

### GERMAN PEACE OFFENSIVE NOW IN FULL SWING

#### Kaiser's Speech to Working People at Essen Climax to Proposals Made by Hertling and Burian.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The German "peace offensive" is now recognized by officials here as being in full swing. A progressive campaign is clearly indicated to them by the remarks of Premier von Hertling a few days ago, followed by the more formal statement to the visiting German newspapermen in Vienna by Count Burian, the Austrian foreign minister; the remarks of the German crown prince, and now the speech of Emperor William himself to the working people at Essen.

Peace proposals from these sources would appear incongruous were the officials not firmly convinced of the insincerity of the movement, which again is recognized as conceived with the double purpose of placating the uneasy and restless German socialists and at the same time appealing to the pacifists in the entente countries.

**No New Features.**  
Analysis of the abstract of the emperor's remarks reported by cable fails to disclose any new feature. The emperor's reiteration of the claim that the purpose of the entente is to destroy the German people is designed to counteract the effect of statements in the American literature that America's only purpose is to destroy German militarism, a statement that has appealed very strongly to the German socialists.

Official dispatches today from France say that the general campaign and peace maneuver, of which the speech today of Emperor William is regarded as a part, is being extended to neutral countries. German press agencies are supplying special articles and information on the subject to the newspapers of German provinces in Holland, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland. And in his connection the dispatches note that the German conservative leader, Erzberger, identified in the past with other peace movements has turned up in Copenhagen where a Scandinavian interparliamentary conference is to take place and that the Dutch socialist pacifist, Troelstra, has included Germany in his return trip to Holland from northern Europe.

**Will Offer Assistance.**  
According to the same dispatches, some light is thrown upon the veiled utterance of Count Burian a few days ago that there might be opportunities for a "calm exchange of views—some sort of direct informative discussion—which will be far from being peace negotiations" by what is regarded as an inspired article in the Dutch press, which the German authorities have taken pains to republish in Germany. This article says the two emperors, at their recent conferences, decided that the time would be ripe at the beginning of winter when all war operations would be paralyzed to propose an armistice instead of a straight peace conference and adds that the proposal of an armistice in itself might be an indication that Germany not only was ready to free Belgium and indemnify her from an international fund, but also to discuss the evacuation of northern France and the restitution of German colonies and even to settle the Alsace-Lorraine problem in a way to save French feelings. Finally, on condition of certain indemnities and concessions, Germany might consent to revise the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

If this proposal for an armistice is rejected, the Dutch paper holds that the moral position of Germany would be greatly strengthened.

#### Kaiser Praises Himself for Efforts to End War

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—Speaking at the Krupp munition works at Essen, Emperor William declared that everyone in the remotest corner of the fatherland knew that he had "left no stone unturned to shorten the war as far as possible for your people and for the entire civilized world."

#### TANK FLEETS LEAD U. S. ARMY ATTACK

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moved in that direction and the Americans went steadily forward. "At 7 o'clock the tanks had disappeared amid a smoke cloud over the ridge in front of Seicheprey.

"The Germans have offered very little resistance to the advancing Americans. Occasionally a stray machine gun or automatic rifle has been discovered, but it is apparent that the enemy has withdrawn his main forces to a second line, which possibly he will defend with a certain degree of tenacity.

"His artillery has been firing from behind a ridge which runs in front of the American line, but he is being pursued by tanks, which at one point lost only one out of 45 and that got stuck in the mud.

"The Americans are pressing forward in fine style and slowly closing in the extreme ends of the St. Mihiel salient."

#### Polish Question May Lead to Downfall of Count Burian

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—No solution of the Polish question has yet been found, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, and the matter will be taken up at the Berlin conference between Admiral Paul von Hintze, the German foreign secretary, and Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

Rumors of Baron Burian's impending resignation, says the Vossische Zeitung, are due to his determination to insist upon an Austro-Polish solution of a union with the dual monarchy, a solution which, as is well known, finds no favor in Germany.

### American Casualty List

The following Nebraskans are mentioned in the casualty list for Friday, September 13, morning: William H. Walker, died of wounds, next of kin Mrs. Max L. Keeler, Havelock, Neb.; Lt. Soren C. Sorenson, wounded severely, next of kin Mrs. S. C. Sorenson, Grand Island, Neb.; Adolph J. Nelson, wounded severely, next of kin John A. Johnson, Hartington, Neb.; Henry W. Steffy, severely wounded, next of kin Mrs. Kate Steffy, Bassett, Neb.

The following Nebraskans are mentioned in the casualty list for Thursday afternoon: Henry S. Fisher, died of wounds, next of kin, Mrs. Mirandy Fisher, Hastings; Alva F. Olsen, died from accident, next of kin Oscar W. Olsen, Hartington; Cal A. Weist, severely wounded, next of kin Mrs. Catherine Grunier, Homfrid; William Powers, missing in action, next of kin Edward Powers, Bertrand.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action, 28; missing in action, 21; wounded severely, 87; died of disease, 6; wounded, degree undetermined, 3; died of wounds, 20; died from accident and other causes, 8; prisoner, 1. Total, 174.

**Killed in Action.**  
Capt. Phil J. Kaiser, San Antonio, Tex.  
Lt. Michael J. Dwyer, Pitts., Pa.  
Sergeant Willie H. White, Richmond, Va.  
Corp. Clifton R. Foster, Sapulpa, Okla.  
Corp. Harry Godinsky, New York, N. Y.  
Corp. Emanuel J. Hammon, Spring Run, Pa.  
Corp. John Francis Holland, Boston, Mass.  
Corp. Linwood W. Hopkins, Argyle, Mo.  
Corp. John P. Schwall, Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
Corp. Dennis D. Wheeler, Creedmore, N. C.  
Corp. Jo W. Dillavon, Oldden, Ia.  
Corp. Roman Barickel, Erie, Pa.  
Corp. Walter L. Bradley, Elmo, Mo.  
Corp. Winfield Geary Cary, Greenacres, Pa.  
Corp. Alfred G. Champagne, Chateaugay, Mass.  
Corp. Grady M. Cochran, Ficklin, Ga.  
Corp. Agostino Conicello, Conanshocken, Pa.  
Corp. Theodore Joseph Crist, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Corp. Raphael E. Cross, Jackson, Mich.  
Corp. John Danora, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Corp. Forest L. Delaney, Moorville, W. Va.  
Corp. Frank Benjamin Doerflinger, Goodland, Kan.  
Corp. Herbert K. Duncan, Terre Haute, Ind.  
Corp. Theophil J. Goranson, Canada, Ont.  
Corp. Peter T. Hansen, Holsted, Denmark.  
Corp. Charles P. Hemphill, Embury, Miss.  
Corp. Anthony Kiska, Poland.

**Died of Wounds.**  
Lt. Arnold M. McIntyre, South Bend, Ind.  
Lt. John B. Roberts, Madison, Wis.  
Corp. William Anthony Rudisale, Detroit, Mich.  
Corp. Paul T. Butler, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Corp. Edwin Harold Ewing, Ludington, Mich.  
Corp. John E. Lynch, Chicago, Ill.  
Corp. William Harvey Walker, Havelock, Neb.  
Corp. Harry M. Wilson, Plymouth, Pa.  
Murray R. Dawson, Glenwood, Ky.  
William Hebron, III, Hinton, Ill.  
Richard H. Darntinger, St. Louis, Mo.  
Robert E. Bottles, Selway, Mont.  
Leonard F. Burns, Winsted, Conn.  
Orville Cincollini, Trenton, N. Y.  
Roy F. Dalton, Peotihu, Ill.  
Walter B. Deahong, Patuxent, Pa.  
Giuseppe Fontana, Rockford, Ill.  
John Gurry, Poland.

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Corp. Wm. H. Pratt, Emporia, Kan.  
Arthur W. Hutchinson, Fort Madison, Ia.  
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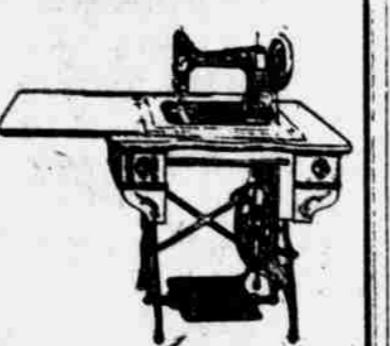
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### PERSHING TO SPRING THE HUN TRAP

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to meet the bulge from the east and a grim trap is being drawn about the enemy forces that remain in the salient. It was only 20 miles across the mouth of the pocket and the reports tonight showed that this had been closed into less than 15 miles.

Through that narrowing gap the German forces in the depth of the salient must escape; and to withdraw without confusion that might turn the retreat into a rout, they must shake off the French forces which are battering them all along the St. Mihiel front.

On the face of tonight's reports, officers here believed that General Pershing would succeed in closing the neck of the bag and trapping a considerable force.

#### Large Force Engaged

The American attack, as it now shapes up, is a major action, it is said, and there is no doubt that the strongest American forces yet employed are engaged. Possibly a quarter of a million American troops either are in action or in close reserve.

#### Churoh Meeting Postponed

A special meeting of St. Andrew's Episcopal church set for tonight has been postponed because of the Pershing celebration.

#### To Honor American Women.

Washington, Sept. 12.—A monument in Paris in honor of the women of the United States is to be erected by French women, a committee of whom notified the American Red Cross today of the movement.

#### Former Fremont Man Dead.

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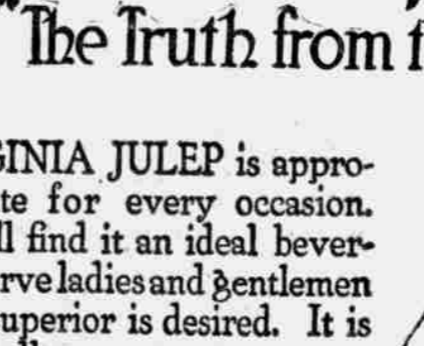
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