

DOVE OF PEACE HOVERS OVER EUROPE

Germany and Allies Officially Ready End War

CENTRAL POWERS ARE WILLING TO END WAR

The Imperial Chancellor Asks American and Other Ambassadors to Inform Enemy

TERMS NOT MADE PUBLIC AS YET.

Claimed They Are Appropriate For Establishment of a Lasting Peace—All Countries Allied With Germany Ready For Conclusion.

Berlin, Dec. 12 (By Wireless to Surville).—Germany and her allies today proposed to enter formally into peace negotiations.

The Imperial Chancellor this morning received one after another of the representatives of the United States of America, Spain and Switzerland.

In the note the four allies (the central powers) propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations.

NO ENDORSEMENT FOR NEW SERVICE

Rotarians See But Little Benefit in Proposed Seaboard Service For This City.

The proposed new train service on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, between Wilmington and Charlotte, will be asked for at the conference in Charlotte Friday.

The matter of providing a modern High School on the lot already owned by the board on Market street and thus vacate the present High School building that it might be used for the Union School, was strongly advocated as it was shown that the present

Germany Makes Known Her Terms For Peace

Washington, Dec. 12.—Advices from Berlin to the German embassy indicate that Germany's peace terms, in a general measure, propose restoration of the status quo before the war.

Dispatches to the German embassy telling of the Imperial Chancellor's action arrived soon after the news dispatches.

It was indicated that while the Germanic allies might not entertain expectancy that the cause of peace would be considered they were not without hope.

In German quarters the crisis in the British cabinet, the coming of winter and the lull in the fighting are given as reasons for making the peace proposal at this time.

Among the entente diplomats here Germany's offer is pronounced to be of double purpose and unlikely of acceptance.

SOUTH'S PROBLEMS BEING TAKEN UP BY THE CONGRESS

Various Branches Dealing With Matters That Affect This Section.

WOMEN ARE ALSO MEETING.

Commissioners of Agriculture Discuss Live Subjects—High Cost of Living to Be Touched On.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—The South's problems were discussed today at the second day's session of the Southern Commercial Congress by the commissioners of agriculture of several Southern States.

The Southern commercial sections, which organized the Southern Commercial Congress, also held a business meeting today.

A proposition to have the Teachers' Assembly here next Thanksgiving was endorsed.

GERMANY'S POSITION. London, Dec. 12.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says that in his speech to the Reichstag, Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg announced that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations and before humanity, have proposed to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations."

ARMY TRANSPORT GOES AGROUND

Coast Guard Cutters Rush to Help United States Ship.

New York, Dec. 12.—The United States army transport, Sumner, bound from Colon to this port, with army officers, troops and civilian passengers, is hard aground on the New Jersey coast, off Barneget.

The Sumner, which left Colon, Dec. 4, was reported at noon Sunday as being 407 miles south of Sandy Hook.

The women and children among the 232 passengers on the army transport Sumner, on ground off the New Jersey coast, have all been taken off, according to a message received here today from the captain of the vessel.

EARLY HEARING IN BRITT CAUSE

Supreme Court Will Hear Argument in The Election Contest Thursday.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Representative James J. Britt's motion to advance the appeal from Buncombe county superior court, in which Judge Adams held without jurisdiction in the mandamus proceedings to compel the Buncombe county canvassing board to count the vote, was heard in the supreme court today and set for argument for Thursday.

It now seems that the court will hear the argument and decide the issue by December 19, when Judge Bond's order expires and the state board of canvassers act.

MUNITIONS GO DOWN. New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market became immediately unsettled today in receipt of the news of Teutonic peace proposals. Munitions and shares of companies profiting by the war were both affected.

ADVANCE OF THE TEUTONS HAS NOT YET STOPPED

Though Petrograd Claims The Invaders are Being Forced To Retire.

NEW ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

Germans Make Attack, Which Paris Claims Was Repulsed. Kaiser Tells Troops to Fight On.

The Teutonic advance in Eastern Wallachia continues, with the Rumanians apparently maneuvering their forces under steady pressure with a view to taking up a defense line along the Buzue river.

New activity has been developed by the Germans on the Franco-Belgian front, attacking last night the defenses of Des Loges Wood, south of the Somme sector.

Declares Teutons Beating Retreat. A Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press says Petrograd reports that the

PEACE TOPIC UPMOST TODAY IN WASHINGTON

PASSES ITEM FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Appropriation For Cherokee Indians Gets Through The House.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The House of Representatives in its debate on the Indian appropriation bill today, passed the item of \$36,000 for the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.

Thirty thousand dollars is provided for the support and education of the 180 pupils of the Indian school at Cherokee, including the pay of the superintendent, and \$6,000 goes for general repairs and improvement of the institution.

Germans have begun the retirement of some divisions from Rumania, transferring them to other fronts.

Kaiser Says Fight On. London, Dec. 12.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is announced officially in Berlin that Emperor William has notified his commanding generals of Germany's peace offer and informed them that it is still uncertain whether the offer will be accepted.

No Expression From the White House on The Subject But Cabinet Likely Discuss It

ALSO SENT AT ONCE TO VATICAN.

United States Will Not Make The Terms Public, But Will Transmit Them—May Make Suggestions, if Proposals Are Logical.

Washington, Dec. 12.—News that Germany and her allies are about to enter on peace negotiations immediately was sent to President Wilson. Speaking for the President, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but would make no comment, at least until it was learned what receipt the proposal received from the entente allies.

The State Department received its first information of Germany's proposal through the Associated Press, which officials assumed the offices of the neutrals addressed would be asked only to transmit the proposal.

Whether the United States will accompany the transmission with any comment or suggestion it was indicated depended entirely on the nature of the proposal, whether the conditions were likely of consideration.

In transmitting the proposal, it was officially stated, the United States probably would follow the practice that has been invariable so far in acting as the medium of communication between hostile governments and would not make it public.

The news was particularly the only topic of discussion among members of Congress, as they assembled for the day's session.

On every hand the discussion turned on the move Germany and her allies had taken in their peace proposal at this time, although for many weeks there had been a persistent and officially denied report that some peace proposal would be made by President Wilson.

CONSTANTINE ORDERS MOBILIZATION. London, Dec. 12.—An Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Copenhagen says that advances have been received there that King Constantine of Greece has ordered general mobilization.

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