



ABSURD GERMAN PEACE PROPOSAL SPURNED BY U. S.

"Cant and Deceit," Says
American Whom Teutons
Attempted to Use as Go-
Between in Negotiations.

London, May 10.—A story of how an attempted German peace offensive directed toward President Wilson was turned down ignominiously by Prof. Heron, an American living in Geneva, is told by the Swiss correspondent of the Daily Mail in his dispatch dated at Annemasse, on the Franco-Swiss frontier.

Prof. Heron is described as a friend of President Wilson.

The German government, according to the correspondent, tried to get peace offers sent to the president through Prof. Heron, who was visited April 19 by Prof. Quiddle of Munich, a friend of Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor. Prof. Quiddle was accompanied by the Dutch pacifist, Dr. Jong Vanbeek.

A Merciful Peace.
Prof. Quiddle said he had come to prepare the way for a merciful peace and gave Prof. Heron to understand that he spoke for Chancellor von Hertling and the German foreign office.

He assured the American professor that the peace party in the Reichstag was about to gain predominance in Germany and that he wished to prepare President Wilson to take advantage of that auspicious moment.

Germany, Prof. Quiddle said, was willing to make the following terms:
First—To grant autonomy to Alsace-Lorraine within the limits of the German empire, provided the allies would not broach the subject of Alsace-Lorraine at the peace conference.

Russ Treaty Barred.
Second—The Brest-Litovsk peace treaties not to be discussed at the peace conference, although the allies might submit claims for the revision of them and Germany might make certain concessions.

Third—No economic war against Germany after the war.

Fourth—German colonies to be restored.

Prof. Quiddle asserted that the present offensive in France had the ultimate objective of achieving a durable peace.

Prof. Heron, the Daily Mail correspondent writes, after listening to the German educator, exclaimed:
Cant and Deceit.

"I wonder that you have the effrontery to ask me to lay such a rigmorole of cant and deceit before the American people. Far from creating a spirit of conciliation, it would simply strengthen the American will to smash the perfidious and nefarious offer of such proposals.

"The United States intends to continue the fighting until the Prussian military power, and, if necessary, the Prussian state along with it, is extinguished forever as a power for evil, whether it takes one year or ten.

Monstrous German Blunder.
"If you call the remorseless sacrifice of 2,000,000 men a peace offensive, and if you want the United States to recognize your shelling of Parisian congregations and churches as a part of it, you are making a monstrous and foolish blunder.

"When I listen to your false and treacherous overtures, I feel ashamed of humanity."

Prof. Quiddle, adds the correspondent, left the house weeping.
The next week Prof. Heron was besieged by new offers by telephone, one of the speakers saying he was Dr. W. S. Zolf, German colonial minister. Prof. Heron talked straight to all of them, telling them, among other things, that: "The United States no longer wants peace. It wants to sweep out the Augean stables at Potsdam."

FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR OMAHA FORTS LOOKS CHEERFUL

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tives of Further Develop-
ment of Posts.

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EDGAR C. SNYDER.

Washington, May 10. — (Special Telegram.)—Robert Manley, commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and John Gamble, who arrived in Washington Thursday morning, put in a busy day making the rounds of the departments to ascertain for themselves just what the situation is as to Fort Crook and Fort Omaha, and, incidentally, the quartermaster depot at Omaha. Senator Hitchcock accompanied the representatives of the Omaha chamber in their calls on General March, chief of staff, and General William Kennedy, chief of aviation.

With General March the question of the future of Fort Crook was discussed. The Omaha representatives were told that General March was at one time stationed at Fort Crook and had a great fondness for Omaha. The chief of staff said there had been no plan formulated as to Fort Crook's future activities, but he assured his callers that it would have every consideration from General Kennedy.

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While on their rounds the Omahans met members of the French high commission, who spent several days in Omaha last year, and they recalled their visit to the Gate City with much enthusiasm.

Commissioner Manley and Mr. Gamble plan to put in another busy day Friday in the departments, under the chaperonage of Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Lobeck.
J. M. Mayer of Fremont and Earl D. Sims of Lincoln, and a missionary evangelist of the Baptist church who has recently returned from China, are in Washington for a few days. Democratic National Committeeman Arthur Mullen is in the capital.

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