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BERLIN READY FOR PEACE, HOLLWEG TELLS ENTENTE

CHANCELLOR ASKS AMERICAN, SPANISH AND SWISS DIPLOMATS **TO TRANSMIT OFFER TO ALLIES**

Proposals Called Appropriate for Establishment of Lasting Calm in Europe-Other Neutral Powers Informed

Note Expresses Willingness to Begin Negotiations at Once. Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria Give Similar Notification-Thronged Reichstag Receives News With Great Solemnity

BASIS FOR EFFECTING WORLD PEACE AS NOW PROPOSED BY GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.

THE German Embassy announced today that the following were the main points in Germany's peace proposale: points in Germany's peace proposals: -That Poland and Lithuania be recognized as independent kingdoms.

-That Germany restore Belgium and northern France. 2

3. That the fate of the Balkan States he settled in a general peace conference.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.

Germany is willing to make peace.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today notified the diplomatic envoys of the United States, Spain and Switzerland that the four nations making up the German allies-Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria-propose to mter forthwith into peace negotiations. The Governments in Vienna, Constantisople and Sofia have given similar notification. The willingness of the German allies to enter into peace negotiations immediately has also been transmitted to the Hely See, in Rome. The special meeting of the Reichstag today was called for the purpose of hearing the Chancellor's peace proposals.

The following was given out through the semiofficial Overseas News

"The Chancellor this morning received one after the other the representaim of the United States of America, of Spain and of Switzerland. These are is countries that are protecting German interests in hostile nations. The scellor submitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowlsize of the hostile Governments. The note will be read today in the Reichstag by the Chancellor.

"In the note the four allied Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria) propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. The proposibeau, which are brought forward for consideration, are, according to the firm belief of the allies' Governments (German, Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulmian) appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace. The Governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia have transmitted notes of similar text. "The note has also been communicated to the Holy See and other neutral

Powers.

MUST FIGHT UNTIL PEACE COMES. KAISER'S WORD TO HIS SOLDIERS

EMPEROR WILLIAM today sent the following proclamation to his troops in the field;

"Soldiers-In agreement with my allies and their sovereigns, and with the consciousness of victory, I have made a peace offer to the enemy. Whether it will be accepted is still uncertain, and until that moment you will fight on."

GERMANY READY TO GIVE UP CONQUESTS, DIPLOMAT SAYS

Willing to Quit France and Belgium—Wants Polish and Lithuanian Kingdoms and Balkan Readjustments, Official Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.

Germany's peace proposals, according to a German Embassy official, will include a suggestion that the territorial status of the nations engaged be returned "virtually" to what it was before the war started

The exceptions are in the establishing of important kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania and some readjustment of international boundaries in the Balkans. On the latter question, it was said, the situation is so complicated that it is hard at this time definitely to suggest anything like positive terms that will be accepted by all belligerents.

The one concrete suggestion made is that Bulgaria will probably want the return of the territory she lost in the Second Balkan War and it is supposed Germany guaranteed this when Czar Ferdinand cast his lot with the Central Powers.

The peace terms, the informant said, include the evacuation of occupied French territory, restoration of the kingdom of Belgium, at least a partial restoration of Serbia and Rumania and the return to Germany of her lost colonies.

The factors which are said to have led to the German peace proposals at this time are:

The favorable military position of the Central Powers,

The fact that the winter at hand will necessitate cessation of hard fighting for three months,

A desire to "smoke out" the Allies as to just what they are fighting for.

Desire to convince the world and the German people wherever they are that Germany is not fighting a war of territorial conquest.

Desire, if the war continues, to let the world know Germany will not be responsible for further bloodshed.

The peace terms outlined, this official intimated, are not necessarily Ger-

many's final proposition. "The important question is to find out whether the Allies will talk peace,"

said this official. "Germany makes the proposal in order to find out whether it may be more reasonable to stop fighting before either side is able to get in what Lloyd George called in his interview some days ago, a 'knockout blow."" Although he has no appointment, it is expected Ambassador von Bernstorff

will see Secretary Lansing shortly and thoroughly discuss with him the whole matter. It is believed possible von Bernstorff may shortly express a desire for an audience with President Wilson.

It is not believed Ambassador Gerard had any definite information of Germany's peace proposals when he left Berlin. In diplomatic circles, it was said shipment will be stored in bullion form." Germany's action must have been partly determined by the success of the Rumanian campaign and by the Cabinet crisis in England and France.

The peace conference, if it comes, will probably be held either at Berne, itzerland, or at The Hague, it was predicted.

QUICK NEWS

U. S. CABINET DISCUSSES PEACE ROLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- The part the United States will be called upon to play if peace conferences develop from the offer of the Berlin Government to enter into peace negotiations was taken up at the Cabinet meeting. It was insisted just before the meeting that no official word of the German Chancellor's offer had been received. Unofficial reports are thoroughly credited, it was said, and the discussion was based on them.

KEYSTONE PAYS SOME OF BACK DIVIDENDS.

Directors of the Keystone Telephone Company this afternoon declaims a dividend of two per cent on account of accumulated dividends on the preferred stock.

AFRICAN EXCLUSION LOSES IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-The Senate, by a vote of 37 to 32, this afternoor ejected Senator Reed's amendment to the immigration bill excluding all natives of Africa. The West Indies exclusion amendment was lost, 36 to 28.

ALLIS-CHALMERS PAYS SOME BACK DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-The Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company has de lared a dividend of 1% per cent on the preferred stock on account of accumulated dividends.

BRIAND ANNOUNCES NEW CABINET IS COMPLETE

PARIS, Dec. 12 - The reorganization of the French Government has been effected remier Briand announced today. The personnel will be published in the official ournal tomorrow. The Premier added that the reorganized Cabinet probably would make its first appearance in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow. Deputy Bonnefous has introduced a bill for the creation of a parliamentary commission of national Infonsie.

E. W. BLISS CO. PAYS 100 PER CENT DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 12-The E. W. Bliss Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent and extra dividend of 100 per cent on the common stock, payable December 23. Rooks close December 15, reopen December 26. The regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock was also declared, payable December 23. Books close December 15, reopen December 26.

ERIE EVENING PAPERS MAKE PRICE TWO CENTS

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 12-Because of the advance in the cost of print paper and other naterials, two afternoon papers here announced an increase in price from one to two cents.

\$8,000,000 IN GOLD REACHES MINT HERE

J. P. Morgan & Co. shipped \$5,000,000 in gold bullion to the Philadelphia Mint oday. It arrived by express from New York. In return for the bullion the United States Government will pay the Morgan firm ninety-five per cent of its value, hold ng the remainder to be paid when the gold is weighed and assayed. "The gold will not be coined now," said Adam Joyce, superintendent of the Mint. "We have not coined any gold here this year and do not expect to coin any for some time. This

2890 STRIKES IN TEN MONTHS THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-According to the United States Bureau of Labor of strikes and lock ing the first

PRICE ONE CENT

GERMANY PLANS WINTER CAMPAIGN

Victory in Rumania Called Prelude to Offensive Against Russia

PREPARATION COMPLETE



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WITH THE GERMAN ARMY AT BU-HAREST, FIELD MARSH VON MACK-ENSEN'S HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 8 (by ourier to Berlin and wireless to the United Press, Dec. 12) .- Germany's campaign in Rumania has only started. Every German oldier is fitted with snowshoes for the winter campaign-and all wagons are so devised that they can be transformed into sleds. Favored by ideal weather, the forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen and Gencrat you Falkenhayn have acquired such a momentum with the fall of Bucharest that they will surge on further into Rumania.

Field Marshal von Mackenson, by Bucharest's fall, is in a position to swing masses of men and artillery north, south, east and west, with clear lines of communication.

The complete demoralization of the Runanian forces has permitted von Mackonen's troops to advance with insignificant

As General von Kluck once declared in in interview. "One cannot postpone that opportunity to fight if one expects to win the battle," and it is on this theory that von Mackensen is operating in Rumania.

There is every indication that the Rus-

(The Holy See is the Roman Catholic government at the Vatican.)

By handing the note to the representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, Germany really transmitted it directly to her enemy nations. Under misting conditions this is the only possible course of diplomatic interchange between the Central Powers and the Entente allies.

The procedure in transmission of Germany's peace proposals will be identical in the cases of all the neutral Powers whose aid is invoked. The diplomatic apresentatives of America, Spain and Switzerland will forward the note handed them by Bethmann-Hollweg to their respective capitals. The Foreign Offices, or State Departments, of these neutral nations will then transmit the text to the American, Spanish and Swiss Ambassadors or Ministers at the capitals of the Intente allies. These Ambassadors will, in turn, formally deliver the note to the Governments of the Entente nations.

The same procedure will be followed in the case of formal replies to the peace propositions. England, for instance, will probably give to the American Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador and the Swiss Minister identical notes detailing their response to Germany's proposals. These will be transmitted to the capitals of the United States, Switzerland and Spain, and formally handed to many through the agency of the American, Swiss and Spanish diplomatic representatives at Berlin.

BEFORE MAKING MOVE, OFFICIALS SAY

U.S. WILL STUDY PEACE PROPOSAL

GERMANY, SECURITY WON, CAN HONOR PEACE DUTY TO WORLD, HOLLWEG SAYS

BERLIN, Dec. 12 .- Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's statement to the Reichstag, as issued by the Press Bureau, is as follows:

"Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg today announced in the Reichstag that Germany, with her allies, conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations and before humanity, had proposed this morning to the hostile Powers that they enter peace negotiations.

Virtually all members of Parliament answered an unexpected summons.

"A crowded house and thronged galleries listened in respectful silence when the Chancellor arose for his speech, in which he first outlined the extraordinary political situation and then, insisting upon the achievements of the Central Powers, made the announcement which possibly may act as the turning point in the war, which for more than two years has held the world under its spell, "The Chancellor said it was fortunate that the Reichstag had not been

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was 2890. For the corresponding months of 1915 the number was 1025.

16 BELGIANS KILLED IN DEPORTATION RIOTS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12 .- Killing of sixteen Belgians in a riot at Turcoing, Bel ium, due to German deportations was reported by the newspaper Echo de Belge oday. A German soldier, who struck a Belgian with the butt of his gun, was attacked by the crowd and the German troops in charge of the deportations remonded with a fusillade. Many were wounded. Fifty Belgians were arrested.

'HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT' PASSED TO NEXT CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- The problems of the "high cost of government" dur ng the next fiscal year will be passed on by the present Congress to the next national legislature, which comes to life on March 4. Majority Leader Eitchin. chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said today that the present usion of Congress would make no attempt to increase the revenues of the Government, despite the fact that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo estimates that the revenues under the present laws, for the year beginning July 1 next, will be much ess than the disbursements of the Government.

LANE FOR SUPREME BENCH, IS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- Associate Justice McKenna, of the Supreme Court of the United States, will resign from the bench in the near future and Secretary of the Interior Lane will be appointed in his place, according to information obtained here today. Justice McKenna has been contemplating realgning for some months, but delayed his action, it was said, in the expectation of giving his former colleague on the bench, former Justice Hughes, the opportunity to name his successor.

PAGE WILL NOT RESIGN AS U. S. ENVOY, FRIENDS SAY

LONDON, Dec. 12 .- Close friends of W. H. Page, United States Ambaasado to England, declared today that there is no foundation for recent reports that the envoy will resign.

PRICE OF CRUDE OIL AGAIN ADVANCED

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12-The price of Humble, Sour Lake and Jennings's grades of crude oil has been advanced fifteen centa a barrel, to eighty cents.

REV. J. J. WARD SERIOUSLY ILL

The condition of the Rey. John J. Ward, pastor of the Church of the Sacrad Heart, Third and Read streets, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported to be exceedingly grave today. The patient's temperature has risen rapidly since morning and he is breathing with great difficulty. Father Ward is past seventy years of age.

REWARD FOR ARREST OF AUTOIST WHO HIT GIRL

A reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest of the motorist who struck Miss Katherine Brennan, of Rosemant, and then speed away without giving any aid, has been offered by Captain James I. Donaghy, chief of police of Lower Merion township. The township commissioners decided on this action after the death of Miss Brennan in the Bryn Mawr Hospital yesterday. She was run down while walking in Montgomery avenue, Rosemont, on Thursday night.

STATE ANNUAL FOREST FIRE LOSS ENORMOUS

Pennsylvania's annual loss from forest fires ranges from \$25,000,069 to \$50. 000,000, according to George H. Wirt, chief forest fire warden of the State Department of Forestry. He is a delegate at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

HARRISBURG STARTS \$1,000,000 HOTEL SOON

HARRISBURG, Dec. 12.-The Penn Harris, the new \$1,000,000 hotel to be erected here by local capital, will be started within three months by the Harrisburg Hotel Company. It will be conducted by the United Hotels Company, of New York, which operator the largest chain of hotels in the country.

sians will have to fight for their lives this winter-Instead of next apring, as General Brussiloff has declared.

For the first time since Belgium was rossed, newspaper correspondents were permitted to follow the German army without restrictions; allowed permission to live with the troops and to watch bombardments.

TRIED TO BURN VILLAGES

Apparently acting under the influence of Russia, the retreating Rumanians attompted burn all cities and villages which they evacuated, but the German advance was so awift in many instances that this plan of destruction was forestalled. According to overed Rumanians, Russia's advice to prisonered Rumanians, Russia's advice to the Rumanian army was to retreat to the east of Bucharest, burning all supplies and all towns, so as to create a verifable desti-non-just as the Russians did in Poland during the last Hindenburg offensive, when they destroyed 4000 towns. But the Ru-manians, in a great many instances, re-fused to make such sacrifices of their property.

Insolation in the state of the Craiova police to destroy all food supplies, even those which were the private prop-erty of the inhabitants. The citizens held a public meeting and sent word hack to Bucharest that unless these orders were recalled there would be a sivil war the part day. Bucharest withdrew the order by telegraph. In such a movement as that through Ru-mania the soldlers alsop in towns every might, hiving in stables, houses and schools, while the officers are housed with promi-nent families. While each army carries pufficient provisions, the soldlers like little

sufficient provisions, the soldiers like little extras, with the result that all stores do a blg busilians.

In a "death zone," such as the Russians advised, the advancing army would be forced to provide shelter, which is an enor-mous handleap. Food supplies would also be incluing.

NEW "ARMORED DEVILS"

Working with the German froons is a new multiary monster. It is an armored auto-mobile which attains a speed of thirty miles an hour, carries machine guns and has a crew of one officer and hins man. In the

an hour, carries machine guns and has a crew of one officer and nine man. In the very action in which this new monster was used—the soldlers call it "the armored devil"...it killed 300 men and wounded 150. This was directly in front of Hacharest. The car returned safely. Nothing invented in this war, not even the British "talks," can compare with the success of this new engine of distruction. In a small raibcost atation ous night I nest is first liveleand who was leader of the armored car squadron and returning to Berlin to superinted the building of these maryets. I issued the building of these maryets. I issued the building of these maryets in fourier in Alasse and also a few times in Russia. Then came that new model in Humania. Its operation has been as successful that it has literally been wirned after falsy-tale exploits in the harting of Turns Aut, where the Germann from the Brain the observe that the farming the Manania. The operation has been as successful that it has literally been from the arms in the barries of Turns Aut, where the Germann from the Kumanikal lite operation has the manual lite operation has the manual lite operation the function of the armoral data that the barries of Turns Aut, where the Germann from the Kumanikal lite operation the from the function of the first big yold. Semilling thirty alies an how it rushed throws to pre-ment of Control was compared. that the autors Biscoulan railroom of Crutove was cripped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .-- If Germany's | was: "I know nothing about it and have wakes the United States to act as courier nothing to say."

in transmitting them this Government will ness the proposals along without any com- manner indicated more clearly than words On the other hand, if Germany's pro- happiest word he had heard from Berlin

seals are that the United States itself. in months. sing with other neutral nations, shalf make reposals in their own name on Germany's whalf, the Administration will study the reposals before taking action.

This does not mean, bowever, that the Gated States would not transmit the promail under the second plan.

ment of her own.

Pero facts were officially revealed at the als Department shortly after Secretary aming was shown dispatches from Herlin when that Germany had initiated a peace are. In the absence, however, of exact mation as to what Germany thinks. must His only statement for publication



FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Snow the atternoon and probably tonight, folward by fair Wednesday: steadily falling realure, with invocat tonight about Is segrece; fresh unsteady winds.

LENGTH OF DAY BELAWARE RIVER TIDE CRANGES CRESTNUT STREET MALAR. 1420 a.m. High wolce. 4:24 a.m. Walar. 10:24 a.m. Low water. 19:33 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH BOUR 10 10) 11 13 11 3 3 4 9 10 10 11 37 4 36 36 36

He would not indicate whether the proposal came as a surprise to him, but his that the German news was probably the

So far as the dispatches show, Germany's course, officially pointed out, is unprec-edented. For that reason Socretary Lans-ing was unwilling to commit himself as full point to 94. NEW YORK. Dec 12-News of Ger-

ing was unwilling to commit himself as to the United States' attitude. If Germany's offer involves merely the use of the United States as a messenger, the State Department will send along her note as a matter of course and diplomatic

courtesy. But a larger question is involved in case Germany wants neutral mations to do the sounding out or to make definits proposals.

Oblivion"

This is a sequel to and a continuation

"The Vacant World"

and carries the adventures of Allan Stern and Beatrice Kendrick into even more tense and interesting

chapters.

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supporting orders under the market to any great extent. In this group with Bethiehem was Gulf Sintes Steel, which showed a loss of 19 points. Railroads and coppers were George Allan England sympathetically affected, but the dectines is

those issues were not as great-While stocks were weak the foreign Government bonds became strong. Most of the interest was attached to the Afgio. French & per cent issue, which advanced a full point above the close of yesterday to 21. These bonds in the late trading yes-

A comprehensive synopsis suchles you to pick up the story at the third instabuent, which appears in this torday hit a new low mark, selling at 92%. City of Parts 6s and United King-

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When old Ponce de Leon fared forth in earch of the fountain of youth he looked. for-at least some historics record it this way-a clear, bubbling spring that gave a

iquid resembling water. Now every wise person knows that what he ought to have done was to have stayed at home and prayed for snow-prayed hard,

burned candles if necessary. Snow, even the wet, disappearing kind such as did its best to "mantie" the city today, is the great rejuvenator.

And though it discontinued its efforts slowly after noon, the genial influence exerted by the white banners announcing the near approach of King Winter was not dispelled in the popular mind."

There was the Camden grouch, for in stance, a weazened little old man whose "branikal tubes" are directly responsible for his customary pessimism. On rainy mornings when he has to come across the ferry he stands apart glowering darkly like Napoleon at St. Helens, as mad as a man

with "bronikal tubes" can be on a rainy morning

But this morning, because the moisture had orystallized into those little hexagons which the dictionary considers it necessary to tell us are well-algh perfect seen through a microscope, the Camden grouch rubbed elbows companionably with his

He called on them to witness the beauty "Look at that there city." he exclaimed

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Grouches Disappear as White Banners Flash Their Signals of Cheer

THE CITY WITH CONTENT

STOCK VALUES CRUMBLE SNOWY MANTLE COVERS **ON GERMAN PEACE NEWS**

Whole List Takes Part in De-

cline-Rally, Then Fall Again.

Foreign Bonds Strong

German marks and Vienna kronen strong on peace news. French exchange and English sterling steady. Anglo-French 5 per cent honds advanced a

many's peace proposals hit the stock market

hard today. Values crumbled as holders

threw over their stocks, and losses by mid-

day ranged from 1 to more than 4 points,