

GERMANS GIVEN REPLY OF ALLIES

Delegates at Versailles, Receive Communication of Council of Four

Paris, June 23.—The German note, in which Germany agrees to sign the treaty, with two reservations, was received by the president of the Peace Conference at 5 o'clock last evening.

The German note follows, dated Versailles, June 22, and addressed to M. Clemenceau:

"The imperial minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate the following to Your Excellency:

"The government of the German republic has from the moment when the peace conditions of the Allied and associated governments were made known to it no doubt existed as to the fact that the government, in harmony with the whole of the people, has accepted the conditions as being in sharp contradiction to the principle which was accepted by the Allied and associated powers on the one hand, and Germany on the other, as being binding in accordance with the laws of nations for the peace before the conclusion of the armistice.

"Conditions Harsh "Relying upon this principle of justice which was agreed upon between the parties to the negotiations, and assisted by a clear exposition of conditions in Germany, the government has left no stone unturned in order to arrive at a direct exchange of opinions, and thus obtain some mitigation of the unbearably harsh conditions which the government of the German republic to sign the Treaty of Peace without reservations, and to guarantee its execution.

"These endeavors of the government of the German republic, which were undertaken in the interest of the peace of the world and the reconciliation of peoples, have resulted in a small degree.

"The Allied and associated governments have, in an ultimatum which expires on June 23, demanded of the government of the German republic with the decision either to sign the Treaty of Peace presented by the Allied and associated governments or to refuse to sign it.

"The German people do not wish for the resumption of the bloody war. It honestly wishes for a lasting peace. In view of the attitude of the Allied and associated governments, the German people has no other force in its hands save to appeal to the eternally inalienable right to an independent life, which is common to all peoples.

"The German government has received passionate expressions of opinion from the population in the districts to be cut off in the east, to the effect that they will oppose themselves to the separation of these districts, which have for the greater part been German for many centuries, by all means they possess.

"The German government, therefore, finds itself compelled to decline all responsibility for any difficulty which may result from the resistance of the inhabitants against their separation from Germany.

"If the government of the German republic is, nevertheless, ready to sign the conditions of the Allies, with the above-mentioned reservation, yet this is not done of its free will. The government of the German republic solemnly declares that its attitude is to be understood in the sense that it yields to force, being resolved to spare the German people, whose sufferings are unspeakable, a new war, the shattering of its national unity by further occupation of German territories, terrible famine for women and children, and merciless prolonged retention of the prisoners of war.

"The German people expect in view of the grievous burdens which it is to take upon itself, that all German military and civilian prisoners, beginning July 1, and thereafter in uninterrupted succession and within a short period, shall be restored. Germany gave back her enemies' prisoners of war within two months."

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