



POPE PROPOSES PEACE TO WARRING NATIONS

FORT CROOK CERTAIN TO BECOME ONE OF IMPORTANT ARMY POSTS OF COUNTRY

Omaha Business Men Point Out Sarpy County Fort Cannot Be Overlooked as One of Camps Where Uncle Sam Must Train His Thousands of Fighting Men.

Plans to make Fort Crook one of the big army camps of the country will be carried out in less than one year, according to some of the best posted businessmen in Omaha.

At present the War department is not ready to announce what disposition will be made of the fort after the troops now stationed there are sent to Deming, but those in close touch with War department affairs say the department already considers making extensive enlargements and improvements.

The Omaha Commercial club has been working hard to place before the department the importance of Fort Crook as an army camp or mobilization point, and the department at present has a file, furnished by the Commercial club, giving details of the amount of time and work required to furnish an adequate water supply and build an adequate and permanent road from the fort to Omaha for transportation purposes.

CAN HAVE CITY WATER. The wells at Fort Crook are insufficient. The fort has been supplied with water from wells which were used in the government water system there. These wells cannot supply any more water than the quantity required for the troops at present stationed there.

Water mains can be laid and city water can be supplied in thirty days, according to General Manager R. B. Howell of the Metropolitan Water District.

A committee of Commercial club men has gone over the roads from Omaha to Fort Crook in considerable detail and has tabulated the requirements. It is held that permanent highways could be built and paved from Omaha to the fort in perhaps even less time than it would take to lay the water mains, particularly if the soldiers were put to building roads under government supervision.

Those in touch with the situation say that without question the cantonment camps now being built will not be large enough to accommodate all the soldiers it will be necessary for the United States to train before the winter is over.

Million Men to France. This means that the War department will have to survey the country for branch cantonment camps, or sites for such camps. Omaha's location is so favorable that it is pointed out that Fort Crook cannot possibly be overlooked. If transportation is available, and the troops can at all be whipped into condition, those high up declare the government will send a million men into France before spring.

This will mean the training of a vast army in a short space of time.

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German Plotter Brought Back From Canadian Side. Chicago, Aug. 14.—George Paul Boehm, alleged German plotter, was brought here today from Winnipeg. Boehm, Gustav H. Jacobson, Albert Wehde and others are under indictment, charged with attempting to foment a revolution against the British government in India. Boehm was their emissary sent to India, it is alleged. He was arrested at Singapore and brought back to Canada. It was expected that Judge Landis would set a date for their trials this afternoon.

The Weather

Table with weather data including temperatures at Omaha yesterday, comparative local record, and reports from stations at 7 P. M.

GUARDSMEN FROM 26 STATES SOON LEAVE FOR FRANCE

Nebraska Guards Among Those to Be Formed Into One Division in World Fight for Democracy.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Plans for sending the first National Guard troops to France have been perfected by the War department with the organization of a division which will include troops from twenty-six states and the District of Columbia.

The states from which the National Guard troops are to be assembled are: Nebraska, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Colorado, Oregon. The others come from the District of Columbia.

Mobilization Point Secret. Among the companies summoned for mobilization to form the division is the First Field Hospital company of Nebraska.

"The sanitary train, to be known as the 117th sanitary train, will be comprised of the First, Second, Third and Fourth ambulance companies, being respectively the First ambulance companies of Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee and Oklahoma; the First, Second, Third and Fourth Field Hospital companies, being respectively the First Field Hospital companies of Nebraska, Colorado, Oregon and the District of Columbia."

Discussion of the time and place of mobilization of the division or of its departure for France are not permissible under the voluntary censorship. The structure of the division as given in the official statement shows that it will conform to the reduced trench warfare divisional organization recommended by Major Pershing, which would give it a total strength with auxiliary troops of approximately 20,000 men.

The commanding officer of the division will be Brigadier General W. A. Mann of the regular army, now chief of the division of militia affairs of the War department.

Official Notice of China's War Declaration Is Received

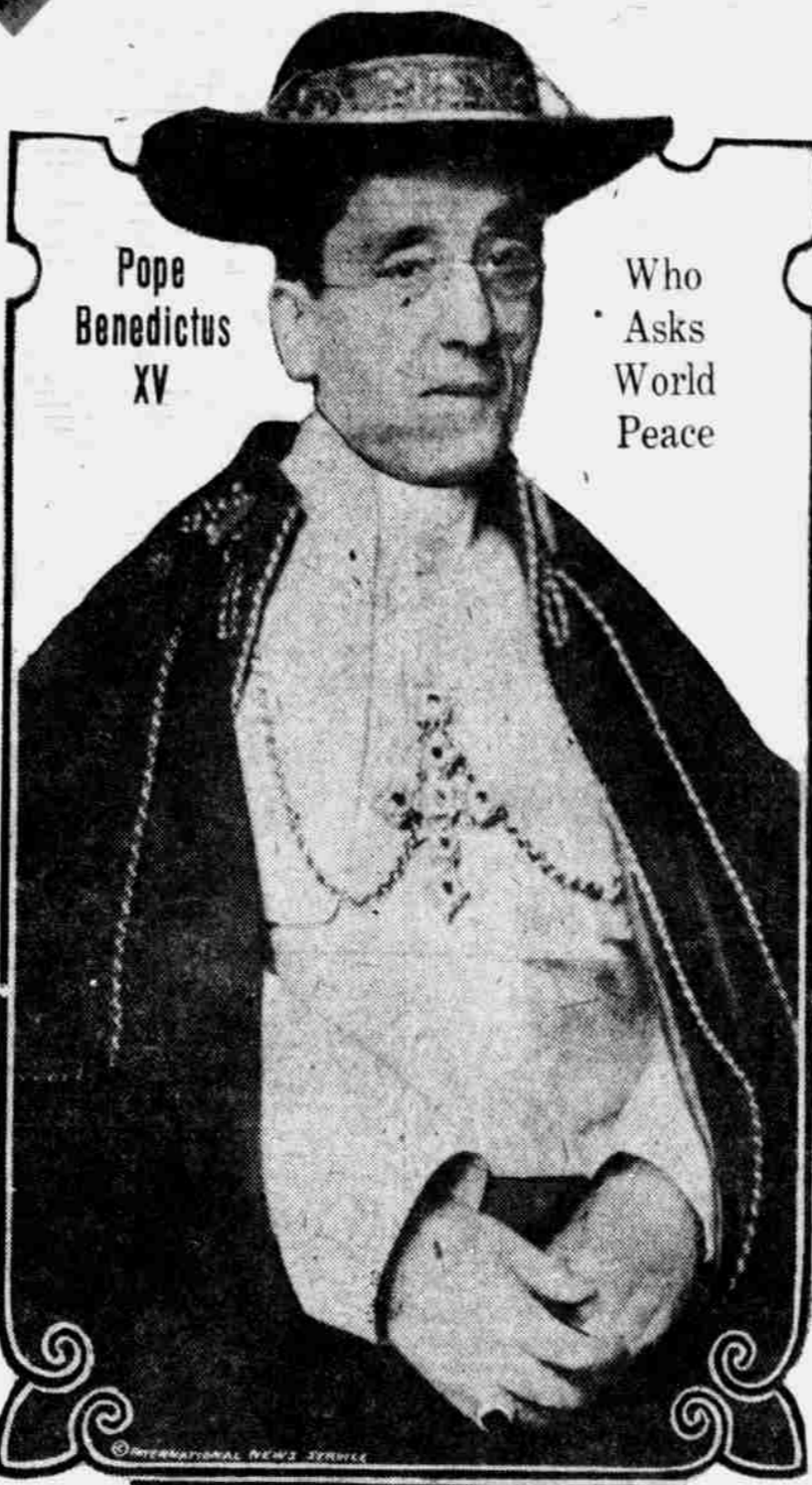
Washington, Aug. 14.—Official notice of China's declaration of war on Germany and Austria-Hungary was received today at the Chinese legation in cable dispatches from Peking.

Gen. William M. Wright, Former Omahan, Receives High Command

Gen. William M. Wright, one of the army officers promoted to the rank of major general, as announced in press dispatches from Washington yesterday, will be remembered by older Omahians.

German U-Boat Is Rammed; Three Members of Crew Lost

London, Aug. 14.—A German submarine of the largest and latest type has been towed into Zeebrugge, Belgium, by two torpedo boats, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The submarine is reported to have been rammed in the North sea and damaged severely, resulting in the loss of three of the crew.



Pope Benedictus XV

Who Asks World Peace

RESTORATION OF SERBIA, BELGIUM AND ROUMANIA BASIS OF VATICAN'S TERMS

Pope's Peace Proposals as They Are Understood in Washington

Washington, Aug. 14.—Reduction of armaments, settlement of all international disputes by arbitration, freedom of the seas and no retaliatory after-the-war economic struggle for supremacy, are the foundation stones of Pope Benedict's peace proposals.

Included in the restoration of territory, the pope's proposals insist, should be the return to Germany of all its colonies, as well as the complete restoration of Belgium to its sovereignty.

The pope's proposal declares that the injuries to all belligerents have been so great there should be no thought of reparation except for the return of territory.

Fate of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland Left Open; Washington Suspects Teuton Origin of the Plan.

Rome, Aug. 14.—Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments.

The pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Roumania and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland, according to reports received from Vatican sources. It is expected the proposals will be published today by the Vatican.

UNOFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The State department acknowledges that it has received unofficial knowledge of Pope Benedict's peace proposals before today's news dispatches were received here.

No official cognizance can be taken of it until the proposal is conveyed officially.

Whatever consideration is given to it will be after consultation with the allies.

At the apostolic delegation all knowledge of the pope's proposal was disclaimed. It was said the papal delegate had not transmitted it to the United States government and did not expect to do so. The opinion was expressed that it would come through a neutral government.

GERMAN ORIGIN SUSPECTED.

Within the entente diplomatic circle the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the peace proposal was inspired by Germany and was an attempt to split the allies in a conflicting discussion of their war aims.

The issue of the State department's information does not indicate through what channel the proposal will be conveyed and gives no information from which an inference might be drawn as to whether it will come through one of the allied governments or through a dignitary of the church.

Officials were unusually explicit in saying that it could not be discussed until it came officially before the government and were emphatic in declaring that no statement whatever could be represented as reflecting the official view.

Proposal Given Hearing.

If an inference might be drawn from the undercurrents which were started in official circles by the report, a trained observer would venture the opinion that the proposal is one which would be discussed in good faith by the allies, but that it does not meet their war aims. It was indicated that a peace proposal coming from the pope—the first actual proposal of the kind to come from the Vatican—would necessarily have to be considered carefully and deliberately, and that an answer convincing to the world would necessarily have to be made.

How far the peace proposal reflects the close relationship of the Vatican with Austria, whose earnest desire for peace, despite German influence, is well known, or how far it reflects Catholic agitation for peace in Germany no one here would venture to say. It was recalled, however, that leading Catholics were prominent figures in the recent peace flurry in Germany.

Spanish Ambassador to Act.

Announcement that the Spanish ambassador at Rome had transmitted Pope Benedict's proposals to the Italian government and the opinion expressed at the apostolic delegation here that they might be delivered to the United States by a neutral led to the possibility that the Spanish ambassador would act.

Moscow Conference to Be Attended by 1,000 Russians

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—More than 1,000 persons have been invited by the government to attend the conference which is to be held at Moscow August 25-27 to consider in their broadest aspects the situation of the nation and the plans for the new national government.

Those who have been asked to attend include all members of the four Dumas, other persons prominent in public life and representatives of all important organizations, whether political, economic, commercial or scientific.

The conference will be held in the Kremlin palace. It will be opened by Premier Kerensky with a general statement respecting the situation and a program of the government. The premier will be followed by various ministers, who will represent the situation in their departments.

Kerensky Again Confident

Russian People Will Win. Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Premier Kerensky, in replying to a message of good will King George sent him at the beginning of the fourth year of the war, said:

"I am certain the Russian people will find the necessary strength to surmount the serious trials of the present time and conduct the world war to an end which will be worthy of the terrible sacrifices already made by every nation which is struggling for right against might."

FIVE COMPANIES OF NEBRASKANS OFF FOR DEMING

Three of Them Now at Omaha Ordered to Start for Southern Training Camp on Wednesday.

Five companies of the Nebraska National Guard, now in the federal service, have received orders to en-train for Deming, N. M., Wednesday. The companies are:

- Company B of the Fourth Nebraska, Omaha.
Company G of the Fourth, Aurora.
Company C of the Fifth, Beatrice.
Company E of the Fifth, North Platte.
Company C of the Sixth, Omaha.

All Ready to Leave. Last week these companies received orders to be ready to leave at an instant's notice and they have been on



GENERAL GEORGE H. HARRIES, Head of Nebraska Brigade.

the qui vive ever since. Their personal affairs are all settled, the good-byes all said.

Saturday Company C was equipped with all the clothes it will need while at Deming. This was the only com-

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Smeltermen of Montana Vote Against Strike

Butte, Mont., Aug. 14.—The apparent lack of a two-thirds vote in favor of a strike on the part of the Anaconda smelter men was declared this morning by the American Federation of Labor officials to indicate the end of the wage controversy in this district between the mining companies and metal trades organizations.

The Retail Clerks' union of Butte refused to donate to the strike fund of the Metal Mine Workers' union until such time as this union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The iron workers accepted the contract offered them by the Anaconda Copper Mining company as a component part of the metal trades council.

No Disorder in K. C. Strike, Which is Complete Tieup

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 14.—The street car strike was at a deadlock today with no cars moving and little prospect of relief.

Rain added to the discomfort of citizens seeking transportation from their homes to their work. Plans for obtaining federal protection through the courts were credited to the street car company and the city council discussed means for putting the company in a receiver's hands that the municipality might participate in the operation of cars. There was no disorder.

BANDITS KILL DRAFTED MAN AT COLUMBUS

Philip Dreisen Shot by One of Three Highwaymen as He is Driving Along a Country Road.

Columbus, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Philip Dreisen, 24 years of age, was murdered last night by one of three highwaymen, whose commands he disregarded when ordered to stop his automobile.

He was accompanied by his father and a brother and was on the way from his home at Platte Center to this city.

The bullet struck Dreisen in the back of his head. He immediately released his hold on the steering wheel and, as the machine began to run wild, the brother reached over and guided the car into Columbus at a rapid speed, holding the dying man in one arm as he sped along. Dreisen died before the machine reached this city.

The murderer and two companions were masked and carried a lantern. Their command to halt and their appearances suggested a motive of robbery. The command was followed by Dreisen's increasing the speed of the car and just as he did so the fatal shot was fired. Dreisen died within a few minutes.

News of the tragedy was spread by telephone through this and adjoining counties. Bloodhounds from Albion followed a trail to the Loup river, where animals stopped. Hundreds of citizens are searching the countryside and public feeling is intense.

NEW WAR BILL IS SUBJECTED TO BIG CHANGES

Discussion Is About Concluded And Vote Will Be Taken Latter Part of Next Week.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—General debate in the senate on the \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill virtually ended today and such rapid progress was made on the finance committee amendments to the house bill that leaders tonight predicted the measure's passage late next week. Senator Simmons announced that he expected to ask soon for a time limit on debate and also to set a date for a final vote.

In rapid succession and with little debate the senate in committee of the whole approved the finance committee's revision of the soft drink, tobacco and most of the public utilities schedules. The liquor and income tax sections are to be considered tomorrow.

It is evident the principal disputes facing the senate are the income, war profits and publishers' tax sections. Adoption of most of the finance committee's other revisions with little change was forecast.

War Tax on War Profits. Senator LaFollette in a minority report concurred in by Senators Gore and Thomas, urged that the bulk of all war taxes be laid upon incomes and war profits.

In closing the general discussion Senators Smoot and Jones of New Mexico, both of the finance committee commended the committee's proposed increases in the income and war profits sections. The former, however, opposed repeal of the "drawback" allowance to sugar refiners, and the latter advocated a higher tax on corporation's undivided surplus.

Extension of 3 per cent tax on freight transportation to motor vehicle lines competing with railroads was approved in the new freight section, designed to raise \$77,500,000. The senate also accepted the committee's reduction from 10 to 5 per cent in the taxes on passenger transportation and Pullman accommodation, both charges paid by individuals and not the carriers.

Electric Tax Over Ruled. Committee elimination of the house taxes on gas, electric light and local telephone bills of consumers also was accepted without debate. They were estimated to yield \$30,000,000 and were stricken out because of their direct burden upon the general public. The tax of 5 cents on telegraph, radio and long distance telephone messages costing more than 15 cents was approved. It is estimated to yield \$7,000,000.

Labor Parade to Give Way To Patriotic Demonstration

Boston, Aug. 14.—The labor unions of this city for the first time in nearly forty years will hold no parade on Labor day this year. A patriotic demonstration on the Common will be substituted.



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