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LLOYD GEORGE'S ANSWER TO GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS

The Pope's Attitude Toward Peace is Still Unchanged

Will Take no Part in Movement Without Consent of Both Sides---Unsuccessful German Raids at Saily-Saillisel---Famous French Aviator Meets His Death.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Rome despatch to the Daily Chronicle says: "I am able to state from the most reliable sources that the Pope's attitude towards any initiative for peace is unchanged. While he desires the cessation of war, he will partake in no peace movement unless he is assured of the consent and desire of both sides. Germany's plan of throwing the blame on the Allies for continuation of the war, has no effect at the Vatican, which is horrified at the latest German excesses, particularly at the French and Belgian slave raids."

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The official statement given out here today in regard to the campaign on the Macedonian front, says nothing of importance occurred yesterday in that theatre of war.

A raid was undertaken by German troops last night on Somme front, north of Saily-Saillisel. Today's War Office reports state the effort was without effect. At Verdun artillery fighting occurred in the region of Louvemont and also in the district of Chambrette.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Captain de Beauchamp, the aviator who bombed Essen and Munich, and whose death has just been announced, on one occasion dropped bombs on the headquarters of the German Emperor, according to the Petit Journal. This last exploit was performed in April, 1915, when the Emperor was stationed at Mezières-Charleville. The paper says that the bombs fell right on the house in which the Emperor's staff had its office and that as a result the Emperor withdrew six miles from the city.

French General Delivers Optimistic Speech

To Men, Who Routed the Huns at Verdun

PARIS, Dec. 19.—In an army order addressed to the men of his command after Friday's success, General Mangin, who was in direct command of the troops which forced back the Germans on the Verdun front, said in part:

"After the battles of October 24 and December 15, fought on ground offering exceptional facilities to the defence, with further advantages, owing to the weather, no one can doubt any longer that it is possible to defeat the enemy. Superior in numbers and disposition of formidable artillery, with minute preparation of the ground by good artillery, and the assistance of vigilant aviators, a brave and well trained infantry can break through and then manoeuvre under the high command of General Nivelle."

General Joffre Hands Over the Command

Of the French Army to His Successor

PARIS, Dec. 19.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander in chief of these armies. In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment.

The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his staff, likewise tendered their congratulations.

General Nivelle replied, expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the Allied Military Council he alluded to as a merited promotion.

A Spanish Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces that the Spanish steamer Azon has been sunk. The steamer Azon, of 2,084 tons gross, built at Cadiz in 1901, arrived at Bordeaux on November 25 from Scotland.

The Palermo Was Sunk Without Warning.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The United States ambassador here is gathering evidence from the twenty-five American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

Infantry.
Previously reported wounded, now killed in action—R. G. Letcher, Springfield, N. S.

Previously reported missing, now wounded—W. F. Tomlin, Halifax.

Wounded—H. J. Archer, Sydney, N. S.; M. Reid, Halifax; M. G. Slaunwhite, Lunenburg, N. S.

Double Execution At Sing Sing

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 19.—In keeping with their wish that they be executed today instead of Friday, owing to the approach of Christmas, Charles Kumrow, 20 years old, of Buffalo, and Stanley J. Millstein, 19, of Utica, met their death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison today. Both went to their death calmly.

Millstein killed John E. Creedon, a policeman, of Utica, last February, following his arrest on a charge of burglary.

Kumrow shot to death a barge watchman in Buffalo, with robbery as a motive.

Tripie Tragedy At Ripley, Mass.

Ripley, Mass., Dec. 19.—C. M. Phyfer, a druggist here, last night shot and killed his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Calue Nelms, and then fired a bullet into his own head in the presence of his two children.

According to the children, Phyfer was of a pealous nature and had been drinking. Miss Nelms and Mrs. Phyfer are daughters of Mayor Nelms and were prominent socially.

WILL FLOAT BIG LOAN IN THE UNITED STATES

Great Britain Preparing to Borrow Two Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars From Uncle Sam---France Not Expected to Participate in Loan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Sun says this morning:

"Great Britain is preparing to float another large secured loan, \$250,000,000 or more, in the United States, according to information obtained yesterday on high banking authority. Informal negotiations in the way of feelers for the opinion of the banking world have been begun on behalf of the British government. It was admitted yesterday that the loan would be brought out shortly after New Years. Contrary to the general belief of the financial world, France will not participate in the new United Kingdom loan. It was stated positively yesterday that the loan would be made to Great Britain alone.

Through an arrangement made some time ago, however, Great Britain made possible the participation by France in the proceeds obtained by the British government from foreign countries.

Why the Columbian was Sunk.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The American steamer Columbian was torpedoed because, after being released after stoppage by a German submarine, she sent out wireless warnings of the submarine's zone of operations, in violation of neutrality.

A German General Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—General Von Fabeck, commander in chief of one of the German armies on the western front, is dead, according to German newspapers, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE TAKES SEAT IN HOUSE AS PRIME MINISTER

His Announcement of the British Attitude Toward Peace Move of the Central Powers Anxiously Awaited By the Whole Civilized World.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The first appearance of David Lloyd George before the House of Commons as Premier was made to-day in circumstances seldom, if ever, faced by a new holder of the office. Even if the peace proposals of the Central Powers had not intervened, his statement of the policy of his government, which was chosen in reply to a public demand for a more vigorous prosecution of the war, would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note, however, shifted the interest and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude toward the move of the Central Powers.

The secret was so well kept that the best informed parliamentary correspondents differed as to the treatment the peace proposals would receive. The London papers which support the Lloyd George government most strongly express the opinion that the government has decided a conference on Germany's peace terms would not be considered.

Even the moderate provincial papers warned the pacifists they had best make up their minds that a prompt refusal would be forthcoming. But the hope was expressed in many quarters—notwithstanding the fact that the German government's note contained no terms, that Premier Lloyd George would be a little more communicative.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS THAT WITHOUT REPARATION PEACE WITH THE HUNS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

When the House assembled every seat on the floor and in the galleries was filled. The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain's Allies occupied seats in the gallery for distinguished strangers.

Premier Lloyd George said in addressing the Commons to-day that it was felt that they should not enter into negotiations for peace until Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms wherein it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. The Premier said that without reparation peace would be impossible.

He said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany. Much as they longed for it, the Premier added, the Central Powers' note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ALLIES HAVE INDEPENDENTLY ARRIVED AT SAME CONCLUSION, SAID PREMIER

Mr. Lloyd George said: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our Allies. Each of the Allies have separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion.

"I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George said the Allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against pursuing militarism and disturbing the peace of Europe.

When the Premier entered the House just before four o'clock he was cheered enthusiastically from all quarters.

Former Premier Asquith, who entered a moment later, was also cheered vociferously by the Liberals. Sir William Robertson, commander in chief of the Imperial Staff at Army Headquarters, dressed in khaki, was in the gallery.

Testing New Motor Truck.

Mr. J. K. Howard, of Syracuse, N.Y., arrived last night and registered at the Barker House. He is the representative of the American La France Company, from which the city purchased the motor-driven combination chemical engine and hose wagon recently delivered here. The motor truck was unloaded at the C. P. R. Station this morning and this afternoon will be given a test about the streets. Mr. Howard said this morning that the quantity of snow now in the streets would cause the truck no trouble.

Plenty of Both.

Plenty of snow now and plenty of snowshoes at Edgcombe's.

Death at Lincoln.

Samuel Reynolds, of Lincoln, died at his home there on Monday at the age of 51 years. He is survived by his mother, three daughters and four sons, also by one sister, Mrs. Gilbert Cox, of Burt's Corner, and two brothers, Bliss and Chesley, of Gagetown. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Boothroy will conduct the service and interment will be made at Waasis.

Death of a Child.

The funeral of Dorothy, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brewer, of this city, took place this afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was made at the Hermitage. The deceased was aged two years and nine months.