

GERMANY'S TERMS OF PEACE: AS BEFORE WAR

U.S. WILL DIRECT PEACE PROPOSALS

To Entente Nations When She Represents Germany's Interests--Stock Markets Break on the News of Germany's Peace Move.

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Stock Markets Break

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Chicago, Dec. 12.—May wheat dropped three cents on the news of Germany's peace move.

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market broke on the news of Germany's peace move.

"Conscious of Their Responsibility."

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Berlin, Dec. 12.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's announcement that Germany was proposing peace was couched in the Reichstag to-day.

"Conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation, and before humanity," he had proposed this morning to the hostile powers a plan for peace.

Return to Old Territorial Status.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's peace proposal, according to a German Embassy official, will include a suggestion that the territorial status of the nations engaged be returned "practically" to what it was before the war started.

LLOYD GEORGE TO DISCUSS PEACE PROPOSALS ON THURSDAY

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George will "discuss" Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposals when the former addresses the House of Commons, is the view of British Embassy officials here to-day.

ment to the United Press for England's ideas on peace.

Kaiser Informs His Soldiers.

(Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Kaiser William notified his troops in the field to-day that he had made peace proposals to the enemy.

weather has hampered artillery operations. "On the Carso, during Saturday and Sunday nights, enemy patrols attempted surprise attacks in the Boscomalo-Ludlog sector. They were promptly repulsed.

"Yesterday the enemy artillery was more active against our lines between Hill 144 and the sea. During the night, under cover of demonstrative attacks upon Hill 208 and Hill 144, enemy troops attacked our positions in the coastal sector. They were driven off with material losses, leaving prisoners in our hands."

SIXTEEN ARE DEAD IN PETERBORO FIRE. (Special to the Whig.) Peterboro, Dec. 12.—None of the missing in the Quaker Oats factory fire have turned up. It is believed now that sixteen are dead.

FRANCE'S NEW CABINET.

Will Be Announced by Premier Briand on Wednesday. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, Dec. 12.—France's reconstruction Cabinet, designed to carry on the war with redoubled vigor, has been completed by Premier Briand. He will present himself at the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow to make a formal statement of changes.

SENDS SUBMARINE TO HUNT RAIDER

British Undersea Craft is Sighted off the Virginian Capes.

CRUISERS ARE SEEKING

THE GERMAN CRAFT SEEN ON THE ATLANTIC.

Alerted Merchants Constantly Warned to Beware of Vessel Having Two Funnel and Straight Stern.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—Belief that the submarine sighted on the Virginia coast is a British instead of a German undersea craft was voiced here to-day by members of the crew of the United States naval collier Proteus.

The submarine, they said, passed two British steamers without attempting to molest them. The British submarine depot ship Adamant is now in the Atlantic, which strengthens the belief that the underwater visitor is English.

German Raider Sought.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 12.—British cruisers in West Indian waters are sending out frequent warnings to Allied merchantmen urging them to watch for an armed German steamer believed to be in the South Atlantic.

Wireless messages picked up there from these cruisers described the enemy craft as having two funnels and a straight stern.

Sea Insurance Rate Advanced.

New York, Dec. 12.—Marine underwriters received word to-day the war risk insurance in London had been advanced from 5 to 10 per cent. for trans-Atlantic and Cape of Good Hope trade, due to the announcement that a German commerce raider was at large.

HEARST FILMS BARRED.

They Can be no Longer Shown in Canada. (Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Hearst film services as well as the Hearst newspaper publications have been barred from Canada. These include the International Film Company and the Hearst-Selwig news service, which have been strong in many moving picture theatres throughout Canada in the past.

SNOWFALL HINDERS MOVEMENT

But the Allies Have Taken Bulgarian Posts. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, Dec. 12.—All operations north of Monastir have been hindered by snowfall, but the allied forces nevertheless took five small Bulgarian posts on the right bank of the Vardar, to-day's official statement reported.

PREMIER IS BETTER.

But He Will Stay Indoors For Several Days. (Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George was feeling better to-day after the chill which forced him to bed yesterday. His physicians, however, ordered that he remain indoors for another day or two.

Italian.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Monday's War Office report read: "In the Trentino, persistently bad

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW WAR CABINET.



TEUTONS READY TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

(Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany and her Allies have agreed to enter into peace negotiations.

Proposals by the Central Powers that peace negotiations be entered into were made in notes handed to representatives of neutral countries which are representing Germany in belligerent nations to-day.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg called the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland to his office, one after the other, and handed this note to them. The full text of the note will be read in the Reichstag to-day.

The Chancellor asked the neutral nations which represent Germany and her allied powers at the capitals with which she is at war to bring these proposals to the attention of Germany's enemies. The propositions which Germany advances in these negotiations are, according to Germany's belief, appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace.

The governments of Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes. The text was also communicated to the Vatican at Rome, and to all other neutral powers.

By handing the note to the representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, Germany really transmitted it directly to her enemy nations. Under existing conditions this is the only possible course of diplomatic interchange between the Central Powers and the Entente Allies.

GERMAN REICHSTAG'S IMPORTANT SESSION

Address of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg to Be of World Interest. (Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Dec. 12.—Great throngs about the Reichstag marked the German public's interest to-day in what was expected to be the most important meeting of that body since the start of the war.

Expectancy was keyed to the highest pitch as to what message Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg had to deliver. It was announced semi-officially that the address would be of world interest.

Bethmann-Hollweg's address will refer to military and political topics—but its exact nature has been carefully guarded. Practically every member of the Reichstag was in Berlin to-day for the session. All members on duty at the front were recalled for to-day's address.

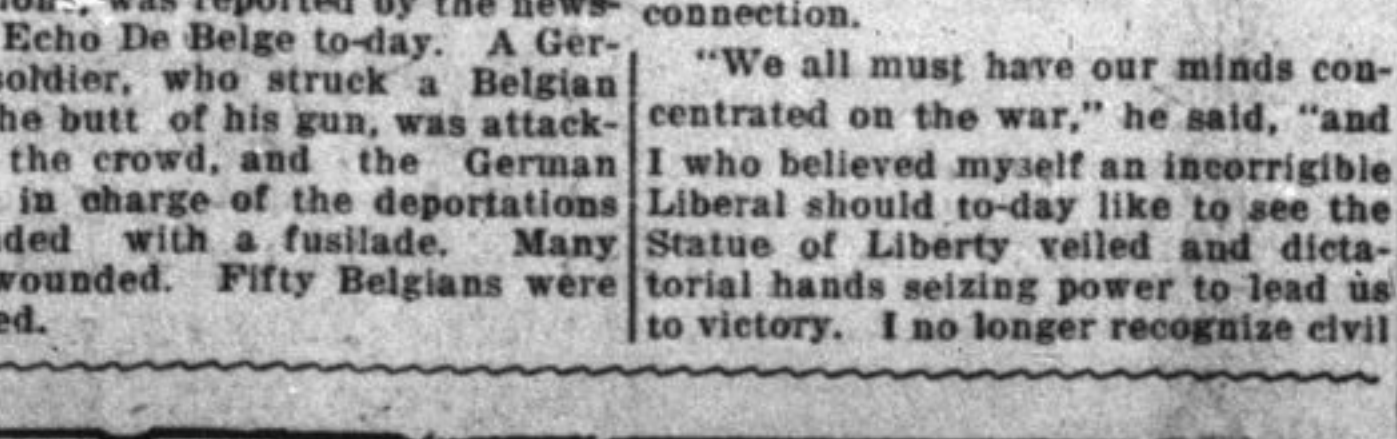
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SIXTEEN BELGIANS KILLED IN A RIOT

Kaiser's Soldiers Fired Fusillade When Crowd Attacked a Cowardly Hun. (Special to the Whig.) Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The killing of sixteen Belgians in a riot at Turcoing, Belgium, due to German deportation, was reported by the newspaper Echo De Belge to-day. A German soldier, who struck a Belgian with the butt of his gun, was attacked by the crowd, and the German troops in charge of the deportations responded with a fusillade. Many were wounded. Fifty Belgians were arrested.



CANADA'S BIGGEST CEREAL MILLS DESTROYED. The photograph shows the Quaker Oats plant at Peterboro, Ont., which was destroyed by fire caused by explosion in the boiler-house and collapse of walls. The mills cost over \$2,000,000 and employed 400 hands, manufacturing the greatest amount of cereals turned out by any company in Canada.

rights—I only recognize the right of war.

"Where are the civil heroes and knights with hearts of steel who would have the courage to overthrow the archaic organization of our Government offices to command those who should obey and lead the nation instead of signing documents?" asks Alexandre Varenne in Evenements. That such leaders exist both in civil and military ranks is unquestioned even by the most pessimistic.

The following extract from the Petit Parisien's editorial yesterday sums up accurately the temper of public opinion:

"The hour we are passing through is serious. In the face of the immensity of the battlefield, in the face of the Rumanian defeat, Greek treachery, and the mystery of the secret session, the country none the less preserves the same magnificent morale, the same robust confidence which neither the march on Paris, the deceptions of so many offensives, nor the most terrible sacrifices have ever at any moment during this war been able to shake."

A bill, the purpose of which is to reorganize and simplify the existing Cabinet, was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by a group of five deputies, among them Abbe Lemire and M. Franklin-Bouillon, vice-president of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The proposed measure provides that for the duration of the war the Cabinet shall be composed of five members who shall be the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Interior, War and Marine.

The other present Ministerial departments, according to the terms of the bill, shall give way to a new organization, the direction of which shall be assumed by the Government.

LLOYDS HAS 510 FEWER SHIPS THAN LAST YEAR

Demand Such That More Boats Building Now Than Ever Before. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A report to the Department of Trade and Commerce from Canadian Trade Commissioner Harrison Watson, of London, summarizes the merchant marine situation as given by the latest reports of Lloyd's. At the end of June last the total number of vessels classed at Lloyd's was 19,933, with a tonnage of 23,190,138, as compared with 19,542 vessels, with a tonnage of 24,174,877 tons at the end of June last year.

Although foreign shipping showed a loss during the year of 17 vessels, with a total tonnage of 1,247,968 tons, the British marine showed an increase of 207 vessels and a tonnage of 363,229 tons. The demand for new tonnage has stimulated shipbuilding to such an extent that at the present time there are more vessels being constructed in Great Britain and in neutral countries than ever before.

At the present time there are 620 vessels under construction, with a total tonnage of 2,282,709 tons. Every effort is being made in Great Britain, in the United States, and in other neutral countries to cope with the increasing demand for new tonnage by means of the extension of existing plants and the creation of new establishments.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS INADEQUATE

To Cope With the Terrible Fire at Peterboro on Monday.

EMPLOYEE FLAMING TORCH

DASHED OUT OF BUILDING WITH CLOTHING ABLAZE.

The Peterboro Steam Fire Engine Did Not Arrive on the Scene For Three Quarters of an Hour. Peterboro, Dec. 12.—Thrilling was the escape of many employees of the Quaker Oats Company in the explosion and fire which completely destroyed the company's plant here yesterday.

Immediately following the explosion began a procession of injured men from the rear of the main building, where the main boiler is located. Men were carried in blankets and improvised stretchers, and removed to the hospital in the first motor cars to arrive on the scene. Some of them were horribly burned and presented a ghastly sight as they were carried out from the wreckage.

T. Bittencourt received injuries that many prove fatal. He walked out of the wreck a flaming torch. T. MacMahon, assistant engineer, was blown out of the boiler room.

Explosion Shook Town. The explosion shook nearly every building in town. It was followed by huge volumes of smoke that hung over the city like a pall.

The local fire department was totally inadequate to cope with the situation, and the streams that were directed at the building failed to reach the second storey of the six-storey structure. A break in the main was given as the cause of the weakness in the water pressure.

It was nearly three-quarters of an hour after the explosion before the steam engine arrived on the scene. By that time the fire had broken out in several parts of the building and the engine only served to accentuate the inadequacy of the department to handle a fire of such dimensions. The Lindsay firemen came to aid the Peterboro brigade about noon.

Prisoners Marched to Safety. The fire, after sweeping through the plant, reached the court house, which is a short distance away. The prisoners number about fourteen and were marshaled out in good order about half an hour before the roof fell in.

The value of the Quaker Oats building is estimated at least half a million dollars, while the stock will bring the total loss well over a million dollars.

Two dead are: Edward Howley, East City; J. Fenora, 48 Jackson avenue (died at St. Joseph's Hospital).

The latest reports show four dead and twelve missing.

Buyer Mance Store. Cape Vincent, N.Y., Dec. 12.—George Sheldon of this village, has purchased the stock of confectionery and cigars in the store owned by Clarence Mance. Mr. Sheldon is well known in this section as a ball player and has played with Cape Vincent teams many seasons. Last year he played first base for Wolfe Island.

Gas Fatal to Edward Hebert. Ogdensburg, N.Y., Dec. 11.—Edward Hebert, 45, died yesterday at his home in Patterson street after remaining unconscious since last Monday night, when he was overcome by gas from a furnace. Hope was held out for his recovery until Friday night, when pneumonia set in.

DAILY MEMORANDUM See top of page 3, right hand column for probabilities.

BORN ENGLISH—On Dec. 12th, 1916, to the wife of James English, R. R. No. 1, Kingston, a son.

GIBSON—In Kingston at 85 William street, on Dec. 12th, 1916, to Dr. and Mrs. William Gibson, a son.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of my dear son, "Jack" Cousins, who died December 12th, 1914:

If love and care could death prevent, His days would not so soon be spent; Life was desired, but God did see, Eternal rest was best for thee. —MOTHER

JAMES REID The Old Firm of Undertakers 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET Phone 147 for Ambulance.

ROBERT J. REID The Leading Undertaker Phone 577. 250 Princess Street

Familiar Quotations Do not burden today's strength with tomorrow's loads. —WILCOX.

...OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS...

British.

London, Dec. 11.—The official statement from British headquarters in France Monday night reads: "Last night we carried out successful raids east of Neuville St. Vaast and south-east of Arrmentieres, destroying machine gun emplacements and taking prisoners."

"An attempted enemy raid east of La Boutellierie failed. Hostile working parties at Fauquissart and Wielonec were dispersed by our fire.

"During the past twenty-four hours the artillery and trench mortars on both sides have been active in the Loos, Arras and Ypres areas and the section north of the Aenee. South of that river there has been some hostile shelling of the Mouquet farm and the extreme right of our front."

French.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The bulletin issued

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