

TON. SONNINO RICEVE LA PROPOSTA DI PACE

Dichiarò Alla Camera Che l'Italia Agirà di Concerto con le Potenze Alleate

LA FRANCIA HA RISPOSTO

Briand e Lloyd George Ottengono Pieni Póteri e Nuovi Crediti per Continuare la Guerra

ROMA, 15 Dicembre.

La proposta di pace fatta dalla Germania è stata annunciata al governo italiano dal ministro di Svizzera accreditato presso il Quirinale.

Il ministro di Svizzera, che rappresenta a Roma gli interessi della Germania, consegnò la nota proveniente da Berlino, Vienna, Costantinopoli e Sofia all'on. Sonnino, avvertendo che egli faceva la comunicazione della stessa semplicemente come rappresentante degli interessi germanici in Italia e che non intendeva con questo atto assumere alcuna funzione di mediatore.

Parlando alla Camera ieri, l'on. Sonnino disse: «Io gli riposi che prendevo atto e lo ringraziavo. Per rispondere all'interrogazione fatta a proposito di questa offerta di pace, posso dichiarare che nella nota tedesca e in quella degli alleati della Germania non vi sono precise indicazioni riguardo alle condizioni sulle quali dovrebbero basarsi le trattative.»

Una traduzione del testo della nota tedesca è stata dramata dall'agenzia Stefani.

L'on. Sonnino lesse il testo francese della nota nella Camera dei Deputati, e dopo aggiunse: «Questo è tutto. Per il resto la nota contenente in argomentazioni circa la guerra. Risposi al ministro di Svizzera che, naturalmente, avrei dovuto agire di accordo con i miei colleghi dei governi dell'Intesa circa la risposta alla nota che è stata preparata di concerto tra i quattro governi delle potenze nemiche.»

Il presidente del Consiglio francese, Briand, intanto, ha dato la sua risposta alla nota tedesca domandando ed ottenendo dalla Camera pieni poteri per quanto riguarda la condotta della guerra. Tutto ciò che finora doveva ottenere l'autorizzazione del Parlamento era di natura puramente formale, ma ha bisogno d'ora innanzi che di un semplice decreto ministeriale. Nella Camera francese Briand ha denunciato la condotta della manovra della Germania come una grande trappola tesa all'Intesa.

Per quanto riguarda la Russia, un alto funzionario del Ministero degli Esteri dello czar dichiarò ieri che questo non era il primo tentativo fatto dalla Germania per gettare la responsabilità della continuazione della guerra sui suoi nemici. Promette la pace, la Germania, anche quando cade l'Impero, e quando fu conquistata la Serbia e fece credere che fossero in corso trattative per una pace separata. Ora la Germania ha fatto le sue proposte formali dopo avere avuto notizia dei discorsi di Lloyd George, di Briand, di Borelli e delle dichiarazioni di Troopé, e sapeva certo che le proposte sarebbero state respinte. La ferma decisione delle potenze dell'Intesa di continuare la guerra fino al trionfo finale non può essere scossa da queste offerte di pace illusoria.

In Inghilterra il cancelliere dello Scacchiere, Bonar Law, ha dichiarato in Parlamento che l'Intesa non farà la pace se non avrà ottenuto piena riparazione per tutto quello che il blocco teutonico ha fatto. Il governo inglese, come risposta agli affari subdoli della Germania, ha ottenuto dalla Camera l'autorizzazione di arruolare ancora un milione di uomini e nuovi crediti per la somma di due miliardi di dollari.

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna.

Sulla fronte del Trentino il cattivo tempo ha limitato l'azione dell'artiglieria a duelli nella zona del Paganone e sull'altopiano di Asiago.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si è avuta la solita attività di artiglieria nel settore di Plava, ad est della Verconizza e sul Carso. Alcuni proiettili caddero in Gorizia e vi provocarono un incendio che però fu spento immediatamente.

Germans Take Buzeu, on Moldavia Dash

Continued from Page One north of the town of that name, and today's news of the capture of the city indicates that the Germans have reached the battle front chosen by the Russians and Rumanians.

FRENCH LAUNCH NEW DRIVE AT VERDUN

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Pausing in their Bonnie drive, the French have launched another terrific blow along the Verdun front, on both sides of the Meuse.

The German War Office today reported the repulse of French attacks at Hill 304, on Pepper Ridge, and also in the sector of Haudumont (Haudramont).

The French bombarded the German positions very heavily, some of the curtains of fire reaching far behind the German positions to prevent the bringing up of reserves.

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ENTENTE NATIONS MAY NAME OWN DEFINITE PEACE TERMS

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There was every indication today that the Allies will adopt this course. It is fully expected that Lloyd George will be sufficiently recovered from his illness on Tuesday to give in his speech before the House of Commons a more or less positive statement of the Allies' position.

KAISER SAYS VICTORY PROMPTED PEACE MOVE

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Germany expressed a willingness to enter peace negotiations because she is now fully victorious, Kaiser Wilhelm told German troops in Alsace in an address.

The Emperor's statement comes after he had praised the loyalty of Alsace in peace and war times and referred to Rumania as "that country in the east which attempted to stick a dagger in our ally's back."

Details of the Kaiser's visit to Alsace, as received here, say the Emperor was in excellent spirits. He watched a parade of troops which accepted him overhead to guard him against possible French raiders. He talked with officers and told them incidents of the Rumanian campaign, taking no notice of a rain which fell during the hour he was in the open.

Even should the Allies reject Germany's peace proposal without an interchange of ideas, German will continue her efforts to end the conflagration which is desolating Europe, according to an opinion expressed in high political circles today.

The fact that Germany said nothing about terms in the proposals is held in some quarters as an intentional omission, the object being to give the Allies an opportunity to exchange notes on the subject. The terms Germany is willing to offer are not known to the public, but from all indications they are believed to be moderate.

There is good ground for the belief that the question of limiting armaments will enter largely into the conversations if a peace conference can be brought off. But that is only one of the big problems. Concisely they might be grouped as follows:

- 1. Restoration of lost territory; 2. Disarmament; 3. Limitation of armaments; 4. Commercial freedom.

Germany, it is declared, is prepared to make equal concessions with the Allied nations in the matter of disarmament. She is especially anxious to show that militarism is not the dominant spirit animating the German Empire.

ITALY TO CONSULT HER ALLIES, SONNINO SAYS

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The peace proposals of the Central Powers have been delivered to the Italian Government. No definite indications are given as to the conditions upon which peace negotiations might be attempted.

A Havas dispatch filed in Rome says that Foreign Minister Sonnino, on being questioned in the Chamber of Deputies, replied: "The Swiss Minister has presented to me a note from the German Government and its three allies proposing that negotiations for peace begin. The Swiss Minister added that he made this communication in his capacity as representative of German interests in Italy and that it was not his intention to perform any function of mediation whatever, but simply the function of transmission."

"I replied to him that I took notes and thanked him. In order to reply to the question I am able to declare that in the note there is no precise indication concerning the conditions upon which peace negotiations might be attempted." In addition to the text of the note, a translation was communicated by the Stefani News Agency. Sunno then read the original note.

WAR TO FINISH, SAYS RUSSIA SEMIOFFICIALLY

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—The peace proposal of the Central Powers is regarded by the Russian Government as "an attempt to court public opinion and encourage the people of Germany by appearing to put the responsibility for the continuation of the war upon the Entente Allies."

WILSON AND LANSING DISCUSS PEACE PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—For nearly two hours today President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing considered the question of supplementing the forwarding of the German peace proposals to Allied capitals with some suggestions from this Government.

The conclusion of the conference neither the President nor Secretary Lansing would throw any light upon what, if any, decision was reached.

"I have nothing to say now. There is no announcement to be made at present. There is no conclusion to discuss," summed up Lansing's reply to inquiries from newspapermen.

Mediation efforts or suggestions by the United States on behalf of a peace conference would be immediately followed by similar action by all European neutrals.

The United States and European neutrals should consider any answer of the Entente Allies to the German peace proposal, says a flat rejection, as an invitation to offer their good services in arranging a peace conference.

These two statements were made to the United Press today by two of the best-informed neutral diplomats in Washington, who are known to have discussed the question of peace with Secretary of State Lansing and presumably presented these views to him.

GRANDMOTHER IN JAIL ON NONSUPPORT CHARGE

Old New York Statute Revived to Make Aged Woman Assist Three Grandchildren

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A sixty-year-old grandmother, gray-haired, but still vigorous, spent today in Queens County jail rather than contribute to the support of her three grandchildren. Furthermore, she desired she will serve six months in the workhouse, to which she has been sentenced, rather than "give one penny."

The law under which the woman, Mrs. Clara Bersenger, was sentenced is an old half-forgotten statute, making a grandparent liable for the support of his or her children's children.

Mrs. Bersenger's son, Harold H. Jones, disappeared a few months ago, leaving his wife, Mrs. Edna B. Jones, with three small children. Mrs. Bersenger was ordered to pay \$5 a week toward their support. She refused and was sentenced to the workhouse. An appeal will be made.

Centenarian Dies in Carlisle

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Martha Davis, a negro woman, is dead here. She was more than 100 years old. She was born in Virginia and came to this section during the Civil War. With two exceptions she was the oldest woman in Cumberland County.

MAIL TUBE SERVICE FOR NEW YORK ONLY

House Committee Votes to Abolish Them in Philadelphia and Elsewhere

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—All pneumatic tube service in Philadelphia and every other city except New York is to be abolished in accordance with the recommendations of Postmaster General Burleson, if Congress adopts the recommendations agreed to at an executive session of the House Postoffice and Post Roads Committee today. Authority is given the Postmaster General to close the New York pneumatic tube service in six months.

Representatives Tague and Page, of Massachusetts, cast the only dissenting votes in the committee. They will present a minority report, but it is believed now there is little chance of saving the service.

The bill as reported to the House will carry no appropriation for maintenance of the service, except in New York. By a vote of 11 to 4, the committee decided to retain the Randall system of increased postal rates on magazines and other periodicals. Those who voted against it were Crist, of Pennsylvania; Tague and Page, of Massachusetts; and Madden, of Illinois.

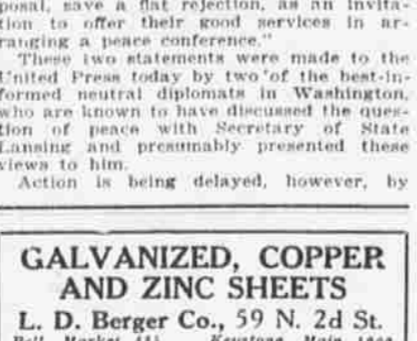
The committee also adopted a provision barring the appearance of liquor advertisements in papers and magazines sent into prohibition territory.

SUICIDE FOUND IN SNOW

READING, Pa., Dec. 15.—His body covered with snow, Frank Snyder, fifty-eight years old, a butcher by occupation, was found a suicide outside his home at Stoney Creek, below Reading, today. He had blown away part of his head with a shotgun, using a yardstick to snap the trigger. Worry over the fact that his wife had him arrested yesterday for nonsupport and for threatening to kill her after a prolonged period of drinking, is believed to have driven him to suicide.

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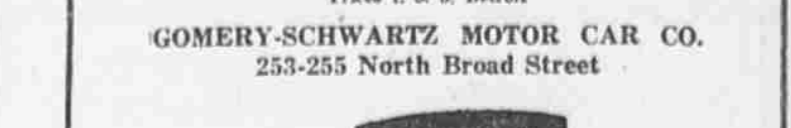
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