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(By F. Conliffe-Owen.)

Principle of the entente over the world to President Wilson's entirely unshaken and message to congress last week went far to set at rest the minds of many quarters by the British Trades unions on Saturday.

Lloyd-George's address was intended to bring to the attention of his opponents of the drain on the man power which has been by the military situation will and support of the success of the war, since the British Isles had in unwillingness to make the sacrifices required for the benefit of the world.

It was necessary to set the workers at rest, and for the good will and cooperation are assured in carrying out a mistake, however, to con-

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strue his speech as a manifesto to the world of the policy of the British empire and to close one's eyes to the peculiar conditions that had necessitated its delivery. In this sense it was bound to give rise to misgivings. In the first place, those who were unaware of the difficulties that had confronted Lloyd-George in the labor situation could not understand why he should have spoken of peace. It seemed ill timed, in view of the pacifist propaganda of the German government and of the well established fact that peace now could only be a peace without complete victory. Then, too, it seemed to indicate a recession from the claims which he, as well as other members of the British government, had repeatedly put forward as the irreducible minimum of the demands of Great Britain and of her allies.

The settlement of the future of Alsace and Lorraine was referred to as necessitating the "reconciliation of a great wrong," as if the restoration of the two provinces of France admitted of discussion. The future fate of Mesopotamia and Syria, now in possession of England, was to be left to an international peace congress. All the enormous dependencies of the kaiser in Africa were to be disposed of in a similar fashion, while the leg-

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itimate aspirations of Serbia and of Roumania, as well as of the Slav races of Austria-Hungary and of Italy, were to all intents and purposes ignored.

The message of the president, however, indicates an advance and a stronger determination than ever to carry on the war until its supreme aims have been achieved and Germany's military terrorism and mania for the political and economic mastery as well as for the enslavement of the universe are crushed out of existence.

President Wilson is rapidly assuming the leadership of the entente in the war. He speaks with a greater amount of authority and weight than any of the executives of the allies, and it is no exaggeration to assert that they are looking to him more and more for guidance. It is fortunate, therefore, that steps have been taken to give his address on Tuesday last an even still greater amount of publicity than that of Lloyd-George. It is much more emphatic than the speech of the British premier.

No Peace Without Victory.

President Wilson's message conveys an assurance to the other powers of the entente, as well as to Germany and her allies, that the war will be carried through to the bitter end, until all the aims which he has set forth have been accomplished, and that there will be no inconclusive peace without victory; a peace which would enable Germany to begin rebuilding her military might and reforming her plans to subjugate the world under Hohenzollern despotism.

It contains such demands upon Germany—just demands—that she will not grant them until vanquished either in the economic field or on that of battle. There was a danger until the president's message that Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann and Prince Buelow, who although without office is in real control of Germany's foreign policies, might have accepted Lloyd-George's speech as a "basis for discussion" and have called for an armistice, which would have given time and

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excuse for the German pacifist agencies in the countries of the entente to bring their nefarious activities to a head.

It may be recalled that when Count Bernstorff left the United States he argued in favor of negotiations between this nation and his own "on any basis whatsoever." For he realized that once negotiations were started again the peril of war would be deferred and perhaps averted. If Prince Buelow could have brought the entente to the international council table for negotiations of a peace by accepting the terms of the German premier's speech as a basis for discussion he would have considered that he had saved his native land and that he had secured for it a draw.

Able and Unscrupulous.

Prince Buelow is without any exception the most able if the most unscrupulous German statesman of the present day, head and shoulders in the former respect above any of his countrymen. He is the least Teuton of German statesmen and diplomats that it has ever been my lot to encounter. He is much more of a Machiavelli than a Bismarck. He has not one atom of principle, and his blows always suggest the delicate Italian rapier of the middle ages rather than the modern German sabre. He has in a marked degree that most un-German quality of delicate tact. He has also an exceptional fund of humor and wit, just because of his refusal to take things too seriously that he has succeeded in skimming without mishap over political ice so thin that it would have given way under the weight of a statesman of a more ponderous mind.

While he is not a great orator, he is one of the most fascinating speakers in Europe. His touch is ever light, no matter what the subject. His utterances are always interesting, replete with delicate irony and odd humorous touches. Epigram follows epigram and with genial cynicism and wit savoring of Paris rather than of Berlin there is plenty of worldly wisdom in his remarks, which are delivered with a relief of superficiality.

No one can state a disagreeable fact more blandly or pay a compliment more graciously than he does. The sentimentality that is so distinguished a trait of the German character. Nor could any one be less of a doctrinaire, than this grandnephew of the famous Von Humboldt. He is always sympathetic with good causes for the benefit of humanity, or with any other Quixotic undertaking; glories in the fact, and has ever placed his services once more at the disposal of the German nation, and after having succeeded for many months in delaying the entrance of Italy into the war settled in Switzerland. He has even been circulating among Italians in the United States by men whose identity is no secret, and who are likely ere long to be called to account because they have been playing the German game here.

Then, when owing to the difficulties of maritime transport, Italy was reduced to terrible straits through the lack of coal, the Buelow agents insisted that it was purposely withheld by Great Britain, and above all, by the United States to spare Austria-Hungary at the expense of Italy. In corroboration of this story it was pointed out that America had remained neutral in declaring war on the dual empire. Nor was it until congress proclaimed war a few weeks ago on Austria, that the Italian people could be convinced that the United States was really their ally.

Then, too, the Italian troops on the northeastern front were flooded in last November and December with Italian

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newspapers either printed in Austria or by Italian socialists, giving frightful but wholly false descriptions of the conditions at home. Faked copies of the Giornale d'Italia of some were circulated broadcast among Cadorna's troops telling of revolution and of mutinies in Rome, Naples, Palermo in Florence, and at Genoa, with English and French troops shooting down the rioters. No wonder then, that the Italian troops with their minds thus poisoned, gave way in December at a critical point and at a critical moment, along a stretch of thirty miles, necessitating the retreat from the entire 400 mile front won by Cadorna after two years of the hardest fighting.

It was Prince Buelow, rather than any Austrian or German general, who was responsible for the disaster to Italian arms last month.

In Russia when Prince Buelow realized in the autumn of 1916 that no matter how many Germanophile ministers there might be in office under the czar nor how strong the Tsarist influences at the court of Petrograd, the Duma would never permit the government to abandon the entente and conclude a separate peace, his agents devoted themselves to stirring up the forces of socialism, of anarchy and of nihilism, with the result that the entire country is now in a state of indescribable chaos and has ceased to be a military factor. Indeed, the kaiser has been enabled to transport most of his picked troops from the Russian to the Franco-English-Flemish-American and Italian fronts.

With regard to France the Buelow agents have been equally successful. French labor, like the French people as a whole, remains intensely patriotic and resolved to push through the war to the bitter end. But those who have fallen to the Buelow agents are certain factions of the socialist element as well as a certain number of unsavory political financiers and financial politicians aided and abetted by swags of shady adventurers, but usually provided with more or less authentic letters of naturalization as citizens of entente or neutral nations.

The scandals in connection with the ownership of the Paris Journal, of the Bonnet Rouge and of other organs of this Buelow engineered and financed propaganda have been recently aired in all the criminal investigations following the arrest of Bolo a shon. The culprit—that is to say, the instruments of Buelow's manoeuvres to create popular sentiment in favor of a separate peace by France at the expense of Great Britain and of the United States—has now been brought to justice. It is unnecessary to recur to the matter again here, save to congratulate America's ally and oldest friend, France, on the presence at the helm of the ship of state at this juncture of such a fearless, capable and patriotic premier as honest old Georges Clemenceau and on the wholesome condition of public sentiment in France.

It would be superfluous to call attention to the activities of Prince Buelow's pacifist agents in the United States were it not for the extraordinary fashion in which the board of trustees, prohibition and public morals of Methodist church appears to have lent itself to his manoeuvres, perhaps quite innocently.

The Buelow poison gas seems to be in every line of the clip sheet led by the board has spread broadcast throughout the Union, alleging that "drink and the devil of syphilis are whipping American soldiers who have reached France into the guardhouses and hospitals by the thousands." And further on, "Throughout this country a feeling of bitterness, dangerous in the extreme is arising with menacing eyes toward France. The mothers who have reared sons, strong and clean, and who have given them to God, and who have given them to God, are now muttering that our boys are wanted for the profits of their debauchery, and not to take their breath in strength and in cleanliness."

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to create ill will between the people of these two sister and allied republics than the assertion issued with the authority of this board of the Methodist church that France was wanting the American soldier boys not for defense but for "the profits of their debauchery?"

The departments of war and of the navy at Washington and the generals in command of the American troops in France are all bitter in their repudiation of these assertions denouncing them as a shameful calumny of the United States troops in Europe and as an abominable insult offered to France. But it is greatly to be feared that their denials will not reach as far as the Methodist clip sheet, and that the harm done by the latter will be incalculable, especially in the rural districts of the United States.

If Prince Buelow is so anxious to force an early peace by means of his poison gas pacifist propaganda it is because he, like his former secretary, Richard von Kuehlmann, now minister of foreign affairs, is united with the great business interests of Germany in the determination to bring the war to an early close, no matter how premature from our point of view. He knows, and they know, that the longer the conflict lasts the more difficult will it become to inaugurate that great plan of the business interests, with the support of the government to rebuild the formerly vast overseas trade of Germany.

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