

BRITISH MUST FACE A SHOCK IN THE WEST

PREMIER CALLS ON ENGLAND FOR MORE SOLDIERS TO HOLD LINE TILL U. S. AID COMES.

SAYS MUST NOT TALK PEACE

Only Way to Win Enduring Peace Is by Victory of the Entente Arms.

London, Dec. 14.—That steady progress toward the desired goal is being made by the allies, despite some untoward occurrences, it is the firm conviction of Premier Lloyd George, he declared today.

It is because of this fact, the premier said, that he would regard peace overtures to Prussia at the moment when its military spirit was drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the trust of himself and his colleagues.

The premier's words were: "It is because I am firmly convinced that, despite some untoward events, despite discouraging appearances, we are making steady progress toward the goal, that I would regard peace overtures to Prussia at the very moment the Prussian military spirit is drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the great trust with which my colleagues and myself have been charged."

Folly to Underrate Peril.

If Russia persists in its present policy, the premier pointed out, the withdrawal by the enemy from the east of a third of his troops must release hundreds of thousands of men and masses of material to attack Great Britain, France and Italy.

"It would be folly," he added, "to underrate the danger, equal folly to exaggerate it, and the greatest folly of all not to face it."

"If the Russian democracy has decided to abandon the struggle against military autocracy, the American democracy is taking it up."

Germany's victories were emblazoned to the world, the premier said but her troubles did not appear in bulletins. Something was known of them, however. The deadly grip of the British navy was having its effect and the valor of the troops was making an impression which would tell in the end.

He said those who during the past fortnight were organizing a nervous breakdown in the nation were the same as those who recently were organizing a hysterical shout over the Flanders victories.

Must Have Victory First.

Mr. Lloyd George said he was glad to understand that Lord Lansdowne's recent letter had been misunderstood and that Lord Lansdowne was in agreement with President Wilson.

"I also," the premier declared "agree with President Wilson and do not desire to force a controversy where none exists."

"I warn the nation to watch the man who thinks there is a half-way house between victory and defeat," the premier admonished. "There are the men who think you can end the war now by some sort of what they call peace—by setting up a league of nations. That is the right policy

after victory; without victory it would be a farce."

Continuing his discussion of a league of nations, Mr. Lloyd George said it could not be had by a negotiated peace at this time.

"It is idle to talk of security to be won by such feeble means," he asserted. "There is no security in any land with the certainty of punishment. There is no protection in a state where the criminal is more powerful than the law."

Question of Tonnage.

"To end a war entered upon to enforce a treaty, without reparation for the infringement of that treaty, merely by entering into a new, more sweeping and comprehensive treaty would be a farce in the setting of a tragedy."

Victory, declared the premier, was a question of tonnage. Germany was gambling upon America's failure to transport its army to Europe. The future of the world depended upon the efforts Great Britain and America make to increase their output next year, he declared. The food imports next year, he said, in this connection, must be reduced 3,000,000 tons by increased home production and economy.

Man-Power Superior.

The allies now must defend all fronts against the enemy and have a mobile army for any point of emergency, the premier said, and he added that the allies had a superiority in man-power in France on the battle front, and that there were considerable British reserves at home.

REBUKED BY SUPREME COURT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—A scathing rebuke administered by Chief Justice White to one of the lawyers attacking the law enlivened argument before the supreme court today in cases testing the constitutionality of the army draft act.

J. Gordon Jones, representing Albert Jones, convicted in Georgia of failing to register, declared the law was unconstitutional because it required men to take part in a war which had never received the people's approval. His remarks were cut short.

"I don't think your statement has anything to do with the legal arguments," said the chief justice sharply, "and should not have been said to this court. It is a very unpatriotic statement to make."

The attorney apologized and continued his argument.

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GERMANS UN-ABLE TO GAIN ON BRENTA

STILL ANOTHER DAY OF BLOODY BATTLE AND POSITIONS REMAIN THE SAME

RAINS SWELL THE PIAVE RIVER

Artillery Active on the Western Front, but No Important Infantry Operations.

East of the Brenta river, on the northern Italian front, there has been further bitter fighting.

Austro-German troops, reinforced by fresh reserves, attacked the Italian position in valleys descending toward the river from the Col Della Beretta region.

Italian resistance held the attackers and forced them to give up the effort after having suffered heavy losses. Other violent attacks in the same region brought no gains for the enemy.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 13.—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenta and Piave rivers, the enemy is holding some trenches on Col Beretta and the summit of Monte Spinuccia, but all the rest of the Italian line is in its original position. This is the enemy's third successive attack with the object of breaking through to the plains.

The backward season continues to be an important factor. A downpour in the last two days has raised the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier with the enemy trenches only a few hundred yards away. The water in the inundated section along the lower Piave also has fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains again have made the river a fairly deep barrier and the inundated section is again effectively flooded.

Taking advantage of the low water, the Austrians occupied a villa near the Lagoon of Venice, in the vicinity of Boro Callino. The destroyer Sauro managed to work into the lagoon and landed a party of sailors, who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine guns which had been installed.

On the Western Front

Artillery and local infantry fighting has been in progress on the western front, to which the Germans are still rushing troops and supplies. The enemy has attempted no further massed attacks since Wednesday, and there is still no outward sign of where his expected blow is to come. The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung of Essen, Germany, reports the president of the war board of German industry, the Central Union of Manufacturers and the League of Manufacturers have been summoned to a conference at German great headquarters.

The German staff today says that British troops endeavoring to recapture the trenches they had lost to the east of Bullecourt, on the Cambrai battle front, were beaten back yesterday. On the front of the Duke breach, in eastern France, the French artillery fire increased.

The British war office reports that the British position slightly east of Bullecourt was improved yesterday. The British stormed a German post on the southern end of the Cambrai sector, while on the northern end there was bomb fighting in which German prisoners were captured. German artillery has been especially active south of the Scarpe in the Arras area and northeast of Ypres, in Flanders. Intermittent artillery activity continues along the French front. The only infantry action has been near Juvincourt, north of the city of Rheims, where a German attack was repulsed.

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