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WILSON'S REPLY TO GERMAN REQUEST FOR ARMISTICE SAYS HUNS MUST FIRST GET OUT

## **DOUBTS IF GERMAN CHAN-CELLOR SPOKE FOR PEOPLE**

Not Disposed to Propose Cessasion of Arms to Allied Nations While Armies of Central Powers Hold Conquered Ground

Washington .-- President Wilson addressed to Germany an inquiry designed to test the sincerity of Germany in her peace offrs. He serves notice on Germany that no armistice is possible while the armies of the central powers are upon allied soil. And, he added the good faith of any discussion would depend upon the willingness of the Teutons to withdraw their forces at once from invaded territory. The message was officially designed as an inquiry, not a reply to the German oace note. It asked the German chancellor for the exact meaning, and questioned whether he meant Germany was ready to accept the fourteen terms and discuss only practical details of their application.

The president also made a subtle maneuver when in his message he ingaired whether Prince Max spoke for Germany's war lords or was the peopie's mouthpiece as well. If as generally believed here, Germany's peace offer was hypocritical, the president's answer is designed to put the masters of Germany into a diplomatic hole. They must now accept President Wilson's peace terms as a whole in good faith or stand before the world conwisted of deceit.

His query as to the exact meaning of Prince Max's proposal was interpreted as leaving the way open to further Teuton concessions. His next paragraph-the predicted refusal to deal with the Germans while still on allied soil-was the distinctive American response to the German offer. not answer the queries satisfactorily, and hence there will be no peace necotiations at this time.

The president's reply was taken as fully squaring with advanced predictions of a refusal to accept the Teuton offer now. But the fact that the president left an opening for further dealings came as more or less of a surprise. It was generally hailed, however, as an ingenious means of discrediting the kaiser and his assoclates.

The text of the president's message. as incorporated in a message Secretary of State Lansing delivered to the Swiss charge d'affaires, follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowl

Hysterical Demonstrations Follow Re ceipt of News that Government Would Make Proffer

GERMANS WANT PEACE

Amsterdam .- Excited crowds in the streets of Berlin tore special editions of the newspapers containing the speech of Prince Maximilian, the new chancellor, from the hands of the news dealers. Everywhere shouts of "Peace has come," "Peace at last," were heard. Theodor Wolff, in Perlin Tageblatt, thus describes the scenes in the German capital, and adds: "One would like to share this hope, and yet for the present, at least, one has to be dublous and skeptical."

This note of doubt pervades a large section of the German press, apart from the pan-German irreconcilables. Herr Wolff continues:

"Surely if an honest world could today exorcise the war frenzy, President Wilson ought to be won by the pure love of humanity which fills Prince Maximilian's breast. President Wilson ought to say to himself that peace by annihilation would only exalt chauvinism in the entente countries and that therefore continuation of the war would not serve his ideals. All this the president of the United States ought to do, but whether he will do it is uncertain. Therefore one should not indulge in premature hopes."

Herr Wolft declares that the powers of yesterday is. Germany are opnly hostile to Prince Maximilian's speech, while secretly rejoicing that theirs is not the responsibility in this most difficult hour. But, he says their responsibility will nevertheless not be forgotten by the nation.

Enroll to Fight Epidemic Washington .--- Mobilization of the full forces of the American Red Cross to combat the epidemic of Spanish influenza, which is rapidly spreading over the country is determined upon and instructions sent to all chapters. In co-operation with the public health service and the state board of health. the Red Cross will enroll nurses and will freely use its accumulated hospital supplies to fight the epidemic. A call will be made for volunteers to go into the home where mothers and housekeepers are ill and assume the management of the household.

In a further effort to curb the speed of the disease, Surgeon General Blue of the public health service, suggested to all state health officers that schools Aut/orities believe that Germany can and places of amusement be closed and the public health service suggested public meetings discontinued in all places where the malady becomes prevalent. Importance of reporting cases also was urged by Dr. Blue.

#### Grocers to Display Prices

Washington .- By the display of fair price certificates in the windows of loyal retail grocers, the public will be able to determine what stores are cooperating in the enormous food-saving program which the war has imposed and which America is obliged to fulfill. All retail grocers in the United States are asked to sign a pledge to conform to the rules and regulations of the od administration and to co-operate fully in the conservation program. All dealers who sign this pledge will receive direct from the food administration attractive certificates, which are to be posted in the grocery windows

SHORT STATE NOTES News of Nebraska Told In **Condensed** Form

While excavating for a cesspool at Riverton, Franklin county, workmen struck a vein of oil. The oil is said to be of good quality.

The Spanish "Flu" has made its apparance at both the Lincoln hospitat for the insane and the state penitentiary.

Since the new potash plant began operation at Antioch a total of about 700 tons of potash a day is being produced in Nebraska.

Box Butte county's potato crop this year is estimated at about 750,000 bushels, or an average of about 100 bushels to the acre.

Figures compiled by the State Publicity Bureau show that Nebraska will .- an increase of nearly 3,500 000 bushraise enough sugar beets this year to produce 120,000,000 pounds of sugar.

The sugar campaign has been started in factories of western Nebraska and, owing to the splendid beet crop. It probably will continue for about four months.

Several cases of sickness have de veloped in and near Edgar recently which were thought to be Spanish influenza, but investigation proved that the cases were smallpox.

The session of the grand lodge of the Degree of Honor, scheduled to meet at Hastings last week, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

A. H. Backhaus, for the past fifteen years editor of the Pierce Leader, has retired from the newspaper game. He has disposed of the paper to W. H. Brown, a well known newspaper man.

Following the death of Lawson Sheldon, 18, son of former Governor Sheldon of Nebraska, at the Students' Army Training Camp, at the State University at Lincoln, from Spanish influenza, the camp was placed under quarantine.

The Nebraska State convention of the Baptist church, which was to be held at Omaha Oct. 5 to 10, has been postponed for one month as the result of precautions taken by Omaha health officials to prevent an epidemic of Spanish influenza.

If plans of the University of Nebraska Extension Service do not go wrong every county in the state will have a sorghum mill next year. The industry has been revived in several counties this year and in all cases the demand for the product is far in excess of the supply.

In reply to an inquiry from Governor Neville regarding Nebraskans in Uncle Sam's service, C. A. Nippell of Niobrara, reported to the governor that he had five sons in the service. two in France and three in this country, and that he was rejected because

en this year. After a campaign of one and a half

days, Burt county went "over the top". in the Fourth Liberty loan drive. Toe county's quota is \$979,000.

Prospecting for oll in the vicinity of Potter is to begin about Nov. 1. At least one well will be drilled by the company backing the project.

Much agitation is manifest in Sheridan county over the question of county division. Petitions are being circulated for a vote on the proposition. Plans are already under way for reconstructing the National Potash company plant, which was destroyed by fire at Antioch, with a loss of about

Sebraska's football team went down to defeat before the Iowa eleven at Lincoln by a score of 12 to 0. It was the first game of the Cornhusker team has lost to Iowa since 1899.

Nearly £,000,000 bushels of grain were received in Omaha in September els over the receipts for the corresponding month of last year.

The Custer County Council of Defense has been petitioned by the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock association for permission to construct a ten thousand bushel elevator at Comstock.

sidering the reopening of the serum plant at the state farm near Lincoln. which furnished virus to farmers at cost until the last legislature failed to make the necessary appropriation to muintain It.

A Crete automobile dealer in order to live up to recommendations laid down by the government as a war necessity, has notified his patrons that he will close his garage on Sundays; will rent no cars for joy riding and will sell no high priced pleasure cars until after the war is won.

Two Nebraska enlisted men, Edward Kelly of Maxwell and C. I. have lost their lives when the American patrol boat Tampa was sunk near England by a German U-boat. More than 100 persons aboard the vessel perished, reports say.

Call has been made upon Nebraska for 429 Class I, Group A, men of grammar school education, and who have some aptitude for and some experience as truck drivers and repairers, tractor operators and wagoners. These men are to be sent to the State University at Lincoln for instruction

in such trades. When the upper branch of congress refused to sanction the woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, which had previously been approved by the house, our two senaors voted, Norris, republican, for the measure, and Hitchcock, democrat, gainst it.

Governor Neville has issued a proc-



HOW PRESIDENT'S ANSWER WAS RECEIVED BY CONGRESS

ALL MEN ARE NOT SATISFIED

Note Prepared With a View of Testing Sincerity of the Central Powers

TERMS GERMANY MUST MEET Following are the fourteen necessary elements of world peace as outlined by the president: 1-No secret diplomacy.

2-Freedom of the seas.

4-Such armaments only as are consistent with domestic

5-Impartial adjustment of colonial claims.

6-Evacuation of Russian ferritory.

7-Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.

8-Return of French territory and Alsace-Lorraine wrong righted.

9-Readjustment of frontiers of Italy

10-Autonomous government for Austro-Hungary.

11-Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro exacuated and territories restored.

12-Sovereighty for Turkish Ottoman empire and free passage thru Dardeneiles.

13-Independence of Poland. 14-Political independence to great and small states alike.

Washington .- President Wilson's note of inquiry to the imperial German government was received by con-Johnson of Ragan are reported to gress with mixed feelings. It came as something of a surprise, many senators and representatives having anficipated that the president would reply to Germany with the same blunt rejection to which he treated the Austrian peace proposal several weeks

> Some members viewed the president's note with disappointment, but the prediction was generally made that his final answer to Germany would equal all expectations. Administration leaders pointed out that the note must not be regarded as a reply but merely an inquiry. They explained that it was prepared undoubtedly to test the sincerity of the German proposal and to nullify any advantage the German government might have gained with its own subjects by appearing conscientiously desirous of peace.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee, made this statement: "The lamation calling the next general elec- president's preliminary answer is well tion for Tuesday, Nov. 5. The procla- calculated to develop the issue. It and taking their ballot and state repmation does not include the proposi- will prevent Germany from concealing resentatives of political organizations

### FACING DELICATE TASK

Prince Max Must Stand On Side of Military or Socialist-Liberal Group

Washington .- An early response to President Wilson's note of inquiry to the German chancellor is expected by American officials. While realizing that an answer to the three pertinent questions put to the prince of Baden will be very difficult if the original proposals of the German government were not sincere, offfials here are confident that internal conditions in Germany and the tremendous exigencies of the military situation will force speedy action by the chancellor if he hopes to prolong the existence of his cabinet beyond a few days. So far as the hold of the government upon the people is concerned, conditions in Austria are even far worse than those in Germany. This fact is calculated to strongly affect the German government, which is understood to entertain grave doubts of the strength of purpose of the dual mon archy and to fear that Austria, or perhaps Hungary, acting independently, will follow Bulgaria in seeking ats unconditional peace. This would leave Germany to wage the war alone, for it is a foregone conclusion that Turkey is already lost to the Central alliance

Loan is in Danger

Washington .- The treasury department openly admits that the slow progress of the Fourth Liberty loan towards its six billion dollar goal is a matter of serious concern. With the three weeks' subscription period half gone the loan is only 30 per cent subscribed. The total reported to the treasury is \$1,791,463,200. "There is no use in denying or attempting to camouffage the fact that Liberty Loan committees throughout the country are confronted with a serious situation," said the treasury statement. "If the loan is to be subscribed, a daily average of \$467,000,000 must be raised between now and October 19. Cognizant of the fact that the loan never can succeed at its present rate of speed, canvassers throughout the country are stating plainly to all citizens that they must buy bonds in. larger amounts than heretofore. Wealthy persons, particularly, must godeeper into their capital or extend their credit and not depend upon their current income to pay for bonds. People of moderate and small means must pledge their future earnings in greater degree."

#### Prepare for Soldier Vote

Washington. - Regulations under which officers and men of the navy stationed in home camps may vote in primary or general elections of their state, are announced by acting Secretary Crowell. The general staff has arranged to permit election officials to to into the various camps and establish headquarters for registering the men ion for a recall of the partial woman or disguising the real issue. I believe have been asked to designate repre-

# 3-Equality of trade. safety.

State University authorities are con-

edge on behalf of the president your note of October 6, inclosing a communication from the German government to the president, and, I am instructed by the president to request you to make the following communication to the imperial German chancellor:

"Before making reply to the resuest of the imperial German government and in order that the reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the mo. mentous interests involved resuire. the president of the United States dgems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the imperial chancellor. Does the imperial chancellor mean that the imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the president in his address to the congress of the United States on the 8th of January fast and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?

"The president feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the government with which the government of the United States is associated against the central powers so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the central powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The president also feels that he is justified in asking whether the imperial chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view."

Panic on Berlin Exchange Geneva .- An indescribable panic, without precedent, broke out on the Berlin stock exchange when it became known that the government asked for an armistice, according to the Neueste Nachrichten of Munich. Shipping and armament company shares especially were affected.

#### Ferdinand a Broken Man

Amsterdam.-Former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by Prince Cyril, his second son, two Bulgarian generals and a large suite, has passed through Budapest to his estate at Erenthal, lower Austria, says a Budapest disptach to the Colonge Gazette. Ferdinand's formerly stately appearance had undergone a change through the stress of recent events and he walked sadly up and down the platform at Ordka leaning heavily on his stick. His head was bowed and in his haggard face were deep furroughs. The assassin fed.

#### Substitute for Radium

Golden, Colo.-Dr. Richard B. Moore of the United States bureau of mines. here, announces he has discovered a substitute for radium, which he has named mesothorium. He will explain his discovery to the American Institute of mining engineers, which meets in Milwaukee soon. As there are only three ounces of radium in the world's entire supply mesothorium will at once come into wide use as a substitute for that element in luminous paints, aeroplane dials, compasses and gun sights, according to Dr. Moore.

#### Confession from Kaiser

Washington .-- Everywhere in Washington one hears the comment that the tremendous military success of the allies have forced the cry for peace from the lips of the Teutonic rulers, and Emperor William's proclamation to his troops comes as a full confession of the fact. At the same time it is noted that the kaiser has made 'offers" of peace, again speaking of a victory, and officials here see little pacifism in the tone.

#### May Extend Daylight Bill

Washington. -- Indefinite continua ion of the "daylight saving" time schedule is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Calder of New York with the endorsement of Chairman Baruch of the war industries board. who believes daylight saving should continue as a coal conservation measure. Under the present law all time pieces will be turned back an hour on October 27.

#### Has Left Two Warships

London .- Austro-Hungary has at the most only two modern battleships left. She has lost a large number of small craft and now Darazzo, the advanced base of her depleted fleet, has beer rendered useless.

#### Hindenburg Quits His Job

London .- Field Marshal von Hin denburg has resigned as chief of the German general staff after a heated interview with the emperor in which the field marshal declared that a retreat on a large scale was impossible to avoid, according to a General News dispatch from Amsterdam.

German Police Chief Shot Zurich .- The chief of the German police force in Warsaw, Poland, has been shot by an unidentified person

of his age.

A. D. Scott, editor of the Edgar Sun has received a letter through the mail written by a pro-German accusing him and the associate editor, Dr. Cacterline, of publishing articles against Germany and threatening both men with personal violence if the practice is continued.

Spanish influenza has made its ap pearance in many counties in Ne braska and drastic measures have all ready been taken in scores of cities and towns to halt the spread of the disease. While the situation in some parts of the state is serious, health authorities say there is no cause for alarm. A number of deaths have already resulted from the malady. In the vicinity of Geneva, where the disease first made its appearance in the state, three deaths have occurred. A large number of cases have been reported in Dodge county in the neighborhood of North Bend. Both Lincoln and Omaha are in the grip of the disease. In a further effort to curb the spread of the epidemic, Surgeon General Blue of the public health service) at Washington suggested to all state health officers that schools and places of amusements be closed and public meetings be discontinued in all places where the malady becomes prevalent. All chapters of the American Red Cross have been notified to co-operate with state and local health authorities and to freely use its accumulated hos-

pital supplies to fight the epidemic. The Nebraska Telephone company has made application to the state rail- state to report to Washington on its way commission, asking for a 20 per home garden project. Twenty-seven cent increase in revenues. Whether this will be a straight increase on both toll and exchange charges is not known.

After deliberating five hours a jury at Norfolk which heard the case of the Rev. William Windolph, pastor of the Catholic church at Creighton, who was charged with making disloyal statements, disagreed and was discharged.

Women in a number of Nebraska counties, and especially in Hamilton, Lancaster, Howard and Butler, are doing splendid work in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign. Otoe, formerly Berlin, Otoe county, suffered a disastrous fire the other in subscriptions. day, an entire square block in the town having been destroyed. The loss months ago.

suffrage law enacted by the last legislature which has been in the courts, and thus women will be able to vote for all but constitutional offices.

The State Railway Commission has asked for an injunction in the federal court at Lincoln, alleging that the act of congress authorizing the president to take over telephone companies con-

fers no authority whatsoever to initiate rates for services by telephone companies. The suit is intended to test the right of the postmaster general to establish charges for intrastate service for telephone companies. Arrangements have been made to have Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the noted suffragette, and member of the National Council of Defense, speak in Omaha, November 6-8, before the Ne-The musical fatures secured for the meeting are Mme. Helen Stanley, the prima donna soprano, and Jacques-Thibaud, the noted French soldier violinist. These notables will appear

only once in Nebraska this season. The first ballot to reach a soldier and be returned of those sent out by the secretary of state for the general received by Secretary of State Pool from Lloyd B. Moyer, who formerly lived at Ainsworth. He is a musician on the battleship Ohio. The secretary of state has mailed abroad 3,730 envelopes containing the ballots. Probably 20,000 ballots will be mailed out to soldiers of Nebraska in the U.S.

Hebron is the first town of the boys and girls completed the garden project this year. The twenty-seven boys and girls received a total of \$294.29 for their garden produce. Each made a clear profit of \$6. All gardens

were in backyards. The State Council of Defense has endorsed the United War Workers' campaign to raise funds to carry on their activities, which will take place from Nov. 11 to 19.

The big drive to raise Nebraska's quota of \$70,000,000 of the Fourth Liberty Loan started off with a "bang" last Monday morning. When the campaign closes, Oct. 19, it is hoped our state will be near the top

Pender shoved Thurston county "over the top" in the drive for clothis estimated at \$75,000. Misfortune ing for Belgian relief conducted by has laid a heavy hand on the town in the Red Cross. The quota for the the past few years, it being nearly county was 870 pounds. One thouwiped out by the 1918 tornado and, sand six hundred and forty-four artiseverely damaged by fire several cles were shipped, weighing 2,008 pounds.

it to have been a wise step on the to the note of Prince Maximilian to obtain exactly the intention of the his reply to Prince Maximilian's communication.

#### Crop Report Sounds Better

Washington .- The indicated wheat crop is 918,290,000 bushels, the department of agriculture estimated. The total as given in the final figure for 1917 was 650,828,000. An improvement in the corn crop was noted in the report of condition as of October 1, which gave the condition 68.6, as against 67.4 a month ago. The indicated corn crop is 2.717,775,000 bushels compared with 3,150,494,000 as the final figure for 1917. A year ago the braska State Teachers' convention. condition of corn was 75.9. The ten year average for the month is 75.0. The indicated oats crop is 1.535,297,-The final for 1917 was 1.587,286,-000. The indicated yield a month ago 1.447.000.000. The indicated was spring wheat yield is 363,195,000. A month ago the indicated yield was 232,758,000. The indicated corn yield 232758,000. The indicated corn yield election, going across the water, was, per acre October 1 was 23.9 bushels, A month ago the indicated yield per acre was 23.5 bushels. The final for 1917 was 26.4 bushels. The ten year aver age yield is 26.4 per acre. The indicated yield of spring wheat per acre is 16.1 bushels. The final for 1917 was 12.6 bushels. The ten year average is 13.1 bushels. The indicated vield of all wheat per acre is 15.6 bushels, compared with a ten year average of 14.7 bushels.

#### Increase Artillery Program

Washington .- Huge increases in the artillery program have been decided on by the ordnance department, which asked the house appropriations committee to add \$1.100,000,000 to its estimates of \$2,667,000,000 to carry out its part of the enlarged army program. The war department has decided to eighty divisions that America expects to have in France next year.

Washington.-The state department was officially notified of the abdication of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria on the night of October 3 and the succession of the crown prince Boris. The new ruler, as well as prime minister Malin off and two other members of the cabinet retained in office, are regarded as friendly to the United States and the allies.

London-German gold is being spent freely in Spain in an effort te prevent that country from jumping in to the war on the side of the allies.

sentatives for the purpose. Literature part of the president before replying designed to instruct the voter in the manner of casting his ballot may be distributed from camp election booths, German government before framing but distribution designed to influence him in regard to his choice is forbidden.

#### Chile Faors League

Santiago.-Beltran Mathieu, the new Chilean ambassador to Washington, in a statement regarding the relations of the South American republics with the United States declared that all the republics should have worked together from the beginning of the war, as such a group would have been a moral force demanding consideration from the first. "Today," he added, "the only things that remains is to sympathize heartly with the attitude of the United States which cannot but benefit us. Regarding a league of nations, if the United States undertakes to form it we may accept it as an accomplished fact. A league will be the best guarantee for small nations."

#### Hindenburg Line Gone

Parls.-The Hindenburg line no. longer bars the path of the allies. The definite rupture of it was achieved on the first day of the fighting in the new development north of the Escant. To Anglo-Saxon forces went the honor of storming the last remnants of the extraordinary maze of defenses, between Cambrai and St. Quentin. The day's fighting was notable also in that the enemy's losses must have run into tens of thousands of men in the various sectors of the long bathle front. In addition important strategic objects were attained.

#### Turkey Disintegrating

London.-The surrender of Turkey within the next forty-eight hours will not surprise well informed quarters in London, the Evening Standard says today. The British authorities, it adds, provide more big guns for each of the are in possession of information show ing that a process of disintegration exists in Constantinople.

#### **Forestalls Depredations**

Washington.-The Belgian govern ment, according to an official dispatch from France, has been in consultation for the past week with the allied powers regarding measures to be ad opted in case the Gormans continue depredations in Belgiwa and northern France. A demand is made that the Germans be warned to stop their cruelty and destruction while evacuat ing the country. Amba eador Sharp the dispatch says, has visited the ruined districts of France editoting proofs of the devastation.