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Britain Will Not Accept Peace On German Terms

Newspaper Comment and Expressions from People on the Street interpreted Forecast of official Utterance

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 13.—The British people have already answered Germany's offer of peace.
"No not on such basis as proposed," is the answer apparent today, reflected in newspaper comment and in the expressions from the people on the streets.
The nation looks to Lloyd George on Tuesday to frame the official answer, which cannot be a direct reply, since it is hardly expected that England's consultation with the Allies over the form of the diplomatic answer can be concluded that soon.
But the press and the public alike look to the Premier to voice the nation's rejection of any peace based on the idea of Germany's victory. Germany's peace terms as given out by the German embassy, are regarded as preposterous and unworthy of consideration.

Battle Scene is Sacred Forest

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Verdun, France, Nov. 18.—(By Mail)—With the close of the war the entire line of trenches in France, extending from Amiens to the Belgium border, may be converted into a sort of national Sacred Forest, as a tribute to the memory of the French "pollus" who died there defending their national soil.
A proposition to this effect has just been prepared by the General Council of the Department of the Meuse and will soon be submitted to the French government. The plan is to buy the battleground from the farmers. Should this plan be finally accepted future generations not only in France but of the entire world, would always have the opportunity of visiting the line of trenches over 600 kilometers in length on which the French threw back the tide of German invasion at the battle of Verdun and which till the end of the war will always remain the basis of France's military to rid her soil entirely of the enemy.

The immediate land through which these long lines of trenches run, together with the battlefields of the Somme, of Arras and of Champagne will, it is believed, never again be rendered cultivable. Aside from the deep trenches and boyaus, the ground has been so pitted with shell holes to a depth varying from a few to fifteen feet, all the upper strata of the soil on which fertility depends so completely wiped out, that little if any use could ever be made of the ground for agricultural purposes for years to come.

One American Was Killed

Washington, Dec. 13.—State Department dispatches today brought to light the information that two men, one an American, were killed at Chihauhu City in the recent Villista attack.

Miss Wilson One of Speakers

Washington, Dec. 13.—With talks by Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter; Percy Mackaye, poet and playwright, and Dr. Henry E. Jackson, of the United States Bureau of Education, the twelfth annual convention of the American Civic Association opened here today.
Miss Wilson presided at the afternoon session, which was devoted to a discussion of the use of the school as a community center. She made no extended talk, however. Dr. Jackson, of the Bureau of Education, discussed the same topic at length and Mr. Makaye spoke on the growth of the community.
The delegates of the convention will be the guests of the Washington Real Estate Board tonight at which time officials of the War Department are expected to outline the plans of the Federal government for the improvement of Potomac Park, the District of Columbia's municipal playground.

IN HONOR OF MISS MCMULLAN
Powell Point N. C., Dec. 11.—Miss Lela Harmon delightfully entertained on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Fannie McMullan of Hertford, who is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Charlie Wright of Jarvisburg.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in the lovely "galax" leaves that grow in the mountains.
Interesting contest furnished a amusement for the guests. Miss Mabel Stephens and Mr. Willie Brinson won the prize which they gracefully presented to the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright presided at the punch bowl and a dainty salad course was served by Mrs. Walter Newbern and Miss Julian Snow. The guests were:

Misses Maud Gregor, Elizabeth Roberts, Julian Snow, Mabel Stephens, Desale Breckhouse, Mattie Old, Francis McMullan and Lela Harmon.

Messrs. Duke Fisher of Elizabeth City, L. Gallop, John Cherry, Louis Sawyer, Marion Fisher, Luther Dale and Willie Brinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newbern.

COTTON REPORT
There were 5014 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County from the crop of 1916 prior to Dec. 1st 1916, as compared with 3330 bales ginned prior to December 1, 1915.
NEWTON A. JONES,
SPECIAL AGENT

PLAY AT BELCROSS
The Fide's Class of Sawyers Creek Baptist church will give a play at Belcross Academy Saturday night. The play, "Captain Dick" is a Southern war story. The curtain will rise at eight o'clock and the proceeds will be used for the church.

HOUSE FOR RENT—On Ehringhaus street in good condition, apply to M. M. Sawyer.
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CHOLERA WORK IN PERQUIMANS

INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN BY FEDERAL EXPERT AGAINST MOST COSTLY ANIMAL DISEASE

Dr. F. D. Owen, has planned to hold a number of meetings at various points in Perquimans county, to complete the organization of the hog cholera control work there, and the first of this series will be at the following schools, and on the dates named:

Anderson school, Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 7:30 p. m.
Burgess school, Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 7:30 p. m.
Wynn Fork School, Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 7:30 p. m.

At these meetings the system by which the agents of the United States Department of Agriculture hope to be able to control hog cholera will be explained and efforts made to organize the farmers of these sections into a body to save this most valuable of animal crops. If an organization can be completed, efforts will then be made to get some man in each neighborhood to go to Raleigh and prepare himself to administer the double, or so called life time immunity against hog cholera.

Dr. Owen has recently been at a meeting, held in Chicago, Ill., of all the Departmental men who are conducting this work in the entire United States, and states that he feels well pleased with the results of the work that has been accomplished here, as compared with that of other states. Also, it would appear from the reports from various portions of the country, that hog cholera has begun to feel the effects of the work that has been conducted during the past three years by the Governmental agencies, and if only the intensive work can be maintained for another few years, this most costly of all animal diseases will be under control.

Took Life Term

Rather than serve the sentence of a few months or years in the custody of the jail keeper or assist the state in building its public roads, Jess Brooks and Sophronia Coffield, colored, said they would try a life time association with each other. As they expressed a preference this way voluntarily, the Judge said "So let it be", and the Rev. Bullock performed the ceremony in the presence of a few witnesses and behind the bars of the country jail.

The contracting parties had been engaged for trial and convicted a few days ago. The incident marks not only the second marriage of the bride, but the second marriage in jail. They were released as the reverend pronounced them man and wife.

Cancels plans Of Going West

Washington, Dec. 13.—Suddenly cancelling his plans to proceed to the Middle West to assume direction of the Federal Grand Jury probe, Assistant Attorney-General Anderson is enroute to Boston. The Department of Justice officials refuse to make comment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edney, of Wilmington, N. C., are in the city the guest of Mrs. C. E. Overman on North Road St.

HOLIDAY SUITS FOR MEN. Ask to see them at MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE.

UNION MEETS AT SALEM CHURCH

PROGRAM OUTLINED BY COMMITTEE FOR LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

The following is the program of the Currittuck Camden Union Meeting, to be held with the Salem Baptist Church, December 29th, 30th and 31st, 1916.

FRIDAY
11. a. m. Introductory Sermon—The Appointee.
12. M. Adjournment for dinner.
2. p. m. Roll call and Organization for next year.
2.30 p. m. The Church Spiritual.
(a) Spirit in Outer Forms of Expression—J. K. Henderson.
(b) Elimination of Worldliness From the Christian Life—Herbert Peele.
General Discussion.
Adjournment.

SATURDAY
10:00 a. m. Devotional Service—W. N. Gregory.
10:30 a. m. God's Program for His Churches—
(a) Imperative Missionary Obligation—N. H. Shephard.
(b) Effective Methods—E. J. Harrell.
General Discussion.
Adjourn for Dinner.
2:00 p. m. Our Relation to the Organized Work as Planned by the North Carolina State Convention—W. J. Hyrum.
General Discussion.
Adjourn at pleasure.

SUNDAY
11:00 a. m. Missionary Sermon—By the Appointee.
I. N. LOFTIN,
B. C. HENNING,
D. P. HARRIS,
Committee.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE

A visitor at Mitchell's Department Store this week glanced about her and exclaimed: "Why I never saw such a wonderful variety. Christmas has surely come already."

And both of these statements are true. The variety is there and so is Christmas. The variety ranges from the handsome embroidered kimonos which came all the way from Japan just the other day, bringing wonderful cherry blossoms, chrysanthemums, wisteria and dragons to delight the feminine American heart; an inexhaustible assortment of dainty Japanese handkerchiefs; to the amazingly big character dolls that have caught the eye of every kid in town. These, indeed, are scarcely a beginning in the Catalog of Christmas suggestions to be found at Mitchell's. You have to see the store itself with its attractive holiday decorations and its great display of useful and beautiful gifts.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. L. Cunningham, has returned from the conference at Durham and will be glad to meet all the members of his church at the weekly prayer service tonight.

SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT

A special meeting of the Royal Arcanum will be held tonight at the hall to meet Mr. Craven and hear him explain new rates.

DIRECT FROM JAPAN.—something new in Christmas gifts. Embroidered kimonos, handkerchiefs and silks. MITCHELL'S DEPT. STORE.

AMERICA MUST BE CAUTIOUS

APPRECIATES THE IMPORTANCE OF FACT THAT ENTERING WEDGE FOR PEACE IS FORMED

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 13.—What part the United States will play in furthering Germany's suggestion for peace parleys has not yet been determined but these three big ideas are in the minds of officials today: First, that England and her Allies ought at least to discuss the offer.
Second, that any settlement, especially in Germany's present frame of mind, would have to be backed by a world guarantee of peace.
Third, that the United States will not be stamped into this cause.

On the whole sentiment here at the present is to the effect that the United States ought merely to be the messenger boy by whom Germany may pass on her proposals. President Wilson is undecided and has not even told his cabinet what he thinks but his closest followers believe that the nation ought to know what the Allies think before making any move. Furthermore they say frankly that they believe that England will scorn the offer if based on the terms announced by the German Embassy officials. In these circumstances America's course must be cautious officials hold.
The Central Powers are counting upon the neutrals to play an important part in influencing the Entente Allies to accept peace terms. This is the statement of the German Embassy. The actual peace terms, too, are less important than the necessity of getting a peace conference, is the German opinion.

FRANCE NOT EXCITED
Premier Briand, speaking for France in the Chamber of Deputies, today said "As for us, we are not excited over this peace talk. We do not think that the war will end soon." He declared that Germany's internal situation is bad and that the peace move is to take the minds of the people away from the scarcity of food and other hardships.

WILL NOT GO ABROAD

The administration does not plan to send Colonel House, the President's adviser abroad to do anything about the German peace move. This much of the administration's plans are revealed. Colonel House was the guest of the President last night, conferred briefly with Secretary Lansing this morning and had not had back to New York.

Probes Prices Of Print paper

Washington, Dec. 12.—Whether there is a conspiracy among paper manufacturers to boost prices was to be probed deeper by the Federal Trade Commission here today. Manufacturers, jobbers, newspaper publishers and others interested are here from all parts of the country for the hearing and some of them will testify.

That the investigation today will have to do with the alleged combination to boost prices is indicated by the presence of representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers Association which made the original charge that high paper prices were due to a manufacturers combination.

Investigators who have been at work during the months since the charge was made are ready to report and may be put on the stand today. It is expected, Members of the commission were exceedingly reluctant to discuss possible developments at the present hearing, saying only that "the hearing will develop along definite lines to establish certain facts."

Raise Chickens To Reduce prices

(By United Press)
Chicago, Dec. 13.—"Raise chickens in your back yard if you want to beat the high cost of living," said Theodore Hewes, secretary of the Poultry Show which opened here today.

The increase in the price of dressed poultry has not yet equalled that of pork or beef and it is a commodity that can be produced at

WILL NOT AGAIN TAKE INITIATIVE

IF BID FOR PEACE IS REJECTED GERMANY SAYS SHE WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END

(By United Press)
Berlin, Dec. 13.—If Germany's bid for peace is rejected by the Entente it is certain that the German Empire will not again take the initiative to end the war.
Germany has not asked the neutral powers to start peace negotiations but merely to inform the nations of the Entente that the Central Powers are willing to discuss peace, putting it up to the Allies to acquiesce or refuse.

MR. EVANS IMPROVING

Mr. Gilbert Evans, who was badly cut and broken up about two weeks ago when he was caught in the shafting of Mr. Sawyers gin at Belcross, is reported as improving. His physicians say he will be able to be out soon.

Cannot Borrow In Argentine

(By United Press)
Buenos Aires, Dec. 13.—A London newspaper having suggested that maybe the allies could borrow money in Argentine. English periodicals published here say there is not the ghost of the chance of such a thing.
The Buenos Aires Standard indorses an estimate that more than 373,685,290 pounds, or about \$1,868,000,000 in English money is invested in the Republic, adding that Argentine needs more for development purposes and would be borrowing it if times were not so "tight" that it is not to be had.
"Of course" the Standard admits, "England's Argentine bonds might be transferred to American purchasers but that is not precisely what our London contemporary wants."