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CENTRAL POWERS PROCLAIM FOR PEACE

AUSTRIA'S PREMIER COMPARES PEACE VIEWS

CZERNIN SAYS AUSTRIA AND UNITED STATES AGREE UPON GREAT PRINCIPLE OF THE WORLD AFTER THE WAR

FIRST FOUR POINTS CAN BE AGREED UPON

(By United Press.)
Copenhagen, Jan. 25.—"Austria-Hungary and the United States not only agree upon the great principles of the new arrangements of the world after the war, but our views on several concrete questions," declared Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister in a speech reported in Vienna dispatches.

The address was a frank and open bid for discussion of differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States, looking to a possible adjustment.

The foreign minister reviewed President Wilson's fourteen points outlining America's war aims in much the same spirit as German Chancellor Hertling, after explaining the views of Austria-Hungary and America approached near to same ideas, and declared that the differences are not great enough to prevent discussion which would clear up matters.

COLORED ARMY 75,000 STRONG

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—Eighty per cent of the 9,586,508 men registered under the selective-service law are colored. Of these nearly 209,000 have been called and more than 75,000 have been certified for service.

Out of every 100 colored men called 36 were certified for service and 64 were rejected, exempted, or discharged, while out of every 100 white citizens called 25 were certified for service.

The Food Administration forbids sale of Pork meat tomorrow.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	31.35	31.35	31.00	31.00
Mar.	31.03	31.03	30.44	30.47
May	30.70	30.70	29.98	29.95
July	30.07	30.07	29.55	29.65
Oct.	28.60	28.60	28.28	28.28

Local Market 29 Cents.

COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.08 per bushel in wagon loads.

RUMORED RIOTS IN BERLIN

(By UNITED PRESS)
Amsterdam, Jan. 25.—Severe rioting on Wednesday and Thursday in Berlin are reported in dispatches received here.

One report asserts that mobs were marching through the streets demanding peace.

It is regarded as of great significance that Thursday's newspapers had not arrived from Berlin as usual.

THINK GERMANS ARE AWAKENING

(By United Press.)
Petrograd, Jan. 25.—Confidence is coming to the assistance of the western proletariat was expressed by Foreign Minister Trotsky in a speech before a congress of Soviet deputies today.

The western proletariat can only mean people of Germany.

AMERICANS IN ACTIVE FIGHT

Washington, Jan. 25.—Early this week American forces on the French front were in action on several occasions, according to the report of General Pershing received here today.

Four were killed on January 21 and 22, three being previously reported, the fourth being Private Fred P. Thompson, of Georgetown, Illinois.

The action between the American forces and the Boches on Sunday was reported but no details have been forwarded to the war department.

MORGAN'S AIDE MUNITION CHIEF

Washington, Jan. 25.—Edward R. Stetinous, of New York, J. P. Morgan's aide was today appointed surveyor general of all army purchases, and becomes virtually munitions director in the war government, announced Secretary Baker.

Mr. Stetinous will be in charge of production and procurement of supplies for five army bureaus, ordnance, quartermaster, signal, engineers and medical.

BAKER REPLY TO CHAMBERLAIN

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary of War, Baker, today asked Senator Chamberlain formally for an opportunity to make a statement before the senate military committee in order to give a complete summary of what has been done by America in the war.

In a letter to Chamberlain, Secretary Baker held that justice demanded that a statement be made.

He proposes in a big way to answer Chamberlain's charges against war administration, and suggested "the people were entitled to full answer."

Baker's request was made with the direct sanction of President Wilson. Baker will delve into topics heretofore untouched by the senate committee and will give testimony to prove his contention that a vast work has been done on a broad gauge scale with the least possible delay or friction under the circumstances.

POWER OFF THREE HOURS

(By United Press)
Owing to the shutting off of power this morning to install a new generator at the power plant through which The Commonwealth was unable to set type for three hours, we are producing the news in somewhat abbreviated form, and trust our readers will take this into consideration and overlook any typographical errors, which could not be reset. Tomorrow, we are assured, normal conditions will maintain and full power rendered to the different plants in town.

MINN FLOUR GOVERN'T TAKES

(By United Press.)
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 25.—Thirty per cent of the wheat flour milled here will be taken over by the government in order to assure sufficient supply for export for the allies the state food administrator announced.

HERTLING REVIEWS WILSON'S PEACE TERMS

CONTENDS ENGLAND AND AMERICA OFFER CERTAIN ACCEPTABLE PRINCIPLES THAT GERMANY IS AGREEABLE TO

DIFFERENCES NOT TO PREVENT DISCUSSION

COAL IS SCARCE CUT WOOD

North Carolina is being organized into a wood-chopping aggregation for work on Monday next, which will turn the day into a day of profit instead of a day of loafing.

Being the second Monday of the ten in which no business enterprises are allowed to run, or burn fuel, and this rule must be obeyed if the lesson it is to teach is learned, there seems no way more useful than for the entire town of Scotland Neck to join together with a will and go into the woods and chop for the housewives to burn.

The slogan of the wood chopping campaign is, "Coal is scarce—there's wood to burn—cut wood."

Would it be in keeping for this community, which has always been known as doing all things needful, to stand back when the hom, the wife and children, call for fuel, and if not now, at some time in the near future the cry will be theirs.

The extensive plan for cities calls for a form of organization, with general staff, registration officers, engineering corps, ordnance transportation, quartermasters and medical departments, but in this community it would seem best for men to agree to join together in a spirit of hearty co-operation, and, as they often go hunting together and enjoy themselves, make this also a day of good-fellowship and enjoyment.

Men, we know, will come forward in the right spirit and do their part, and we shall be much surprised if a large body of men do not fall in line with this idea, for surely there is herein the true ring of him who would do "his bit" regardless of what it may be.

We trust ere this is printed that some one will have suggested a bit of woods that is not too far away that can be cut; also that someone may have a good suggestion about transportation and another idea would be the nomination of a head, or captain, to have charge.

Don't above all things let this thing seem too small, or beneath the notice of any man.

(By United Press.)
Amsterdam, Jan. 25.—German Chancellor Hertling told the main committee of the Reichstag that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson contained certain acceptable principles to Germany.

Concretely the outlines were unsatisfactory the German Chancellor asserted. He demanded that enemy leaders set forth new proposals.

Commenting on President Wilson's speech the chancellor asserted that the first four points of the agreement might be obtained without difficulty. On the fifth there might be some difficulty. It chiefly concerns England, but President Wilson's proposals could be taken into consideration respecting the colonies demanded by Germany.

The sixth concerns only Russia and the central powers, and the seventh can only be settled by peace negotiation, but Germany has never demanded the incorporation of Belgian territory by violence.

Germany, he said, cannot talk of the cession of Alsace and Lorraine, eighty-seven per cent of whose population speak German.

"Regarding the fourteenth point Germany will be ready, when all other questions are discussed, for the league of people," concluded Hertling.

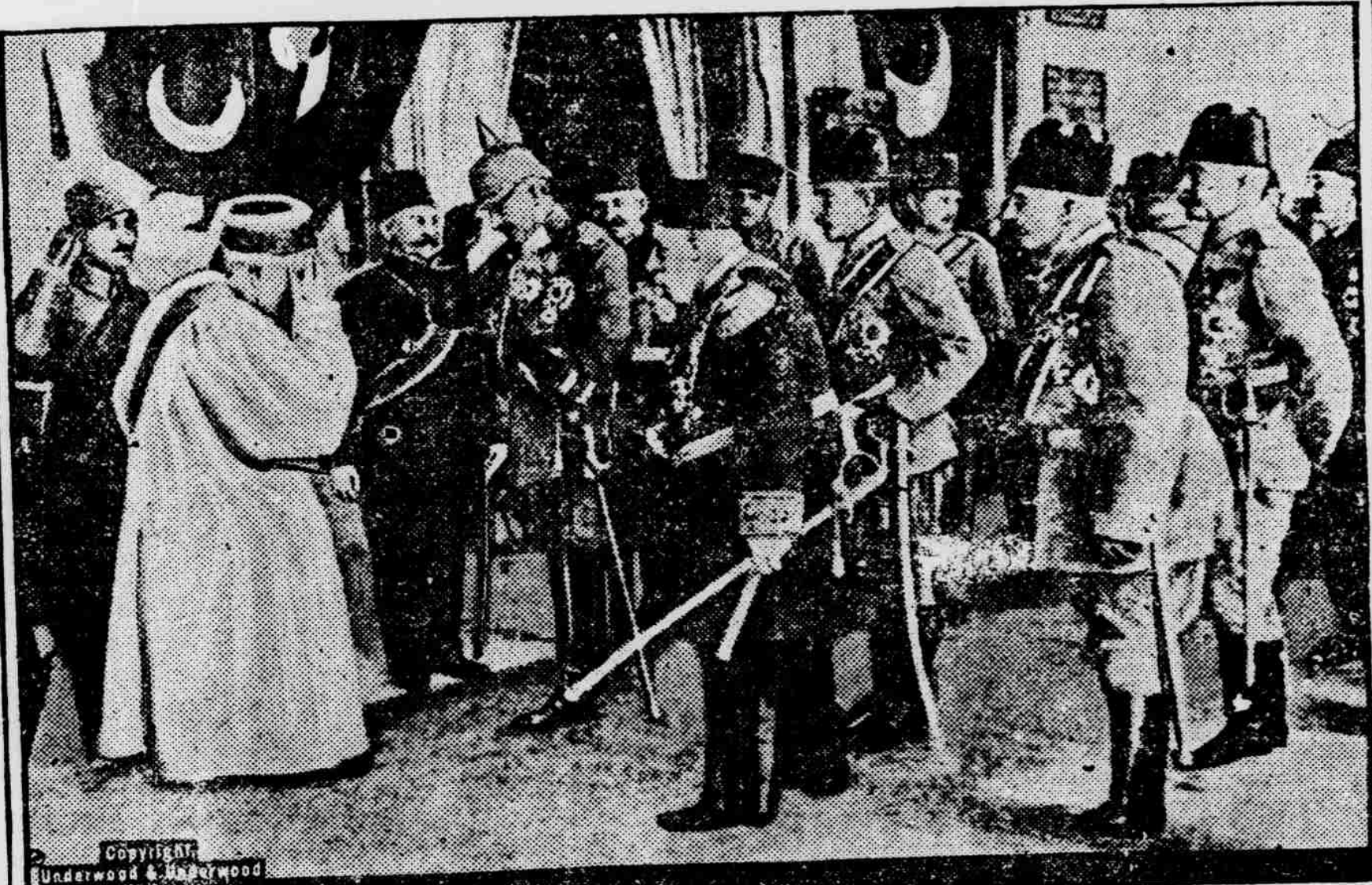
FRENCH GOLD RESERVE GREAT

Paris, Jan. 25.—When the moment comes for settling accounts, whatever trumps Germany may hold, France is sure of holding the Ace of trumps—the greatest gold reserve of any country in Europe. The gold reserves, which every country has been busily accumulating, rank as follows:

France	5,326	millions of francs
England	1,409	"
Italy	835	"
Russia	3,453	"
Rumania	493	"
Germany	3,065	"
Denmark	267	"
Spain	1,949	"
Holland	1,419	"
Sweden	286	"
Switzerland	340	"

Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey do not figure in the list, for the simple reason that since the war began these states have published no information regarding their financial status.

EMPEROR WILLIAM VISITING HIS ALLY, THE SULTAN OF TURKEY



The kaiser paid a visit to his ally, the sultan of Turkey, recently, and this most unusual photograph shows their meeting.