

WHOLESALE RAIDS ON "SPEAK EASYS" FOLLOW CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR

NO PEACE TALK UNTIL KAISER IS CONQUERED

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson's rejecting the pope's peace proposals was regarded here today as finally settling the question of dealing with present German rulers unconquered or unscathed at home.

The president makes it clear that a lasting and durable peace can be negotiated only by a complete understanding with the German people and not alone on unstable guarantees of the existing government.

The note indicates that the American government does not intend post bellum reprisals on the German people, but desires in the interests of world peace that they be allowed to share in international economic opportunities, "if they will accept equality and not seek domination."

The note with its unequivocal denunciation of German military autocracy is believed to reflect accurately the attitude of the allied governments.

The general tenor of the communication had been anticipated, but diplomats were surprised to find in it a virtual appeal to the German people to strive for emancipation from military control and become fitted to deal with a world democracy.

Upon motion of Senator Brady, who characterized it as a last farewell to the autocracy of the world, President Wilson's reply to the pope's peace proposals was ordered printed today in the Congressional Record.

"While it rejects the pope's proposals," said he, "it points the way for the other nations to reach a peace in a fair and honorable manner."

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, made this comment: "The note was just what I expected it would be. It was a strong note, as are all notes of the president."

"It was a very good note," said Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking republican of the committee.

Former Governor General of Canada Dies in London
London, Aug. 29.—Earl Grey, former governor-general of Canada, died at 6 o'clock this morning at Howick house, Northumberland, after a long illness. The funeral will be held at Howick on Saturday, when a memorial service will be held in London.

Born November 28, 1851, Alfred Henry Grey, the fourth Earl Grey, was educated at Trinity college, Cambridge. He married in 1877 Alice Holford of Westminister, England. Two daughters, Lady Evelyn Grey and Lady Sybil Grey, were the result of the union.

Twelve Dutch Ships Are To Be Allowed to Sail
Washington, Aug. 29.—Arrangements have been completed by the food administration for the release of twelve Dutch ships which soon will sail from an Atlantic port with corn and wheat for Belgian relief and the Dutch government. The first shipments will be practically half and half for Belgium and Holland.

Says Labor Troubles in West Have Passed Climax
Washington, Aug. 28.—Threatened labor disturbances in war industries on the Pacific coast and in the north-west have passed their climax, officials declared today, and conditions in the affected districts are rapidly improving.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	57
6 a. m.	56
7 a. m.	55
8 a. m.	56
9 a. m.	57
10 a. m.	57
11 a. m.	57
12 m.	57
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	57
3 p. m.	58
4 p. m.	58
5 p. m.	58
6 p. m.	59
7 p. m.	59
8 p. m.	59

Comparative Local Record.

1917	1916	1915	1914	
Highest yesterday	71	85	64	84
Lowest yesterday	55	60	51	66
Mean temperature	62	72	58	72
Precipitation	.00	.07	.00	.7

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	72
Deficiency for the day	9
Total deficiency since March 1	215
Normal precipitation	.00
Deficiency for the day	.11
Total rainfall since March 1	19.78
Deficiency since March 1	1.22
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916-1917	10.29
Excess for cor. period, 1915	.46

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Rain.
Omaha, Neb.	57	70	.00
Chicago, Ill.	57	70	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	57	70	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	57	70	.00
Dodge City, Kan.	57	70	.00
North Platte, Neb.	57	70	.00
Omaha, Neb.	57	70	.00
Sioux Falls, S. D.	57	70	.00
Wichita, Kan.	57	70	.00
Lincoln, Neb.	57	70	.00
St. Paul, Minn.	57	70	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	57	70	.00
Chicago, Ill.	57	70	.00
Omaha, Neb.	57	70	.00

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Central Powers Will Reply To Peace Note Jointly

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—It will be ten days before the central powers answer the peace note of Pope Benedict, says the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung. Negotiations regarding the note between Berlin and Vienna have been completed, the newspaper states, but are still taking place with Turkey. It expresses the view that the central powers undoubtedly will agree upon a joint reply.

COMMITTEE TILTS WAR PROFIT TAX SEVEN PER CENT

Senate Finance Members Adopt Amendments Placing Larger Share of War Levy on Corporations.

Washington, Aug. 29.—To meet the radical movement for greater taxation of war profits, the senate finance committee today agreed to amendments carrying war profits taxes of more than 33 per cent in place of the present provisions for 26 per cent.

The amendments would increase the war profits tax yield from \$562,000,000 to \$1,060,000,000 in addition to the taxes under the present law and yield a third of the bill's total taxes.

The pre-war profits rate of the bill was retained by the committee, but it added a new maximum war profits tax rate of 60 per cent on profits in excess of 300 per cent. The maximum in the bill was 50 per cent on profits over 250 per cent.

Change Exemptions. Another substantial change was made in provisions for exemptions. A minimum of 6 per cent and a maximum of 10 per cent of income on capital actually invested was approved. These provisions would care for corporations suffering abnormal depression during the pre-war period. Corporations making less than 4 per cent during that period would be entitled to at least that exemption and if more than 10 per cent they would receive not over 10 per cent deduction.

By these changes the committee estimated that the proposed levy would take \$1,286,000,000 of the \$3,000,000,000 of \$4,000,000,000 war profits estimated to be earned this year.

Senators La Follette and Gore, prominent in the faction urging more radical war profits taxation, did not attend today's committee meeting. Chairman Simmons and others of the committee.

Germany Places Export Tax on Coal to Sweden
Stockholm, Aug. 29.—Swedish industrial and business circles are stirred greatly over an export tax of 25 kroner a ton which Germany has put on all coal for shipment to Sweden. The tax is effective at once, no matter when the order for the coal was given. Germany also has imposed a tax on parcel post payable after August 15.

Germany Denies Attempt At Separate Peace
Berlin, Tuesday, Aug. 28.—(Via London, Aug. 29.)—The newspapers denounce as wholly false the reference made by Premier Kerensky in addressing the Moscow conference to a recent offer of a separate peace. Nothing is known of such a move in any official quarters here.

Omaha Knitters to Be Mobilized To Fill Order for 12,200 Articles

An army of 1,000 expert knitters is about to be recruited by the local Red Cross chapter. This army will be ordered to knit 12,200 articles in eight weeks.

National Red Cross headquarters apportions 3,050 each of sweaters, mufflers, pairs of socks and wristlets as Nebraska's share in looking to the comfort of Uncle Sam's men in France. The work must be completed before cold weather begins.

November is the beginning of winter in France.

Mrs. A. W. Jefferis is commander-in-chief of the knitting forces. Ten thousand dollars worth of equipment, thousands of pounds of yarn and hundreds of needles are enroute to Omaha. As soon as the supplies arrive a knitting school will be established in the court house, where instruction in both hand and machine knitting will be taught.

Chairmen of Red Cross auxiliary chapters will be the captains working under Mrs. Jefferis. Twenty of these captains met with the Red Cross directors Tuesday to plan the knitting campaign. Red Cross chapters will be expected to drop all other knitting, such as is now being done for the Navy league and the National Service League, until the Red Cross order is filled.

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SLAV REGIMEN AGAIN ABANDON POSTS AT FRONT

Entire Division Retires from Position, Enabling Germans to Advance on Rumanian Front.

(By Associated Press.) While Russian leaders are debating at Moscow with divided opinions as to the best steps to take for saving the country from threatened disaster within and without, the Russian armies continue to show perilous weakness at critical points.

The latest break in the line through disaffection among the troops occurred on the southern Rumanian front, where the Austro-German armies are menacing Moldavia, with the fate of Wallachia, overrun in the great Teutonic-Bulgarian drive of last year.

In the Fokshani region a Russian division abandoned its positions and fled in disorder. This facilitated a Teutonic advance that continued all day yesterday on the southern Rumanian front, the Austro-German troops pushing northward toward the Ocan-Pantzin railway. The lines were still yielding last night in the Varnitza region.

Stormy weather apparently is preventing any notable military activities on the Franco-Belgian and Italian fronts.

Catholics Pray For Success of Pope Peace Plan

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 29.—A cablegram offering "fervent prayer for happy success of your noble peace efforts" was sent to Pope Benedict by the American Federation of Catholic Societies at the closing session of its convention today.

The federation today elected Thomas F. Flynn of Chicago, president to succeed John G. Whalen of New York, who was not a candidate for re-election.

The choice of the next convention city was left to the executive board. Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia and St. Paul have extended invitations to the federation to meet there in 1918.

E. U. Graff to Head the Indianapolis Schools

E. U. Graff, former superintendent of the public schools, has been elected superintendent of the schools at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Graff left Omaha last June and has been succeeded here by J. H. Beveridge.

Italian Troops Attack Strong Austrian Defense

Rome, Aug. 29.—The Italian troops pushing forward on the Bainsizza plateau have reached a powerful Austrian defensive line and are now attacking it, the war office announces. On the heights beyond Gorizia the Italians made gains.

Berlin Torpedo Plant Destroyed by Flames

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—The foundry of the Schwartzkopf torpedo works in Berlin was destroyed by fire on Sunday. There are rumors that there was a considerable loss of life.

Mrs. A. W. Jefferis

too expensive to waste," said Mrs. Jefferis. No charge will be made for the yarn with which the required articles are to be knit, but a deposit will be made from those who wish to make it.



NOVEMBER 1 MAY SEE CLOSING OF RUSS RAILROADS

Froloff Tells Moscow Conference Disorganization Faces the Slavs; May Ruin Armies.

Moscow, Aug. 29.—At the third general sitting of the national conference of railway representatives, including M. Froloff of the Engineers' alliance, it was reported that there existed a state of utter disorganization of transportation, which, unless improved, would cease completely by November. The representatives gave warning that the consequences would be terrible, both at home and on the front, and that the army might turn on the country and commit unexampled excesses.

The extreme demands of the railway workers, the speakers said played an important part in this disorganization. They called on all those engaged in the transport service to sacrifice personal interests for those of the country.

Tells of Reverses. General Alexieff, former commander-in-chief, made a long address, in which he recounted the history of the Russians' military setbacks and their causes.

He drew contrasts between the army of the old regime, poorly equipped with mechanical resources but strong in warlike spirit, and the present army, well supplied with food and arms, but completely poisoned and enfeebled by ill-interpreted and ill-applied doctrines which have been put forward, notably in the famous order of the day, No. 1. These doctrines, he declared, had split the army into two opposite camps, officers and soldiers, which have become almost irreconcilable.

The general maintained that after publication by the government of the declaration of the rights of soldiers, all respect toward leaders disappeared, the officers becoming veritable martyrs and having to pay very dearly for the offensive of August 1 and the subsequent retreat.

Must Regenerate Army. The general declared it would be impossible to carry on the war to a victorious conclusion unless the strongest possible efforts were made by the provisional government and by the troops themselves to reanimate and regenerate the army.

After Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya, the "grandmother of the revolution," had appealed to the government to pass from words to actions and help the army conquer the enemy Prince Kropotkin, who was not on the list of speakers, was heard at the request of the whole conference. He called upon all Russians to prevent the fatal eventuality of a German victory.

This sentiment evoked a long continuous ovation in honor of Prince Kropotkin.

Other speakers who declared against a separate peace were loudly applauded. Paris, Aug. 29.—A Havas dispatch from Moscow says that after Premier Kerensky had read President Wilson's message of greeting to the national conference he said he had instructed the minister of foreign affairs, M. Terestchenko, to inform the American ambassador, David R. Francis, of the feelings of gratitude which the president's telegram had inspired among the delegates to the conference. This statement of the premier was cheered enthusiastically.

Forbidden!



POLICE SAY THEY ARE POSITIVE OF GUILT OF NEGRO

Declare Suspect is Caught in Contradictory Statements in Regards to Whereabouts on Night of the Murder.

Acting Chief of Detectives Dempsey this morning took Charles Smith, negro suspect arrested immediately following the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway, to Fifty-sixth and Hamilton streets, where Mrs. Fred Bascomb identified him as the man who threatened her Saturday morning, and started him in the direction he took after he left the Bascomb house.

Smith started north on Fifty-sixth street, but soon became confused with the result that, police say, he was caught in a network of contradictory evidence.

Two blocks north of Hamilton is a ravine where from the disturbed condition of the grass and underbrush it is evident that somebody rested for a number of hours. Smith denied stopping in the ravine. He said that he cut down in an easterly direction through a cornfield a little farther north. He was taken there and he followed the path he said he took on Saturday.

When he came within sight of the home of Mrs. Blinn at Thirty-fourth and Franklin, however, he said that he was mistaken and that he had gone farther west. Detectives thought pushed on and questioned Mrs. Blinn, who identified Smith as the negro who stopped at her house at 9 o'clock Saturday and asked for something to eat.

Burn Old Cars and Ties? No; U. P. to Save Them for Fuel

Orders have gone out from the offices of the Union Pacific to discontinue the custom of piling discarded ties along the right-of-way and burning them. In the interest of the conservation of fuel, the old ties will be given to farmers along the line in payment for their services as fire guards on company property.

Neither will without freight cars be burned. The iron and steel will be saved and the timbers converted into fuel and sold to employees.

The same rule will be applied with reference to old bridge timbers. Old waste from car journal boxes will be saved and used for starting fires in furnaces of the engines.

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CHIEF DUNN STARTS MOVE TO STAMP OUT ALL OF THE BOOTLEGGERS FROM OMAHA

After Conference With Governor Neville, Omaha Police Are Instructed They Will Have to Apprehend All Who Sell Liquor Illegally; Dunn Asks for a Special Investigator.

"I will have to have a special investigator to work on bootlegging cases. He must be a man known only to myself and his place taken by another man as soon as he has outlived his usefulness. Some of the patrolmen are 'sluffing' on this work of apprehending bootleggers," stated Chief of Police Dunn, referring to his conference with Governor Neville Tuesday afternoon.

SING 'DIE WACHT AM RHEIN' AT THE GERMAN HOME

Governor Neville Tells Mayor that Three Policemen Saw Drinks Being Served There.

Mayor Dahiman was asked many questions today by city officials and citizens regarding his conference Tuesday afternoon with Governor Neville at the state house.

"Did the governor express surprise over the report of his special investigator who worked in Omaha?" was asked of the mayor.

"Well," he replied, "the governor said he believed that the Omaha policemen were not doing their full duty."

"What places did the governor mention in particular?"

"Sing 'Die Wacht am Rhein.'" "He referred to the German home; said that within the last few weeks his investigator went there and found 100 men singing 'Die Wacht am Rhein,' and some of the men were drinking or being served drinks. The governor added that his report stated that three policemen were in the crowd at the German home."

"Did the governor state that the policemen were singing 'Die Wacht am Rhein?'"

"No," but he remarked that this is not an appropriate year for singing that song.

"Did you get the names or numbers of the three policemen?"

Seeking the Policemen. "No, but I understand that Chief Dunn is making an investigation and may have something of interest on this matter in the near future."

"What else did the governor say?"

"Well, he stated that his special investigator bought a pint of whiskey from a bellhop at the Paxton hotel and he added that he realized it is hard to apprehend walking bootleggers, but could see no reason why stationary bootlegging places should not be suppressed."

"What is your recommendation for the suppression of bootlegging?"

Governor to Send Men. "I told the governor I believed that he should send us two of his special investigators, as they would not be known and could get better results."

"These special investigators are sometimes called 'booze hounds,' are they not?"

"That's what I have heard."

The mayor emphasized the importance of a special fund for the employment of investigators whose services would terminate as soon as they become known and their efficiency ended by knowledge of their identity.

Red Cross Membership Past Three Million Mark

Washington, Aug. 29.—Membership of the American Red Cross has reached the 3,500,000 mark and is increasing at the rate of 25,000 to 100,000 a day, according to a headquarters announcement today. At the beginning of the year the total was 275,000.

Whitman Signs Senate Food Control Bill

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The senate food control bill enacted at the extraordinary session of the legislature, was signed by Governor Whitman today.

Officer Captures Holdup Man After a Hot Three-Mile Chase

After a three-mile chase Officer Kelly of Council Bluffs captured one of three highwaymen who in the presence of fifteen or twenty people held up and assaulted John Snell at the Milwaukee station on South Tenth street.

Using a paving brick to enforce their demands and finally striking him over the head, three negro highwaymen robbed Snell of his watch about 6:40 this morning. Spectators made no effort to assist him. Officer Kelly was called and the robbers ran. He commenced chase and after a three-mile marathon he opened fire on the wounded robbers. One of them dropped, although uninjured, while the others escaped in the cornfields.

On being brought into court he admitted throwing the brick and was bound over to the grand jury under \$1,000 bonds. He gave the name of Lester Moore and said his home was in St. Louis. The other two men have not been apprehended. The watch was in his possession when arrested.

Grace Franks, an inmate of the place, was also arrested and held at the police station.

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The Arcade hotel was also raided, and one pint of whiskey found. Harry Harrison, clerk at the hotel, was arrested and booked at the station for illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. He was later released on bonds.

A restaurant at 1124 Dodge street, known as the Little Missouri cafe, was searched, but no liquor was found. Police had received a "tip" that liquor was being sold there, and a trunk, which could not be opened last night, was taken and is held at the station.

Detective at Conference. A special investigator, employed by the governor, attended the conference and gave the officials reports of bootlegging in Omaha. He reported that he bought liquor in many places in the city without difficulty.

At the conference City Prosecutor McGuire submitted to the governor a report of every raid and violation of the liquor law since May 1. The state executive told the officials he would place a commission in police court to keep a detailed account of every case of bootlegging. Omaha and Douglas county officials related to the governor the difficulty in affecting a raid on certain places on account of alleged "tips" given the violators beforehand.

Search Warrants Ordered. Last evening Chief of Police Dunn conferred with the morals squad in view of conducting raids and serving search warrants on every place suspected of violating the liquor law. Subsequently City Prosecutor McGuire spent all evening filling out search warrants on all offenders reported to the officials by the governor at the conference.

Municipal Judge C. W. Britt was called from his home to sign the warrants. He said: "There is a law against bootlegging, and it is going to be rigidly enforced."

Warrants were served on the following named places: The Arcade hotel, the Midway, 1122 Dodge street, and alleged bootlegging haunts at Twenty-fourth and Cuming, Twenty-fifth and Patrick avenue and Twenty-second and Izard streets.

City Prosecutor McGuire handed the warrants to sergeant Russell of the morals squad when they started out on their tour of raids at midnight. "Search every place from cellar to garret," said McGuire.

He accompanied the officers and assisted in the raids.

Raid the Midway. The morals squad, assisted by City Prosecutor McGuire, raided the Midway, Omaha's notorious gambling house of the past, early this morning and found \$800 worth of fine wine and whiskey hidden away. The owners of the place were absent at the time of the raid, but warrants are out for their arrest. Homer Jonas, colored, porter at the Midway, was arrested and will be arraigned before police court this morning.

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