

PRESS SEES DOOR OPEN FOR MORE PEACE TALK

Editorials Agree Lloyd George Went as Far as Could Be Expected

NEXT MOVE IS BERLIN'S

Germany's Sincerity to Be Shown in Reply, Papers Assert

Following are the editorial comments of New York papers this morning on Premier Lloyd George's reply to Germany's peace proposals.

New York Times: All the portents foreshadowed the nature of the speech Lloyd George would make yesterday. It was inconclusive, it set forth no definite peace terms, but unmistakably it leaves the door open to further exchanges of actual peace negotiations. That is all-important. It is devoutly to be hoped that the Allies will not miss their great opportunity, that they will not fail to make it clear to Germany, to the Teutonic Powers, to the people of Germany and Austria and to the whole world, that the enemy over whom they must be victorious before peace can be made is Prussian militarism and the German idea of world domination, of which Prussian militarism is at once the inspiration and the instrument. The gain to be hoped for from getting that proclamation of purpose into the minds of the German people will be immense.

New York Tribune: The reply of the British Prime Minister to the German peace proposal was simple and straightforward. It was the only reply that any responsible Minister of an Allied nation could make. It did not make war on the idea of peace, but it did make clear that only peace was possible, and that was a peace which restored to full vigor that whole structure and body of international law and moral right which Germany invaded two years ago and a half ago.

We shall see now whether the German peace proposal was a maneuver or an earnest seeking after a settlement. The restoration of Belgium and of Serbia, reparations to Serbia and Belgium for crimes committed against them, and through them, against civilization—these must be the minimum conditions, not for peace, but for the discussion of peace.

New York World:

Instead of closing the door Mr. Lloyd George is careful to hold it open and in effect to invite the German Government to submit its terms. Reducing the Prime Minister's speech to its simplest form, Great Britain will not offer peace conditions to Germany, but it will give due consideration to any peace conditions that Germany proposes. This is quite a different matter from declaring a war of unconditional surrender, as the extremists demanded. The speech of Mr. Lloyd George leaves the issue wholly in the hands of the Imperial Government, which cannot fairly refuse to meet the British demands for a definition of terms without confessing that its original proposal was a piece of diplomatic pretenses, designed chiefly to divide the Allies and bedevil neutral sentiment.

New York Sun:

There can be no further doubt in any quarter that the forces arrayed against the aggressor Powers are not in a mood to submit to terms. Reducing the Prime Minister's speech to its simplest form, Great Britain will not offer peace conditions to Germany, but it will give due consideration to any peace conditions that Germany proposes. This is quite a different matter from declaring a war of unconditional surrender, as the extremists demanded.

New Yorker Staats-Zeitung:

Lloyd George evaded the real question, in that he glides over the offer made by Germany and sets up pretexts in order to be able to give later a halfway plausible motive for the unwillingness of the Allies. In order to shift from his own shoulders the responsibility in the eyes of the neutral world for the failure of a peace conference to come together, he calls to the attention, very craftily, that his Allies, particularly Russia and France, have already, and very decidedly, refused to enter into any peace negotiations.

Thereby Lloyd George leaves a loophole. An answer will go to Berlin, and this is to be composed that a response to it will be possible. Time must show what will develop from these events.

German Herald, New York:

Lloyd George's speech in the British Parliament shows that the way is left open for the opening of negotiations. It is indeed possible that still more German blows must ensue. But, on the other hand, there is the possibility, if not the probability, that Germany's suggestion of peace is really the first step toward peace.

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TRY TO SAVE ENTOMBED MEN

Rescuers Work to Bring Sixteen Out of Exploded Mine

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 20.—Rescuers still were working heroically today to bring out of the Olyphant-Johnson mine at Bronteville, six men who are believed to be alive following the explosion and fire which killed two men and injured five yesterday.

CRIPPLE GETS LUMP AWARD FOR INJURIES

Will Be of Greater Value in Victim's Native Land, Says Compensation Award

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—In an opinion handed down by Chairman Harry A. Mackey, of the State Compensation Board, \$1375 compensation was made to Tony Perrett, Philadelphia, who was permanently crippled while in the employ of a Philadelphia construction company.

The board disallowed the claim of the appellant in the case of Fenwick vs. the McDonald Coal Company, McDonald.

The board has upheld Referee J. J. Dunn, Pittsburgh, in refusing compensation to Mary Vargo, widow of a man killed by a fall from the rife of a deputy in the labor disturbances of last spring at Bradford.

In an opinion by Chairman Mackey the board upholds Mr. Dunn in awarding compensation to John R. and Julia Ship, Crafton.

Two Berks Postmasters Named

READING, Pa., Dec. 20.—Harry F. Meyer, postmaster at Hobeconia, advanced to third class, salary \$1000 a year, has been reappointed by President Wilson.

Man Killed by Fall Into Barge

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 20.—Falling from a distance of thirty feet off Edgmont avenue into a coal barge moored alongside the wharf, Theodore Alley slighted on his head and fractured his skull. He died in the Chester Hospital.

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DEMOCRAT MAY FIGHT FOR CONGRESS SEAT

Representative Casey, of Luzerne, Advised to Begin Contest Against Templeton

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative John J. Casey, a Democrat, who carried Luzerne County two years ago by 5000 majority, has been advised by national Democratic leaders to begin a contest against the seating of George W. Templeton, Republican, who was elected last November by a majority of 3000.

It is charged by friends of Mr. Casey that \$25,000 was used by Republican workers in a fraudulent manner.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' FARM WEEK EVENTS PLANNED

Special Program During Farmers' Week, December 27 to January 3, at State College

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 20.—A special boys' and girls' program has been arranged in connection with the annual Farmers' week to be held at the Pennsylvania State College from December 27 to January 3. Four days will be devoted to the interests of the boys and girls.

For the boys there will be periods of organized play, lessons and demonstrations in corn and potato culture, dairy farming, horticulture and judging contests of different kinds.

For the girls there will be play periods, lessons and demonstrations in the making of undergarments, table service and in bread, jelly and preserve making.

FIGHT MOSQUITOES IN SNOW

Winter Campaign Against Pests Begun at Cape May

CAPE MAY, N. J., Dec. 20.—Despite masses of ice on the beach and six inches of snow on the ground, the work of cutting through the Pond Creek outlet has been begun here. The outlet will drain the mosquito-breeding marsh at Pond Creek, near Cape May Point.

NATIONAL LIQUOR BAN KEY TO PREPAREDNESS

Crushing of the Saloon Would Help Defense, Says Representative Webb

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The three big congressional hearings by which preparedness advocates have been evolved some new "and more efficient" system of national defense continued their work of testimony taking today.

White House and Senate Military Affairs Committees heard from high army and War Department officials and civilians, the House Naval Committee heard more expert advice regarding the alleged defenselessness of the United States because of insufficient sea forces.

And in the meantime Representative Edwin Y. Webb, of North Carolina, author of the nation-wide dry bill, announced that he would urge immediate passage of his measure on the ground that no nation can really be prepared against possible attack by a foreign foe, as well as economically and socially, until the sale of all intoxicating liquors is stopped.

Webb says he will insist that crushing out of the saloon and the liquor traffic is so bound up with real preparedness that it cannot be pushed aside.

"Any kind of military preparedness is necessarily bound up with physical—bodily preparedness of the individual," said Webb. "The warriors of Europe have ruled that they cannot be successful under old conditions. That is, obviously, why France, then Russia, and then England declared against liquor sales in absolute prohibition or the most rigid regulation."

"And, incidentally, I might add that the right to sell or manufacture injurious intoxicants is not insalubrious."

Navy Department Bureau Chiefs appeared before the House Naval Committee today.

It is expected National Guard officers will be given an early opportunity of presenting their side of the question.

REWARD OFFERED IN LIQUOR FIGHT

NICHOLSON, Pa., Dec. 20.—The No-Liquor League of Nicholson has offered a reward of \$50 for the first conviction for illegal sale of liquor.

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