

BERLIN OFFER OF PEACE LOOKED FOR

Official London Expects That a Definite Proposal Will Come Before Winter

STATUS QUO BASIS LIKELY

High Official Authority in London Gives the Associated Press a Statement on the Situation in Germany.

London, Aug. 27.—(By Mail)—Throughout official London, the belief is held that a very definite peace offer will come from Germany before winter and that the offer will suggest immediate cessation of hostilities on a status quo basis.

Entente statesmen have fully indicated that they will refuse such terms and no doubt Germany is aware of this. But German leaders regard a status quo offer from the German side as an indispensable step in the preparation of German public opinion for further concessions.

A high official authority gave the Associated Press today the following statement of the situation in Germany as regards peace:

"There is no doubt that the German government is anxious to get out of the war at the earliest possible moment on any terms which will insure them against revolution at home and national collapse."

"Great numbers of people in Germany today would welcome a peace on a status quo basis, this meaning practically a draw in which no belligerent would occupy any territory beyond that which it possessed in July, 1914, and in which, moreover, each side would bear its own burdens in respect of the material losses. But it is impossible to say how far this view has spread among the German population, because, naturally, where it exists, it is a subject of opportunity of public expression. It is obvious that if the German people ultimately come to accept a net loss of territory as inevitable, they must pass to that frame of mind through the intermediate stage of attempting to accept a status quo peace. If the war continues to go against Germany, test offers to conclude such a peace will certainly be made as soon as the pressure reaches a certain point."

"Since Germany's so-called peace offer a year ago, the continued pressure of the Entente and the entry of the United States have completely changed the situation. The question is now, in fact, not what are the war aims which Germany will impose before she grants peace, but what terms she herself will be willing to accept. That is a very simple statement of the greatest fact in the far situation today."

"The entry of the United States and many of the South American republics has put economic matters into the foreground. The German government must obviously view with extreme apprehension the situation at home in the months immediately succeeding the declaration of peace. The physical exhaustion of the people and the want of food, which cannot be immediately remedied, and the want of raw material for starting manufactures, will make a status quo peace, if it comes, apparently impossible to either side. The fierceness of the struggle is proved by the fact that in 12 hours the Italians attacked the enemy five times."

"This would be started by the minority Socialists and if Germany comes out of the war without a definite increase of strength and prestige in some form or another, the influence of the government in the middle classes will be so much weakened that it will be impossible any longer to depend on their active support against a revolutionary movement. The Prussian military and agrarian party remains as firm and uncompromising, in domestic as in foreign affairs, as ever, and many of them would undoubtedly prefer war to any surrender which would deprive them of the political power which they regard as their right."

"For this reason that which the German government will most seek for in any peace arrangement is security that as soon as the war is over there shall be a free flow of food and raw material into the country and at the same time free markets for German products. If this could be secured, the energy of the people could be at once directed to the restoration of commerce and industry, and their interests so concentrated that they would be turned away from dangerous political considerations."

"Without official dispatches explaining in full the tangled situation, it is understood here the chief point at issue is the organization of the army along strict disciplinary lines, including the death penalty for soldiers violating orders advocated persistently by General Korniloff. Although Premier Kerensky has declared himself for the Korniloff program, the provisional government has exercised a check on

the death sentence through government reviewing commissioners at the front.

Apparently General Korniloff despaired of improving the situation by carrying out his frequent threats to resign, and finally became satisfied that his influence was sufficiently powerful to wrest the entire government from the provisional cabinet.

The provisional government's declaration of martial law in Petrograd and the substitution of General Klembovsky as commander-in-chief, is accepted as indicating that Kerensky does not count on compromise tactics against the revolt.

A gleam of hope came from Foreign Minister Terestchenko's statement in an interview today that he believed the revolt "not dangerous" and "partly due to a misunderstanding which will be cleared up." In this connection it is expected by persons familiar with the vicissitudes of Russian politics, that General Korniloff's action has no connection with the recently disclosed plot to restore the monarchy, but that it is intended by the most of the quickest means to the common end of preserving Russian democracy against Germany.

A number of times recently it has been denied by the provisional ministers that the government was in odds with General Korniloff, despite reports that Korniloff repeatedly had threatened to resign if army officers were not given more power to enforce discipline. Last Monday he resigned as commander of the Petrograd garrison because workmen and Soldiers delegates insisted on a referendum on military orders.

Officials here see in the appointment of general Klembovsky, who has commanded the armies in the north during the recent retreat before Riga, evidence that the government hopes to strengthen its northern positions and hold the Germans against further advance on Petrograd.

General Klembovsky is one of the younger Russian generals. He is regarded as an excellent military tactician, and of strong personality.

TWO GERMAN POSITIONS LOST

ONE OF THEM RE-CAPTURED

Berlin, (Via London), Sept. 10.—British troops yesterday pressed back slightly the German reserves at Hargicourt and Villaret, on a narrow front, according to the official statement issued by the German government. Early today, the statement adds, the Germans re-captured the position to the east of Hargicourt.

PARTIAL EVACUATION OF PETROGRAD IS COMMENCED

London, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd tells of the commencement of the partial evacuation of Petrograd. "People are being hurriedly leaving the city. Outgoing trains are filled to their utmost capacity and there are tremendous crowds of people at all the stations."

"The government is taking measures to empty the city. It is intended to remove the numerous educational institutions having boarding establishments, and also to give facilities for the removal of the private effects. These steps are principally connected with the question of subsistence and are only the result of the military situation."

ITALIANS AND AUSTRIANS NOT DETERRED BY WEATHER

Udine, Italy, Sept. 9.—The fight against the heights northeast of Gorizia continues night and day during good and bad weather. The continuous contest seems to the observer to be animated by superhuman forces. The Italians and the Austrians almost constantly engaged in hand-to-hand encounters.

A strange situation is brought about by the two forces actually equal in numbers, strength and determination, struggling for supremacy in a circumscribed area where it is impossible for either side to employ more men or artillery. Gaps in the ranks are instantly filled and the contesting forces remain so balanced that victory apparently is impossible to either side. The fierceness of the struggle is proved by the fact that in 12 hours the Italians attacked the enemy five times.

REV. WM. P. JACOBS, D. D., DIES AT CLINTON, S. C.

Was Founder and Superintendent of Thornwell Orphanage.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 10.—Rev. Wm. Plumer Jacobs, D. D., age 75, died suddenly at his home at Clinton, S. C., this morning shortly after 6 o'clock, death having been caused by an affection of the heart. The deceased was born at Clinton, S. C., in 1842, and was the son of Rev. and Mrs. James Ferdinand Jacobs. After graduating from the College Dr. Jacobs accepted his first pastorate, and several years later went to Clinton, where he has been pastor of the Clinton Presbyterian church for 47 years. From this small place his life has had its influence throughout the entire state of South Carolina.

Dr. Jacobs founded the Presbyterian Orphanage at Clinton in 1878. Fourteen years before he had established an orphanage, now the Thornwell Orphanage, of which he retained active charge until his death.

TENNESSEE TROOPS ARRIVE

Orders Received to Establish Target Range for Camp Sevier.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 10.—Seven units of the first Tennessee Field Artillery, including batteries from Nashville, Memphis, Paris, Columbia, and Chattanooga, the supply company and the headquarters company and comprising approximately 1,000 men arrived at Camp Sevier late this afternoon. This regiment is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Luke Lea, former United States Senator from Tennessee and one of the most prominent and wealthiest men in the State.

Orders were received from the War Department today at divisional headquarters at Camp Sevier authorizing that contracts be let for 260 targets for an artillery range to be established at River Falls, about 18 miles from Greenville, according to Colonel A. W. Bjornstad, chief of staff. The order of the War Department also definitely accepted the range at River Falls which had been selected and options secured thereon some time ago, it was said.

POINCARÉ ASKS PAINLEVÉ TO FORM NEW MINISTRY

Paris, Sept. 10.—President Poincaré after conferring this morning with the presidents of the chamber of deputies and the senate summoned to the Elysée Paul Painlevé, the minister of war, and asked him to form a cabinet in succession to that headed by M. Ribot. Professor Painlevé reserved his definite answer until this evening.

SWEET POTATO IS RECOGNIZED BY ARMY

Will Form Part of Rations in the South

Exchange of Correspondence Between Governor and War Department. Electrical Institutes—Prices of Farm Products in State.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 10.—Governor Bickett has received official advice from the commissary division of the War Department to the effect that those charged with the purchase of supplies for the Federal armies have been directed to include the sweet potato.

This order came after Governor Bickett had pressed upon the department the justice as well as the necessity of including this principal Southern and especially North Carolina product and had assured the War Department that if there was one thing that the soldiers would fight for after they had once gotten the taste of them, it was the North Carolina yams or other varieties of sweet potatoes.

The issue was first raised by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham when he found that the sweet potato was not included in the list of farm products that the commissary divisions were authorized to purchase in the open market for feeding the soldiers. He was advised when he took the matter up with the War Department that the list of products had been carefully selected and that there was no probability of there being any other order made for the program.

The commissioner of Insurance James R. Young is preparing the program for the state institute for electrical and building and inspectors and chiefs of fire departments to be in session, respectively, September 18 and 19 and September 20 and 21, at Wrightsville Beach. The institutes held in Raleigh last year were so thoroughly successful that it was determined to make them a permanent institution. Experts from the Federal divisions of work bearing on these activities will be included in the programs.

The commissioner is also getting in line special lists of programs for the observance throughout the state of Fire Prevention Day October 9. The schools, the fire departments and the municipalities will be especially cared for in the preparation of appropriate programs, that will include special "Clean up" weeks for towns.

Experts are pushing along their reports on the Row-Peterson & Co., readers with a view to being ready with their reports for the state board on Tuesday for definite action as to whether there shall be any proceeding against the publishers for failing to supply books up to the contract specifications. The issue now seems to be the quality of paper used.

The letter to Governor Bickett wrote to other authorities at Washington about the North Carolina potato was addressed to Congressman Dougherty, the "Farmer Congressman." He said in this letter:

"I enclose herewith some correspondence in regard to sweet potatoes. All I have to say is that if the President or anybody else fails to put sweet potatoes on the soldiers' bill of fare while in the South, he does the soldiers a great injustice. Evidently the people who know anything about North Carolina know that you can do something to get the sweet potato introduced in the military circles. Once the soldiers eat them they will fight for them."

Today the reply came from Thomas Cruse, brigadier general, quartermaster's corps as follows:

"Your letter to Hon. R. L. Laughton, member of Congress, relative to the addition to the sweet potato as a component of the army ration has been referred to this office for action. In reply I have the honor to state that the question of the addition of sweet potatoes to the list of articles composing the army ration has been under consideration by this department and the Secretary of War has decided that this article be added to the list of supplies composing the army ration and all purchasing officers have been advised accordingly."

The weekly market bulletin of the Department of Agriculture extension service quotes corn at \$1.75 per bushel at Fayetteville to \$2.25 quoted for Wilmington and Hamlet, the Charleston quotations are \$2.10; Durham, \$2.15; Winston-Salem, \$2. Irish potatoes are quoted at \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel and sweet potatoes at from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel. Eggs are quoted as low as 30c per dozen at Maxton and up to 45 cents at Wilmington, with an average of 40 cents at Winston-Salem, Durham and other points. Spring chickens at from 18 cents per pound at Statesville to 25 to 30 cents at most other points. Quotations on hogs range from \$12 to \$20 on unweaned pounds. The range of middling cotton from 40 cents at Fayetteville to 23 cents at Salisbury and Statesville and \$22.50 at Charlotte, Durham, Hamlet and Maxton and \$21.50 at Scotland Neck.

REALISTIC STAGECRAFT.

Introduction of Electric Light Caused a Revolution.

(Review of Reviews.) The introduction of the electric light was, of course, responsible for many innovations in the art of stage decorations than any other one thing. It was now possible to light up equally well any portion of the stage, and so the "apron" was dispensed with and the picture frame proscenium introduced. The cry for realism which Ibsen's drama had aroused was not wakened up by the scene builders with enthusiastic vigor and "realism" was reproduced in every material detail. We are now seeing exactly as it is, because their motto.

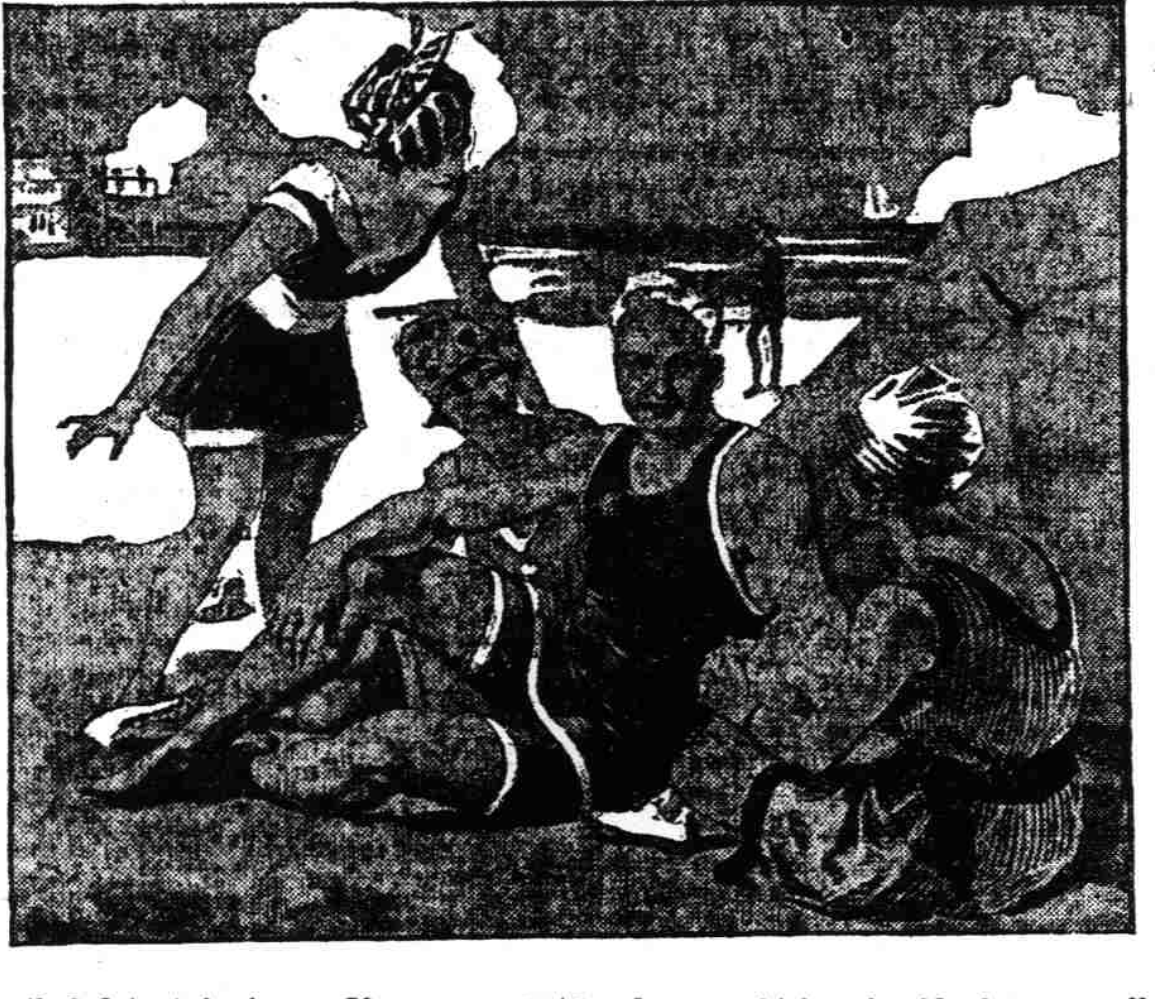
These changes, naturally, also had an effect upon the actors themselves and upon what they said. Formerly, the actors were continually conscious of the presence of the audience, and a considerable degree addressed it directly. Now they could interpret the story on the stage entirely ignoring, apparently, the presence of the audience. This change in the conception of the play, as a whole, as being made up not alone of dialogue and recitation, but also of action and pictorial representation, has had a very far-reaching effect on our present day conception of the drama.

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Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York physician and medical author, when interviewed on this subject, said: "There can be no vigorous man without iron. Falter means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale; the hair falls out, the nerves are weak, the brain fags and the memory fails and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes a man's vitality, the roses go from their cheeks."

"In the most common foods of America—starches, sugars, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degenerated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. The iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cooking, by throwing away the soda, and the iron in some cases, vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss."

"Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vigor and vigor for old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron. I feel it my duty to say when your food has not enough salt."

Former Health Commissioner Wm. R. Kerr, of the City of Chicago, says he has taken Nuxated Iron himself and experienced its health giving, strength-building effect and in the interest of the public welfare, I feel it my duty to make known the results of its use. I am well past three score years and today to my personal use of Nuxated Iron. From my own experience with Nuxated Iron, I feel that it is a valuable remedy that it ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician in this country. A physician who has studied both in this country and in great European medical institutions, said: "As I have said a hundred times, there is no organ the greatest of all strength builders."

10,600,000 GERMANS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN WAR

At Present Five and a Half Million Are in Active Service—Losses Total Four Million.

Grand Headquarters of the French Armies in France, Sept. 9.—The Associated Press is able to give approximately the figures representing the man power of Germany in the war at the present time, together with the casualties as follows:

Fixed formations on the various fronts, employed on lines of communication and stationed in the interior, 5,500,000.

Divisions undergoing formation and men in depots, 600,000.

Losses in killed, permanently disabled, prisoners, 4,000,000.

Wounded under treatment in hospitals, 500,000.

Total, 10,600,000.

The figures account for all the men called up to the present for service as follows:

Class 1915, called May-July 1915, 450,000.

Remainder of untrained landsturm called out the same month 150,000.

Class 1916 called out September-October 1916, 450,000.

Contingent of hitherto exempted men called out in October 1915, 300,000.

Second contingent exempted men called out early 1916, 200,000.

Second landsturm early in 1916, 450,000.

Class of 1917 called out March-November 1916, 450,000.

Third contingent exempted men late in 1916, 1915, 300,000.

Class 1918, called out November 1916 to March 1917, 450,000.

Class 1919, called out in part in 1917, 300,000.

Additional exempted men 1917, 150,000. Total 10,500,000.

MOB CREATES UPROAR.

Striker's Sympathizers Finally Dispersed Without Doing Violence.

Chattanooga, Sept. 11.—After keeping the downtown section of Chattanooga in an uproar the greater part of the night, a mob of sympathizers with striking motormen and conductors of the Chattanooga Railway & Light Company, which sought to deport strike breakers, finally dispersed early today.

The mob, estimated by some officials as more than 1,000 strong, gathered after a meeting at Central Labor Hall and proceeded to the court house where Commissioner of Police Batterson addressed their pleading for time for city and county officials to confer over their demands. Meanwhile all city and county officers were called together to discuss the matter. Spokesman had urged that the car barns be stormed and the strike breakers be deported.

GASPARRI BACK IN ROME.

Cardinal and Pope Begins Review of Replies to Peace Proposal.

Rome, Sunday, Sept. 9.—Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state has returned to Rome from a fortnight's vacation and immediately set to work, together with Pope Benedict, on the accumulation of documents received during his absence, regarding the papal peace initiative. To those who approached him, Cardinal Gasparri said:

"Whatever happened, the proposition made by Pope Benedict in favor of peace will have the effect of greatly clearing the situation."

J. F. Baxley, of the Dog Bluff section in this county, planted only one and one-fourth acres of tobacco this year; but he had a fine success for a small grower. He planted the variety known as Nancy's Best, and realized the sum of \$390.29 clear of the warehouse charges.—Horry (S. C.) Herald.



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