

CENTRIST PARTY LEADER DECLARES PEACE PLANS WILL BE ACCELERATED

Erzberger Says Developments Will Not Interfere With Program.

MAJORITY PARTIES STICKING TOGETHER

Erzberger Is Leader of Party Which Demands Deference for Reichstag.

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—(Via London, Oct. 14.)—Matthias Erzberger, leader of the centrist party in the reichstag, which has demanded greater deference to that body from the government, told The Associated Press today that the developments of the last week would not interfere with the majority party's peace attitude as based on the resolution of July 19, or in any way retard the movement for parliamentarism.

Standstill by Issue. Herr Erzberger asserted that the majority bloc which now is made up of socialists, centrists and progressives, continues to present itself in a solid phalanx behind the issues for which it stands and that it is not improbable it will be augmented by substantial support from the national liberals in connection with some of the more pertinent issues growing out of the present situation.

Empire Expected. The emperor is expected back October 22 from his trip to the near east, and it is assumed he will confer with the factional leaders of the reichstag.

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PREMIER KERENSKY APPEALS TO FLEET TO SAVE COUNTRY

Garrison at Kronstadt, by Its Action, Has Weakened Power of Fortress.

NINETY WARSHIPS COVERED GERMANS

Kerensky Says Hour Has Come When Baltic Fleet Must Act.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 14.—The German forces which landed on Oesel Island, in the Gulf of Riga under the cover of ninety war vessels, had occupied up to 10 o'clock Saturday morning the whole northern and eastern part of the island and were within twelve versts of Arensburg on the southern shore, according to an announcement made by the Russian naval general staff.

Only Demonstration. It now develops that the Germans did not occupy Dago Island, north of Oesel and at the head of the Gulf of Finland, but contented themselves with making a demonstration against it. Premier Kerensky in an urgent appeal to the Baltic fleet to defend the fatherland "in this hour of trial" divulged the fact that the garrisons of Kronstadt, the chief fortress and military port of Russia and the station of the Baltic fleet, twenty miles west of Petrograd, by its attitude already had weakened the defensive resources of the fortress.

Appeals to Fleet. Premier Kerensky today sent a telegram to the commander-in-chief of the northern armies, in which he said: "Tell the redoubtable Baltic fleet that the hour of trial has arrived. Russia expects for her safety a valiant effort by the navy and I, as generalissimo, demand that the sailors make sacrifices."

The hour has come when the Baltic fleet can defend the honor of the fatherland and the great traditions of liberty and of the revolution. It is time to reflect seriously and to cease to co-operate involuntarily with the cause of the enemy. The garrison of Kronstadt has by its attitude already caused the defensive resources of the fortress to be incomplete.

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INTEREST CENTERS ON OPERATIONS OF GERMANS IN OESSEL

Teutons Steadily Pressing Russians Toward South-eastern End of Island.

PRINCIPAL CITIES ARE NOW IN FLAMES

Heavy Rainfall on Front in Flanders Prevents Further Drive.

With the armies in Flanders inactive, except for bombardments, interest centers on the operations of the Germans in the island of Oesel, situated at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga and the key to the entrance of the Gulf of Finland.

At last accounts the Germans, who landed under the cover of a great array of naval craft, were steadily pressing back the Russians towards the southeastern part of the island and also putting ashore other forces with the huge armada guarding them against assault by Russian warships.

The entire northern and eastern sections of the island were in German hands and the invaders were only a short distance from Arensburg, on the southern shore, which was in flames. Cereel, which lies on the Svorb peninsula, the southernmost extremity of the island, also was on fire. Whether the conflagrations were caused by the German guns or whether they were started by the Russians is not known.

As yet nothing has come through to show that the enemy has attempted to attack the mainland of western Esthonia, nor has there been any indication that the Russian front in this region has been moved.

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"We'll Keep The Faith With The Dead"



BROAD WAR POWERS CONFERRED ON THE PRESIDENT UNDER TRADING-WITH-ENEMY ACT HAVE BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION

Executive Order, Issued Last Night, Delegates the Authority for Enforcement of the Various Provisions of the Act to the Officials Who Will Have Charge of Each Particular Section.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Broad war powers conferred upon the president by the trading-with-the-enemy act were put into operation under an executive order issued tonight delegating the authority under the law to various government departments and to a newly created war trade board.

The trade board is composed of the members of the exports administration board, which it will replace, with the addition of a representative of the treasury department. It will exercise a similar control over imports as soon as the president proclaims, under authority of the trading-with-the-enemy act, the articles to be restricted.

Trading With Enemy Forbidden. Trading or commercial dealings in every nature with an enemy company or agent in this country or abroad is forbidden, except under license of the war trade board, which also is authorized to license enemy or "ally of enemy" companies doing business in the United States, excepting insurance companies, whose supervision is entrusted to the treasury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Governor Whitman paid a stirring tribute to President Wilson tonight in a patriotic address to the congregation of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church. "As we contemplate the solitary figure who is ruling over the destinies of our hundred million people," the governor said, "and consider the tremendous task he has before him, we are no longer democrats, or republicans, or progressives, but Americans all."

doing business within the United States. Regulation of the use of enemy-owned or controlled patents for the war, and of the granting or publication of patents containing information valuable to the enemy, is given to the federal trade commission.

The secretary of state is empowered to license the transportation of enemies to or from the United States through the existing passport means. The secretary of commerce will retain his present authority to review the decisions of customs collectors refusing clearances to vessels carrying cargoes in violation of the trading-with-the-enemy act.

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of the secretary of the treasury, yet to be named. All but the treasury representative are now members of the exports administrative board, whose work hereafter will be done by the bureau of exports of the war trade board.

The new war trade board is to consist of Vance C. McCormick, chairman, representing the secretary of state; Dr. Alfonso E. Taylor, representing the secretary of agriculture; Thomas D. Jones, representing the secretary of commerce; Beaver White, representing the food administrator; Frank C. Munson, representing the shipping board, and a representative

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PRESIDENT NAMES "LIBERTY DAY" TO AID LIBERTY LOAN IN UNITED STATES

Sets Aside Wednesday, October 24, as Day for Patriotic Celebrations.

ASKS IMPRESSIVE, EMPHATIC RESULT

Official Reports of Subscriptions Show Little Progress Toward Total.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—President Wilson in behalf of the Liberty loan tonight issued a proclamation setting aside October 24 as Liberty day and urging the people of the nation to assemble on that day in their respective communities and "pledge to one another and to the government that represents them the fullest measure of financial support."

"Let the result be so impressive and so emphatic," the president urged, "that it will echo throughout the empire of our enemy as an index of what America intends to do to bring this war to a victorious conclusion."

The president's proclamation follows: "By the president of the United States of America, a proclamation. 'The second Liberty loan gives the people of the United States another opportunity to lend their funds to their government to sustain their country at war. The might of the United States is being mobilized and organized to strike mortal blows at autocracy in defense of outraged American rights and of the cause of liberty. Billions of dollars are required to arm, feed and clothe the brave men who are going forth to fight our country's battles and to assist the nations with whom we are making common cause against a common foe. To subscribe to the Liberty loan is to perform a service of patriotism.'

DR. HILLS DESCRIBES GERMAN ATROCITIES AT LIBERTY LOAN MEETING

T. P. O'Connor Tells of Britain's Determination to See War Through.

BABIES CRUCIFIED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—German atrocities were described by Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, and United Great Britain's determination to see the war through was set forth by T. P. O'Connor, member of parliament, at a Liberty loan rally here today sponsored by the National Security league as the fourth of a cycle of patriotic mass meetings.

"Make yourselves more frightful than the Huns under Attila," he asserted the Kaiser charged his soldiers. "See that for a thousand years no enemy mentions the very name of Germany without shuddering."

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SERIOUS MEASURE.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 14.—The Maasbode says it learns that all Dutch shipping to England has been stopped on account of the pending differences between Great Britain and Holland.

Great Britain on October 11 stopped all commercial cable communication with Holland until such time as The Netherlands government placed absolute restriction on the transit of sand, gravel and metal from Germany to Belgium by way of Holland. The British government contended that this concrete raw material was being used by the Germans in great quantities in the construction of dugouts to the detriment of the British soldiers.

WHITMAN WILL VOTE FOR MAYOR MITCHEL, HE SAYS; WANTS TO BEAT TAMMANY

Acknowledged Leader of the Republican Forces in New York to Bolt.

GIVES HIS REASONS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Governor Charles S. Whitman, acknowledged head of the republican party in New York state, announced tonight that he would vote for the re-election of Mayor Mitchel in the coming municipal election. He declared the only issue involved is whether Tammany Hall shall rule the city and since it is "plainly impossible to elect a republican, the only hope of defeating Tammany lies in the candidacy of Mr. Mitchel."

"I expect to vote for Mr. Mitchel and believe that republicans may properly support him and maintain their party regularity, too," said a statement issued by the governor. "But even if there were not the case and the choice were between the obligation of partisanship and the obligation of citizenship, our duty would be entirely clear."

TREASURY OFFICIALS WILL CHECK SHRINKAGE IN THE GILT-EDGE BONDS

Will Exercise "Intelligent Discretion" in Valuing Bank Holdings.

BONDS DROPPING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Treasury officials, concerned over the downward tendency of the bond market as an outgrowth of Liberty loan financing, have determined to take steps to check shrinkage in gilt-edge bond values, so far as consistent with governmental action and sound financing.

Similar action was taken by the comptroller at the outbreak of the European war when security values dropped precipitately to low records. For months past, virtually all securities have been steadily diminishing in quoted values. High-grade bonds of unquestioned value have shrunk until they are at the present time almost as low, in many cases, as they were when the New York stock exchange was closed in the early days of the European war.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

Delivers Stirring Patriotic Address at St. Paul's M. E. Church.

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So Declares Speaker Clark, in Interview Granted at St. Louis.

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