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Nations Must Choose Their Own Government

Pope Benedict In Special Communication Given United Press Declares That Democracy Cannot be Imposed By Arms.

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Rome, August 24.—The United Press has been authorized by the Papal Secretary of State to make the following statement:

"The first two points of the Pontifical appeal for peace treating respectively of disarmament and freedom of the seas, were suggested by President Wilson's well known message to the Senate.

"Consequently, we are inclined to believe that they will now find on the part of the American people the same reception they enjoyed when President Wilson proclaimed them at the Capital.

"The third and fourth points, wherein the mutual condonation of war expenses and damages as well as the mutual restitution of occupied territories were formulated, were taken from public speeches recently delivered and statements of different belligerent nations or resolutions passed by their parliaments. Therefore, these same statements cannot be refuted by them now without contradiction of themselves.

"Moreover, it is necessary to remark as to the condonation of damages caused by war that there is an exception, applying particularly to Belgium.

"The fifth and sixth points concern special territorial questions about which the Holy Father does not and cannot propose anything definite and accordingly confines himself, expressing the wish that said questions shall be examined in a conciliatory spirit, taking into consideration as far as possible any just aspirations of the people.

"The Holy See wishes to emphasize the fact that the appeal was not suggested by any belligerent powers and was not inspired by the particular advantage of any warring nation.

"Finally, the message said nothing about Democracy or the democratization of any existing government because history teaches that when a form of government is imposed by arms it does not and cannot live, and also out of respect to a free will people who, having the right of universal suffrage, may choose whatever form of government they please. For the rest, democracy will receive such impetus from this war that wisdom must prevent its deterioration into any excessive form, such as anarchism."

TWO BILLIONS TO BEAT U-BOATS

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 24.—Nearly two billion dollars for 1,272 ships, aggregating 7,968,000 tons, is the United States Shipping Board's program to beat the submarines, it was officially announced today.

CREW OF DEVONIAN REPORTED SAVED

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 24.—The crew of the torpedoed Leyland liner, Devonian, including 65 Americans, was saved, according to messages received by the State Department.

GERMANS DESTROY BRITISH TANKS

(By United Press)

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Twenty-one British tanks were destroyed by the Germans when the British vainly sought to advance south of Ypres Wednesday.

TO LAUNCH COMPROMISE OF WAR TAX BILL

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 24.—With the wealth confiscation forces threatening a long drawn battle, efforts today were launched to effect a compromise.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR SOLDIER BOYS

The B. Y. P. U. of Blackwell Memorial church will give a special patriotic program at Sunday evening's meeting, in honor of the boys who have gone and those who will go out from its membership as soldiers. Among these are Earl Chesson, Henry Newbold and Joseph Peele, all very active in B. Y. P. U. work since its organization here. The meeting will be held at seven o'clock.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK DISTRIBUTING A VALUABLE HAND BOOK FOR FARMERS.

The First National Bank is giving away a book of valuable information that any farmer will profit by reading as it contains over 100 practical suggestions that will save both TIME and MONEY. The next time you are in town go by and get one as they are free for the asking. adv Aug 21-6t.

"CLEAN SWEEP" LASTS THROUGH SATURDAY

O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store, is just back from a few days fishing at Oregon Inlet, and announces that the big Clean Sweep Sale at Mitchell's is going on with vim and will last until the close of business Saturday night. Customers are coming and going all day every day and bargains are being offered that continue to startle those expecting to find just ordinary reductions.

RESUME FIGHT IN OFFENSIVE

(By United Press)

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French advanced more than a mile today between Avocourt wood and Deadmans Hill in the resumed fighting of the great Verdun offensive.

The French now occupy all of Hill 304.

RUSSIA WILL NOT COLLAPSE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
EXTENDS MORAL AND MATERIAL
AID TO TIDE OVER PENDING
CRISIS

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 24.—The United States government today extended further credit of \$100,000,000 to Russia.

Russia will fight on and not collapse,—that is the general official view here.

Secretary Lansing authorized the statement:

"Don't think that there is any feeling here that Russia is on the verge of collapse. She is stronger today than a month ago, both from a government and military standpoint."

Both moral and material forces have been thrown into the Russian situation by the United States to tide over another crisis in that country. Money, ships, and supplies have been available and a new note expressing confidence in the Russian people will go forward from the State Department.

To night At The Alkrama

(By The Press Agent)

Friday, the Bargain Day in motion pictures is here, and the ALKRAMA HAS A FINE LINE OF BARGAINS.

WILLIAM DESMOND will be the star on the screen tonight in "THE LAST OF THE INGRAMA," a Thos. H. Ince Production, and that is saying enough. Anyhow the story deals with a man who besmirched his family escutcheon, but who is rehabilitated by his inherent sense of fealty to women. Those are some big words, but is a big story, and one that will please.

Now MOLLY KING, the mysterious beauty, so elusive that she is hard to get to Elizabeth City on time, has arrived, she spent the night in the express office, and is now resting at the Alkrama. "The Double Cross," will prove a veritable whirlwind of surprises tonight.

"DONE IN OILS," is the title of a slick Triangle comedy, requested into tonight's FILM FROLIC. Come along and see what is done in oils.

Now that you have read the above outline of the big eight reel, real show, let us have a word about tomorrow. Saturday always looked forward to by both young and old as the crowning glory of a week of wonderful pictures will not disappoint the most exacting. Mr. Kramer has secured "THE SCARLET LETTER," as the headline attraction. The picture is a screen version of the immortal classic of the same name by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and should be seen by all even if you are not strong on literature. William Fox Produced the picture, and you know he is a man who can make a picture more wonderful than any author ever dreamed of writing.

Just a minute, if you are not a child, please relate the following to one: Musty Suffer will be the benediction to the program tomorrow, as there are only a few more Musties in the mustorium, you will please discontinue the fact to the young of the

AT CITY ROAD

The Pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth has returned from conducting a meeting near Windsor and will occupy the pulpit of the City Road Methodist Church at both the morning and the evening services Sunday.

The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 with C. R. Pugh as Superintendent. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Owing to the absence of the Rector, Rev. H. S. Osburn, there will be no services at Christ church until Sunday September 9th, except the Sunday School which will be held on each Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

The congregation of this church will worship at the Union Services which will be held at The First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, August 25th.

AT FIRST BAPTIST

At the First Baptist Church, Sunday August 26th, at 11 a. m. the pastor Dr. B. C. Henning will preach using as his subject "A Strange Trouble."

The Union Services will be held at this church at 8 P. M. at which Rev. J. L. Cunningham will preach.

AT BLACKWELL MEMORIAL

Rev. O. P. Campbell will preach at both the morning and the evening services at Blackwell Memorial Church, Sunday August 25th. The Sunday School will meet at the usual hour. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

THE Y. W. C. A. IN WAR WORK

(By United Press)

New York, Aug. 24.—"Safeguard the girls" is the burden of scores of letters pouring into the national headquarters of the Young Women's Christian Association at New York City.

The National Board of the Y. W. C. A. is confronted with an immense responsibility, for helping safeguard moral conditions in the neighborhood of training camps and for providing for the welfare of women in special industries created by the unusual conditions of war.

A still further responsibility has been brought to them by cable from European countries asking for trained American women to help in the constructive programs for new life among women in Russia, France and England.

Through the National Board the Y. W. C. A. has assembled on its War Work Council a number of women known from ocean to ocean for their public spirited interest on all that affects a community.

Requests have come from a large number of the centers near which troops are being quartered for experienced workers and secretaries to work with local Y. W. C. A.'s in organizing the young women and girls of the various communities with a view to counteracting the very natural attraction which the uniform has for young girls.

Admiration for uniforms is based on a deeper admiration for the manliness and courage of those who are to go over to the front. The lure of the khaki may be made a summons to dignity in the girl and manliness in the soldier.

At various training and concentration camps trained secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. are on the spot gathering up all the resources of the community which can be made to serve the interests of the young women and girls.

There will be a number of cantonments in centers where no large city exists. To these the Y. W. C. A. is giving special attention.

Hostess houses, where women relatives and friends of the soldiers may have a homelike place to meet their soldier friends, are being built.

PUSH FURTHER TOWARD LENS

(By United Press)

London, Aug. 24.—The Canadians today pushed further on the outskirts

Discuss Note At Washington

Diplomats Say That Pope's Views On Democracy Tally With Those Of Lord Balfour Of England.

(By United Press)

Washington, August 24.—The explanation of Pope Benedict's peace offer issued by the Vatican through the United Press immediately revived peace discussion here.

The Holy See's remark that Belgium must be excepted from his original advocacy of mutual condonation of damages caused by war aroused new sympathy for his appeal.

In diplomatic circles the Vatican's comment on world democracy aroused much speculation. Some regarded it as distinctly a message to abandon the intention to fight until the abdication of the Kaiser is forced. It squares, however, with recent comment by Lord Balfour of England who said that the democratization of Germany must come from within.

The Pope's warning against democracy's impetus reaching the stage of anarchism is believed to be particularly for the benefit of Russia.

Copies of the new Vatican note were sent both to President Wilson and the Secretary of State by the United Press and were read in the cabinet meeting this afternoon.

Number Killed Was Fifteen

Total Of Casualties In Texas Riot Increases From Dozen To Fifteen. Negro Troops To Be Removed At Once.

Houston, August 24.—Fifteen are known to have been killed in the race riot last night when members of the 24th U. S. Infantry ran amuck at Camp Logan and on the streets of the city.

The 24th is made up of negro soldiers and these were stationed at Houston as guards during the construction of the camp where Illinois soldiers will train. The outbreak originated in a row between two negro soldiers and the police. The police arrested them for disturbing the peace and sent them to the police station. Shortly afterwards the rioting was begun by the negroes.

Regular army soldiers are on the way to Houston from Galveston to assist civilians and National Guardsmen in preventing a renewal of the rioting.

ASK FOR WITHDRAWAL

Austin, Texas, August 24.—A resolution was introduced in the Texas legislature today by Senator Claude Hudspeth urging the Texas Congressional members to confer with Secretary Baker and demand the immediate withdrawal of all negro soldiers from the State. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

WILL BE MOVED AT ONCE

Washington, August 24.—The negro regulars who engaged in last night's riot at Houston will be moved at once from that city. Secretary Baker announced today.

After visiting Secretary Baker, Senator Sheppard of Texas said that he would recommend to the War Department that no more negro troops be sent into the State.

LEAVE FOR NORTHERN

MARKETS

Mrs. G. B. D. Pritchard and Miss Kate Sanders left today for northern markets to buy goods for Pritchard Millinery Company. They were accompanied by Mr. Pritchard and Miss Clara Pritchard.

AT NAGS HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Twiddy and little son, and Mrs. Pax Twiddy are spending some time at Nags Head.

T. E. L. CLASS TO

GIVE LAWN PARTY

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church will give a lawn party on Riverside Drive tonight at eight o'clock.

The patronage of the public is cordially solicited. Homemade cake and ice cream will be served at popular prices.

WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Satur.