go before the people

February 8.

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the Taylor plan.

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Officers of the bank are: The directors include the president, the vice president and J. T. Hayden, A. H. Nissley and William W. Heindel.