

Decides to Reject Peace Proposals; Scores Monarchs

Reply Regarded As Climax To Argument In Case Humanity's Liberty Vs. Autocratic Ruthlessness

FRESH APPEALS TO GERMAN PEOPLE IN WILSON'S REPLY

Wilson Probable Spokesman of Democratic Allies Before World

General Toner Anticipated Everywhere, But No Idea Had of Strong Terms

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson's rejection of the Pope's peace proposals is regarded here as the high water mark of the war. Furthermore, it is indicative of the virtual selection of the President by the Allies as their spokesman before the world.

The note comes as a climax to the remarkable series of state documents in which President Wilson has argued the cause of world democracy against autocracy and accepted of public opinion and accepted more and more by the people of all the allied countries as expressing their ideals.

There appears to be no doubt that the United States was selected to make answer before the world, in advance of all the others. Whether the Entente nations will and extend replies is not known here. It is regarded as probable that they will in large measure adopt the President's reasoning for their own and send notes of endorsement.

The general tenor of the President's reply was so striking of the forceful terms he would employ to say that the world can have no faith in the autocratic government of Germany.

Appeal to War-Ridden People

Students of diplomacy see in his denunciation of the military autocracy a fresh appeal to the war-ridden German people to doom Hohenzollernism and military domination of peoples. That this can and should be accomplished without the destruction of the German people is one of the striking expressions in the President's note, when he expressly disclaims any intent to seek punitive damages and the dismemberment of empires or even the punishment of the Central Powers after the war by gigantic economic combinations against them.

This shaft is aimed straight over the heads of the army-controlled German foreign office at the understanding and appreciation of the German people, already manifesting many signs of a determination to assert their right to govern themselves by parliamentary methods.

Duty Confided to America.

Active exchanges have been in progress between the President, Secretary Lansing and the Entente Powers, mainly through the American diplomatic representatives abroad, regarding the answer to be made to the Pope's proposals. It seemed by common consent that to America was confided the heavy responsibility of framing and delivering the first of the replies. The propriety of this course was apparent from the consideration of the fact that every one of the Entente premiers and foreign ministers who had spoken publicly on the subject of peace had turned to the language of President Wilson's historic address to Congress, and his other public utterances on the subject as disclosing their own conceptions of the proper bases of peace negotiations. And even more potent than this consideration was the conviction that America was best fitted of all nations to deal with what it was hoped would be the death blow to autocracy of the Germanic type.

Last night the President's note was handed over to the trusted telegraphers of the State Department to be sent on its way by cable to Ambassador Page in London, who was to deliver it to Foreign Minister Balfour for transmission to Rome. At the same time, copies of the communication were placed in the hands of the diplomatic representatives of the Entente powers in Washington for their information.

Although the Pope's proposals were addressed to the leaders of the nations at war, which of course included President Wilson and was signed by the Pontiff himself the response was signed by Secretary Lansing. The latter however expressly stated that he was merely transmitting the President's reply.

The Italian armies operating against the Austrians along the Isonzo have captured more than 23,000 prisoners and have occupied much enemy territory during the fighting of the last week.

Only one-fifth of the men selected through the draft will be called Sept. 5, it is announced by the government. The first intention was to call 30 percent September 5; 30 percent September 15; 30 percent September 30 and 5 percent some time in October.

DUNN'S ROLL OF HONOR

Thirty-nine young men of Dunn are now in active service with the various branches of American arms. Six of these are from two families, Lieutenant William C. Lee, Edward Lee and Henry Lee being sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge Lee; Paul Bailey, Wilbur Bailey and Roy Bailey being sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bailey.

The names of Dunn's heroes follow:

- U. S. ARMY
- William Jones
- W. H. Taylor
- U. S. Expeditionary Forces, France
- Paul Bailey
- Fifth U. S. Coast Artillery, Fort Miles, P. I.
- Wilbur Bailey
- Second U. S. Coast Artillery, Manila, P. I.
- Wilbur Smith
- U. S. Training Camp, Vancouver Barracks, Wash.
- Nelson Peppers
- 23rd U. S. Infantry, Honolulu, H. I.
- U. S. NAVY
- Paul Caldwell
- U. S. Ship Utah, care Post-office

N. Y.

- Wm. C. (Jack) Stewart
- Stewart Norris
- J. Ed. Cole
- U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I.
- Van Buren Hodges
- U. S. Ship North Carolina, care P. M., New York, N. Y.
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- Lieutenant Wm. C. Lee
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- Ralph J. Parker
- Leon Cobb
- Henry C. Lee
- Wesley E. Thompson
- Casper C. Warren
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BOARD EXEMPTS 214 OF FIRST 375; 100 MORE CALLED

Harnett's Quota Expected to Be Completed From Number Examined This Week

Twenty-two are called for re-examinations as to Physical Fitness. 20 More Selected.

Two hundred and fourteen of the first 375 men called before the Harnett Exemption Board had been exempted when examinations were completed Saturday night. 152 had been accepted and 22 were called for re-examinations. An additional 100 men were called for examinations this week. From these the balance to all out the 211 needed to send before the army examination officers will be chosen, it is expected.

Names of those chosen for service, in addition to those published in last week's issue of the Dispatch, follow:

- 273-327 William O. Chance, Bunnlevel
 - 297-1057 L. J. Mayner, Linden
 - 298-1256 Henry Luther McDougald, Lillington, N. C.
 - 305-773 Daniel B. Holder, Broadway
 - 308-510 Geo. D. Elliot, Duke
 - 310-26 Harvey G. Avery, Duke
 - 312-849 Frank Johnson, Bunnlevel
 - 317-858 Geo. K. Johnson, Spout Springs
 - 135-152 Matthews Ray, Duke
 - 330-122 James W. Bain, Dunn
 - 332-642 Robert L. Hunt, Dunn
 - 337-908 Oker Keen, Coats
 - 338-1357 Calvin Harris, Duke
 - 345-1628 Lonnie Seaberry, Dunn
 - 356-738 M. Frank Hare, Duke
 - 354-320 William L. Core, Dunn
 - 360-650 Thomas F. Hockaday, Angier
 - 368-1097 Charles S. Merrill, Olivia
 - 372-848 Geo. Robert Johnson, Dunn
 - 374-121 Lee James Best, Dunn
- The following have been re-called to appear before the exemption Board on August 27th, to be re-examined physically:
- Malcolm Dickens, Broadway
 - Floyd Morris, Broadway
 - Atlas Williams, Linden
 - W. W. Thomas, Olivia
 - Jas. B. Edwards, Duke
 - John P. McQuay, Duke
 - Joseph N. Johnson, Lillington
 - Eoger Byrd, Dunn
 - Jesse M. Morris, Bunnlevel
 - Ed. Williams, Dunn
 - Adolphus Ray, Lillington
 - Jan. McLean, Swan Station
 - Ira S. Brown, Angier
 - Jessie McNeill, Duke
 - Geo. V. Holder, Broadway
 - Dr. E. L. Warren, Dunn
 - Herman W. Whitton, Duke
 - Evaner McN. Bain, Harnett
 - Sandy Smith, Thornwell
 - Andrew J. Waiser, Kipling
 - Hunter Smith, Dunn
- Those Exempted are:
- 648 Malcolm Dickens, Broadway
 - 4-864 Robert Surles Jernigan, Dunn
 - 6-1878 William Alvin Wade, Lillington
 - 7-1095 Floyd Morris, Broadway
 - 8-2022 Atlas Williams, Linden
 - 10-783 Mathew Mack Johnson, Lillington
 - 12-1858 Watson Thomas, Olivia
 - 14-1117 Hector McLean, Lillington
 - 17-837 Bartley Washington Johnson Angier
 - 18-2056 Peter Weathers, Broadway
 - 20-478 Carl Robert Hodges, Dunn
 - 22-509 James Britton Edwards, Duke
 - 25-945 James Thomas Lee, Dunn
 - 25-1287 Eddie McNeill, Bunnlevel
 - 31-545 James Leslie Fowler, Duke
 - 32-125 Duncan Black, Dunn
 - 34-1237 John Finley McGill, Duke
 - 35-784 Joseph Nathan Johnson, Lillington
 - 38-107 Eoger Byrd, Dunn
 - 39-1048 Adolphus Ray, Lillington
 - 40-1543 Melvin Rogers, Broadway
 - 41-1889 Jessie Martin Norris, Bunnlevel
 - 42-616 Bob Lee Gunter, Duke
 - 44-1076 Robert Milton Stewart, Dunn
 - 45-1286 Alexander McLean, Bunnlevel
 - 49-692 Lonnie Hodges, Dunn
 - 50-606 Calob Walker Goodwin, Coats
 - 51-1986 William Archie Wade, Duke
 - 54-1682 Charles Stewart, Dunn
 - 56-309 Otho Cobb, Angier
 - 62-1548 Marion Lennel Rollins, Kipling
 - 64-1064 Robert William Moore, Lillington
 - 65-924 Jack Lee, Dunn
 - 68-1178 Mark W. McQuay, Dunn
 - 71-1329 Jesse Meely, Dunn
 - 72-110 Percy Elmon Adams, Angier
 - 74-1081 Vernon Bright Morgan, Dunn
 - 76-1321 Herbert William Nordan, Angier
 - 77-1655 Daniel Jefferson Stewart, Dunn
 - 79-1282 Alexander McLean, Duke
 - 81-1847 Nehemiah Thomas, Broadway
 - 84-1536 Earnest Franklin Ryals, Duke
 - 86-1725 Henry Colon Stewart, Lillington
 - 87-1779 John Thurman Smith, Spout Springs
 - 88-1238 Velle R. McGee, Duke
 - 92-655 Benjamin Foyd Honeycutt, Angier
 - 93-927 Lonnie Green Lawrence, Kipling
 - 94-1484 Edward Lee Parker, Lillington
 - 96-1751 Andrew Stewart, Lillington
 - 97-501 Nathan Henry Goodwin, Dunn
 - 98-1322 Murphy Ferguson McKay, Cameros
 - 100-1103 Harry Harrison McAlister, Duke's Creek
 - 102-606 Robert Jasper Gurganious, Overhills
 - 108-182 Nathaniel Jay Black, Lillington

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JAPAN REAFFIRMS HER DEVOTION TO THE ALLIE'S CAUSE

Ishii Places Wreath of Flowers on Tomb of Washington, "Citizen of the World."

Japanese Mission, With Notable American and Other Statesmen, Visit Mt. Vernon

Recent Ishii, the special ambassador from Japan, placing a wreath of roses and crysanthema on the tomb of George Washington at Mt. Vernon Sunday, affirmed the right for Japan to honor Washington's memory and reaffirmed her devotion to the Allies' cause and the principles for which they were fighting.

The members of the Japanese mission, with Secretary and Mrs. Daniels as hosts, sat down the Potomac on the President's great Mayflower. Accompanying them were Ambassador Sato, Secretary Lansing, Medford and Baker, Postmaster General Burleson, Speaker of the House, members of the Senate and House, high officers of the army, navy and marine corps, members of the missions of other European countries and many prominent people in diplomatic and official life.

With the red sun of Japan on a white field waving, the Stars and Stripes above him, the representative of one of the oldest civilizations on earth, on the soil of one of the youngest, paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of the only man who has alike been honored and is honored by the nations striving for democracy.

Viscount Ishii Speaks

"In the name of my gracious sovereign, the Emperor of Japan, and representing all the liberty-loving people who own his way, I stand today in this sacred presence—not to affirm the name of Washington—for that were presumption—but to offer the simple tribute of a people's reverence and love.

"Washington was an American, but America, great as she is, powerful as she is, certain as she is of her splendid destiny, can lay no exclusive claim to his immortal name. Washington is not a citizen of any one land; today he belongs to all mankind. And so men everywhere from the ends of the earth to his memory and to reiterate their faith in the principles to which he has dedicated his life.

"The Emperor of Japan, in reverence and respect—for there is no gulf between the ancient East and the modern West—too deep and wide for her people to comprehend the understandings of her people to cross.

"Comrades in Holy Cause.

"It is a fitting place, at this time, when all the world is filled with turmoil and suffering, for comrades in a holy cause to gather and here reiterate their fealty to a righteous purpose.

"Japan is proud to place herself beside her noble allies in this high resolve and here, in the presence of these deathless ashes, she reaffirms her devotion to the cause and principles for which they wage battle, fully determined to do her whole part in securing for the world the blessings of liberty, justice and lasting peace.

"As the representative of my people, I then place this wreath upon the tomb of Washington with reverent hands; and in so doing it is my proud privilege to again pledge my country to the principles of right and justice which have given immortality to the name of Washington."

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DEATH RATE DECLINES

Vigorous Campaign For Food Production Has Saved Many Lives in New Hanover

Wilmington, August 28.—That the vigorous campaign in Wilmington and New Hanover County for food production and conservation has resulted in a marked decline in the death rate of both adults and children is the striking statement of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbit, Superintendent for Health for the city and county. Dr. Nesbit is one of the best known health officers in the United States, his work here having attracted the attention of health authorities throughout the country. The decline is shown by vital statistics for the past few months compared with the same months of previous years.

Decline in the death rate is attributed to larger variety in the diet of people of the city and country resulting from the tremendous increase number of garden. Many fresh vegetables have tonic qualities, besides providing a larger quantity of minerals and salts than are found in the limited diet of most people.

The New Hanover Food Conservation Commission has planned to continue its work through the fall and winter and until the end of the war.

"The New Hanover Commission will still be plugging away when Peace is declared in Europe," declares Chairman W. A. McGirt.

HORSE BELONGING TO FRANK BUTLER BREAKS LEG IN FALL

A horse belonging to Frank Butler was shot here Saturday after breaking its leg in a fall on the pavement in Broad street.

The bones of the animal's leg broke entirely through the skin, leaving its hoof dangling.

FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE TO MRS. BETTIE GODWIN'S HOME

Fire originating from a defective stove flue yesterday morning did slight damage to Mrs. Bettie Godwin's home in the southeastern quarter of town.

The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the fire truck, but burned a hole in the roof of a rear wing of the building.

NEGRO UPRISING IS THREATENED, SAYS PATRIOTIC SOCIETY

Charges that Germans Offer Money and Direction to Insurrection

Some Negro Leaders Have Turned Letters Over to Authorities at Washington

A negro uprising, financed and directed by German agents, is eminent, if fears expressed by officers of the Patriotic Education Society are not groundless. In a statement issued Sunday by the society it is declared that German agents have urged negroes to rise up against the whites and have promised them personal aid as well as money.

Henry A. Wood, Perry Belmont and other prominent men are officers of the society issuing the warning.

The statement reads:

"The Patriotic Education Society sends the following warning to the press with the request that it be given the widest publicity in the interest of national defense:

"Information has reached the responsible officers of this society of wide-spread German propaganda, urging the negroes of America to rise against the whites and promising German aid and money to finance the insurrection.

"The ignorant negroes are being told that when Germany rules in America the blacks will have equal rights with the whites. In Germany these credulous people are informed, the color line does not exist—the black is as good as the white.

"Anonymous postal cards and letters carrying the latest Plan of San Diego have been received by leaders among the negroes who have brought them to the attention of the authorities. Thus far, these letters and possibly have only been received from a few individuals, but when the blacks predominate but there is every reason to believe that the propagandist have sown their seed in other parts of the country. Loyal negroes also express the opinion that German agents have used money among the negroes to cause a rising when Berlin gives the word.

"This evidence of Germany's intention to carry her doctrine of frightful Selous to the Negroes of America is a warning to the Negroes of America to be on their guard against the insurrection of the unfortunate poor white people in the mountains of Virginia.

"Germany is waiting the psychological moment which is near at hand. Our national army is preparing to enter their continent, our regulars and our National Guard in France or on their way. Meantime the pacifists are urging peace, the disloyal German press and that part of the American press, which secretly favors Germany's cause, are trying to keep the nation to keep its sons at home. If Germany through the speed of race riot, incendiarism, sabotage and labor troubles can create a reign of terrors in this country she believes that thousands of Americans will add their voices to the pacifists and traitors to bring about a German peace."

CAN LENGTHEN LIFE FIFTEEN YEARS

Learning How To Live the Secret, Says Roosevelt Conservation Commission

Fifteen years is the length of time one may add to his life by applying what is now known of personal hygiene. This statement was made by the Roosevelt Conservation Commission in its Report on National Vitality.

The findings of the Commission have reversed the impressions of a generation ago that the average human lifetime was a fixed allotment doled out by fate. It teaches now that our doom is a variable thing and that it is more or less in our power to control.

Learning how to live is the secret of how one may add fifteen years to his life. Individual hygiene, or the hygiene of personal habits, according to the Commission, contains possibilities of self-improvement far beyond what ninety-nine persons out of a hundred have ever realized. In other words, only 1 percent of people today know how to live. The other 99 percent are victims of improper living habits and the customs of our so-called civilization. They have not learned to order their lives according to their physical needs. They are content to tolerate bad air, bad food, imperfect teeth, wrong posture, improper clothing, constipation, self-drugging, alcoholism and other conditions of the average life.

The 99 percent who have not learned how to live, says the Commission, are responsible for the increase of 41 percent of the country's death rate from wear and tear diseases in twenty years. Wear and tear diseases are said to be the product of civilization, not that civilization is all wrong but that people have not yet learned to adjust their habits of living to its demands.

CLYDE WADE SEEKS ENLISTMENT IN N. C. ENGINEERS

Clyde Wade, 18 years old, son of W. Frank Wade, left Monday for Greenville, S. C., where he will make an effort to join the North Carolina company of engineers stationed there.

Clyde accompanied Edward Lee, another Dunn youngster, who was returning to camp after a brief furlough spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge Lee.

Clyde has a brother already in the service. The brother is Ralph Wade, for a long time a popular clerk in the Dunn postoffice.

PATRIOTIC MEETS ASKED BY BICKETT IN PROCLAMATION

Saturday and Monday Designated For Holding Local County Meetings

Religious Services in All Churches Sunday. Governor Wants Prayer For Men Who Go

Designating Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 1, 2, and 3, as days upon which North Carolinians are to do honor to the 25,000 of their young brothers who are called to the colors in defense of Liberty, Governor Thomas W. Bickett in a proclamation just issued calls upon all loyal citizens to join in appropriate exercises on those days.

The Governor asks that Saturday be given over to township and school district meetings. Sunday he wants all churches to hold services of prayer for American arms and American safety. Monday, which is labor day, he wants patriotic meetings to be held in every county seat, with every drafted man a guest of honor.

The Governor's proclamation follows:

"North Carolina is about to send twenty-five thousand men into battle. These men are making the supreme sacrifice that forever hereafter the wisdom of the many shall determine the decrees of nations. They go to meet war on war. They go to destroy with the sword the government that maintains that the sword is, and of right ought to be, the final arbiter of a nation's rights.

"When the government that defies war shall perish in war then war will come no more upon the earth.

"It is fit that these guardians of the world's peace should be sustained by the love and prayers of all good men:

"Nor, therefore, I Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do request the people of the State:

"First, to hold on Sunday, the first day of September, in township and school district meetings, and hold patriotic exercises in honor of the men we are sending to the front:

"Second on Sunday, September 1, let special religious services be held in all the churches in the State, and let all good men pray for the safety and success of the 25,000 young men who are going to the front:

"Third, that on Labor Day, September 3, let the people of the State, in every county seat, do honor to the men who have been drafted into the public service as the guests of honor at these exercises.

"Done at our city of Raleigh this the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence."

GET THE SCHOOL HOUSE IN ORDER

Make Repairs and See That Sanitation is Not Neglected

The State Board of Health is urging that school houses be put in order now, that all repairs be made before school starts, and particularly that the sanitation of the school and grounds be looked after. The things suggested in the following questions which every school board must answer:

Is the water supply for your school clean and safe? Does it contain surface drainage?

Have your sanitary means for the disposal of waste water in the school been drafted into the public service as the guests of honor at these exercises.

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The findings of the Commission have reversed the impressions of a generation ago that the average human lifetime was a fixed allotment doled out by fate. It teaches now that our doom is a variable thing and that it is more or less in our power to control.

Learning how to live is the secret of how one may add fifteen years to his life. Individual hygiene, or the hygiene of personal habits, according to the Commission, contains possibilities of self-improvement far beyond what ninety-nine persons out of a hundred have ever realized. In other words, only 1 percent of people today know how to live. The other 99 percent are victims of improper living habits and the customs of our so-called civilization. They have not learned to order their lives according to their physical needs. They are content to tolerate bad air, bad food, imperfect teeth, wrong posture, improper clothing, constipation, self-drugging, alcoholism and other conditions of the average life.

The 99 percent who have not learned how to live, says the Commission, are responsible for the increase of 41 percent of the country's death rate from wear and tear diseases in twenty years. Wear and tear diseases are said to be the product of civilization, not that civilization is all wrong but that people have not yet learned to adjust their habits of living to its demands.

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Harnett Official Expects Impatience That He is an Aid to the Kaiser

Compare His Military Record to that of Men Who 'Wish' Him up in Daily Press

"If serving in the army of your country in the past, offering your services in the present, adding in re-education and counsel to those who are now in the colors, you can make the most of it," says Walter F. Byrd to Walter D. Siler, replying through the Greenville News to an attack made upon his loyalty by Solicitor Siler.

Solicitor Siler's attack upon the Daily News was made through the Daily News and was published as a news item in the Dispatch last week. In this letter Mr. Siler said to Mr. Byrd that in his judgment "men like you . . . are giving more aid and comfort to the Kaiser than all the German spies and traitors who are lurking between Maine and Minnesota."

Mr. Byrd's letter, as published in the News, follows:

Editor of The Daily News:

In today's News I was astonished to find a letter written by Hon. Walter D. Siler, Solicitor, in which he makes public a personal letter by me to him, and an answer to the same, which is the first indication I have had, that he took it seriously enough to even answer.

I presume that personal letters to others than the Editor, and the answers to them are usually undecipherable newspaper matter, but since you have published Mr. Siler's letter in reply to it I must ask you to permit me to answer through your paper, and I conceive to be a serious attack on my loyalty.

Lillington, N. C., Aug. 19, 1917

Hon. Walter D. Siler, Solicitor, City, N. C.

Dear Sir—When I returned from duty in the army, where I had in my hands a number of medals and decorations, and a number of letters from my family, and feeling at peace with all men, I was astonished upon opening the Daily News to find that my name was placed in every county seat in the State and let the men who have been drafted into the public service as the guests of honor at these exercises.

"Done at our city of Raleigh this the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence."

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