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## RUSSIA ACCLAIMS PRES. WILSON'S WORDS

PRODUCED THUNDEROUS CHEERS WHEN MESSAGE WAS READ BEFORE THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE THIS MORNING.

## OFFSET GRAVE REPORT OF MINISTERS

(By Wm. G. Shepherd.)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Moscow, Aug. 28.—President Wilson's message to the Russian conference electrified that assembly today.  
His promise that America would aid new Russia "with all moral and material power" was greeted with thunderous cheers.  
The entire statement produced a deep impression coming as it did after speeches by cabinet members which had laid bare Russia's grave need for financial, industrial and moral support.  
The president's message was received at midnight.

## 50,000 LOSS IN FLANDERS

By Henry Wood  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
With the French armies afield, Aug. 28.—Germany has lost over fifty thousand men in the Flanders battle alone since July the first. These figures were compiled today when assembling data obtained from prisoners and gives this as the results of the battle in this sector.

## ARGENTINA'S ULTIMATUM

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—The Foreign Office announces that no reply had been received from Berlin to Argentina's protest against the sinking of the steamship *Toro* prior to the remainder sent to Germany that the first note had not been answered. Government officials do not attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation caused by this delay.  
A high official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said tonight to the Associated Press: "The Argentine Government is determined to put an end to this grave question in the shortest possible time." He intimated that an ultimatum was being prepared.

## Opposition By The Coal Men

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 28.—Coal operators are concerted drive against government control, with intimations of injunctions against President Wilson, relative to bituminous prices, particularly from Alabama where it is known that bituminous operators are attacking the Federal Trade Commission in letters to President Wilson.

## Prepare For Council Meeting

(By United Press.)  
Minneapolis, Aug. 28.—Sheriff Langum is under orders of Governor Burnquist.  
This has been arranged on account of the conference of the National People's Council scheduled to meet September 1, and action will be taken if the conference threatens to create sentiment against the government.

## RED CROSS WARRING MOSQUITO

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Aug. 28.—The American Red Cross today started out to help win the war against the German Kaiser and the American mosquito.

Great armies of skeeters now infesting the vicinities of cantonment camps that will hold American first 687,000 drafted men next month, are looked upon by the War Department as strongly pro-German.  
"The mosquitoes," said a government official today, "would shoot an American soldier full of malaria as readily as the Kaiser would shoot him full of lead."  
"One is just about as bad as the other."

In the Southern States, where the mosquito scatters malaria like the Kaiser scatters peace proposals, the Red Cross has already started its big drive on the nightingale of the bedroom.  
They must be eliminated not only in camps proper, but in the surrounding country. Fifteen to sixty square miles of territory within a radius of a mile around each camp must be purged of the pest.

## Russ. General Guilty Treason

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Petrograd, Aug. 28.—General Ivanoff swore that General Sukhomlinoff, the former commander in chief of Russia's armies, under the old regime, had sent Russian military secrets to Berlin from Petrograd, via Warsaw.  
He testified in court martial against the former commander.

## Trieste Being Evacuated

Washington, Aug. 28.—Trieste is being evacuated by its civilian population who is deserting the town at the order of the Austrian command, according to the Zurich correspondent of *Corrier D'Italia*, whose dispatches have been cabled to the Italian embassy here.

## WANTS ALLIES ARMY OFFICERS

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 28.—The United States has asked Great Britain and France to furnish about two hundred officers to act as advisers in training the new army of national guard.  
The two allies are to send experts in communication, artillery, aeronautics and modern bayonet fighting, etc.

## Copper Prices Fixed Soon

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Aug. 28.—Copper prices will be fixed by president Wilson within the week.  
Eugene Meyer, Jr., a New York banker, is slated to be director of copper, lead and zinc, serving under Bernard M. Baruch.

## Italy's Success Austria's Debacle

London, Aug. 28.—Italy's sweep forward from Monte Sano across the plateau of Bain Sizza is fast becoming a debacle for Austria.  
The Austrian flank decreed retirements from several points to save the whole division from flanking movements.

## MILLION BIBLES FOR SOLDIERS

(By United Press)  
New York, Aug. 28.—A million of kahki pocket testaments have been ordered for American soldiers who are to go to the front by the national war work council.

## MONK PREDICTED WARS END TODAY

ST. MALACHI, IN 1250 A. D. PREDICTED START OF WAR, ROUMANIA ENTRY, AND THAT PEACE WOULD ENSUE TODAY.

## SAME PROPHET NAMED EVERY POPE

New York, Aug. 28.—The great war should end today according to a prediction of St. Malachi, an Irish Monk, who lived about 1250 A. D.  
St. Malachi is said to have predicted the date of the start of the present war and the date of Roumania's entry into the struggle.  
This is St. Malachi's prophecy as found on an original manuscript now in the Civil Museum, at Como, Italy:  
"When the first number shall meet the ninth and when the two shall be united with the first and sixth (1916), during the sixth month of the year (August), according to the old calendar) and after two times four and two times ten days shall have passed (August 28) the new races which drew their name from Romulus (Roumania) shall rise and shall ally themselves with powerful nations.  
"Then the fierce beast who for three years and one month has been filling the earth with blood, with horror and with carnage, now surrounded, smitten from all sides and roaring in vain, will seek whom he may devour, but shall not find him.  
"There shall be new battles while new moons shall wax and wane thirteen times. The fifth day after the sun leaves the sign of the lion, the beast shall die a fearful death. A virgin whose name contains two iotas, two alphas, a tau, and a lambda, (Italia) shall crush his head and the Latin people shall share his spoils."  
Astronomers consider the prophecy particularly wonderful because it is based on astronomical facts unknown at the time Malachi lived.  
Italian journals say Malachi has predicted with signs and symbols the name of every pope since his time.

## REDFIELD SCORES PEACE OFFER

(By United Press.)  
New York, Aug. 28.—Suggestion of peace at this period of the war was characterized by William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, as "a trap for the unwary" in a letter to Assemblyman Nathan B. Shapiro, of Brooklyn, made public here.  
Secretary Redfield declared the United States is in the war until "autocracy will never again lift its head to threaten man."

## British Take The Third Line

(By United Press.)  
London, Aug. 28.—The British took a firmer grip on the German third line of defence, says Haig.

## \$9,000 Taken By The Bandits

(By United Press.)  
Chicago, Ills, Aug. 28.—Two pay-roll messengers for Winslow Brothers steel manufacturers were shot and instantly killed in a pistol duel with five bandits who escaped with \$9,000.  
The holdup occurred in front of the plant.

## French Report More Gains

Paris, Aug. 28.—Violent artillerying over half a dozen sectors of the French front, coupled with raids, was reported by the war office today.

## ALSACE-LORRAINE MAY BE FEDERATED STATE

KAISER GIVES HIS CONSENT TO CHANCELLORS PLAN FOR PARLIAMENTARY REFORM AND CREATION OF SEPARATE STATE  
DUKE URACH TO BE SOVEREIGN

## EPIDEMIC HITS ALL GERMANY

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Berne, Aug. 28.—Germany is suffering from nation-wide epidemic of dysentery, and German mortality rates jumped from fifty to 100 per cent since the first of the year.  
Tuberculosis is ravaging the people due to their weakened condition and through lack of proper food.  
This information came to the United Press from sources of highest authority.  
The German government is making frantic efforts to conceal news of this epidemic and all German cities have been instructed to stop the publication of mortality statistics.  
The tuberculosis death rate is said to have nearly doubled during the last few months, though every effort is being made to reassure the public mind.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—The German Chancellor's visit to the Kaiser at army headquarters resulted in his bringing back a scheme of parliamentary reform.  
It is also stated that he also obtained the Kaiser's consent to the elevation of Alsace-Lorraine provinces into an independent Federated State.  
Amsterdam dispatches quoted German newspapers as asserting that Chancellor Michaelis had decided to make Alsace-Lorraine a Federal duchy with the Duke of Urach as sovereign.  
The scheme of parliamentary reform was explained to the main committee of the Reichstag by the Chancellor, who said he had in contemplation the appointment of seven members of the Reichstag and seven members of the Bundesrat which would meet under the presidency of the Chancellor.  
What was intended was a free committee, the members of which would not be regarded as representatives of either house of the parliament.

## Raider In The Atlantic Ocean

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Baltimore, Aug. 28.—Reports of a German raider in the south Atlantic have been brought here with the arrival of a Norwegian bark.  
The captain of the vessel says he was en route from St. Thomas to a Brazilian port when the raider appeared, carrying no flag, and had no name on the ship.  
He was boarded by the German crew who examined his papers and returned to the raider.

## Austria May Declare War

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Aug. 28.—The tremendous increase of assistance given the enemies of Austria by the United States is expected to result in a declaration of war on the United States by the dual monarchy.

## Strange Float In Great Battle

Washington, Aug. 28.—An official dispatch received in Washington from Rome, in addition to containing a vivid description of a joint Italian and British naval bombardment of the *Hermada*, the principal fortress barring the way to Trieste, and a marvelous infantry advance up fortified terraces of this great defensive position, tells of the employment of a sensation.  
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## MOST UNIQUE FARM IN U. S.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 28.—The most unique farm in the United States will be sown in wheat or alfalfa this fall. It will be fifty-five miles long and 200 feet wide, and will occupy the land which represents the present right of way of the Denver & Laramie railway, which will be "junked" September 1 by its owner, M. S. Radetsky. The "farm" will extend from Greeley, Colo., to Denver, and will pass through the business sections of several small towns between the two.

## "DER LANGE PLUESKOW"

Berlin, Aug. 28.—One of the best known military figures in Germany, General von Plueskow, has just retired. Von Plueskow was known as "Der Lange Plueskow" because he measured two meters and eight centimeters (nearly 6 feet 10 inches.)  
He is the tallest general in the German army and was aide-de-camp to the Kaiser and commander of the Castle Life Guard. During the war he commanded the Eighth Army Corps until bad health compelled his retirement. He is sixty-three years old.

## Wilson's Reply Is Complete

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson expected to read to his cabinet today the completed draft of his reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals. It will probably go forward this week.