

PRINCE MAXIMILIAN ASKS PRESIDENT FOR AN ARMISTICE

FRANCE INSISTS ON REPARATION Essential After 50 Months of Bloodshed, Says Ex-Premier Viviani

PARIS SPURNS PEACE BID Press United in Opposition and Socialists See Berlin's Desperation

"There is no Frenchman who would continue the war uselessly, but France and the Allies must, in making peace, safeguard their interests and honor."

"There can be no discussion of President Wilson's propositions," he continued. "To discuss them, under an armistice, does not square with our military advantage."

"Paris Spurns Overtures." The request for an armistice and the opening peace proposals by the Central Powers is looked upon by the French press generally as an attempt to evade certain disaster.

"Socialists See Germany's Plight." The National Congress of the Socialist party, which opened yesterday, adopted a resolution addressed to President Wilson concerning the peace proposals.

London Awaits President's Reply

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Wilson Prepares Answer on Peace

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Officials Silent on Offer. No comment was obtainable in official quarters yesterday on the new peace proposal of the Teutonic Powers.

Text of German Chancellor's Announcement of Peace Offer

The text of the speech of Prince Maximilian of Baden, new German Imperial Chancellor, before the Reichstag Saturday, in which he announced the fact of his appeal to President Wilson, follows:

"In accordance with the imperial decree of September 26, the German Empire has accepted a basic alteration of its political leadership."

"We remember with deep and warm gratitude our brave troops, who, under splendid leadership, have accomplished almost superhuman deeds throughout the whole war."

"I look to the future with confidence. But, just because we are inspired by this feeling and the conviction that the end of the struggle is near, the bloodiest struggle to be protracted for a single day beyond the moment when a close of the war seems possible to us, which does not affect our sense of the word in deciding our destinies; in other words, if responsibility also extends to the majority of the German people."

"I have taken this step not only for the salvation of Germany and its allies, but for the sake of the world, which has been suffering for years through the war."

Ready to Revise Conquest Treaties

"It considers this solution of the Belgian question to lie in the complete withdrawal of all German troops from Belgium, particularly of its independence and territorial integrity. An agreement shall be made to reach an understanding on the question of indemnity."

Faces Double Collapse

Germany is thus faced, on the one hand, by the danger of a military collapse, and on the other by the political collapse of the government.

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U. S. PRESS SPURNS ARMISTICE PROPOSAL

Newspapers Unanimous in Demand for Unconditional Surrender by Kaiser

Without exception the leading newspapers of the United States, in their editorials this morning, declare there can be only one reply to the German peace proposal—a refusal to enter into negotiations until Germany surrenders.

"The New York Times." If Germany asks peace let her do away with her irresponsible brazen Kaiser and speak by a Government of her own people.

"New York Sun." For the Allies to agree to stop hammering for Germany, pending a hammering for them, until winter comes, is the relief of the Kaiser's collapsing empire.

"New York Tribune." It is true that we have laid down certain abstract conditions of peace, but these concern only our allies and ourselves exclusively and are not open to Germany for discussion.

"New York Herald." The hit dog yelp! From Berlin and Vienna come simultaneous peace yelps, with the excited Turk adding a feeble bark.

"Boston Herald." Let us beware of calling a halt to listen to empty talk which is intended to flatter and dupe. The proper course would be to insist on the unconditional surrender of the Kaiser.

"Chicago Tribune." Now we have the diplomatic Friedentrump, the greatest offensive of the war. We hear now that the President's fourteen points are acceptable to the Kaiser.

Kaiser Tells His Army and Navy of Peace Move

Berlin (via Basel), Oct. 6. Emperor William, in a proclamation to the German army and navy, dated October 6, says: "For months past the enemy, with enormous exertions and almost without pause in the fighting, has stormed against your lines."

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