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## PEACE PROPOSAL COMES THROUGH POPE BENEDICT

### A Dispatch From Rome Says That Proposal Has Been Delivered to All Belligerent Governments.

### THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL MADE

#### Restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, And Solution of Problem of Alsace-Lorraine, Triest, Poland

(By The Associated Press) Rome, Aug. 14.—Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments.

The Pope suggests the restoration of Belgium, Serbia, and Rumania, and a peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Triest, and Poland.

According to reports received from Vatican sources, it is expected the proposal will be published by the Vatican.

### New and Formal Appeal For Peace

London, Aug. 14.—There has been great diplomatic activity recently at the Papal Secretariat, numerous diplomats having long interviews with Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph cables. The correspondent says: "I am able to announce that the Holy See has addressed a note to the belligerents and neutrals. The note makes a new and formal appeal for peace. It invites the belligerents to state their conditions in concrete terms so as to facilitate preliminary understanding."

### AMERICAN LABOR FOR CANADIAN GRAIN CROP

#### Immigration Regulations Will Be Waived by Both Countries.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 14.—American labor will be supplied for harvesting the Canadian grain crops under arrangement reached today at a conference between W. W. Cory, Canadian deputy commissary of the Interior and Department of Labor officials.

The American harvest hands will be permitted for the first time to enter Canada and immigration regulations will be waived by both countries.

### GERMANS FOUND US TOO ROUGH FOR LIAR

#### Call American One, He Knocks You Down, Because He Lacks Kultur.

Washington, Aug. 14.—An official who has scrutinized the reports made by German diplomatic representatives to their Government before the declaration of war furnishes this extract from one of them: "The Americans are very rough. If you call one of them a liar he does not argue the matter after the manner of a German gentleman, but brutally knocks you down. The Americans have absolutely no kultur."

### Kerensky Replies to King George.

(By The Associated Press) Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Premier Kerensky in replying to the message of good will to King George sent him at the beginning of the fourth year of the war said:

"I am certain the Russian people will find the necessary strength to present time and conduct the war to an end which will be worthy of the terrible sacrifices already made by every nation in the struggle of might against right."

### For Another Small Loan.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 14.—Congress soon will be asked to authorize another loan of between \$5,000,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000 to the Allies.

### British Destroyer Sunk.

(By The Associated Press) London, Aug. 14.—A British destroyer has been sunk by a mine in the North Sea. Captain, two officers and 43 men were saved.

### Magistrates' Banks of all kinds at The Times-Tribune office, 20 cents dozen.

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## WAS PEACE PROPOSAL INSPIRED BY GERMANY

### It Is So Looked Upon Within the Entente Diplomatic Circle at Washington.—Effort to Split the Allies.

### WILL BE DISCUSSED BY ALLIES IN GOOD FAITH

#### Indicated That Peace Proposal Coming From Pope Would Necessarily Have to be Considered Carefully.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 14.—An unofficial outline of Pope Benedict's proposals received here discloses that the Pontiff includes some of the principles of world peace for which President Wilson has declared.

Among the Pope's declarations are reduction of armaments, freedom of the seas, and there shall be no retaliatory struggle after the war for world commercial supremacy. These are regarded as the foundations of the Pope's plans.

The Pope's proposal declares that the injuries to all belligerents have been so great that there should be no thought for reparation except the return of territory.

Included in the return of territory, the Pope's proposal insists there should be returned to Germany all her colonies, as well as the complete restoration of Belgium to her sovereignty.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The State Department acknowledges it has received knowledge of Pope Benedict's peace proposal before today's official dispatch received here. No official cognizance can be taken until it is surveyed officially. Whatever consideration is given it will be after a consultation with the allies.

At the apostolic delegation all knowledge of the Pope's proposal was disclaimed. It was said the Pope had not transmitted it to the United States government and did not expect to do so. The opinion was expressed that it would come through a neutral government.

Within the entente diplomatic circle the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the peace proposal was inspired by Germany and was an attempt to split the allies in a conflicting discussion of their war aims.

The extent of the State Department's information does not indicate through what channel the proposal will be conveyed, and gives no information from which an inference might be drawn as to whether it will come through one of the allied governments or through some intermediary of the church.

Officials were unusually explicit in saying it could not be discussed until it came officially, and were emphatic in saying no statement could be taken as reflecting the official view.

If an inference might be drawn from the under-current which was started in official circles by the report, a trained observer would venture the opinion that the proposal is one that would be discussed in good faith by the allies, but it does not meet their war aims. It was indicated that the peace proposal coming from the Pope—the first actual proposal of the kind to come from the Vatican—would necessarily have to be considered carefully, and that an answer convincing to the world would necessarily have to be made.

How far the peace proposal affects the close relationship of the Vatican with Austria, whose earnest desire for peace, despite German influence, is well known, or how far it affects the Catholic agitation for peace in Germany, no one here would venture to say. It will be recalled that Catholics were prominent figures in the recent peace flurry in Germany.

The announcement that the Spanish ambassador at Rome had transmitted Pope Benedict's proposals to the Italian government and the opinion that the apostolic delegation here that they might be delivered to the United States by a neutral led to the possibility that the Spanish ambassador might convey them to the State Department.

Without advice of any kind from their own governments the entente embassies were intensely interested in the Associated Press cablegrams from Rome.

Diplomatic practice prevents any

### SEPARATE CONFERENCES FOR LEADERS AND TEACHERS

At the Coming Sunday School Convention.—To Last Two Days. For the first time in the history of the Cabarrus County Sunday School Association there are to be held separate conferences for leaders and teachers of the respective divisions and departments and for this reason, and others, the convention which begins Thursday of this week at Mt. Olivet Methodist church, will be continued for two days. The various conference leaders have prepared definite programs for their work, and will undertake to cover only such ground as will be helpful in qualifying for the advanced steps to be taken in various sections of the county.

The church building, situated midway between Concord and Kannapolis, has a number of class rooms that will accommodate the various conference groups and enable them to carry on their work unmolested and to the very best advantage. The final general session to be held, following the separate conference promises to be a most interesting one, having to do with the final steps of the convention. One of the special features that is always of interest in the items of unfinished business is the awarding of the silver loving cup to the winning choir. This will be awarded to the choir that, in the judgment of the judges, renders in the best manner, some of the standard hymns used all the way through the convention with very wholesome effect always.

A study of the program for this convention will reveal the fact that the leaders of the county are taking their work seriously and undertaking to plan for such definite and far-reaching things as will mean most to the cause of the Sunday School and the welfare of the people of the entire county. It is very gratifying since the cause of religious education is so largely committed to the Sunday Schools, to see the optimistic tendency on the part of the Sunday School people of the county to push forward along modern and progressive lines. Thursday's and Friday's convention should find every active worker and well wisher in attendance. It will be worth while for the county's general welfare since nothing can be of more importance than the quality of civilization the churches through their Sunday Schools are helping to produce.

### Generals Nominated by President.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 14.—The nomination of more than 300 Major Generals and Brigadier Generals who will hold command in the new army were sent today to the Senate by President Wilson. They include all the National Guard officers.

Among the list of 68 men certified to the District Board several days ago, the cases of four of the men have been reopened, and their names are held off the list until the cases are disposed of. Their names follow:

- 1913—Fletcher Dry, Concord.
- 2962—George J. R. Lutz, Concord.
- 3024—Clay B. Phillips, Concord.
- 552—Sam Harrison Gary, route 6, Concord.

This leaves a net total of 84 men so far certified to the District Board. The board today is preparing to certify to the District Board all those men summoned in the first 420, who failed to appear for examination. According to the ruling of the Provost Marshal General, these men who fail to appear will be mustered into the army without claim for exemption. On Wednesday the local board will certify:

- 107—William C. Best, route 4, Concord.
- 2185—John B. Thomas, route 7, Concord.
- 4076—Henry Harris, Harrisburg.
- 1548—James R. Kelly, Kannapolis.
- 4433—Elbert L. Graham, route 24, Davidson.
- 2725—William Espy Gipson, Kannapolis.
- 1331—Charlie Augustus Suther, Kannapolis.
- 3063—Charlie Jones, Concord.

On Thursday the following names will be certified:

- 223—John Walter Cannon, route 2, Concord.
- 721—Amel Gilmer, route 1, Concord.
- 1590—Andy M. Johnson, Kannapolis.
- 2085—Roy J. Harvell, Concord.
- 1354—Frank L. Sides, Kannapolis.
- 982—Arthur Taylor, Concord.
- 15—Sheffie James Lutz, route 2, Gold Hill.
- 5979—Garven Faulkner, route 6, Concord.
- 2473—Burket Eageron, Woodstock, Va.
- 1817—Lee Wilson, Concord.
- 2289—David Walsner, Concord.

On Friday the following will be certified:

- 1509—Jesse R. Lewis, Kannapolis.
- 1211—Henry Davis, Concord.
- 1182—Junius Bryant, Concord.
- 637—Wren Watson, Harrisburg.

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## TWENTY EXEMPTION CLAIMS NOT ALLOWED

### Local Board Certifies This Number of Men Who Had Made Claims For Exemption From Service.

### BOARD TO CERTIFY ALL THE ABSENTEES

#### Four of the Men Previously Certified Will Have Their Cases Reopened.—Eighty-Four Men Now Certified.

The local exemption board this morning certified to the District Board the names of the following Cabarrus county young men, to be drafted into the new army. These men were among the first 420 summoned, passed their physical examinations, and filed claims for exemption. The local board has passed on their claims, and ruled that the men were not entitled to exemption. However, the case is not closed, as any of the men still have the right to appeal their decision to the district board at Stateville. The men certified today are as follows:

- 2522—Edward Jackson Braswell, Jr., Concord.
- 2022—David Willis Hartsell, Concord, Route 5.
- 2036—Samuel Alexander Eady, Staunfield, Route No. 2.
- 275—Archibald W. Marshall, Mt. Pleasant.
- 564—Clarence Alexander Dorton, Concord, Route No. 6.
- 2148—Geo. W. Faulk, Midland.
- 924—Arthur Eugene Hunsucker.
- 140—John Webster, Glass, rd. 1.
- 2011—Berrie Lee Rinehardt, Concord, route 5.
- 2719—Lewis Moore, Concord, rd. 6.
- 682—Charles Myers, Harrisburg.
- 1020—Archie McMore, Concord.
- 2031—Julius Thompson, Concord.
- 1114—Dallas Bost, Concord.
- 1898—Fred H. Lutz, Concord.
- 1485—George R. Morris, Kannapolis.
- 1814—B. M. Taylor, Kannapolis.
- 2376—James Albert Poplin, Concord.
- 1123—Richard Brewster.
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### AT THE THEATRIUM TODAY

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## ALL OF SPAIN IS PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

### Following Disorder From a General Strike, Which is Spreading.

(By The Associated Press) Madrid, Spain, Aug. 14.—The whole of Spain has been placed under martial law, following disorders from a general strike, which is spreading. Instructions have been sent to military authorities, who have been given full control. The disturbances, which have occurred at various places, have been stopped by the military authorities.

The strike, which was begun by the railroad employees, has even affected the newspapers here, and only those which have non-unionists will appear tonight. They have received assurance from the government that they will be protected. At noon yesterday the capital was quiet. A majority of the workmen wish to work in peace, only a minority seeks to promote disorder.

### ALL FIRST INCREMENT MEN TO BE IN TRAINING OCTOBER

#### First 30 Per Cent in Each District to Entrain September 5.—A Gradual Mobilization.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The entire 687,000 men composing the first increment of the army draft forces will be under training early in October. Under orders issued today, the first 30 per cent of the quota of each district will begin entrainment for cantonments September 5; the next 30 per cent, September 13, and another 30 per cent, September 30. The remaining 10 per cent will be mobilized as soon after that date as possible.

The plan to assemble the new forces in three increments distribute the task of furnishing supplies and equipment through September. It will also prevent serious shortages in any camp, and will give the new officers from the training camps time to familiarize themselves with their duties gradually before responsibility for a great body of men falls on them.

The order issued today means that about 12,000 men will reach each of the 16 cantonments soon after September 5. They will first be examined physically by army doctors and finally accepted or rejected. This will take some time and the men will have to be furnished with temporary quarters and rationed while awaiting examination. If the full quota are assembled at one time great confusion would result.

### RAILROAD BUSINESS BREAKING THE RECORD

#### Notwithstanding This, the Net Operating Increase Was \$25,900,000 Over That in 1916.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 13.—According to official reports of railroad operation just made public here, the railroads of America are not only breaking all previous records for volume of traffic moved and gross earnings made, but also are breaking all records for expense of operation and taxes paid.

The figures show that in the five months from January to May, 1917, inclusive, the railroads earned a gross total of 11.2 per cent more than they earned in the same period of 1916, 29 per cent more than they earned in the same period of 1913, and 48 per cent more than they earned in the same period of 1911.

But operating expenses in this period were 18 per cent greater than in 1916, 26 per cent greater than in 1913 and 50 per cent greater than in 1915. Taxes paid were 16 per cent greater than in 1916, 38 per cent greater than in 1913, and 66 per cent greater than in 1911.

In consequence of the increased cost of operation and increased taxes, the net operating income for the first five months of 1917 was \$25,900,000 less than it was for the first five months of 1916.

The German Reihstag and people demanded a reduction of militarism. So the Kaiser removed his militaristic chancellor and substituted one more radically so.—Kansas City Journal.

### CHINA AT WAR NOW.

#### Declared War on Germany and Austria-Hungary This Morning.

(By The Associated Press) London, Aug. 14.—Ruler's Limited, has been officially informed that China has declared war on Germany and Austria-Hungary, the declaration dating from 10 o'clock this morning.

## FEW CHANGES ON THE BATTLE FRONTS

### Sharp Local Engagements Underway, But There Has Been no Renewal of Fighting on Large Scale.

### THE POPE'S SECOND APPEAL FOR PEACE

#### It Is Expected That the Text of the Peace Proposal Will Be Published in the Vatican Organ Tonight.

(By The Associated Press) Pope Benedict has addressed another appeal for peace to the belligerents. It is reported unofficially from Rome that the Pope has made specific appeals to the heads of the warring nations, and that they include restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and peaceful adjustment of questions of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland.

This is the second direct appeal by Pope Benedict to the belligerents. In July, 1915, the Pontiff sent a letter to them inviting all friends of peace to unite with him in his desire to terminate the war. It is expected the text of the new proposals will be published tonight in the official Vatican organ.

Few changes on the battle fronts are reported into day's official dispatches. In France and Belgium, although sharp local engagements are underway, there has been no renewal of fighting on a large scale. The Paris war office reports that the German lines near Rheims were penetrated at two places by French parties. German raiding parties in the Champagne sector were driven back. A British destroyer has been sunk by a mine in the North Sea. The captain, two officers and 43 men were saved.

### MR. HOOVER LEASES OFFICES IN CHICAGO

#### Will Take Charge Early Next Week With Staff of 20 Men.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, August 14.—Quarters in an office building here have been leased by Herbert C. Hoover, food controller, and a staff of 20 men is expected to take charge early next week. The work of the representatives here of the food controller; it was said would be to make a general survey of the food situation to learn the quality of the food in the stores and the best way to distribute it.

### ALL WAR PURCHASES TO BE RIGIDLY INSPECTED

#### Examiners to Pass on Grade of All Articles Purchased by the Government.

(By The Associated Press) New York, August 14.—All war purchases by the United States will be subjected to the most rigid system of inspection it has ever known today. At a recent conference between Secretary McAdoo and John K. Sarau, commissary of the port of New York, it was decided that the customs examiners at this port would pass on the grade of all articles purchased by the government, except munitions.

### ENLISTED MEN!

While you are helping to make your country's history, those who stay at home will miss you. Part of your duty is to have your portrait made for the home folks, and it is only fair that your loved ones should also have their's made for you to carry away with you. Their portrait will cheer you, your portrait will cheer them. "Do not put off for tomorrow what you can do today." We are going to be busy making lots of the "boy's" pictures, let us make yours before the rush begins.

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