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POPE BENEDICT MAKES PEACE PROFFER MORE CLEAR TO ALL

By JOHN H. HEARLEY
Special Press Staff Correspondent.
ROME.—The United Press is authorized by the Papal Secretary of State Cardinal Gasparri, to make the following statement:
The first two points of the Pontifical appeal for peace, treating respectively of disarmament and freedom of seas were suggested in President Wilson's memorable message to the Senate. Consequently we are now inclined to believe that these points will find on the part of the American people, the same reception they enjoyed when President Wilson proclaimed them in the Capitol.
Third and fourth points, wherein condonation of war expenses and damages as well as mutual restitution of occupied territories, as formulated by public speeches recently delivered by statesmen of the different belligerent nations, and resolutions passed by their Parliaments.
Fifth and sixth points concern special territorial questions about which the Holy Father does not and cannot propose any definite, concerted solution, consequently confines himself to expressing the wish that such questions shall be examined in a conciliatory spirit, taking into consideration, as far as possible, the just aspirations of the people.
The Holy See wishes to emphasize the fact that his appeal was not suggested by any of the belligerent powers, and was not inspired for the particular advantage of any of the warring nations.
"Finally, nothing is said about the demoralization of any of the existing governments, because history teaches that a form of government imposed by force does not and can not live. Also out of respect to the free will of the people, who, having the right of universal suffrage, may choose whatever form of government they please.
"For the rest, democracy will receive its impulse from the war, and wisdom will prevent the government deteriorating into any excessive form such as anarchism."

State's War Larder Shows Twenty Per Cent. Increase

(By United Press)
RALEIGH.—During the recent war months, North Carolina has increased its food output to the extent of approximately \$15,000,000. It has added about 20 per cent to its sown acreage in corn, beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cowpeas and minor crops.
The State Food Conservation Commission, backed by North Carolina patriotism, has done it.
Now, this small group of North Carolinians is launching a big Fall drive with two principal objectives. One is in accordance with the appeal of Herbert C. Hoover, nation's food administrator, for increased live-stock production. The other—admittedly one of the foremost questions for the state to solve—is extension and reforming of the state marketing system.
The commission wants better markets for its corn crop, for its wheat, its oats, and for meats. Recent establishments at Raleigh, New Bern, Charlotte and elsewhere, of meat packing houses, the commission believes, is going to go a long way toward stimulating cattle breeding.
A liberal policy of guaranteeing as far as practical, adequate profit to the farmers of the State is one of the first plans of the commission. President Wilson has pointed the way in this direction. "Profiteering" also—in line with the President's edict—must cease in North Carolina, says the commission.
Besides production, the commission, cooperating with the Home Demonstration Service of the Department of Agriculture, has conducted a State-wide campaign for drying and canning of surplus fruits and vegetables. As a result, 3,000,000 cans, it is estimated, are in North Carolina's war larder.
J. Paul Lucas, of Mecklenburg county, heads the Food Commission. Mrs. James McKimmon directs the Agricultural Department's work.
Governor Bickett thinks North Carolina's commission has accomplished about as much—if not a bit more—than any similar state food commission in the Union. Also, Governor Bickett insists on telling you of the way North Carolinians have backed his commission up.

GERMAN PRISONER GETS FIRST AID BEHIND LINES



English Red Cross nurse binding the wound of a German prisoner, who is watching the operation very carefully. The other men in the picture are English guards.

Explanation of the Pope's Peace Offer is Gratifying

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The explanation of Pope Benedict's peace proffer issued by the Vatican through the United Press immediately revised the peace discussion here.
The Holy See's remark that Belgium must be excepted from his original advocacy of mutual condonation of damages caused by the war, caused more sympathy for his appeal. His elimination of reference to Belgium originally was sharply criticized in allied diplomatic circles. The Vatican's comment on world democracy aroused much speculation. Some regarded it distinctly a message to abandon all intentions to fight until the abdication of the Kaiser had been forced. It squares, however, with the recent comment of Lord Balfour of England, who said the demoralization of Germany must come from within. The Pope's warning against Democracy's impetus reaching a stage of anarchism is believed to have been uttered particularly for the benefit of Russia.
Copies of the new Vatican notes were sent to both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing by the United Press.
It will be read at the cabinet meeting this afternoon.

French Advance More Than Mile

(By United Press)
PARIS.—The French advanced more than a mile last night between Avocourt Wood and Dead Man's Hill in resumed fighting of the great Verdun offensive. It is announced by the War Office that the French now occupy all of Hill No. 304.
NEW YORK.—Fashions in houses are quite as vital as fashions in clothes! Of course those inhabitants of the frozen North whose garments are all out on the same pattern of reindeer, bear and seal skins have houses all built on the same pattern of flocks of ice. In tropical jungles where the earliest and latest fashions consist of a loin cloth and a string of beads, the headman returning from a late session at the club must find it rather different to tell his hut from his neighbors so identical are the little shacks of bamboo and thatch.
But those humans have discovered the joys of a diversity of garments immediately discover the joys of a diversity in dwellings. The first thing a man does when he makes his plans to buy some good clothes, no, my mistake—first he buys an automobile, then clothes and next an attractive house.
In the old days it was impossible to rent or buy a house for a reasonable amount that was at all individual or distinctive. Speculators put them up in rows or ugly little boxes as identical in design as are the ice houses of the esquimaux or the bamboo huts of the Zulus. If you wanted a house to express anything of your personality you had to go to an architect and have him draw up the expensive plans and then you had to go to lots of trouble and expenses to have the plans put in tangible form of brick or wood or stucco.
Now thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merritt that is all changed. If your soul pants for an artistic and different house even though your material means are small all you have to do is to hire yourself quickly to some suburb around New York where this couple have been at work and you will find a house that not only fits your personality but your pocketbook.
Mr. Merritt is a builder and architect of New York City but as a side line and on his own hook he and his wife are putting up the most adorable and artistic little houses for people of modern means. It is a labor of love that pays exceedingly well. Mrs. Merritt is artistic to her finger tips and most of the quaint little touches in their delightfully different domiciles eliminate from her.
If you are dreamy and poetical and reserved then Chymney House, built of Italian grey stone and set back retiringly behind tall trees would charm you. It has arched windows like a chapel and the interior is beamed and wainscoted in heavy dark oak with stone walls above like a monastery in the living room with an immense cavernous fireplace and antique stone scones around the walls to hold the dimly shaded lights.
The dining room has a red tiled floor and an old Florentine marble table cemented in one end of the wall for a buffet. Added to all this ancient charm are three modern baths, a hot water furnace and all the thousand up-to-date comforts that modern ingenuity can devise.
There are charming colonial houses in the collection, large and small to fit any size family with ivory enamel woodwork and beamed ceilings throughout, all whit kitchens, French windows and everything the most fastidious housewife could wish.
Of course the doors all have knockers and a quaint Merritt touch shows cunning little baskets of fruit cut out of the green Colonial shutters instead of the usual conventional half moons.
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Margaret Mason's Fashion Letter

BY MARGARET MASON,
(Written for the United Press)
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Was very well made
But Jack builds them better
These days with Jill's aid.
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Crew of Devonian Has Been Saved

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The crew of the torpedoed Leyland liner, Devonian, including 65 Americans, were saved. It is reported in a message to the State Department today.
AMERICAN TROOPS GET THE "GASSING"
By J. W. PEGLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY IN FRANCE.
American troops have been "gassed"! It was a purely voluntary gassing, however, part of the battle hardening process. The soldiers donned their gas masks for the first time and were sent through regularly built "gas chambers" to meet various kinds affected by the enemy in his attacks.
Then there were drills in the donning of the masks and their proper adjustment. The soldiers quickly caught the idea and before long were putting on the air filters in four or five seconds.
Over the whole American camp today there was another kind of vapor—a nice, soothing, pleasant-smelling one. It was the smoke from thousands of cigarettes and pipes in which burned good American tobacco once again. The quartermaster's department announced the arrival of a big shipment of American "makin's," and a big run on his store followed.

Price on Coal be Fixed by President Within 24 Hours

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The prices for anthracite coal will be fixed by President Wilson probably within 24 hours, it is officially stated. Simultaneously it is stated that the President will also appoint a "copper dictator" to direct the purchase and distribution of copper products. It is yet undecided whether a steel dictator will be added, but it appears unlikely at this time. The President is eliminating all the engagements possible to clean up the price-fixing work.
The prices fixed on bituminous coal show in effect, Sec. Tumulty has written in response to inquiries.

War Work of the Y. W. C. A.

(United Press)
NEW YORK.—"Safeguard the girls" is the burden of scores of letters pouring into the national headquarters of the Young Woman's Christian Association at New York City.
The National Board of the Y. W. C. A. is confronted with an immense responsibility for helping safeguard moral conditions in the neighborhood of created by the unusual conditions of war.
A still future responsibility has been brought to them by cable from European countries asking for trained American women to help in the constructive program for new life among women in Russia, France and England.
Through the National Board the Y. W. C. A. has assembled on its War Work Council a number of women known from ocean to ocean for their public spirited interest on all that affects a community.
Requests have come from a large number of the centers near which troops are being quartered for experienced workers and secretaries to work with local Y. W. C. A.'s in organizing the young women and girls of the various communities with a view to counteracting the very natural attraction which the uniform has for young girls.
Admiration for uniforms is based on a deeper admiration for the manliness and courage of those who are to go over to the front. The lure of the khaki may be made a summons to dignity in the girl and manliness in the soldier.
At various training and concentration camps trained secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. are on the spot gathering up all the resources of the community which can be made to serve the interest of the young women and girls.
There will be a number of cantonments in centers where no large city exists. To these the Y. W. C. A. is giving special attention.
Hostess houses, where women relatives and friends of the soldiers may have a homelike place to meet their soldier friends, are being built.
The Daily News carries full United Press telegraphic reports so that its readers may keep informed.

New Note of Confidence to Russia

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Moral and material forces have been thrown into the Russian situation by the United States to overturn another crisis. Money, ships and supplies have been made available.
A new note of confidence will go forward from the State Department today.

South to Get Cheap Coal During Coming Winter

RICHMOND.—Dixie will burn up less money in kitchen stoves this winter than in many cold winters of the past. The coal men here agree that the consumers of the South will profit even more from Pres. Wilson's "mouth of the pit" price-fixing than any other section. It is pointed out that the prices at the Southern mines are in most cases lower than in other sections, and the transportation distances less.

Wilson Names New Officials

WASHINGTON.—Pres. Wilson has nominated Jas. T. Newton of Georgia to be Commissioner of Patents, and W. L. Frierson of Chattanooga, to be Assistant Attorney General.

Canadians Pushing Still Further Lens

(By United Press)
LONDON.—The Canadians pushed still further last night in the outskirts of Lens, according to General Haig's report to the War Office.
"STEVE" GIVES PEANUT STAND PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS
(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Up on Pennsylvania avenue, at the South-west corner of the White House grounds, Steve Vasilakos and his peanut-stand hold forth.
Steve, a burly, fierce-mustached Greek, stands scowling beside his waiting little nickel plated whistle and his stack of goobers from early morning until late at night.
Just to look at him, you'd think he neither knew nor cared whether there was a war or not. There is about him an air of gross commonality.
But today, scowling and crusty as usual, he tacked up his sign, daubed with red paint on white cardboard, over his stand: "I give my entire proceeds this week to the Red Cross. Steve Vasilakos."
LONDON LIFE INSURANCE RATES TAKE BIG JUMP
LONDON.—Life insurance companies are figuring on 12,000 Londoners being killed or injured during next year's air raids. On this basis they charge a dollar for \$500 indemnity, estimating London's population at six million.

Winterville Items

WINTERVILLE.—Winterville High School opened Tuesday with a large number of students present. We are glad to see so many of the old students back.
Mr. and Mrs. David Cox and sister, Leona Cox, spent Monday afternoon in Snow Hill.
Rev. G. W. Dowell and daughter were in town today.
Mrs. L. H. Kittrell of Ayden was in town today.
Mrs. L. H. Whitehead had a very severe attack of neuralgia a few days ago. She is slowly improving.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cox report a very pleasant visit while in Virginia.
Messrs. Ernest Cox and brother, Bog, Jack, Herman and Zena McLawhorn, and C. Keel, motored to Morehead yesterday.
Miss Bessie Johnson, teacher of the W. H. S., went to Greenville this afternoon.
Miss Hennie Tucker is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Ed Bird near Institute.
Mrs. Joe Barber has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the B. D. Forrest Co.
Miss Mary Cauley of Kinston is here for the week with Miss Dorothy Johnson.

Italians Capture 16,350 Austrians

(By United Press)
ROME.—The Italians have captured 16,350 Austrians in their sweeping advance, 250 of which are officers. New successes have been won on the South wing of Dossio Falls, where a strong position was captured.

PRICES ARE SOARING!

Each day has seen an advance in the price of tobacco and this advance has been perceptible at the Liberty Warehouse that farmers who at first carried their tobacco to other houses are now selling at the Liberty. Good grades sold today at from \$3 to \$10 higher than at any time since the market opened. S. T. Hooker, the "Old Reliable" the man who has had experience, knows how and gets more for your tobacco. One load at the Liberty will convince you. Ad 17

PROGRAM
White's Theatre
TONIGHT
June Caprice in
"CAPRICE OF THE MOUNTAINS"
(Fox Feature)
Saturday
"Pearl of the Army," featuring
PEARL WHITE
"Butcher Boy"—Fatty Arbuckle
and a Bray Cartoon

FIFTEEN ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF RIOTS AT HOUSTON LAST NIGHT

Try to Effect a Compromise on the War Tax Bill

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—With the wealth of the country threatened with conscription, forces in the Senate are threatening a long drawn out battle in their efforts which have been launched to effect a compromise on the war tax bill.
WASHINGTON.—Negro regulars, who engaged in last night's riot in Houston, Texas, will be moved at once from that city, Secretary of War Baker announced today.
After visiting Secretary Baker, Senator Sheppard of Texas said that he would recommend to the War Department that all negro troops be sent from the State.
AUSTIN, Tex.—A resolution has been introduced in the Texas Legislature by Senator Claude Hudspeth, wherein he urged members of Congress from Texas to confer with Secretary of War Baker and demand the immediate withdrawal of all negro soldiers from the State. The resolution went over until tomorrow.
HOUSTON.—Regular army soldiers are on the way to Houston from Galveston to assist the citizens and National Guardsmen in preventing a renewal of the rioting by negro soldiers which last night resulted in the killing of a dozen whites.
HOUSTON, Tex.—Twelve white men, civilians, police officers and National Guardsmen, were killed, and more than a score of persons, men, women and children, were wounded in an outbreak here last night of negro soldiers of the 24th United States Infantry, stationed here to act as guards during the construction of the camp where the Illinois troops will train.
It is not known how many negroes are dead.
Captain J. W. Mattes, Battery A, 2nd Illinois Field Artillery, was among the dead, being killed when he tried to reconnoiter with the negro soldiers.
The outbreak is supposed to have originated in a difficulty in which two negro soldiers had with police officers who arrested for disturbing the peace and sent them to the police station early in the afternoon.
Firing started at about 8 o'clock and continued intermittently for more than an hour.
Police, heavily armed, rushed to the scene in automobiles and civilians, arming themselves, started for the camp.

Russia Has No Intention to Quit

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—That Russia will fight on and not collapse is the general official view here. Secretary Lansing authorized the statement: "Don't think there is any feeling that Russia is on the verge of collapse; in fact, she is stronger today than she was one month ago, both from general governmental and military standpoints."

\$2,000,000 Worth of Ships is Program

(United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Nearly two billion dollars for 1,272 ships aggregating a total of 7,968,000 tons is the United States Shipping Board's program to beat the submarine, it is officially announced.

\$100,000 Donated for Medical Research

Announcement is made by the American Red Cross that its War Council has appropriated \$100,000 for medical research work in France.
This action followed a report from Major Grayson M.P. Murphy, Red Cross Commissioner to Europe, who cabled the following from Paris to the National Headquarters in Washington:
"An extraordinary opportunity presents itself here for medical research work. We have, serving with various American units, some of the ablest doctors and surgeons in the United States. Many of these men are already conducting courses of investigation which, if carried to successful conclusions, will result in the discovery of treatments and methods of operation which will be of great use not only in this war but, possibly, for years afterwards. To carry on this work they need certain special equipment. At present, equipment and personnel cannot be obtained through ordinary government sources without delay, which makes this source of supply impracticable."
Enthusiastic cooperation with Major Murphy in his plans for medical research work in France is pledged by Dr. Geo. W. Crile of Cleveland, Ohio, who headed the first Red Cross unit to reach France; Dr. Lambert, Dr. J. Blake; Colonelis Iriand and Bradely of General Pershing's staff, and various American experts on the ground.
Taft & VanDyke have an ad in today's paper and it will be to your interest to read it. If you need anything for the home see them. Their slogan is "everything for the home."

Germany Pressing The Netherlands for Supplies

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Germany is bringing pressure to bear upon the Netherlands with the threat to give her more steel for shipbuilding unless these ships are used for German interests during the war and for five years thereafter. In addition to this, Germany will allow Holland a certain allotment of coal, upon the condition that if she wants it, she must send her own miners to Germany to get it.
State Department advices outlining this maneuver indicates the economic pressure that Germany is enduring. Denmark is also under similar pressure from Germany, although the exact nature is unknown.

Counter Attack of Germans is Vain

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD.—A few yards were all that more than thirty desperately waged German counter attacks throughout the night could wrench from the Canadians' grip around Lens.

Canadians Still Gain Around Lens

(United Press)
LONDON.—Lens is still the hottest fighting point on the British front, where, in spite of desperate resistance the Canadians advanced their encircling lines to some extent.
French Capture 8,432 Germans in Week's Attacks
(By United Press)
PARIS.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their latest drive has increased to a total of 8,432, and of these 7,640 are unarmoured, 600 are hospital cases, and 186 are officers. Other fruits of victory are 24 cannon and more than 200 machine guns.