

AUSTRIA'S NEW "PEACE" PROPOSAL SPURNED IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND AT WASHINGTON

AUSTRIA'S VOICE, KAISER'S HAND IN PEACE PROPOSAL

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

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London, Sept. 16.—The Daily Mail this morning under the heading, "The Words of Austria, But the Kaiser's Voice," says the Austrian invitation to the Allies to open "a confidential nonbinding 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 or are forced back on their power both abroad and at home will fall to pieces like a house of cards. Under the blows of the Allies in France they are becoming nervous. It is not but mainly that they have really in view its safety of their own skins."

"Austria for a generation has been in Mr. Stead's expressive phrase, 'a sun-tanate' to the Entente. And the same work into which we are moving has no use for despots. No peace with autocracy." President Wilson's great watchword applies to her as well as to Prussia and for the same cause now Germany autocracy can be trusted for an hour."

It is pointed out in the Chronicle that three closely related incidents of the last week-end reveal more vividly even than the Kaiser's hectic oration or the portentous manifesto of Hindenburg the changed mentality of our enemies under the influence of the Allied victory on the western front.

The Daily Telegraph says:

"No indication in the present moment, even though they brought temporary peace, would only postpone the final struggle between might and right. For no longer in this tremendous war is it a question of territorial concessions or economical arrangements or demarcation of boundaries, or the mere righting of ancient wrongs. The war is nothing less than the secular conflict between two great conceptions of world-power—the arrogant despotism of might arrayed against a league of nations galled by principles of justice and humanity."

Cannot Stand Alone

The Morning Post says:

"The Austrian note cannot be taken alone. It is based together with the first the German offer to withdraw from Northern Russia if the Allies would do the same and next the German bid for Belgian neutrality, a bid which there is reason to believe has been made within the last day or two.

"It is a shameless proposal which is put forward, not to benefit Belgium or satisfy the Allies, but to provide an occasion for the defeatist activities."

GERMANY DENIES ACTING WITH ALLY

Berlin Report Declares Buri-an Peace Move Binds Austria Alone

PARIS SCOFFS AT IDEA

By the Associated Press

Paris, Sept. 16.—(Havas) It is reported from Berlin semi-official sources that Foreign Minister Burian's move in inditing the note inviting the belligerents to a conference constituted an act binding Austria alone, says a Zurich dispatch today. Germany, it is declared, took no part whatever in drawing up the note.

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

"It is impossible to believe in the absence of an agreement between the two empires," the Matin adds. "This clumsy comedy will deceive no one."

The Echo de Paris says it is probable that Spain will demand the Austrian-Hungarian note to the London and Paris cabinets. Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pilchon, who were absent from Paris when the news of the note's issuance was received, were immediately advised of the Austro-Hungarian move.

The Austrian proposal for a conference of the belligerents was not much of a surprise in Parisian political centers, where it is considered to be a consequence of the recent military success of the Allies. The general impression is that the new peace offensive cannot be fruitful.

KAISER'S SPEECH CENSORED

Vorwärts Declares Portions Regarding Prussian Reforms Were Cut Out

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The Hague, Sept. 16.—The Vorwärts, 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.

Arkwright, the paper adds, the Wolff Bureau's official report of the speech did not mention Prussian reforms, "whereas we now learn from authoritative sources that the speech contained definite recognition of the demands for Prussian franchise according to the Government program."

AIRPLANES ATTACK PARIS

Bombs Inflict Casualties and Cause Material Damage

By the United Press

Paris, Sept. 16.—Several enemy aircrafts approached Paris last night, it is officially announced today.

They made some casualties and mate-

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It would be a monstrous thing to plant this proposal as proposals have been planted in the past. Neither in any other country would general opinion stand any face heroes of this kind. It would also be an extreme and unwarlike course to lay down any definite military conditions as prerequisite to any discussion.

This step has been brought to the knowledge of the Holy See in a special note, and an appeal thereby made to the Pope's interest in peace. Furthermore, the Governments of the neutral States have been acquainted with the step taken.

The constant close accord which exists between the four Allied (Central Powers warrants the assumption that the allies of Austria-Hungary, to whom the proposal is sent in the same manner, share the views developed in the note."

SCORN THE DOMINANT NOTE OF COMMENT

Text of Note

to the Powers

London, Sept. 16.—The Times says in its comment on the Austrian peace proposal:

"Germany is employing Austria to renew its peace proposals and cover up her efforts to bring the Central Powers to heel. She is doing this by having Austria reorganize his forces. It is one of the oldest and stalest tricks of diplomacy. What the Central Empires really fear is that the Entente will be strong enough to gain the upper hand so that they can again present to their disengaged peoples their reasons for continuing the war. They also hope to break the Entente's spirit."

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