



PEACE DESIRED BY ALL, CLAIM OF GERMANY'S WAR-MAD RULER

Peace Without Annexations and Without Indemnities, Is Keynote of Russian Peace Terms

EMPEROR MAY GO TO BREST-LITVOSK

Teutons Score Point in Selection of Kuehlmann, Former Foreign Secretary, as Chairman

Peace without annexations and without indemnities, the formula adopted by the German Reichstag in its peace resolution last July is the keynote of the Russian peace terms, now being discussed at Brest-Litovsk.

No compulsory annexation of territory seized during the war and immediate evacuation of it and no contributions to be required from belligerent countries are proposed by Russia. This is similar to the Reichstag resolution, which, however, was not accepted by Dr. Michaelis, who was then German imperial chancellor.

Germany scored a point in the selection of Dr. Von Kuehlmann, her foreign secretary, as permanent chairman of the conference.

Raid and local attacks have been carried out in the Ypres and Verdun sectors on the western front.

General Allenby has begun successfully an advance along the Mediterranean coast north of Jaffa, Palestine.

General Sarrail, who has been in command of the allied armies on the Macedonian front for the past two years, has been recalled by the French government.



PEACE MOVE MUST NOT SLACKEN U. S., SAYS SEC. BAKER

Enemy Preparing to Sue For "Peace Before Victory"

BIG PART FOR AMERICA Fresh Troops From This Country Will Form Principal Reserves

Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany's newest peace propaganda, viewed as a forerunner to an offensive in the west unless a German-made peace is accepted by the allies and the United States, "should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," says Secretary Baker in his weekly review of the military situation.

"The Germans realize," continues the statement, "that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of fresh strategic reserves remaining available on the battlefields of Europe."

"Our armies constitute the reserves of victory," he says. "The review points out that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied upon no matter how intensive the German peace campaign becomes."

"It is apparent that the Germans have not given up all hope of bringing about a social upheaval in Italy, as they did in Russia, after their victorious campaign of 1915."

Peace Before Victory "Careful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for 'peace before victory.'"

"Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the military situation is such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They, therefore, threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the allied powers and ourselves the German forces now being concentrated on the western front will break through the allied line in the west."

"The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war."

"It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season of last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors."

"For the first time in the history of the war, France bore the brunt of battle while Great Britain was preparing."

Assumes Large Burden "Since the defeat of the German forces in front of Verdun, England and the British dominions have taken over an increasingly large share of the burden of the war."

"Italy has, to the limit of her forces, also assumed a considerable share of this burden."

"When as a result of the defection of the Russian forces the weight of Austro-German pressure was directed against Italy, France and England united in coming to the rescue of their ally and are to-day aiding the Italian army."

"It is our duty, therefore, in looking to the future, to realize that if we are to fulfill the pledge we made on entering the war if we are to fight this war to a successful conclusion we must assume the full responsibility which rests upon us. We are the freshest in the struggle; we have the reserve manpower and the reserve mechanical power."

"Our armies constitute the reserves of victory."

"In Russia the armistice negotiations have been concluded, peace negotiations are about to be entered upon."

"Reports of the dissatisfaction of a large element of the Russian population, especially in Southern and Central Russia, with the terms of the armistice, has led to the formation of an active opposition which it is believed will endeavor to resist all attempts to enforce the proposals agreed to by the Lenin government."

Baker's Testimony Will Aid Public Confidence, Is Administration View

Washington, Dec. 24.—Testimony of Secretary Baker and commanders of training camps in the south before the Senate committee investigating the military situation will, in the belief of administration officials, throw an entirely different light on conditions so far pictured.

The administration, it was said, today has absolute confidence that testimony of Secretary Baker will result in "exonerating his department of charges and that information given by camp commanders will strengthen the position of the department in the public mind."

Pope Benedict's Message to the American People

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has given the Associated Press this Christmas message for the American people:

"The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take heart in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmas tide—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self."

"More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts, to the babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth."

ARRIVAL OF HUNS PRINCIPAL TOPIC IN PETROGRAD

Competition Being Removed, Germans Are Pushing Trade With Russians

DANGER IS RECOGNIZED Bolsheviki Endeavor to Negotiate For Settlement of Differences With Ukrainians

London, Dec. 24.—Petrograd dispatches report attempts are being made by the Bolsheviki commissaries to negotiate with the Ukrainians for a settlement of the differences which have arisen, and it is also reported the authorities of the new Ukrainian government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful arrangement.

The movement for harmony is attributed by the correspondent of the Times to the fact that the growing dangers of the situation are being recognized to an increasing extent by the Bolsheviki. For the same reason, he says, they are believed to be inclined to modify their attitude of hostility toward the constituent as-

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New German Peace Move Believed Near at Hand

Rome, Sunday, Dec. 23.—The report that a new German peace move is at hand is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters here today. It is said that on Christmas Day Emperor William will issue a declaration containing peace proposals, but whether explicit conditions of peace may be expected or merely another maneuver intended to throw on the allies responsibility for continuance of the war cannot be ascertained.

ITALIANS DRIVE BACK ENEMY

Rome, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces which had crossed the Piave river at Piave Vecchi have been driven back over the river, the war office announced.

TROTSKY IGNORANT OF FACTS

Washington, Dec. 24.—State Department officials declared to-day the statements of Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki foreign minister, that the American Red Cross mission in Russia was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolsheviki government, could be attributed only to his ignorance of the facts.

REPRESENTATIVE BATHRICK DEAD

Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Representative E. R. Bathrick, of the Fourteenth Ohio district, died at his home here last night.

PRESIDENT CALLS BROTHERHOOD HEADS

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chiefs and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference at the White House Thursday.

CAUCASIAN ARMY ADVANCES

Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 23.—A Caucasian army of 100,000 men is advancing on the rear of the troops of General Kaledines the Cossack leader, according to an announcement made to-day by the Bolsheviki press bureau.

BRITISH REPULSE CAMBRAI FRONT ATTACK

London, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday afternoon attempted to raid the British positions southeast of Epehy, on the Cambrai front but were driven off, the war office announced to-day.

TOTAL IDENTIFIED DEAD AT HALIFAX 1,158

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 24.—The total identified dead from the Halifax disaster now number 854 and unidentified 304, making a total of 1,158 bodies recovered. Fifty-one bodies were buried to-day.

SWITZERLAND'S NEW LOAN

Berne, Dec. 23.—Switzerland will issue in January a new loan of 150,000,000 francs at 5 per cent. The cost of Swiss mobilization is estimated to be one billion francs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph W. Casey and Carrie M. McCahan, Harrisburg; Alonso S. Eckman and Agnes F. Evans, Harrisburg; Frank L. Lebo and Esther M. Enders, Halifax; Harry W. Hamilton, Harrisburg, and Addie L. Brown, Louisvill; Thomas Duzenovic and Josephine Stavin, Steelton; Eugene Webster and Lillie B. Simms, Steelton; Oliver R. Rowe, Middletown, and Mue Becker, Highspire; Edward D. Heilinger and Sarah L. Schiefer, Middletown; William J. Zetzmoyer and Ruth E. Holtzman, Millersburg; Walter Chambers and Estella Clark, Steelton; Dorrie Liver, Montgomery county, and Clara E. Grist, Wellsville; Charles A. Allen and Mary A. Savelly, Middletown.

Have You Been Pleased with the service given you by your favorite carrier or newsboy?

In all kinds of weather he has delivered your favorite paper at your door or has been waiting for you at the usual corner.

Remember your carrier when he calls with a handsome greeting to-morrow. He will thank you.

Today, as in the past, newsboys will be supplied with Telegraph's free of charge. The usual price to you is 2 cents, but to-day

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather this afternoon and to-night, probably light rain; slightly warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 40 degrees; Tuesday partly cloudy, colder by night.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Occasional light rains and somewhat warmer to-night; Tuesday partly cloudy; colder at night; fresh south winds shifting to west.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably remain generally icebound and nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions An area of high barometric pressure covers the Atlantic States, with its crest over Georgia and the Carolinas; it has separated from a strong, high pressure center over North Dakota, by a trough of low pressure extending from Ontario, where a disturbance is central, southwestward to the Rio Grande Valley.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 34. Sun: Rises, 7:27 a. m.; sets, 4:41 p. m. Moon: Full moon, December 28, 5:23 p. m. River Stage: 4.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather. Highest temperature, 32. Lowest temperature, 10. Mean temperature, 21. Normal temperature, 31.

NO PAPER TOMORROW In accordance with a time honored custom there will be no issue of the Harrisburg Telegraph to-morrow, Christmas Day.

SANTA CLAUS TO GET OLD-TIME WELCOME HERE

Boys Home From Camp Lend Martial Color to City's Celebration

Harrisburg, relaxing from the long steady strain of doing its bit for Uncle Sam, was prepared to-day to stretch its legs under the dining table on Christmas of 1917 and eat turkey.

There was no camouflage about it. Momentous crisis though it be, and high as the gobble soars in price, it promised to be a merry Christmas, with observance of the old, sweet traditions.

The arrival of hundreds of boys in the uniform of Army or Navy from various camps over the country lent a bright dash of color and action to the city, and served to remind all that the big sacrifice has not yet been made. But the Sammies and Jack Tars were so tickled to get

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Will Tag Every U. S. Coal Shovel in Effort to Conserve Fuel Supply

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Every household in the land, from the White House to the most humble cottage, is to have its coal shovel tagged with war-time economy hints on Wednesday, January 31.

The fuel administration announced last night that the services of the twenty-three million old school children were enlisted for the task, and that all state and municipal authorities and teachers would be asked to unite in making the day a national school holiday.

The tags will suggest "save that shovel of coal a day for Uncle Sam," and on their backs will carry advice about heating and care of the furnace.

A cold wave which has caused a drop in temperature of forty to fifty degrees in the Dakotas in the last 24 hours, is sweeping eastward, the Weather Bureau announced to-day and is expected to reach the Atlantic coast by Tuesday night.

Occasional light rains and some what warmer to-night was the forecast for to-day.

"Glory to God in the Highest"

O'er a blood-soaked, broken and saddened world The Star of the East rides high!

Through the haze of carnage, the battle gloom The hour of the Lord draws nigh,

For the love of Christ has found its way To where men slaughter and die today;

Out of the chaos that man has wrought One thought remains unchanged:

Though dipped in the blood of half the world The cross of the Christ remains!

With barriers down 'twixt sect and creed, War strips the trappings and leaves the need.

Lo, the arms of the Babe of Bethlehem Are reaching around the world;

The forces of evil, of sin and death From their strongholds shall be hurled

And the race of men stand face to face With God, who knows no second place!

"They entered afoot to Jerusalem," Does Mary, the mother, know

That where they scoffed and reviled her Son An army in reverence go?

Glory to God, for the hour draws nigh Foretold by those songs in the Judea sky!

ANNA HAMILTON WOOD. —Written for the Telegraph.

K. OF C. TO GET BEHIND NATION'S FIGHTING MEN

Work in Camps Endorsed by War Department and Men in Ranks

All machinery is in readiness for the opening gun of the Knights of Columbus War Fund campaign, which will be fired Thursday, January 3.

The campaign will continue for one week. The exact amount of money assigned to the Harrisburg diocese has not been announced, but it is expected that the city will not fall down in this campaign.

The quota to be raised in the United States is only \$5,000,000, this amount will in most probability be

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Squire Bowman, Prominent in Cumberland County Circles, Dead at His Home

H. N. Bowman, justice of the peace of Camp Hill for thirty-seven years, a Civil War veteran and well-known Cumberland county resident, died at his home in the "cross-river" this morning at 10:20 o'clock of heart trouble.

He was 77 years old and although ill for several years was only in a serious condition for about a week. He was born in Camp Hill and lived in this section of the country all of his life. He was in the house in which he died and his parents were the early settlers of the town.

About fifteen years ago he was a registrar of wills for Cumberland county for a term. Mr. Bowman in his younger days was a distinguished member of the Cumberland county politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman recently celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of their wedding. Aside from his wife he is survived by the following children, all of Camp Hill: A. M. Bowman and Mrs. C. N. Cooper. He was a member of the West Shore Masonic lodge and the Knights Templar. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Cold Wave Follows in Wake of Rain and Snow

A check for \$19.50 was received this morning from the S. S. Kresge Store Company by the Telegraph for the Soldiers' Smoke Fund. This check is the percentage of the money received from the sale of one of the popular songs at the local store. Ten per cent. of the money taken in was devoted to the smoke fund by officials of the store.