

ALLIES PEACE AIMS SET FORTH CLEARLY BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE TODAY

LLOYD GEORGE DECLARES REASONS MUST BE GOOD

Continuance of "Agony of Nations" Even For Day is Terrible Responsibility And Cause Must be Just, Objects Definite—Has Sounded British Opinion on War

By the Associated Press.

London, Jan. 5.—Premier Lloyd George, addressing the trades unions today on the subject of war aims, said that "only the clearest and most just of causes could justify the continuance, even for a day, of this unspeakable agony of nations."

The premier continued: "We ought to be able to state clearly and definitely not only the principles for which we are fighting, but the definite purpose in continuing the war."

"We have arrived," the premier went on, "at the most critical hour of this terrible conflict and before any government takes the fatal decision as to the conditions under which it should terminate or continue the struggle, it ought to be satisfied that the conscience of the nation is with it."

Mr. Lloyd George said that during the last few days he had taken special pains to ascertain the views of all classes of men.

The premier declared Great Britain was not fighting to take Constantinople from Turkey.

Referring to the announcement made on December 25 by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister at the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"It is impossible to believe that any permanent peace could be erected on such a foundation.

"Mere lip service to the formula of no annexations, no indemnity and self-determination, is useless," Premier Lloyd George said.

Premier Lloyd George said that an independent Poland, comprising all genuinely Polish elements who desired to participate, was an urgent necessity for the stability of western Europe.

He had read the statement of labor's war aim, he continued, and had discussed the subject of war aims with former Premier Asquith and Viscount Grey. Had the national leaders in Ireland not been engaged with the tangled problem of Irish self-government, he would have been happy to discuss the subject with them.

"We are not fighting a war of aggression against the German people," declared the premier. "Destruction or disruption of Germany or the German people has never been an aim with us since the first day of the war to now. The British people do not wish Germany's downfall."

"Our wish is not to destroy Germany's great position in the world, but to turn her aside from military schemes, and to compel the Germans to use their power for better ends."

The premier continued with the declaration that Great Britain was not seeking to say what sort of government Germany should have.

"Our viewpoint," the premier said, "is that the adoption of a democratic constitution by Germany would be the most convincing evidence that the old dominating spirit is dead."

"The basis of a territorial settlement must be given with the consent of the governed," the premier said.

The premier said that the democratic government of England meant to stand by the democratic countries of France and Italy.

FOOD RECORD IN HICKORY FOR ONE WEEK

This is the eighth weekly report of the food savings committees of the churches of Hickory, and but one more report is required by the request originally received. The report this week is rather meager with the exception of that from the M. E. church (colored), which church presents a fine report this week compared with previous reports, but this can be explained by the cold weather cutting down the church attendance very materially last Sunday, coupled with the Christmas holiday season that usually overshadows everything at that time.

The need of food conservation is still with us, and will be with us until the end of the war, even though we are not required to record our wheatless, meatless and wasteless meals through the medium of cards distributed through the various churches. Let us remember, then, that corn meal cannot be shipped long distances without spoiling in transit. That is why we should eat the products of corn meal and save the wheat for the fighting forces in France. In short, the allies need 577,000,000 bushels of wheat and we have a surplus only of 208,000,000 bushels. Therefore, if we continue to eat as much wheat as usual our soldiers will be short 369,000 bushels of wheat.

Meat is another food especially needed that we must export in large quantities. The people who are fighting and making war supplies need more meat than in peace times, while it will do the stay-at-homes no harm to cut down their portion of meat and animal fats. Fats are fuel which fighters must have. Each one of us want to help, but are astounded at the huge sum and amounts. Just remember that old rhyme, "Little drops of water, little grains of sand." If each individual will save one pound of wheat flour a week and six cents' worth of meat, fats and sugar a day, it will mean enough to win through. The report received through the church campaign indicates that Hickory people are doing their duty, and we believe they will continue on the same line till victory is assured, and our boys come marching home as victors in the righteous war that was waged to make the world safe for democracy.

Report for the week ending December 29 follows:
Presbyterian Church—35 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 14
Wheatless meals reported ---- 113
Meatless meals reported ---- 206
Wasteless meals reported ---- 294
Baptist Church—60 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 6
Wheatless meals reported ---- 32
Meatless meals reported ---- 69
Wasteless meals reported ---- 125
Holy Trinity Lutheran—30 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 9
Wheatless meals reported ---- 42
Meatless meals reported ---- 63
Wasteless meals reported ---- 63
Episcopal Church—42 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 10
Wheatless meals reported ---- 82
Meatless meals reported ---- 121
Wasteless meals reported ---- 200
M. E. Church—175 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 5
Wheatless meals reported ---- 13
Meatless meals reported ---- 57
Wasteless meals reported ---- 84
M. E. Church (Colored) 65 Families
Families reporting this week ---- 30
Wheatless meals reported ---- 165
Meatless meals reported ---- 164
Wasteless meals reported ---- 628

The rumor still persists that "Buck" Herzog, captain of the Giants is to go to the Cubs. The latest is that Weeghman is willing to include Pets Kilduff with his cash offer and has asked Fred Mitchell his view of the proposal.

McGraw has balked at leaving a gap at second and is said to have insisted that Kilduff take the place of the star second baseman.

position of the German colonies, the premier said:
"They are held at the disposal of a conference whose decision must have primary regard to the wishes and interest of their native inhabitants."

GERMANS FOUND GREAT INTEREST IN SPEECH DISPLAYED IN HEAD

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 5.—When the delegates of the central powers arrived at Brest-Litovsk to resume the peace negotiations, they found no Russian delegates there, according to a Vienna dispatch to Zurich, as forwarded by a telegraph company. All that awaited them there was a telegram stating that the Russian delegates would be glad to meet the German delegates at Stockholm.

HUNDRED MINERS REPORTED ENTOMBED IN PITSDOM

By the Associated Press. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 5.—An explosion today in the Barnum mine at Pittsdom entombed 100 miners.

RUSSIA TO PAY INTEREST ON LOAN

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 5.—Payment of the interest on the Russian loan of \$50,000,000, it was announced by representatives of the Russian government here today, will be paid by the National City Bank of New York on January 10.

WEATHER MODERATES AFTER FOUR WEEKS

The weather was nearer normal today than it has been at any time in four weeks, those two days which the Record has mentioned on numerous occasions excepted, and there were strong hopes, prayers and predictions that another cold wave would not descend from some other point of the compass, being as heard from the territory has been heard from. The mercury registered 21 degrees above zero this morning and yesterday it reached 32.

ARRESTED IN RALEIGH AS GERMAN SPY

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Jerome Kolaskie, a mechanic formerly employed at a local iron works who Thursday was released temporarily upon personal recognition after having been arrested by federal authorities for having violated the espionage act in entering cantonments and munition plants for the alleged purpose of obtaining information to be used to the injury of the United States, was again taken into custody last night upon the discovery of new evidence.

NEW PASTOR TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Walter W. Rowe will fill the pulpit of Corinth Reformed church Sunday morning. This will be his first sermon as regular pastor. The church will be warm and the public is cordially invited. Especially the members of the congregation are urged to be present. There will be no service at night.

Sunday school at 9:45, this being the day for annual election of officers for the coming year.

THIS HERE STORY ON BREST-LITOVSK MEET

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 5.—More reasonable temperatures are indicated for the south Atlantic and east gulf states beginning tomorrow, although it will be somewhat colder Sunday night in the east gulf states and Monday in the South Atlantic states. Generally fair weather in the east gulf states after Sunday and in the south Atlantic states after Monday is indicated for the remainder of the week.

SUBMARINES HIT 22 SHIPS FOR NORWAY

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 5.—In December 22 Norwegian ships with total gross tonnage of 32,755 were lost in consequence of war measures, the Norwegian legation announced. Seventy-five lives were lost.

SOUTHERN EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Southern Railway Company disbursed during November, 1917, for labor, material, supplies and other purposes, \$7,126,601 of which \$5,941,711, or 83.37 per cent, was paid to individuals and industries located in the south, this sum being \$12,920 in excess of the total monies contributed by the south for transportation purposes, according to figures announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

WHAT TURKEY WANTS

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NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 5.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today, first prices being 10 to 17 points higher on the same buying that had been in progress last night. This included Liverpool and local trade interests, particularly houses with New England connections. January prices reacted several points.

HICKORY MARKETS

By the Associated Press. Madrid, Spain, Jan. 5.—A revolutionary movement has been unearthed by the government. Telephone and telegraph communication has been suspended and other precautions taken. The premier announced today that the government was master of the situation. The judicial authorities are investigating the plot, many details of which are known.

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By the Associated Press. Uncertainty still beclouds the status of the Russo-German peace negotiations. Both sides have declared that certain proposals of the other side did not meet with their approval. Russia has said the German peace terms concerning occupied territory could not be accepted and Chancellor von Hertling has answered that the peace conference could not be moved to Stockholm.

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CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO DEMANDS OF RUSSIAN AND GERMAN DELEGATES—GERMANS ATTACK BRITISH FRONT NEAR CAMBRAI—ARTILLERY STILL ACTIVE IN FRANCE

By the Associated Press. The Russian position, coupled with reports that the delegates of the central powers and even of Germany were divided as to the question of annexation, appears the stronger one, but there is no indication that Germany will recede, though it is rumored that the German aims have been modified.

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By the Associated Press. The speeches before the reichstag main committee of Chancellor von Hertling and the foreign secretary did not make clear what Germany would do. In his speech he said developments might change the situation over night. Concerning the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm he added that such action would meet with great difficulty.

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FUNERAL OF DR. BYRD IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Asheville, Jan. 5.—One of the largest and most impressive funerals ever held in Asheville was that of Dr. Charles W. Byrd, who died suddenly and whose funeral took place at 3:30 o'clock Friday.