

# CLEMENCEAU IN BITTER TERMS DENOUNCES THE GERMANS FOR THE WAR

## President of Peace Conference Declares, They Committed Crime Unsurpassed in History; Few Changes Were Made in the Final Reply

Paris, June 17.—The final reply of the Allied and associated powers to the conditions of peace handed to the Germans at Versailles on May 7, was delivered to the German delegation late yesterday and made public shortly afterward.

The Germans are allowed five days to accept or refuse the treaty as it stands. If they accept, peace will be signed at once; if they do not accept, the armistice will terminate on Saturday, (June 21), and the powers

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will take such steps as may be necessary to enforce their terms. The principles of the original conditions have been vigorously upheld, but certain modifications in detail and many explanations of the effect of execution are made.

**Changes in Reply**  
The reply is in two parts—a general covering letter and a list of proposals. The changes include:

A plebiscite for upper Silesia, with guarantees of coal from that territory.

Frontier rectifications in West Prussia.

Omission of the third zone in the Schleswig plebiscite.

Temporary increase of the German army from 100,000 to 200,000 men.

Declaration of the intention to submit, within a month of signature a list of those accused of violation of the laws and customs of war.

Offer to co-operate with a German commission on reparations for discharging the obligation.

Certain detailed modifications in the finance, economic and ports and waterways clauses, including abolition of the proposed Kiel canal commission.

Assurance of membership in the League of Nations in the future, if Germany fulfills her obligations.

**Clemenceau Bitter**  
The covering letter is from M. Clemenceau, president of the Peace Conference, to Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, president of the Ger-

man delegation. In this letter, M. Clemenceau says:  
"The Allied and associated powers have given the most earnest consideration to the observation of the German delegates on the draft Treaty of Peace. The reply protests against the peace on the ground that it conflicts with the terms upon which the armistice of November 11, 1918, was signed and that it is a peace of violence, and not a peace of justice. The protest of the German delegation shows that they fail to understand the position in which Germany stands to-day. They seem to think that Germany has only to 'make sacrifices' in order to attain peace, as if this were but the end of some mere struggle for territory and power. The Allied and associated powers therefore feel it necessary to begin their reply by a clear statement of the judgment of the world, which has been forged by practically the whole of civilized mankind."

"In view of the Allied and associated powers, the war which began on August 1, 1914, was the greatest crime against humanity and freedom of the people that any nation calling itself civilized has ever consciously committed. For many years the Prussian tradition, strove for a position of dominance in Europe. They were not satisfied with that growing prosperity and influence to which Germany was entitled, and which all other nations were willing to accord her, they required that they should be able to dictate and tyrannize over a subservient Europe, as they dictated and tyrannized over a subservient Germany."

**Sought Hostility**  
"In order to attain their ends they used every chisel through which to educate their own subjects in the doctrine that might was right in international affairs. They never ceased to expand German armaments by land and sea and to propagate the falsehood that was necessary because Germany's neighbors were jealous of her prosperity and power."

"She sought to sow hostility and suspicion, instead of friendship, between nations. The Germans developed a system of espionage and intrigue through which they were

enabled to stir up international rebellion and even to make secret offensive preparations within the territory of their neighbors, whereby they might, when the moment came, strike them down with greater certainty and ease. They kept Europe in a ferment by threats of violence, and when they found that their neighbors were resolved to resist their arrogant will, they determined to assert their predominance in Europe by force."

**Plotted World War**  
"In order to make doubly sure, they refused every attempt at conciliation and conference, until it was too late and the world war was inevitable, for which they had plotted, and for which alone among the nations they were adequately equipped and prepared."

"Germany's responsibility, however, is not confined to having planned and started the war. She is no less humanly guilty of the savage and inhuman crimes in which it was conducted. Though Germany was held to the guaranty of Belgium, Germany violated the rules after a solemn promise to respect the neutrality of this unending people."

"Not content with this, they deliberately carried out a series of premeditated and heinous crimes, including the shooting and burning of inhabitants into submission by the very frightfulness of their action. They were the first to use poisonous gas, notwithstanding the appalling suffering it entailed. They began the bombing and long distance shelling of towns, for no military objective, solely for the purpose of reducing the morale of their opponents by striking at their children and their women and children with brutal savagery into slavery in foreign lands."

"The conduct of Germany is almost unexampled in human history. The terrible responsibility which lies at her doors can be seen by the fact that not less than seven million dead lie buried in Europe, while more than twenty millions others carry and suffering, because Germany saw fit to gratify her lust for tyranny by resort to war."

**Seven Million Dead**  
"The Allied and associated powers believe that they will be false to those who have given their all to save the freedom of the world if they consent to treat war on any other basis than as a crime against humanity and right."

"This attitude of the Allied and associated powers was made perfectly clear to Germany during the war by their plenipotentiaries. It was defined by President Wilson in his speech of April 6, 1918, and explicitly and categorically accepted by the German people as a principle covering the peace."

**Quotes George and Orlando**  
M. Clemenceau in the letter also quotes from speeches delivered by Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, himself, Premier Orlando, of Italy, in which it was specifically declared that when victory was won, compromise as to peace terms was impossible and just punishment should be meted out, and continues:

"Justice, therefore, is the only basis for the settlement of the accounts of this terrible war. Justice is what the German delegation asks for and says that Germany has been promised. But it must be not only justice for the people who are dead and wounded and for those who have been made orphans and bereaved that Europe might be free from Prussian despotism. There must be justice for the peoples who now stagger under war debts, which exceed thirty billion, that liberty might be saved. There must be justice for those millions whose homes and lands, ships and property, German savagery has spoiled and destroyed."

"That is why the Allied and associated powers have insisted as a condition of peace, that the German people should be held responsible for the war and that they should be held to the account of the blood and treasure which they have shed and expended."

"The Allied and associated powers believe that they intend to fulfill the conditions of the peace, and that they have abandoned forever those aggressive and estranging policies which caused the war, and have now become a people with whom it is possible to live in neighborly good fellowship. It will be possible at an early date to complete the League of Nations by the admission of Germany to it."

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cardinal purpose of the treaty that Germany must undertake to make reparation to the very uttermost of her power, for reparation for wrongs inflicted is of the essence of justice. That is why they insist that those individuals who are most clearly responsible for German aggression and for those acts of barbarism and inhumanity which have disgraced the German conduct of the war must be handed over to justice, which has not been meted out to them at home.

**Ruined Her Neighbors**  
"That, too, is why Germany must submit for a few years to certain special disabilities and arrangements. Germany has ruined the industries, the mines and the machinery of neighboring countries, not during battle, but with the deliberate and calculated purpose of enabling her own industries to seize their markets before their industries could recover from the devastation thus wrought only inflicted upon them."

"Germany has despoiled her neighbors of everything she could make use of or carry away. Germany has destroyed the shipping of all nations on the high seas, where there was no chance of rescue for their passengers and crews."

"It is only justice that restitution should be made and that those wronged peoples should be safeguarded for a time from the competition of a nation—whose industries are intact and have even been fortified by machinery stolen from occupied territories. If these are hardships, they are hardships which Germany has brought upon herself. Somebody must suffer for the consequences of the war. Is it to be Germany, or the peoples she has wronged?"

"Not to do justice to all concerned could only leave the world open to fresh calamities. If the German people themselves, or any other nation, are to be deterred from following the footsteps of Prussia; if mankind is to be lifted out of the belief that war for selfish ends is legitimate to any state; if the old era is to be left behind, and nations, as well as individuals, are to be brought back to the reign of law, even if there is to be early recognition and appeasement, it will be because those responsible for concluding the war have had the courage to see that justice is not trifled with for the sake of a convenient peace."

"It is said that the German revolution ought to make a difference and that the German people are not responsible for the policy of the rulers whom they have thrown from power. The Allied and associated powers recognize and welcome the change. It represents a great hope for peace and a new European order in the future."

**People Supported War**  
"But it cannot affect the settlement of the war itself. The German revolution was stayed until the German armies had been defeated in the field and all hope of profiting by a war of conquest had vanished. Throughout the war, as before the war, the German people and their representatives supported and voted the credits, subscribed to the war loans, obeyed every order, however savage, of their government."

"They shared the responsibility for the policy of the government, for at any moment, had they willed it, they could have reversed it. Had that policy succeeded, they would have acclaimed it with the same enthusiasm with which they welcomed the outbreak of the war. They cannot now pretend, having changed their mind, that the war was lost, that it is justice that they should escape the consequences of their deed."

"The Allied and associated powers therefore believe that the peace must be a peace of justice. They are no less certain that it is a peace of right as to the terms agreed. There can be no doubt as to the intentions of the Allied and associated powers to base the settlement of Europe on the principle of freeing oppressed peoples and redrawing national boundaries as far as possible, in accordance with the will of the peoples concerned, while giving to each the facilities to live an independent national and economic life."

"These intentions were made clear not only by President Wilson's address to Congress on January 8, 1918, but in the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses, which was the agreed basis of the peace. A memorandum on this point is attached to this letter."

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# THOUSANDS ILL FROM STARVATION

## Epidemic and Disorder Result From Bolshevism

Riga

New York, June 17.—Starting conditions of starvation, epidemic and the disorder resulting from Bolshevism at Riga, on the Baltic, as described by Captain Howell, head of the Baltic mission of the American Relief Administration, are revealed in a cable from Mr. Hoover received yesterday by Edgar Rickard, joint director of the American Relief Administration.

Captain Howell, in his report to the Paris office of the Administration, explained how American flour provided practically the only substantial food available at Riga and how the arrival of the American Relief Administration stimulated the disheartened inhabitants to throw off the Bolsheviki rule.

The report of Captain Howell, given out in its entirety by Mr. Rickard, follows:  
"One hundred and eighty-seven thousand people here are receiving one meal a day from eighty kitchens established by local authorities under the direction of the American Relief Administration. American flour is baked into bread and distributed to citizens from ninety depots, but no flour is available for private baking. Local committees are studying the need to care for the sick and children. It is estimated that between ten and fifteen thousand inhabitants are seriously ill from starvation, typhus and other causes and that a majority of the people are greatly underfed. All are thin, pale-faced, listless. A great deal of dysentery is beginning to appear and causing anxiety, because of the coming of hot weather on account of the generally weakened condition of the populace. Medical experts of the American Relief Administration are studying the situation and advising us what foods are most urgently needed."

"Encouraged by the arrival of American food, the inhabitants are gradually reorganizing the city government, many volunteering for service with the anti-Bolshevists. Food and relief committees of citizens are at present handling the situation. Most of the former civic leaders were murdered or executed by the Bolshevists. Before they abandoned the city, the Bolshevists opened the doors of one prison and drove the prisoners into the yard, where machine guns played upon them. The bodies of seven clergymen and a number of women were found when troops entered the city. At present Baltic troops are hunting down Bolshevists with great energy. There is a large radical element left in the population, and failure of the authorities to provision the city again might get them into the hands of the Bolshevists still in hiding, to attempt another uprising."

"Under the Bolsheviki reign, occupants of handsome residences were moved into slums and hordes of ruffians invaded richly-furnished apartments. Houses of the wealthy were ransacked and furniture, clothing and jewelry packed and shipped into the interior. To be well dressed in Riga to-day is dangerous. A grim local jest says, 'if a man is well dressed he is a Bolsheviki, if in rags he is harmless.'"

**Many to Hear Heck Tell of Turkey**

Considerable interest is being shown in Harrisburg in the lecture Wednesday of Lewis Heck, of Heckton, American Commissioner to Turkey, at the membership luncheon of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce in the Penn-Harris Hotel.

Mr. Heck will discuss the conditions in the Turkish Empire, in addresses, which was the agreed basis of the peace. A memorandum on this point is attached to this letter."

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receive the support of the Republican organization in the State Legislature, was introduced in the Senate last evening by Senator T. Larry Eyre, Chester.

There are already two resolutions in the hands of Senate committees, Senator Gray, Philadelphia, and Senator Phipps, Venango, being the

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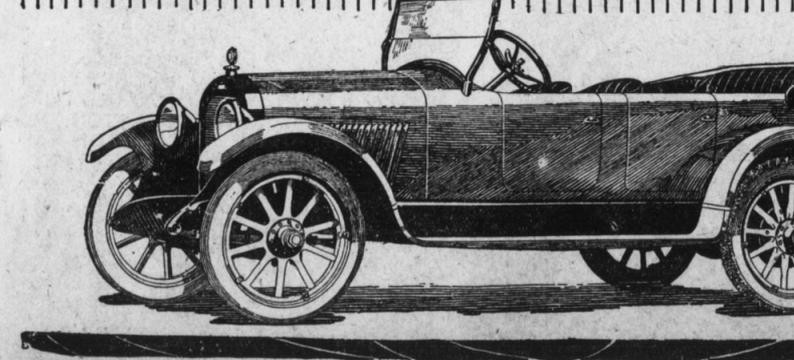
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