

NEW WORLD SEEN IN WILSON VISIT

President's Friends in England Fervently Support Trip

ALLIES IN AGREEMENT

Times Says European Statesmen Will Be Prepared to Enlighten American Chief

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London, Dec. 6. President Wilson's voyage occupies a much more important place in the public mind than it is getting in the public press, albeit, the latter is featuring all the American news regarding the trip.

In Anglo-American circles, particularly, serious conversations are almost monopolized by discussion of the various aspects of his visit, which, according to some, may result in laying the foundation stone of a new and better world, and according to others may only raise new antagonisms on the old structure of the world.

The President's friends here are both loyal and fervent, and their belief in him has not been weakened by his vainglorious message to Congress. On the other hand some who paid tribute to Wilson's pronouncements in America, have taken issue with his last message with its exposition of facts which brought about the armistice, in a decline from the high level he previously attained.

Although there is nothing in the way of official justification for the view that the recent conferences in London between the heads of the British, French and Italian Governments were in any sense antagonistic to the Wilsonian ideals, and although it has been specifically stated that the President was kept fully advised of the discussions, there has been a general tendency to regard them as an attempt by the three chief Allied powers to arrive at a common understanding relative to their European policy so that on his arrival the head of the great associated power would find a united front.

That such common ground has been reached has been proclaimed in various quarters, and so far as the preliminary peace meetings in London are concerned there is good reason to believe the statement correct.

The London Times says editorially today that it is gratifying to learn that an

agreement has been reached on the various questions treated at the London conference, and adds: "The next step presumably will be those frank and friendly exchanges of views between Lloyd George and Wilson, and Clemenceau and Wilson, to which they all look forward with pleasure and with confidence. In these heart-to-heart talks, as the President calls them, and the phrase is of good augury, they will learn each other's opinions and judgments upon all the main issues to be determined at the preliminary conference. It is here that the deliberations, just held in London, are likely to be of particular service. They will have cleared away irrelevances and will enable the representatives of England, France and Italy to put before the President the just result of their knowledge and experience in Old World politics. After intimate conversations of this kind Wilson will necessarily find himself in a far better position to make up his mind on the practical problems to be solved and on their adjustment to his policies than he could possibly have stood had he remained in the splendid isolation of the White House."

ITALY EXASPERATED BY JUGO-SLAV CLAIMS

Press Says New Nation Is Draining Towns Long Thoroughly Italian

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Rome, Dec. 6. "It is to be hoped that Italian common sense will take the upper hand and that it will be understood by Italy that the friendship of 12,000,000 Jugo-Slavs is preferable to the unlawful possession of towns in Dalmatia and Friuli."

Senators such as these, published in a newspaper in a neutral country, are exasperating Italians, who say that Jugo-Slavs are laying claim to towns that are thoroughly Italian, their pretensions going as far as to demand Trieste and Udine.

The press and political circles greatly deplore the attitude adopted by the Croats, as it was hoped that after the splendid victory of the Allies all questions would be settled peacefully and without friction or misunderstandings. Diplomatic negotiations are pending to discuss the rights of Friuli, but these are diplomatic and political bickerings which must not disrupt you. This is our task and shall be ours," said Admiral Cagni, Governor of Pola, today while visiting Friuli, showing the determination of Italians to enforce Wilson's principle of self-determination of peoples. He ended by saying: "I speak as a citizen not as a soldier. No power, no arrogance will ever be able to minimize our rights."

GERMANS IN RECOVERED PROVINCES WILL REMAIN

Many Accept New Conditions Rather Than Go Back to Fatherland Where They Will Be Under Suspicion—Alsace-Lorraine Natives Settle Down

By G. H. FERRIS

Wireless to the Evening Public Ledger

Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the French Armies, Dec. 6.

The general impression which I bring back from Lorraine and Alsace is that the problem of these lately imperial territories will be solved more easily than seemed possible a few months ago.

In the first place the outbreak of professional feeling when the armies came in suppressed in extent and passionate warmth anything that had been anticipated save perhaps by a few officers and men belonging to Alsatian or Lorraine families. This was true even of Metz, where for various reasons it was least to be expected. Metz was the spearhead of Germany in the flank of her old enemy. The German garrison, it is true, had gone, but nearly if not fully, half of the remaining population was of German origin, consisting largely of immigrants since 1871. Some immigrants, indeed, had left, and others were preparing to leave. Still, one felt the dead hand of Berlin upon the little city.

Here had been neither possibility nor desire, any desire on the French side to organize a favorable reception. Marshal Petain is a figure standing apart among the chieftains of France, direct in his sense of discipline and duty. One feels in him a simple directness of character and an intense personal reserve to which any pomp must be as alien. It was certainly in accord with his taste, as well as in regard to subsequent celebrations, that the entry into the capital of Lorraine should be treated as a strictly military event and not a national demonstration.

A Remarkable Demonstration

A very remarkable demonstration it became, nevertheless, and if we cannot suppose that the thousands of Germans present entered sincerely into the spirit of the occasion, at least they offered no dissent—not a sign of regret for the regime that had passed. They say the French entry into Chateau Salins was a more heart-stirring affair. In general, however, Lorraine is rather our folk themselves. Balanced against their admitted slowness to unbind is their vir-

gility has broken its bonds; everywhere old signs, banners and heirlooms have been brought out of their hiding places, and with them secret stores of food and goods.

Of the wonderful transformation scenes in Strasbourg I have already spoken; but it is in the thousand little hamlets of the countryside that the deepest content will be found. Gradually the young men of Alsace-Lorraine are coming back home, after years of servitude in the German army or after years of free service with the French.

This is one of the new factors in the problem of Alsace-Lorraine, and it may very well prove the decisive one. Men who have gone through such an experience do not tolerate political pedantry. It is not of Louis XIV, or even of the treaty of Frankfurt; it is not of fancy constitutions or of impossible plebiscites that they have been thinking in the trenches and in guard rooms. It is peace and liberty here and now that they demand. In no sense can the Germany of today offer these conditions. France can give them immediately. To all but a handful of irreconcilables, in fact, the war and the method of its termination have radically changed the problem. The sufferings of the war, the breakdown of the German Empire, the vindication of French ideas—these are more important than all the earlier historical factors put together.

Germany a Fallen Tyrant Berlin and the immigrants had their chance for forty-three years. The imperialism of the Reichstag was the particular victim in its ruin, but the German people have yet to establish their own freedom. For every true Lorraine and Alsatian France is the liberator, while Germany is the fallen tyrant.

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