

Will Point Way To Democracy

Discussion Of Peace Proposals With Cabinet Postponed But Public Interest Still Centers In Wilson's Constructive Reply.

(By CARL D. GROAT)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, August 21.—President Wilson has postponed the discussion with his cabinet of the Pope's peace plan in order to give his undivided attention to war work.

The whole question now is what he will include in the constructive reply which he will send. He must accept those provisions of the Pope's proposals calling for disarmament and arbitration of future international differences. He can't accept "status quo ante" provisions because he declared himself against these in Russia's message.

He will point the way to peace for the German people but will make it clear that it cannot come through the offices of the Kaiser's iron autocracy.

The first reply to the Pope seems to be a general Allied offensive of tremendously increasing violence along all fronts except Russia.

That peace is not very far ahead is the conviction here. The pope has laid the ground work for peace negotiations. President Wilson will give the momentum to the building. Another year will see the end of the struggle, experts here believe.

ENGLAND SENDS ANSWER TO POPE

(By United Press)

Rome, Aug. 21.—England, the first belligerent power to answer the Pope's peace suggestions, presented a formal note to the Vatican through the British minister Desails today, declaring that the Holy Father's plan would be examined "in a benevolent and serious spirit."

Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, expressed gratification at this response.

FIRE ALARM DOES NOT MEAN A FROLIC

Fire Chief Flora has his troubles, in spite of his strong physique and abounding good humor. For instance, the fire alarm is turned in. The fire company alertly answers the call. All is in readiness. Every man is at his post. But the way is blocked by automobiles filled with citizens of Elizabeth City who would "blame it on" the fire company if they failed to reach the fire in time to save lives and property where such were endangered.

The fire alarm isn't an invitation to a dance," says Chief Flora. "It's serious business with us. Moreover, we are really officers of the law and if necessary, we can and will arrest those blocking the way, no matter who they are. We will do our duty, weather or no."

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EXEMPTION CLAIMS AT THE MELTING POT

New York, Aug. 21.—New York's famous melting-pot of the nation is on exhibition today at headquarters of the district exemption board, presided over by former Justice Hughes, where men of nearly every race under the sun come to appeal their claims for immunity from army service.

Youths from Russia, Colombia, Sweden, Guatemala, Italy and numerous other lands filed past the clerks in an unending stream, some hopelessly bewildered, some escorted by lawyers, pressing their claims vociferously.

Many spoke English with difficulty. Nearly all had their first naturalization papers, however. Pleas for exemption covered an astonishing range.

"I am a subject of the Czar of Russia," one man confidently declaimed. He appeared staggered to learn the Czar had been discharged.

From the welter of unknown tongues and broken English came one genuine American voice. Its possessor declared:

"I'm not seeking exemption from anything. I want to fight in the claim that military music emanates when orders come not to take any man liable to be drafted."

When the exemption hunters discussed matters in the corridor outside, it sounded like an echo from the tower of Babel.

An organ grinder advanced the claim that military music emanating from his street organ strengthened the patriotic spirit in his neighborhood. This plea never reached the clerk, however. The musician took several bystanders into his confidence and was advised not to approach the harassed clerk.

"Well tell me what to say," the organist remarked plaintively.

A young Colombian, faultlessly groomed, described himself as a student of politics. Another man bore a letter from a school of agriculture and wanted to stay home and learn to be a farmer.

Frequently the line of men—black, white and tan some collarless, some sporting ear-rings, some in overalls, some wearing diamonds,—stood aside while a worried looking woman pleaded for some relative.

A little Hebrew, a sick baby in his arms, hunted the board's headquarters.

"My wife—dead," he explained. "Who takes this feller if I go?"

The claims and supporting affidavits are passed along to Justice Hughes and his associates—and exemptions granted average about one in every fifty.

EPIDEMIC ENDS VERY ABRUPTLY

COOLER WEATHER BELIEVED TO HAVE STOPPED RAVAGES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Richmond, Aug. 21.—Halting as inexplicably as it broke out, the infantile paralysis epidemic of northwestern Virginia today has apparently come to an abrupt halt.

Nearly one hundred victims have been seized by this plague during its swift course. The cool weather is believed by health authorities responsible for the end of the plague.

HOGS SELLING HIGHER TODAY

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Hogs sold for \$20 a hundred pounds here today, which is fifty cents higher than yesterday. Pigs sold for seventy five cents higher,—\$18.50.

CLOSE VOTE FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 21.—By a vote of 1,234,000 to 1,231,000 Labor party members today decided to participate in the Stockholm Peace Conference.

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

VIVID PICTURE DRAWN BY CORRESPONDENT OF CAMP LIFE OF SAMMIES SOON TO ENTER ACTUAL BATTLE ON THE FRONT

(By HUGH BAILEE)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—America's war zone begins at a spiked iron picket fence skirting a water-front street in this hustling seaport town.

On one side of that fence—movie shows with gaudy posters, peaceful groceries, motherly housewives doing their marketing, women in bright, summery clothes, wheeling baby carriages.

And on the other side—vast fields of parked artillery caissons, grimly shrouded cannon, their snouts pointing skyward, ambulances, military motors, swarming men in khaki, a gray atmosphere of war. This was the picture unfolded today on a trip to the unnamed port.

Sentries march up and down outside the picket fence. One half the street belongs to the town, the other half to Uncle Sam and those who try to cross the forbidden walk on Uncle Sam's side find cold steel threatening their vitals.

Once beyond the guarded gates the civilian who is permitted to pass, if armed with the necessary magic papers, finds himself in the midst of militarism. A silent Sammy, with a big automatic hanging at his hip, is always just two paces behind him.

He sees a row of huge warehouses, piled to the lofty roofs with mountains of boxes—labeled "hard bread," "beans," "soap." Those boxes will be opened in France. He sees a great court-yard, crammed full of strollers, all pointed battleship gray. In perfect order, each pile numbered, he beholds thousands upon thousands of tent-poles, tent-stakes, tent-floorings and canvasses.

There are ranks of army wagons with khaki tops like those of old prelie schooners, ranks of ambulances with stretchers swung from their roofs, battalions of motor trucks, supplies of every conceivable kind.

In a small open space, one company had hung its wash—khaki shirts flapped in the breeze. At another place, a long line of men, armed with tin plates and cups, marched past the cook. Occasionally a whistle shrilled orders.

Transports lay at their piers ready to carry their staggering conglomerations of men and materials across the sea, where the hooded guns can flame into life against the enemy and where the men will await their turns to go over the top.

On one transport the sailors had rigged a swing and were taking turns in it like schoolboys. An officer walked down a narrow lane between walls of boxes, a gray-haired woman on one arm, a girl, perhaps his girl—on the other. Their faces were serious.

Another officer stood at a window and looked out over the scene at long lines of men trundling crates marked with the spread-eagle, at interminable mountain ranges of munitions, steady processions of heavily loaded motor-trucks, at the peaked roofs of this wonder city, at throngs of fighting men.

"And this," he said, "is only the beginning."

DARE COUNTY MEN SEEK WORK ELSEWHERE

Manteo, Aug. 18.—Dare being a county in which the population is exclusively engaged in commercial fishing or in the government service, and the fact that the fishing seasons have been a total failure from a commercial standpoint for the past three years, has caused practically all the young men to seek employment in the work with which they are most familiar, and this has caused a very large per cent of them to enlist in the navy or seek employment in navy yards or elsewhere where they can obtain employment with which they are familiar. As most of those enlisting in the navy enlisted at Norfolk, this county is not given credit for their so doing, but the credit is given at the place of enlistment.

Greatest Battle Being Fought

Allies are Demonstrating their Supremacy Over a Front of Four Hundred and Thirty five Miles.

(By HENRY WOOD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) With the French Armies Afield, Aug. 21.—The greatest battle of the world is being fought today.

From the sea coast to the Swiss frontier over four hundred and thirty five miles the Allies are fighting in a practically continuous offensive. France's great assault at Verdun, still driving on, has completed the chain welded of war into one gigantic action unprecedented in extent and power.

The great battle started with the Anglo-French offensive in Flanders, extended to the British offensive at Lens, thence to French attacks around St. Quentin then to the French offensives of Chemin des Dames, Moronville and Verdun, and concluded with heavy artillery fighting from Lorraine, Alsace, down to Switzerland.

The western front has never seen such extensive battle. Nor has the Allies supremacy everywhere been so demonstrated.

With three months fighting weather more this year, Germany's hold on the western front may yet become precarious before winter.

POWERFUL COUNTERS THROWN BACK

London, Aug. 21.—The third and most powerful of all German counters to regain ground captured by the British southeast of Arras was thrown back by British troops today, reports Haig.

FRENCH ARE HOLDING GROUND

Paris, Aug. 21.—German picked troops were flung violently but vainly against four points on the French fighting line last night, according to announcements from the war office today.

At three places about Chemin des Dames special "Stosstruppen" battled desperately to loose the French grip.

Around Verdun General Petain's fighters repulsed assaults of the most violent nature.

All French ground is being held.

STRIKE WILL BE PREVENTED

UNCLE SAM WILL RECOGNIZE CLAIMS THAT INCREASED COST OF LIVING WARRANTS INCREASED WAGES

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 21.—The nation wide strike in steel and ship yards working on government contracts will be prevented by wage increases paid by the government.

In his first clash with organized labor in war work Uncle Sam will recognize the claim that the increased cost of living warrants a higher wage scale.

The final decision is to be left to a committee of three appointed by President Wilson, Samuel Gompers and the Shipping Board.

TO ANNOUNCE DECISION ALSACE LORRAINE

(By United Press)

Zurich, Aug. 21.—German Chancellor Michaelis will announce Germany's decision to grant the autonomy of Alsace-Lorraine at this afternoon's session of the main Reichstag committee, according to a special agency dispatch received here.

TO E. CITY BY CANOE

E. F. Rogers and P.S. Nichols, both of Portsmouth, were in the city today. They made the trip from Portsmouth by canoe, camping at South Mills enroute.

MANY PASS PHYSICAL TEST

Following are the names of those who passed the physical examination Monday and who will be posted for service unless exempted:

- 814 M D Sample, R F D 5.
1175 Isaac Perry, City.
738 Jas Simons, City.
1097 Trim Wilson, City.
1234 Jos T Crane, City.
1360 W C Bunch, City.
1118 Jos Singleton, City.
121 Wentworth Blount, City.
221 Ezekiel Brothers.
822 E. G. Banks, R F D 2.
504 E. E. Hollowell, R F D 3.
1004 Chas. F. Raulfs, City.
1205 Raips Pool, City.
470 T. E. Forehand, R F D 3.
312 C. B. Parker Weeksville.
1284 J. S. Stafford, City.
90 Jno. M. Sprull, City.
753 Nat L. Brinson, City.
858 Harry Van Simpson, R F D 2.
168 Isaac McPherson, City.
1023 Chas. Barclift, City.
424 Jesse J. Dance, Weeksville.
840 Mack Whedbee, R F D 1.
1347 Dan'l Jones, City.
278 Jos. F. Dempsey, City.
1172 Grover Winslow, City.
532 John M. Sawyer, City.
1214 John Lincoln, City.
376 Henry C. Lowry, Weeksville.
212 Ben H. Leigh, City.
49 Dempsey Twins, Chapanoke.
1160 Bennet Archibold, City.
305 Paul C. Meade, Weeksville.
1257 John A. Sawyer, City.
1077 George Quidley, City.
958 Samuel Lewis, R F D 2.
438 Thos. Doyle, Weeksville.
878 Charlie Long, R F D 2.
441 Joseph Pendleton, Wkville
The following failed to pass the physical examination:
1070 N. P. Parker.
1167 Lonnie Cooper, City.
1191 J. T. Davis, City.
292 Willie Brewer, City.
477 L. C. Davis, R F D 3.
1187 C. W. Stafford, City.
1179 Noah Burfoot, Jr., City.
130 Jno. R. Outlaw, City.
1188 Johnnie F. Evans, City.
911 Charlie James, R F D 2.
524 Emanuel Davis, R F D 3.
657 Emmett Wynn, City.
175 Jas. Hicks, City.
1139 Burrel Thompson, City.
8 Albert Charles, Chapanoke.
1192 John M. Johnson, City.
1143 Cecll A. Copeland, City.
622 David Brite, R F D 4.
323 Willis W. Simpson, R 1 Wk.
1343 Shelton Corbett, City.
857 J. Wm. Dale, R F D 2.
1059 Caleb W. Ives, City.
357 C. R. Cartwright, R 1 Wksvl.
1043 Wm. D. Glover, City.
1034 Morton Bellamy.

TO UNVEIL MONUMENT

Chapanoke, Aug. 20.—As it was so rainy at the time last appointed for the unveiling of the late John L. Ludford monument by the W. O. W. camp at Okisko, N. C., the date has been set for the First Sunday in September at three o'clock. The Albemarle W. O. W. Camp at Hertford, N. C., will do the unveiling. Gov. S. O. Briant will be the speaker for the occasion, the general public is invited, and especially the near by camps.

IN POLICE COURT

In Police Court, Tuesday morning, Bush Leigh, Enoch Williams, William Glover and Tom Glover, all colored, were fined \$6.66 each for shooting Jesse Robinson, colored, was fined \$9.21 for creating a public nuisance. Raleigh Blount, a colored boy, was charged with assault and ordered to report to Judge Sawyer's office on Saturday morning.