



ALLIES WILL REJECT PEACE STEP BY POPE

Proposals Not Received by Washington, But Officials From Outline Assert Entente Will Refuse; May Re-state War Aims in Answer; U. S. Has Not Changed Stand For Democracy; Received With Degree of Deference

Washington, Aug. 15.—Pope Benedict's peace proposals had not been received to-day by the government but Secretary Lansing said the summary as published by the Associated Press was substantially in accordance with the unofficial outline he has before him.

There is no change in the first impression, that the allies certainly will reject the proposal in its present form and probably refuse to consider it at all. There is a growing probability that in making clear to the world the refusal they will restate their war aims.

In discussing the probable channels of communication Mr. Lansing said that as the Vatican was without diplomatic status here the note would in all probability come through some neutral embassy.

U. S. Stands Unchanged

Declining to discuss the war aims of the allies on the ground that they might change frequently, Mr. Lansing said there had been no alteration in the aims or plans of the United States since his speech at Madison Barracks.

Because of their source, the Pope's proposals are certain to be received with a degree of deference and consideration which would not be accorded to a similar communication from any other source, even from a combination of neutral states.

Some Degree of Success

This is the judgment of the diplomatic representatives of the entente powers here to-day after a close scrutiny of all that could be gathered from the news dispatches. The embassies and legations generally have not yet been advised by their foreign offices of the movement.

Preferential treatment of the proposals is said to be certain above all countries in France, essentially a Catholic nation, although even in Great Britain, owing to the large Catholic population, the document will command respect.

There is no idea, however, that any marked change in policy will follow the reception of the Pope's communication. On this point the diplomatic representatives of the allies are unanimous, although it is admitted that in the more or less argumentative replies that must be made there may be some disclosures of the war aims of the allies states further than have already appeared in the speeches and public utterances of their public officials.

To that extent, therefore, some degree of success may be claimed for this latest effort.

JOINT ANSWER BY U.S. AND ENTENTE IS NOT PROBABLE

"No Common Ground on Subject of Territorial Adjustments"

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—While it is known authoritatively that the pope sent a peace note two or three days ago to all the belligerent governments, as announced in a dispatch from Rome, there still seems to be considerable doubt as to the accuracy of the reported contents of this note. According to the Rome dispatch, the pope proposed a virtual return to the status quo ante bellum, the restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania and a settlement by negotiation of the questions of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Fojate.

If the report of the contents of the note is correct, it is not probable that a joint answer by the United States and the entente nations will be given.

EXPECT U. S. WILL URGE FAVORABLE REPLY BY ALLIES

Administration Prepared to Give Serious Attention to Pope's Proposals

Washington, Aug. 15.—Officials of the State Department and of the French and British embassies decline to speak for quotation in regard to the Pope's peace proposal until they have received the official text of the Vatican's note, but unofficially they agree that if the latest press reports accurately forecast the terms of the note the Pope's move will start a series of reactions which will be greatly to the advantage of the allies and may possibly lead to an early peace.

The Pope's proposal has set the State Department and the embassies of the entente nations awl with excitement.

PENNSYLVANIANS CONSPICUOUS IN REGULAR ARMY PROMOTIONS



President Wilson late yesterday signally honored Pennsylvanians in his nominations for army officers. Major General Clement is placed in command of an army division. General March has seen long service in the regular army. He is from Easton. General Greble is a Philadelphian and saw hard service on the border. Generals Price, O'Neill and Stillwell earned their promotions by their work in the National Guard.

DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN FAIR WHEAT PRICES

U. S. Will Take Over Whole Harvest if Necessary; Corporation Formed

Washington, Aug. 15.—Government purchase of enough of the 1917 wheat crop to stabilize prices in the United States was forecast in the formation to-day of a \$50,000,000 corporation by the food administration.

The intention is to take over the entire harvest if necessary to maintain fair prices. The corporation will make all allied purchases of wheat and flour and thus will set prices to the allies. Through this arrangement, too, it hopes to secure itself against any possible loss.

The food administration will open agencies at all the principal wheat terminals, carrying on its transactions with the usual dealers. No commission charge will be made except to cover costs of operation. The price to be paid for wheat will be fixed by a committee under the grain

PENNA. OFFICERS ARE GIVEN HIGH RANK IN ARMY

Major General Clement, Brigadier Generals Price, Logan and O'Neill to Serve

Washington, Aug. 15.—Major General Clement of the Pennsylvania National Guard, who has been commissioned a major general in the United States Army, will remain for the present at the head of the Pennsylvania division, but in the event of that body being broken up and its units scattered, General Clement will be assigned to some other command.

By the same order that commissioned Clement, William A. Mann, St. John Greble, Joseph E. Kuhn and Peyton C. March are appointed major generals also. Samuel W. Miller and Frederick Foltz are made brigadier generals.

W. A. Mann is chief of the bureau of militia affairs; and was born in Huntingdon; Edwin St. John Greble is a Philadelphian and in artillery; John E. Kuhn is an engineer officer and formerly in this State and Peyton C. March is a brother of the editor of the Philadelphia Press and member of the famous March family of Lafayette College. Samuel W. Miller is a native of Huntingdon and Frederick Foltz is a son-in-law of the late Major John B. Keefer.

The following National Guard brigades are assigned to the new commands:

Major General Clement, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 1st Division.

Brigadier General Price, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 2nd Division.

Brigadier General Logan, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 3rd Division.

Brigadier General O'Neill, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 4th Division.

Brigadier General Stillwell, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 5th Division.

Brigadier General Foltz, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 6th Division.

Brigadier General Miller, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 7th Division.

Brigadier General Kuhn, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 8th Division.

Brigadier General Mann, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 9th Division.

Brigadier General Greble, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 10th Division.

Brigadier General March, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 11th Division.

Brigadier General Clement, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 12th Division.

Brigadier General Price, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 13th Division.

Brigadier General Logan, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 14th Division.

Brigadier General O'Neill, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 15th Division.

Brigadier General Stillwell, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 16th Division.

Brigadier General Foltz, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 17th Division.

Brigadier General Miller, Pennsylvania National Guard, to command the 18th Division.

CITY MAY NOT GET BIG FIRE INSURANCE CUT

Harrisburg Man Says Commerce Chamber Should Have Waited

Evidently Harrisburg is not going to get a big reduction in fire insurance rates even after the expenditure of \$60,000 to motorize the city fire department, according to the statement of a Harrisburg fire insurance man.

Pointing to the retreating about the city men will be made out as soon as they reach the training camps. Among them will be highly trained individuals, specialists in particular lines and efficient mechanics. It is the intention of the War Department to get the maximum advantage for the nation out of each man's special qualifications and his previous occupation will be carefully considered in assigning him to duty.

To accomplish this, it was pointed out to-day, descriptive lists of all the men will be handed over to the army as they reach the training camps. They will contain an abstract of the life history of the soldier, showing what occupations he has been engaged in. From these a pre-

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The Underwriters' Association of the Middle Department, which is the law governing rating associations, the same basic schedules must be used on all mercantile buildings within its territory, and as every commodity has advanced in price, the rates are being daily required to pay 25 to 50 per cent. more to adjust partial losses. It would only be reasonable for the rating association to increase the deficiency charges on the new schedules to meet these increased payments if the insurance companies are expected to maintain solvency. The Chamber of Commerce should have waited for the new rates before announcing a savings of 'thousands of dollars' to the citizens of Harrisburg on fire insurance premiums.

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QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEW ARMY

Highly Trained Individuals Will Be Given Correspondingly High Positions

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—Army officers who will organize the national army divisions face the task of making the best possible use of the men selected for military duty by the local boards. They will come from all walks and conditions of life. Among them will be highly trained individuals, specialists in particular lines and efficient mechanics. It is the intention of the War Department to get the maximum advantage for the nation out of each man's special qualifications and his previous occupation will be carefully considered in assigning him to duty.

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PUBLIC SERVICE STARTS TRACTION INQUIRY HERE

Moves to Obtain Data Which Will Lead to Betterment of the Service

JITNEY ROUTE LIMITS

None Between Market and Division, River and Railroads Hereafter

The State Public Service Commission to-day took steps to secure better street car service for the City of Harrisburg and authorized Chairman W. D. B. Alney to take up with the officials of the Harrisburg Railways Company proposition for changes in schedules, rerouting and other details which the State authorities hope will bring to the State capital more accommodations. This action, which was taken in connection with the disposal of a number of jitney complaints and applications for State certificates filed from Harrisburg and vicinity, is in line with the recommendations for a survey made last spring by the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH, and which is now in progress. A report on this survey, which was made by a Chicago firm, is expected almost any day.

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ALLIES SMASH GERMAN LINES IN RESUMPTION OF BIG DRIVE

British Strike Heavy Blows; Stronghold Near Lens Is Stormed by Canadians

EVACUATION OF LENS IS NEAR

Kaiser's Position Becoming Untenable; Entente Soldiers Advance

The British and French returned to the attack in Northern France and Belgium last night and preliminary reports indicate that they have won considerable successes. The principle blow was struck by the British on a front of 4,000 yards from the northwestern outskirts of Lens to the Bois Hugo, northeast of Loos. General Haig announces that his troops carried the German first lines at all points and are making satisfactory progress. Hill 70, a German stronghold northwest of Lens which

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German U-Boat Risks Destruction to Take Live, Squealing Pig Captive

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 15.—A live pig, part of the stores of the Norwegian submarine off the Azores on June 23, was made a "prisoner of war" and transferred "squealing and kicking" from his pen on the deck of the Siraaz to the hold of the U-boat, said members of the Siraaz's crew who arrived here to-day on a Spanish ship.

The men said the U-boat risked destruction from an approaching destroyer in order to get the pig safely on board their own craft.

TAKING FORMER CZAR TO SIBERIA

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—The semiofficial Russian news agency announced to-night that former Emperor Nicholas and his family were removed to-day from the palace and that it was reported that they were being transported to Siberia.

LOAN MAY BEAR 4 PER CENT.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Indications were to-day that the new \$4,000,000,000 bond issued for an allied loan, to be authorized by Congress might bear four per cent. interest.

TO MOVE SOON TO ALABAMA

Sea Girt, Aug. 15.—Approximately 3,500 troops of the Eighth Army Division will move out of their present locations for Anniston, Ala., as quickly as possible.

DENY EVERY EXEMPTION APPEAL

New York, Aug. 15.—The district board for the city of New York at its morning meeting to-day denied every appeal by applicants for exemption from the national army.

TO MOBILIZE GUARD AT MINEOLA, L. I.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The National Guard division to go to France, representing twenty-six States, including Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, will be mobilized at Mineola, L. I., at a camp named Albert L. Mills, after the late Brigadier General Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature; light southwest to south winds.

The main river will rise. The lower portions of the North and West branches will rise to-night and begin to fall Thursday; the upper portions will probably fall or remain stationary. A stage of about 62 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning, with a maximum stage of about 7 feet Thursday afternoon or night.

General Conditions The depression that has been central over the Lake Region since Sunday has about filled up. Another weak depression from Western Canada has moved down over the Upper Missouri Valley. Showers have fallen in the last twenty-four hours generally in the Ohio, Middle Tennessee, Virginia, Central Pennsylvania, the interior of New York State and in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley. Temperature changes have been generally small.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 76. Sun: 8:15 a. m.; sets, 7:40 p. m. Moon: New moon, August 17. River Stage: 68 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 80. Lowest temperature, 68. Mean temperature, 73. Normal temperature, 73.

Reading Man Member of Gun Crew Captured by German Submarine

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The personnel of the naval gun crew, believed to have been taken prisoners by the German submarine which destroyed the American tank steamer Campana, was announced to-day by the Navy Department. Names of the men, their ratings, next of kin and home addresses follow: James Delaney, chief gunner's mate, commander of the armed guard, wife, Ethnor Delaney, Malden, Mass.; William Albert Miller, seaman, second class, mother, Elizabeth Grebeck, Chicago; Fred Stephen Jacob, seaman, second class, father, August Jacob, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ray Roper, boatswain's mate, second class, mother, Elizabeth Garn, Boyne City, Mich.; Charles Lovan, Kline, gunner's mate, third class, father, Henry C. Kline, 240 West Buttonwood street, Reading, Pa.

Captain Oliver, master of the Campana, is also a prisoner on the U-boat.

TROOPS GETTING "CHESTY"

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 15.—The strict physical training out of doors which members of the American expeditionary force are undergoing is having its results. One turned up to-day, when field headquarters received a letter from a company commander saying his men were developing so fast that all their uniforms were getting too small. Some of the uniforms, he wrote, now are four inches too small about the chest.

Country Club Asks Crossing Change

The Country Club of Harrisburg, which has just completed the fine new clubhouse on the spur of the mountains overlooking the Susquehanna near Fort Hunter, to-day asked the Public Service Commission to order abolition of the dangerous grade crossing on the Fishing Creek road which goes east from state highway route No. 1 at Fort Hunter and skirts the property of the club and numerous farms on the way to Linglestown.

The petition points out that the approaches are of such a nature that it is dangerous to the women, was petitioned with rolled-up newspapers and other missiles until he desisted and moved on.

Not attempt was made to attack the banner bearers, but the crowd was determined that the banners should not be floated.

Senate Takes Up Most Difficult Sections of New War Tax Bill

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The liquor and income tax sections of the war tax bill were taken up when the Senate resumed debate on the measure to-day. The latter section, together with the war profits and the publisher's tax sections, are probably some of the most difficult ahead of the Senate.

Approval of the soft drink, tobacco and most of the public utilities schedules already has been given. The House ways and means committee will meet August 25 to consider the question of raising part of an additional \$9,000,000,000 asked for by the administration to meet war expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year ending July 1, 1918. It is expected that a bond issue of between \$3,000,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000 and authorization of an additional \$500,000,000 in taxes to be added to the war revenue bill now pending in the Senate will be proposed.

Determined Crowds Rip Suffrage Banners Fast as They Are Raised

Washington, Aug. 15.—Tearing of banners from the suffrage pickets of the Woman's party at the White House gates and attacks on the party headquarters at Lafayette Park, across the way, continued to-day. Good-natured but determined crowds tore down the banners as fast as they appeared.

William Bayard Hale, one-time special representative for President Wilson in Mexico, who ventured to address the crowd in behalf of the women, was pelted with rolled-up newspapers and other missiles until he desisted and moved on.

Man Held Under \$1500 Bail For Draft Evasion

Oren Landis, of Bolling Springs, was arrested this morning by a United States marshal, charged with evading the draft. He was held under \$1,500 bail to appear at Scranton August 23 for a hearing. Landis a few days before the registration was taken skipped to Canada, where he remained until several weeks ago. His parents telling neighbors how easy it was to avoid army service caused his arrest. The local board upon learning the facts notified the United States authorities, and his arrest resulted.

Miss Elizabeth Bailey to Wed Lieut. H. M. Gross

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bailey this afternoon announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Bailey to Lieutenant Henry M. Gross, son of City Commissioner and Mrs. Edward Z. Gross. Mr. Gross is a battalion adjutant of the Eighth Infantry and a Yale graduate.