

# EXPECT REICHSTAG TO APPROVE NOTE

Indorsement of German Cabinet's Reparation Moves Probable in Vote Today

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By the Associated Press  
 Berlin, April 27.—The German cabinet today voted to indorse the Reichstag's reparations moves, including its appeal to President Harding for mediation and the new reparations proposals just submitted to Washington. Approval of this policy was forecast in political quarters, as the approving resolution was to be presented by the German People's party, the Democrats and the Clericals, and was reported also as likely to have the support of the Majority Socialists.

Just what the cabinet's fate will be, however, if the effort for a settlement made through President Harding should fail is another question.

It seems generally considered that Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, materially strengthened his position in the Reichstag as a result of his speech of yesterday, in which he not only dealt with Germany's appeal to President Harding, but in which he gave what the party leaders designate as the most illuminating analysis of the reparations issue yet delivered by him. He was only infrequently interrupted while reading his statement, the opposition in Nationalist quarters being confined to muffled expressions of disapproval.

Consulted American Attorney  
 During the course of his address Dr. Simons informed the Reichstag that he had sought the counsel of an American attorney, now in Berlin, before drafting the appeal to President Harding. This statement caused a stir among both deputies and spectators. (Special dispatches from Berlin recently have reported the presence there of several Americans who were said to have been in consultation with Foreign Minister Simons, among these being Lafayette H. De Fries, of New York; Dr. Richard Mohr, a mining engineer and metallurgist of Watchung, N. J.; and Ludwig M. Hoeller, of San Francisco. These Americans were said to have been in Berlin on an important business mission.)

The foreign minister expressed belief that the action of the cabinet in this situation would ultimately receive full approval. He and his colleagues, he said, were fully conscious of the gravity of the procedure, which probably would decide the future of Germany. Defending his appeal to Washington and referring to President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, Dr. Simons said:

"A state which is still at war with another state naturally cannot act as a mediator, but its leader can do so, and he is a man who is ardently championing the idea of arbitration and who is being advised by a distinguished jurist. But we are not only addressing ourselves to these men personally, but

also appealing to the principles of justice."  
 The foreign minister read the Reichstag a brief lesson on parliamentary practice, when he told the deputies that under a democratic government the cabinet was not obliged to seek the consent of Parliament in advance when undertaking important action.

"The men who conduct the government," he said, "must have courage to assume the responsibility for their acts. If they have not that courage, then you might as well dispense with them."  
 Audible contradictions of this statement came from various parts of the house.

**Text of Latest German Note**  
 The text of the new note forwarded by Germany to the United States for transmission to the Allies concluded with the following points:  
 First. Germany fixes her total liability at 50,000,000,000 gold marks, payable in suitable annuities, to total 200,000,000,000 gold marks.  
 Second. Germany will immediately issue an international loan in which she will participate and of which the value, rate of interest and scale of redemption shall be subject to agreement, the proceeds of the loan to be put at the disposal of the Allies.  
 Third. Germany will pay, according to her capacity, in labor, interest and redemption the total sum to be paid which is not covered by the international loan; she considers in this connection that it will be possible to pay only 4 per cent annual interest.  
 Fourth. Germany is disposed to permit the Allies to share in an improvement of her financial and economic situation. The redemption of the remaining sums will have to take, therefore, a variable form, depending upon an improvement. It would be necessary to draw up a scheme to be based on an index to be used should the situation become worse.

**Emphasizes Reconstruction**  
 Fifth. In order to clear herself as quickly as possible of the balance, Ger-

many is willing to co-operate with all her strength in the reconstruction of the devastated region. She regards reconstruction as the most urgent basis of reparations and the most direct remedy for mitigating the hardships of the war and the hatred between peoples. She will reconstruct towns, villages and townships designated, or co-operate by supplying labor and material, or in any other way agreeable to the Allies.

Sixth. With the same object in view Germany is disposed to pay in kind to states which were victims of the war, in addition to reconstruction, according to a scheme as far as possible purely commercial.

Seventh. In order to give undeniable proof of her good-faith, Germany is prepared immediately to place at the disposal of the Reparations Commission 1,000,000,000 marks, comprising 150,000,000 in gold and silver in foreign exchange and 850,000,000 gold marks in treasury notes, redeemable within three months in foreign exchange or foreign securities.

Eighth. In the event the United States and the Allies so desire, Germany is willing, according to the extent of her ability and capacity, to assume the Allied obligations to the United States.

Ninth. Germany proposes to negotiate, with the assistance of experts, as to the way in which German deliveries for reparations will be reckoned, as against the total of Germany's debt, particularly respecting the way in which the price value will be fixed.

Tenth. As security for the credits accorded her Germany is willing to pledge public revenues and properties in a manner to be determined between the contracting parties.

Eleventh. With the acceptance of these proposals Germany's other reparations obligations will be annulled and all German private property in foreign countries will be released.

Twelfth. Germany declares the present proposals only capable of being carried out if the system of penalties is discontinued forthwith and she is freed from all unproductive outlays now imposed on her and that she be given freedom of trade.

# JAPANESE GENERAL KILLS HIMSELF IN VLADIVOSTOK

**Suicide of Division Commander Sequel to Langdon Incident**  
 Tokio, April 27.—(By A. P.)—Lieutenant General Saito, commander-in-chief of the Eleventh Japanese Division at Vladivostok, committed suicide on Monday. His death was a sequel to the shooting of Naval Lieutenant W. H. Langdon in that city early in January. General Saito is said either to have held himself responsible for the death of Lieutenant Langdon or to have been irritated by what he believed was the weakness of the Japanese government in dealing with the incident.

Lieutenant Langdon was shot and killed by Toshiyoro Ogasawara, a senryu, who was later tried before a court-martial and was found not guilty. He was, however, sentenced to one month's imprisonment for making false statements, and his superior officers were censured for failing to instruct him properly as to his duties.

# Buckshot Fired at Cat Hits Youth

Buckshot intended for a fleeing cat was imbedded today in the left knee of Benjamin Morgan, eighteen years old, of Seaside, N. J. The shot was fired by his brother Howard, sixteen years old. The boys were chasing the cat. The injured youth was taken to the Cooper Hospital.

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