

HOPE AROUSED IN WASHINGTON

That a Peace Conference May Yet Be Held.

GERMANY MAY ANNOUNCE HER TERMS PRIVATELY TO THE ENTENTE ALLIES.

She Has a Chance to Prove Her Sincerity—If She Does Not Name Terms Then She Does Not Want Peace.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—Lloyd George's request for Germany's official peace terms will be answered by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg on condition that they be kept secret by the British Government, was the opinion expressed in well informed German circles here.

Those Teuton officials interviewed were inclined to be optimistic. They consider Lloyd George's statement a plain intimation that England is willing to listen to further negotiations. Germany "would probably have no objections to defining the terms on

which she is willing to begin a peace discussion," it was flatly declared. The opinion was expressed, however, that both sides would probably wish the terms kept secret until an agreement was reached or the conference proved a failure.

Since any terms announced could not be those finally agreed upon, both sides would escape the danger of being charged with "backing down" if the original terms were not made public, it was pointed out.

The danger of England publishing Germany's terms as long as there was a hope for settlement, was therefore considered slight on this account. Aside from Lloyd George's request for terms, it was said in German circles here, they saw nothing new in the Premier's speech.

Although Lloyd George mentioned "reparation and restoration" as among the Allied peace terms, it was said his failure to be specific on these points was taken to mean that England did not desire publicly to announce her terms.

Hopeful in German Circles.
The consensus of opinion in German circles was that things look very hopeful for a conference.

One official expressed the view that the loophole Lloyd George left was just what Germany wants. He said, moreover, he regarded the speech, despite its bitter sarcasm, as distinctly encouraging.

Germany can scarcely fail to take advantage of the opening, officials believed. Officials, both in Berlin and Washington, have said Germany is ready to state her terms definitely and a conference table. In these circumstances officials believed there is a good chance of starting further parleys.

Germany Has Chance.
Washington, Dec. 20.—If the German peace proposal was sincere, they now have an opportunity to prove it, British Embassy officials said, commenting upon Lloyd George's reply.

It was said that Germany must know what terms would be acceptable to England as a basis for negotiations, and that if she does not now name them she does not want peace.

Allies to Send Reply.
Paris, Dec. 20.—Premier Briand announced in the Senate yesterday that the Entente Allies would send to-day a concerted reply making it impossible to take their request for peace seriously.

The best is to be had in Christmas chocolates at Best's.

The session of Parliament, according to present plans, will be called for January 25th. The exact date will be fixed next week, after the return of Sir Robert Borden.

Two hundred men were entombed in an Indiana mine. Two are known to be dead.

The London food rules will apply to Canadian troops when in the metropolises.

Cameras, \$1.25 to \$35, at Best's.

Told In Twilight

The annual Conversazione of Queen's University is to be held this evening in Grant Hall. The committee in charge includes Miss Annie Bond, Miss Alice Goodwin, and Messrs. E. H. Peterson, F. S. Milliken, A. P. Blackburn, J. H. McLeod, and A. F. McKillop.

The Bridge Club, which was entertained by Miss Marjorie Duff last night, will not meet again till after the New Year.

Mrs. Harold Davis, Stuart street, was hostess at the Bridge Club on Monday afternoon.

The first Curling Club tea of the season will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 27th.

Lady Aylesworth is leaving Toronto shortly to visit in Montreal.

Mrs. P. E. Prudeaux, Winnipeg, gave a reception in honor of Miss Phyllis Nielson Terry.

Mrs. Bog, Picton, will spend the Christmas with her son, G. A. Bog, and Mrs. Bog, Lowther avenue, Toronto.

Cadet Barwis, of the Royal Military College, is spending a couple of weeks in Ottawa, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Woodcombe.

Miss Nellie Cartwright will come to Kingston from Ottawa to spend Christmas with her mother, Lady Cartwright.

Archdeacon Grout has arrived in Ottawa from Catskill, N.Y., to join Mrs. Grout. Miss Honor Grout will arrive from Toronto this week, and their son Lawrence will also return from Port Hope for the Christmas season.

The marriage of Eva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Haney, to Major Irvine Bird, 126th Battalion, took place in England last week.

Mrs. Charles Wright, Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Sparks, Johnson street.

Miss Jean Rose, Whitby Ladies' College, spent the week-end in Kingston with Mrs. W. L. Goodwin, Alice Street, and then went on to her home in Smith's Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Craig, Ottawa, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Craig for Christmas.

Miss Jean Tweddell, Richmond, Que., will spend Christmas in the city with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Aykroyd, of Kingston, are with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lightfoot, Ottawa, for the holidays.

Mrs. J. L. Gurd and Mrs. J. S. Smith, Johnson street, left on Tuesday for Montreal.

Mrs. W. Deacon, Marmora, in Kingston for a couple of months, has

returned home, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Loveless, and little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. R. McCann will leave the end of the week for Carleton Place, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Gillies for Christmas.

Miss Jean and Miss Kate Macpherson are leaving to-day for their home in Prescott to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Anna M. Cooley, New York, will spend part of the Christmas vacation with Miss Edna Booth, William street.

Miss Jessie Smith, the guest of Miss Mabel Taylor, Ottawa, will return home on Friday.

Mrs. F. Wilmot, Clergy street, is leaving this week for Gananoque, and will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Taylor.

Reuben McLelland is sailing for England this week.

Mrs. Arthur Linham, Montreal, is the guest of her father, R. H. Loyer, Gore street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis, Miss Margaret Davis and Master Jim Davis, are going to Toronto to-morrow and will not return until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart M. Robertson will spend Christmas in Montreal with Mrs. D. Stewart Robertson.

Miss Elsie Saunders is expected from Ottawa this week to visit her mother, Mrs. K. M. Saunders, Alice street.

Miss Agnes Johnson leaves to-morrow for Gananoque to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson.

Miss Gilmour, who has been visiting friends in Toronto, is again the guest of Mrs. Jeremy Taylor, King street.

Mr. and Mrs. McGrail are leaving for Ottawa this week to spend Christmas with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Gill, Miss Beatrice and Master Linton, left yesterday for Campbellford to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gill's mother, Mrs. Linton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thuro Hedman will spend the holiday season in Chicago.

Miss Kathleen Daly, Albert street, left to-day for Toronto to be the guest of Miss Louise Smyth.

Miss Swaine, Hamilton, is expected the end of the week to visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Bellhouse, Earl street.

Prof. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell left to-day for Milford, Conn., where they will remain until after the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Livingston are expected from Toronto on Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston, Barrie street.

Mrs. W. Balfour Mudie, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walker, in Buffalo, returned to Gananoque this week.

Mrs. F. C. Casselman will spend Christmas with friends in Montreal.

Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gibson and little daughter, of Simpson, Sask., are expected in town the end of the week to spend Christmas with Mrs.

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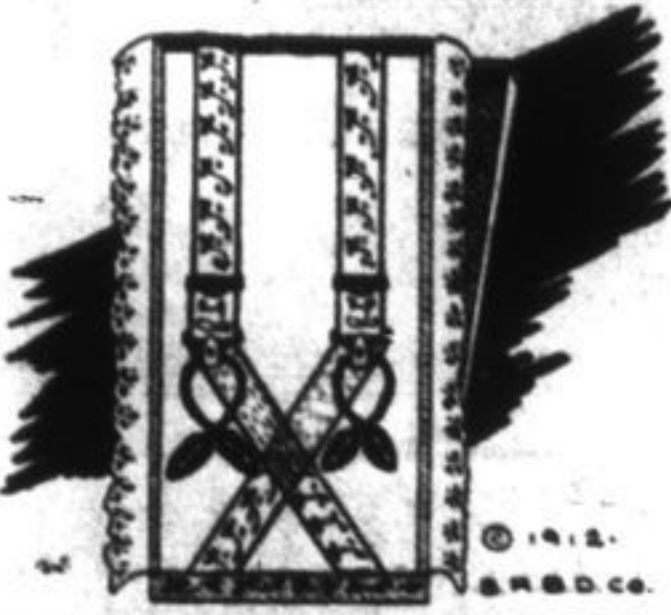
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