

WILSON TO AWAIT PREMIER'S SPEECH

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copy of the official French text obtained from a diplomatic source, shows that, while accurate in substance, the previously published version had many of the document's sentences out of their proper order.

The translation follows: "The most terrible war which history has known has been ravaging humanity in its most precious heritage. It threatens to plunge into its ruins the moral and material progress which was the pride of Europe at the dawn of the twentieth century."

"In this struggle Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—have given proof of their unconquerable strength by achieving important successes over adversaries superior in numbers and in war material. Their unshaken lines resist the continuous attacks of the armies of their adversaries. The last diversion in the Balkans has been speedily and victoriously thwarted. Recent events have demonstrated that the prolongation of the war would not be able to break their power of resistance. On the other hand, the general situation justifies them in hoping for further successes."

"It craves to defend their existence and the freedom of their national development that the four allied powers were forced to take up arms. The achievements of their armies have not altered this purpose. Not for a single instant have they departed from the conviction that respect for the right of other nations is in no way incompatible with legitimate interests. They do not seek to shatter or annihilate their adversaries."

"Will Fight to End "Conscious of their military and economic power and ready if necessary to continue to the very end of the struggle which has been forced upon them, but inspired at the same time with the desire to stop the horrors of war, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into negotiations for peace. They are convinced that the proposals which they will submit and which aim to insure the existence, the honor and the development of their peoples will be appropriate to serve as a basis for the re-establishment of a permanent peace."

"If, despite this offer of peace and reconciliation, the struggle should go on, the four allied powers are determined to continue it to the end, disclaiming solemnly before humanity and history responsibility therefor."

President Wilson is known to attack great importance to the possibility of establishing an association of nations to maintain peace. He outlined in definite terms the procedure he would take in initiating a peace movement, in the course of which he would deliver here last May before the League to Enforce Peace. At that time the President said:

"Has Outlined Lines "If it should ever be my privilege to suggest or initiate the movement for peace among the nations now at war, I am sure that the people of the United States would wish their government to move along these lines."

"First. Such a settlement with regard to their own immediate interests as the belligerents may agree upon. We have nothing material of any kind to ask for ourselves, and are quite aware that we are in no sense or degree parties to the present quarrel. Our interest is only in peace and its future guaranties."

"Second. A universal association of the nations to maintain the inviolate security of the highways of the seas for the common and unhindered use of all the nations of the world and to prevent any war begun either contrary to treaty covenants or without warning and full submission of the cause to the opinion of the world—a virtual resolution of territorial integrity and political independence."

Formal Notes In the same speech the President said the American people believed fundamentally that every people have a right to choose the sovereignty under which they shall live, and that the small states of the world have a right to enjoy the same respect for their territorial integrity as the great and powerful nations expect and insist upon."

Secretary Lansing early to-day held his first personal conference with President Wilson since the peace proposals of the Central Powers were made public. It was said the formal notes from Germany and Austria might go forward night and necessary in view of the probability that the President would take no independent action until after Lloyd George has spoken in the House of Commons, they probably will be accompanied only by formal notes of transmittal."

After his conference with President Wilson, Secretary Lansing said the position of the American government had not been finally determined and the note from Turkey had not been received."

There were indications that while the President was still waiting for an expression of the attitude of the entente allies before making any formal step, he had made up his mind sufficiently on his general policy to discuss it with the cabinet."

FILLING OUT NEW CABINET Paris, Dec. 15.—Albert Metin, general budget reporter of the Chamber of Deputies and formerly minister of labor, has been appointed under-secretary of finance. M. Metin and the other under secretaries will not attend cabinet meetings."

The government will appoint shortly a number of technical assistants drawn from the ranks of acknowledged experts. They will direct special departments of the various ministries."

SWISS TO STAY NEUTRAL Paris, Dec. 15.—Edmund Schulthess, the new president of Switzerland, affirms the intention of his country to maintain strict neutrality in an interview with the Berne correspondent of the Petit Journal. "The policy of Switzerland," President Schulthess asserts, "dictated by our traditions, is desired, even by our vital interests, and will remain that of loyal and strict neutrality toward all the belligerents, a neutrality sustained by an inviolable resolution to defend our integrity and independence against all comers. Any assertion to the contrary is quite without foundation."

JOE HALDEN DEAD Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 15.—Joseph T. Miles, author of the son "There's a Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," died here last night. Miles, who was a veteran actor, was known on the stage as Joe Hayden. He was 70 years old."

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movement of Grecian Troops Into Thessaly Must Stop, Allies Demand Paris, Dec. 15.—The allies are about to hand new categorical demands to the Athens cabinet, accord-



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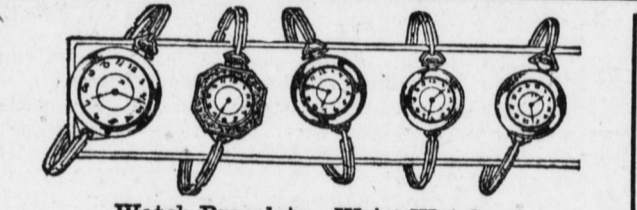
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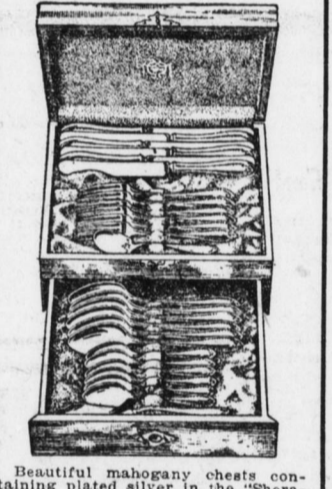


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Russian front northward in Moldavia beyond the mouth of the Danube at Galata would open Bessarabia to possible invasion by the Teutonic armies.

French Attack at Verdun Berlin reports an abortive offensive by the French in the Verdun regio. Attacks made in attempt to retake the positions lost by the French on hill 304, west of the Meuse, were repulsed, it is declared, as were assaults on German positions on Pepper ridge and near Fort Harcourt, east of the river.

The situation in Greece is still involved in uncertainty. Steps are to be taken by the entente to prevent the Greek government from sending large forces into Thessaly where they would be in a position to constitute a threat to the Macedonian forces of the allies according to advices from Paris. Athens dispatches by way of London report indications that Greece will accept in principle the entente ultimatum.

To Cut City's Christmas Tree After Snowstorm Piloted by John W. Reilly, who knows every nook and corner of the country hereabouts, Chairman Frank B. Musser, of the Rotary Club committee, accompanied by Lawrence L. Ferree, of the Harrisburg Light and Power Co., which will have a big part in the celebration and several others, went to the mountains north of the city yesterday afternoon and located a Municipal Christmas tree. That is, they marked any one of a half dozen handsome trees to

be cut by the lumbermen who will be engaged to bring it down as far as Dauphin, after which it will be hauled by automobile truck to Harrisburg.

Arrangements will be made to cut the tree as soon as the snow stops falling and it will be brought to the city early in the week. The Harrisburg Railways Company, through the offer of President Musser, will put the tree in place and it will be trimmed by men of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, which will supply the current free and the materials at cost. The Municipal

Christmas tree committee will raise the necessary money by subscription, a considerable amount having been pledged.

JOSEPH TAVERNA Joseph Taverna, a young son of Pasquale Taverna, 400 South Second street, died late Tuesday night. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the undertaking parlors of S. S. Speck. The Rev. Benjamin Sama, of Steelton, officiated. Burial was made in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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