

### GERMAN EMPIRE SUGGESTS PEACE

Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg Gives Note to Neutral Diplomats.

### TEUTONS UNCONQUERABLE

(Continued from Page One.) made possible what hitherto was considered impossible.

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations progress. By strokes of the sword at the same time firm foundations for our economic needs have been laid. Great stocks of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Roumania. Their transport has begun. In spite of scarcity, we could have lived on our own supplies, but now our safety is beyond question."

### Famine Pursues Entente.

"To these great events on land," the chancellor continued, "heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The spectre of famine, which our enemies intended to appear before us, now pursues them without mercy. When after the termination of the first year of the war the emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said:

"Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination."

"Neither our emperor nor our nation ever changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fashioned these facts as firm as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weariness of its enemy, then it was deceived."

"The Reichstag, by means of the national auxiliary war service law, hoped to build a new offensive and defensive bulwark in the midst of the great struggle," the chancellor continued. "Behind the fighting army stands the nation at work—the gigantic force of the nation working for the common aim."

"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversaries imagined, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources. That is why the German empire which is firmly and faithfully united with its brothers-in-arms, who have been tested in battle under the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags. Not confused by assertions, we progressed with firm decision and we thus continue our progress, always ready to defend ourselves and fight for our nation's existence, for its free future and always ready to stretch out our hand for peace."

"Our strength has not made our ears deaf to our responsibility before God, before our own nation and before humanity. The declarations formerly made by us concerning our readiness for peace were evaded by our adversaries. Now we have advanced one step further in this direction."

"On August 1, 1914, the emperor had personally to make the gravest decision which ever fell to the lot of a German—the order for mobilization, which he was compelled to give as a result of the Russian mobilization. During these long and earnest years of the war, the emperor has been moved by a single thought: How peace could be restored to safeguard Germany after this struggle in which it had fought victoriously."

### Peace Offer Made.

"Nobody can testify better to this than I, who bear the responsibility for all actions of the government. In a deep moral and religious sense of duty towards this nation and beyond it, towards humanity, the emperor now considers that the moment has come for official action towards peace."

"His majesty, therefore, in complete harmony and in common with our allies, decided to propose to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations. This morning I transmitted a note to this effect to all the hostile powers, through the representatives of those powers which are watching over our interests and rights in the hostile states. I asked the representatives of Spain, the United States and Switzerland to forward that note."

"The same procedure has been adopted today in Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Other neutral states and his holiness the pope have been similarly informed."

### We Raise Question.

After reading the note, the chancellor said: "Gentlemen, in August, 1914, our enemies challenged the superiority of power in the world war. Today we raise the question of peace, which is a question of humanity. We await the answer of our enemies with that serenity of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience. If our enemies decline to end the war, if they wish to take upon themselves the world's heavy burden of all these terrors, which hereafter will follow, then even in the least and smallest homes every German heart will burn in sacred wrath against our enemies, who are unwilling to stop human slaughter, in order that their plans of conquest and annihilation may continue."

"Took Fateful Decision. "In a fateful hour, we took a fateful decision. God will be the judge. We can proceed upon our way without fear and unshamed. We are ready for fighting and we are ready for peace."

The chancellor's speech was listened to by thronged galleries. The royal box was crowded. All the ambassadors and ministers of foreign governments were in the diplomatic box.

### KAISER NOTIFIES HIS ARMY.

Generals Told to Continue Fighting Until Offer is Accepted.

London, Dec. 12.—(4.04 P. M.)—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is announced officially in Berlin that Emperor William has informed his commanding generals of Germany's peace offer and has informed them it is still uncertain whether the offer will be accepted. Until that uncertainty is ended, the message says, they are to fight on.

The message is quoted as follows: "Soldiers: In agreement with the sovereigns of my allies and with the consciousness of victory, I have made an offer of peace to the enemy. Whether it will be accepted is still uncertain."

"Until that moment arrives you will fight on."

### SENATE ADOPTS EXCLUSION CLAUSE

Amendment to Immigration Measure Barring Asiatics Wins, 42 to 14.

### JAPS SUBJECT OF DEBATE

Washington, Dec. 12.—By a vote of 42 to 14 the senate late today adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill which would exclude Hindus and other Asiatics without mentioning them by name and which eliminates from the bill all reference to passport agreements.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Discussion of Japanese immigration and the senate committee amendment eliminating all reference to passport agreements in the pending immigration bill was renewed in the senate today when Senator Chamberlain offered an amendment to restore mention of the agreement. He thought elimination of mention of passport agreements would abrogate the Root-Takahira agreement and leave absolutely no restrictions on Japanese immigration.

The American slogan, he said, ought to be "safety first in protecting our race from any disintegration."

Senator Smith of South Carolina denied that failure to mention the agreement would abrogate it. "Japan is religiously keeping the agreement and there is nothing to be gained by the proposal to refer to this agreement in this bill except to irritate Japan," he said. "You are doing a thing which can only anger the nation which is keeping this agreement and which does not give you any additional safeguard whatever."

"If it is the intent and purpose of the United States to abrogate a solemn treaty and disregard our compact with another nation, I should not vote for it. But I submit that it should be done openly and above board, as such is the intention, and that Japan should be told that we are going to exclude them."

"That just exactly what we ought to do," said Senator Works of California, "but apparently we are not ready to do that yet."

Senator Phelan of California persuaded Senator Chamberlain to withdraw his amendment and substituted therefor another amendment to provide that nothing in the committee proposals should be construed to repeal any existing "treaty or agreement" which restricts immigration.

Senator Smith and other members of the committee insisted that this proposal would be open to the same objections that were made by Japan to the original language in the house bill.

Senator Williams of Mississippi declared he could not see why such a "tempest in a teapot" was being made over the Japanese question, particularly when Japan had lived up to its agreement and, as a government, has treated us in the best way possible.

"The trouble here with some of you," he said, "is that you are willing to declare the United States to be a white man's country in one instance

and not in another. Some of you who are shouting loudest now about Japanese exclusion voted a little while ago against exclusion of negroes from this country. You stand around and raise international complications about the Japanese, who are higher civilized than you are, but dare not, because of local conditions, declare as to the negro that this is a white man's country."

"I am alluding not only to western republicans, but also to northern democrats when I declare that you are willing to say 'this is a white man's country' in a way, but please don't offend the negro voter in my district."

Without a roll call the senate adopted Senator Phelan's amendment which provides that nothing in the act should be construed to repeal any existing "law, treaty or agreement" which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

### Mullen Boosts Smyth for Judge; Wants His Place

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—It is believed hereabouts that the presence of Arthur Mullen in Washington is in behalf of C. J. Smyth's candidacy for a circuit judgeship, in which event Mr. Mullen might succeed Mr. Smyth in his place as special attorney in the Department of Justice.

Congressman Sloan today moved the admission of Mathew P. Weiss of Hebron to practice before the supreme court.

Charles B. Gregory, president of the American Savings bank of Lincoln, is in the city.

P. F. Bross, secretary to Representative Sloan, has arrived in Washington for the short session of congress.

### Fort Worth Stock Market Growing

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 12.—Two records have been broken and two more are likely to be broken before the end of the present year in the local live stock market. More hogs and more horses have been handled in 1916 than for any other year of the fourteen years of the market's existence and the cattle receipts and sheep sales are expected to surpass the record before January 1.

Hog receipts at the close of business yesterday totaled 912,000, as against 868,333 in 1907, the previous high year. The horse and mule total was 74,869. The best previous year was in 1913, with 56,724. Cattle receipts were 2,418,872 and sheep receipts 400,565.

### Contract for Building.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Board of Education has awarded to C. W. Way and company of this city a contract for plans for a \$125,000 junior high school building to be erected next spring. Other buildings to cost \$75,000 will also be erected next year.

### SOON READY TO EXPEL PERSHING

Governor of Chihuahua Says He May Help Run Out "Proud Saxon Troops."

### STRONG ON PATRIOTISM

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 12.—General Arnulfo Gonzalez, provisional governor of Chihuahua, declared in his first proclamation to the people after the reoccupation of the city by Carranza troops that he would soon be ready to join the first chief in forcing the retirement of the American punitive expedition. An original copy of the printed manifesto, which bears the date of December 6, was brought here today from Chihuahua by a refugee.

General Gonzalez began his proclamation by saying that the people have the right to know the line of action the Carranza governors intend to pursue while in office.

### Record of Chihuahua.

"He stated: 'The state of Chihuahua, in which the spark of revolution had so propitious a field and which has always been so jealous a defender of the dignity and cleanness of its institutions, giving a proverbial example as a belligerent liberal in sustaining its sovereignty and integrity and showing so great an energy in repulsing any trespasses on its rights, today must lament the disgrace of seeing its sacred soil desecrated by these proud Saxon troops, a misfortune that the bandit Villa caused with his deeds at Columbus. As these deeds not only injure the sovereignty of the state, but also of the country, it is to the central government that belongs the solution of this conflict which threatens the nation itself, and the responsibilities that history exacts before the present and future generations. The patriotic attitude of the first chief in the face of this lamentable incident is well known to all Mexicans.'

"His forces have not a single moment ceased to work toward a solution of the same by diplomatic ways, preserving national pride and autonomy. To support its attitude in our own sphere of action will be always a satisfaction to the government of this state, which may soon be ready to unite its forces to those of the general government to bring about that the forces of Pershing's punitive expedition, so well known but so unjustified, may withdraw from the state."

"Packing Decide to Pay Fines For Violating Missouri Law"

Washington, Dec. 12.—Supreme court proceedings in the so-called Missouri beef trust case here were

### Shoes

Wouldn't it be a satisfaction to you to keep the little feet of some poor child warm in a pair of shoes for the winter?

That is a big call that has come to the Associated Charities. "Many children are actually compelled to stay home from school because they have no shoes," said Mrs. Doane of the Associated Charities. "We have spent \$600 for shoes this fall, but the demand is still very great."

Some of them come in with their cold little feet actually on the ground. Letters are received from others, pitiful little letters from children whose Christmas would be made happy even with a pair of shoes.

Here is practical giving, indeed. Even old shoes that you or your family have discarded will go a long way to keep the feet of the poor warm. Or you can send the money to buy new shoes or send an order on some shoe store.

Do it now, for many little feet are waiting to be shod. Send or bring your offering to Mrs. Doane, Associated Charities, 1716 Dodge street, or to The Bee.

### TEUTONS ADVANCE TOWARD THE BUZEI

Town of Mizil, on Railroad North of Ploechti, Taken, Says Berlin.

### RUSS REPORT VICTORIES

(Associated Press War Summary.) The Teutonic advance in eastern Wallachia is continuing with the Romanians apparently seeking to take up a defensive line along the Buzei river near the southern boundary of their northern province of Moldavia.

Petrograd reports the failure of Teutonic attacks along the Moldavia frontier and in certain Wallachia sectors, notably northeast of Ploechti where the Austro-German forces are pressing towards the Buzei.

New activity has been developed by the Germans on the Franco-Belgian front. They attacked last evening on the edge of Des Loges wood south of the Somme sector, but according to Paris, were checked and driven out of portions of advanced positions which they had occupied.

The British foreign office under the new foreign secretary, A. J. Balfour, is occupying itself with the Greek problem, regarding which announcement was made yesterday that step were being taken in an effort to reach a very radical solution.

Snow at Geneva. Geneva, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—A slight snow fell last night and the mercury stood at five above zero this morning.

Vessel in Distress; Call for Assistance. Boston, Dec. 12.—A radio message stating that the steamer Grilse was sinking fast off Cape Race was picked up by one of the wireless stations on the New England coast tonight. The message said: "Steamer Grilse off Cape Race, latitude 43.40 north, longitude 64.50 west. Sinking fast. Immediate danger. Send help."

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