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GERMANY SUBMITS PEACE NOTE TO THE FOREIGN AMBASSADORS

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollwigg Interviews Neutral Representatives In Berlin, Germany

SECRETARY LANSING EVIDENTLY MUCH PLEASSED

The best word that has come from Europe in many months was communicated to the newspapers of the country yesterday during the mid-day hours, when cables from Berlin gave the information that they were willing for peace, and distinctly asked the diplomatic corps to use their best endeavors to procure a lasting peace with the allies upon terms that for the first proposals was considered as extremely generous in tone, especially in view of the fact that Germany and her allied armies had registered frequent successes of late.

Some well informed critics think that Germany, who again transgresses political usages in thus publicly announcing her appeal for peace, in view of the past recent utterances of her ministers, has seized the opportune time to secure a peace that will be advantageous to her, more so than she could expect to arrange at any other time.

Whether this very unexpected overture is brought because of the greatly shrunken reserves, of which there have been many rumors during the past few weeks, or is brought because of the reconstruction of both the French and English governments, which is intended to force the issue of the war, is one of the problems difficult at this time to solve.

It is however a foregone conclusion that with the ample supplies of men, money and equipment the central powers have but a slim chance to win the war though they could no doubt prolong it for a few years to come.

The above discretionary action by this country officially relate to the state department, and are in keeping with diplomatic usages.

In the absence of the exact information as to what Germany desires the neutral governments to do in the way of peace proposals, Secretary Lansing refused to comment upon the note. His manner however indicated that the news of possible peace being arranged was probably the happiest word he had received from Berlin in months.

In the state department, and amongst the diplomatic corps, the action of Germany, in suing for peace, in the manner she has, is unprecedented.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—via Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12. Proposals by the central powers that peace negotiations be entered into forthwith was made in diplomatic notes handed to the several representatives of neutral countries today which represent Germany in belligerent countries.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—Flash cable from Berlin that Germany and her allied powers have proposed to enter into peace negotiations with neutral powers with a view to influencing their enemies to sign a peace beneficial to the central powers.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The proposals made by Germany accord-

ing to Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in Washington, and given officially, will include the suggestion of the territorial status of nation engaged in the war to be made practically to what they were before the war started, the only exceptions being the establishment of independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania, and some readjustment of the international boundaries in the Balkan States.

Paris, France, Dec. 12.—The cabinet, known as the reconstruction cabinet, designed to carry on the war with redoubled vigor, has been completed by Premier Briand.

Washington, Dec. 12.—If Germany submits peace proposals such as she desires, are presented to the United States, for this country to act as courier in transmitting them to Germany's enemies, then this government will pass these proposals along to the warring nations without comment of her own.

On the other hand if Germany asks the proposals of the United States, in an endeavor to stop the war, then this country, together with other neutral nations will make the proposals in their own name, at Germany's behalf, in which case the administration will carefully scan these proposals before taking action.

This does not mean however that the United States will not act as intermediary, nor refuse to transmit proposals under the second plan, but she will exercise such due caution that she will influence the ending of the war when proposals are such as will be likely to be acceptable to the nations at war with the central powers.

(By United Press)
Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12.—called the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Spain, and Switzerland, to his office, one after another, and handed a note to them, the full text of the note to be read in the Reichstag today.

Chancellor Hollwigg asked the neutral nations which represent Germany and her allied powers at the capitols of Germany's enemies, to bring these proposals to the attention of the allied nations now at war with her.

The proposition which Germany advances in these negotiations are, according to Germany's belief, appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace.

The governments of Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia, representing Germany's allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, have transmitted identical notes to the neutral powers.

The text of the note delivered to the representatives in Berlin has been communicated to the Pope of Rome, and to all other neutral powers.

Hardy Hardware Company have just received the biggest car load of Red Cedar Shingles ever brought to this part of the country. They were shipped from the pacific coast and the freight on the car was \$408.77.

HENDRICK'S WAS OFFERED TINKER'S JOB.

By Hamilton
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Dec. 4.—Chicagoans came close, mighty close to having the energies of their two major league clubs directed by men from the minors without previous major league managerial or playing experience.

It was Charlie Weegham, boss of the Cub's who saved the day. His firm stand against the wishes of some of the the other directors who prevented the appointment of Jack Hendricks to Tinker's job last month.

Clarence "Pants" Rowland, manager of the White Sox was formerly a luminary of the Three I League and jumped to the Sox managership without serving a players apprenticeship in top-notch company. When Hendricks was in New York a short time ago he told the United Press that he had been offered the helm job by several directors of the National Leaguers, but was unable to take it because Weegham had declared that if Tinker left the cubs he would leave too, Weegham, according to Hendricks, was considerably strong for Tinker, due to the fact that the latter's leap to the Feds contributed more than any one agency to putting the erstwhile outlaws on their feet. Consequently, Weegham says, Tinker will have that job as long as he is president of the cubs.

Inasmuch as Weegham owns a preponderance of the stock and generally does about as he pleases, there is little likelihood right now that an alien voice will command the Cubs next spring. The directors are said to be still very strong for a change of affairs and an effort recently was made to get Jimmy Callahan. When that fell through some of the directors went after Hendricks.

Hendricks has been a remarkably successful in the minors. He has been with James C. McGill, owner of the Indianapolis club, for a number of years, first getting away in mighty fine style as helmsman for the Denver Western league club, where he won three pennants. When McGill purchased the Indianapolis club Hendricks went along.

McGill always has contended that Hendricks is a major league manager and has been eager for Jack to land that kind of a job. When he heard that the Cubs were trying to take Hendricks away he made every effort to help Jack put the deal over.

Recent happenings, however, indicate that Hendricks is stuck in the minors for at least one more year.

* Santa Claus Letters will be *
* found on several pages in *
* this issue. *

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THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE A BIG EVENT

Will Be Held On the School Grounds, Sunday, December Twenty-Fourth at 6:15 P. M.

O. MAX GARDNER, LIEUT.-GOV., THE SPEAKER

ENGLISH NAVAL POLICY DENOUNCED IN LONDON

Shipping and Mercantile Men Want Blockade Made More Effective

London, Dec. 4.—Strong denunciations of the government and its naval policy were made here in addresses delivered at a meeting to support a stronger campaign against German submarines. The meeting, which was attended by the shipping and mercantile community of London, adopted resolutions calling for a more effective blockade and for more efficient measures to deal with the submarine question.

Admiral Baron Beresford and Thomas Gibson Bowles were the principal speakers and each declared that the country faced a serious situation. Baron Beresford said that the nation was "in a position of unparalleled gravity" and that "the crisis of the war is now."

Mr. Bowles asserted that unless the submarine menace is dealt with, we shall be blockaded as well as Germany and privation and famine prices will ensue. He added that if an overture for an honorable peace should come with sufficient guarantees, it would be the duty of the government to examine them, but he said that he could "see no glimmer of an overture for peace."

"I have arrived at the conclusion," the speaker continued, that this government is no more able to make peace than it is to make war." Mr. Bowles demanded the dissolution of the government, and his speech was punctuated with shouts of "turn them out" and similar phrases.

Baron Beresford thought that since the German submarines had transferred their activities from shallow water "to the blue sea," the "menace requires new strategy and new tactics to deal with it." He added that so far no definite systematic methods have been taken for suppressing the menace, and he advocated continual aerial attacks on the German base at Zeeburger and the arming of merchantmen, and continued: "It is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. Thousands of tons of food which were waiting to come to England have been diverted to Germany."

The Unionist leader, Andrew Bonar Law, was summoned to the palace immediately after Mr. Asquith had departed, and the King offered him the Prime Minister's commission, which he had just accepted from Mr. Asquith's hands.

No announcement regarding Mr. Bonar Law's decision has yet been made, and there are some doubts whether he will accept the heavy responsibility. If he declines, it is considered certain the honor will fall to David Lloyd George. The continuation of the coalition cabinet, with some changes and the speeding up of the war management will be the policy in either event.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE BIG EVENT

Will be Held on the School Grounds Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:15 P. M. O. Max Gardner Lieut. Gov. the Speaker

With all the choirs of the town combining to sing the Christmas celebration hymns, the schools of Palmyra, Spring Hill and Dawson's Cross Roads, taking part, and the entire body of the graded school in line, the afternoon of Sunday, December 24th, will be in all probability the prettiest sight, and the most entertaining feature of the whole Christmas season, provided the weather holds good and the celebration can be held in the school grounds, as planned, otherwise it will be held in the school auditorium of the graded school.

No little preparation has been made to give this event a fitting entry into the yearly celebrations that this town hopes to inaugurate, and none can have a more delightful purpose, and be surrounded with more natural sentiment, than this, a town rejoicing at the coming of The Christ, so that but for sickness, or unavoidable happenings every individual in town should be present and participate.

One of the great men of the state, the Lieutenant Governor, O. Max Gardner, is expected to be here to make the address of the day.

The opening of the celebration will be singing "America" by the entire community, and the first verse is here given that all may know the words and join in:

My country: 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land: where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

Following which the combined choirs will sing:

Hark, The Herald Angel Sings,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled,"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumphs of the skies;
With th' angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem;

Hark; the herald angel-sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Interspersed with the speaking the choirs will sing:

It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
Peace on earth, good-will to men
From Heaven's all-gracious King;
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Another hymn to be sung by the choir is "Silent Night."

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace,
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

The children of the Graded school will sing "O. Hemlock Tree."
O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,
How faithful are thy branches,
Thou'rt green summer breezes blow;
And green mid winters drifting snow,
O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,

How faithful are thy branches.

O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,
In truth I dearly love thee,
How oft at merry Christmas tide;
Hast filled my heart with joy and pride,
O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,
In truth I dearly love thee.

O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,
A lesson thou dost teach me,
That ever hope and constancy;
Will strength and comfort give me,
O hemlock tree, O hemlock tree,
A lesson thou dost teach me.

In addition to these songs certain grades and groups of children will sing other selections.

Christmas

Luke 2, 1-14

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid, for behold—I bring you good tidings of great joy, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: 'Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'"

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest
"And on earth peace, good will toward men."

Annual Phenomenon.

"Now," said the magazine editor, "we'll have a cover design representing the old year as an aged man and the New Year as a smiling infant."

"All right," replied the artist. "But it looks like nature-faking to me. Anybody knows that a smiling infant couldn't grow all those white whiskers in one short year."



May Christmas have for you
in store
Health and Happiness galore.