

AUSTRIA'S NEW "PEACE" PROPOSAL
AUSTRIA'S VOICE, KAISER'S HAND IN PEACE PROPOSAL
TEXT OF LATEST TEUTONIC OFFER OF PEACE TO ALLIED NATIONS
AUSTRIAN PEACE MOVE
HAD KAISER'S CONSENT

Was Considered at Length at Imperial Conference.
Germans Don't Want Plan Accepted,
However

By GEORGE RENWICK

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Amsterdam, Sept. 15.

The Austrian proposal for a peace conference, which has good grounds for knowing, was first seriously considered at the recent imposing meeting at German headquarters. In fact, it is now quite clear that it was the only subject discussed at any length during the gathering.

So insistent was the Austrian demand that such a step should be taken that the German Government had to give rather unwilling consent. In doing so, according to my information, it acted in the hope that such a move might have a certain influence on Entente pacifists, whom the German Government persists in believing to be a very much stronger force than they really are.

It is beyond all doubt that the German military authorities and the German Government do not want any conference as Austria-Hungary suggests. I say the German Government without reservation, because von Payer's speech clearly demonstrates that despite some advances there are no elements in the administration inclined or bold enough to break sufficiently away from Pan-Germanism to make negotiations remotely possible for the Entente.

Plain Words to Chancellor
Much which I have recently reported regarding the state of affairs in Germany receives remarkable confirmation in the speeches delivered Thursday evening, when the German Chancellor and other ministers received a deputation consisting of leaders of the unions in German.

The Royal and Imperial Government would like, therefore, to propose to the Governments of all the belligerent States to send delegates to a confidential and unbinding discussion on the basic principles for the conclusion of peace, in a place in a neutral country and at a near date that would yet have to be agreed upon—delegates who were charged to make known to one another the conception of their Governments regarding those principles and to receive analogous communications, as well as to request and give frank and candid explanations on all those points which need to be precisely defined.

The Royal and Imperial Government has the honor to request the Government of . . . through the kind mediation of Your Excellency, to bring this communication to the knowledge of the Government of . . .

[The names of the intermediary Government and of that addressed in the particular note dispatched are left blank.]

U. S. WILL NOT HEED LURE OF PEACE HELD OUT BY FOE

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ence of this country is sure to be large in England and France. . . . The uncompromising rejection of Austria's appeal will have a wholesome effect upon liberal opinion in both those countries, where the liberals will be seriously considered. . . .

REICHSTAG HEADS
CONFERS ON PEACE
Hertling Presides at Prompt Session to Discuss Austrian Offer

By the Associated Press
Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—An important conference of leaders of the majority parties in the Reichstag was held Sunday with reference to the Austrian peace note, telegrams from Berlin report.

According to some of the reports, Count von Hertling, the Imperial Chancellor, presided at the conference, which lasted two hours and a half. Admiral von Hintze, the Foreign Secretary, and Herr Wraff, the Minister of the Interior, also are stated to have been present.

Will Help England and France
In the last analysis it will be England and France which will reject or accept the Austrian proposals. They are war veterans, and it is for their sake that the administration to take the people of either of those countries that is no time to meet around a table with Austria.

Effect of Rejection
In all of these countries regard for the favor of America will be an important factor. It is in vain that the Kaiser offers peace to Belgium. If the greater Austria moves, Belgium will also reject it.

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to form the subject of such a discussion, for mutual enlightenment, as well as the general principle that shall serve as the basis for peace and the future relations of the States to one another, and regarding which, in the first place, an accord can be sought with a prospect of success.

As soon as an agreement were reached on the fundamental principles an attempt would have to be made in the course of the discussions to apply them concretely to individual peace questions and thereby bring about their solution.

Doubts Success of Former Plan
"In what manner, however, can the way be paved for an understanding and an understanding finally attained? Is there any serious prospect whatever of reaching this aim by continuing the discussion of the peace problem in the way hitherto followed?"

Merely Waging Defense War
The Central Powers leave it in no doubt that they are only waging a war of defense for the integrity and security of their territories.

Favors Round Table Talk
"If, therefore, an attempt is made to see whether the basis exists for an understanding calculated to deliver Europe from the catastrophe of the suicidal continuation of the struggle, then, in any case, another method should be chosen which renders possible a direct, verbal discussion between the representatives of the Governments, and only between them.

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peace and understanding. Moreover, a comparison of the reception of the peace proposal of the Powers of the Quadruple Alliance on the part of their opponents with the later utterances of responsible statesmen of the latter, as well as of the non-responsible, influential personalities, confirms this impression.

"While, for example, the reply of the Allies to President Wilson made demands which amounted to the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary, to a diminution and a deep internal transformation of the German Empire and the destruction of Turkish European territory, these demands, the realization of which was based on the supposition of an overwhelming victory, were later modified in many declarations from official Entente quarters, or in part were dropped.

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British Press Riddles Plea Emanating From Vienna and Quotes Wilson's Watchword

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The Manchester Guardian says: "It would be a monstrous thing to plant this proposal as proposals have been planted in the past."

The Daily Mail says this morning under the heading, "The Words of Austria. But the Kaiser's 'Vote,'" says the Austrian invitation to the Allies to open "a confidential unbinding discussion" of peace terms is another form of the old German trick.

It has been disposed of in advance by President Wilson in his masterly speeches. There can be none but "open covenants of peace openly arrived at," he said on January 8, and on June 14 of last year he pointed out that Austria was always merely a puppet of Potsdam.

"The Kaiser," the paper goes on, "is a ventriloquist whose voice we hear in this Austrian telegram, and we hear it because the military masters under whom Germany is bleeding are afraid. They are afraid that if they fall back, they are forced back at least their power both abroad and at home will fall to pieces like a house of cards."

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GERMANY DENIES ACTING WITH ALLY
Berlin Report Declares Burian Peace Move Binds Austria Alone

PARIS SCOFFS AT IDEA
By the Associated Press
Paris, Sept. 16.—(Havas.)

It is reported from Berlin semi-official source that Foreign Minister Burian's move in inducing the note inviting the belligerents to a conference constituted an act binding Austria alone, says a Zurich dispatch today.

The Matin, in commenting on this assertion, draws attention to the probability that it is incorrect. It points out the interviews that recently took place in Vienna between Burian and Admiral von Hintze, the German foreign minister.

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Kaiser's Speech Censored
Vorwarts Declares Portions Regarding Prussian Reforms Were Cut Out

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The Hague, Sept. 15.—The Vorwarts, commenting on the Kaiser's speech, says it appears to have been censored, and that especially in the labor press sections concerning the Prussian franchise were not published.

Two More Ships Launched
Carrier Castle Point and Mine Sweeper Thrush Leave Ways

Two more ships—a cargo carrier and a transport—were launched today at the Delaware yard, ready to enter the dry dock at the Kaiser's shipyard. The carrier, the Castle Point, and the mine sweeper, the Thrush, both of the big front-yard, were launched yesterday at the Delaware yard.

EDITORS REJECT PEACE PROPOSAL
Press of Country Flout the Austrian Plan to Discuss End of War

One Paper Only Agrees
New York, Sept. 16.
With one exception, all the New York newspapers editorially declare that the Austrian proposals for a discussion of peace terms must be spurned as they now stand.

Austria Aims to Split Allies
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BALTIMORE SUN.—Austria's proposal must be answered. What shall the answer be? . . .

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AIPLANES ATTACK PARIS
Bombs Influx Casualties and Cause Material Damage

By the United Press
Paris, Sept. 16.—Several enemy airplanes swooped over Paris last night, it was learned, and caused material damage and inflicted casualties.

Naval District Wins
Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 16.—Fourth Naval District, of Philadelphia, blanketed Pottsville here yesterday, 2 to 0.

The Master Car
For immediate delivery.
Choice of colors.

THE LAST WORD IN MOTOR CONSTRUCTION

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