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POPE'S PROPOSALS MARK AN ADVANCE IN IN DIRECTION OF PEACE

This is the View of the London Telegraph---The Daily News Does Not Think His Holiness' Proposals Are a Basis For Settlement.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The proposals of Pope Benedict, notwithstanding many wholly unsatisfactory features, the Daily Telegraph thinks, mark a perceptible advance toward the formulation of such a peace as the Allies demand and the world needs. The note, says the Telegraph, created a new sensation and it may well represent what Austria-Hungary, South Germany and a strong body of opinion in East Prussia itself are trying to force upon the German Imperial government.

Nevertheless, as the basis of peace negotiations, the note is, in the Telegraph's opinion, wholly inadmissible and very far indeed from the satisfying requirements of a just peace as stated in the Allied note to the United States in January.

THE PEACE NOTE A WEAK AND PLAINTIVE DOCUMENT IN THE OPINION OF THE DAILY NEWS

The Daily News finds the note considerably less important than the summary indicated, and describes it as a rather weak and plaintive document. It adds: "It is a series of aspirations and not a basis of settlement. If the pontiff can persuade the warring nations to build on his foundation, well and good, but if he has reason to believe his efforts will be successful, it must rest on some other basis than the proposals themselves. Take one instance only: Germany is to guarantee with the other powers the independence of Belgium. That is a master stroke of irony, but is it in place in an earnest and sincere appeal for peace?"

THE ENTENTE ALLIES AND CENTRAL POWERS LIKELY TO MAKE COLLECTIVE REPLIES TO NOTE

ROME, Aug. 17.—The text of the Papal note appeared first here in the Cassavatore Romano, published at noon. The Vatican organ is printed usually late in the evening. Thus the publication at noon today was a great exception which only occurred once before, in November, 1907, when the Vatican answered the note of M. Briand, the French Premier, about the law of separation. The entire press reproduces the Papal note expressing the opinion that the Allies have not beforehand agreed to the Papal conditions. It is expected the Allies will give the Pope a collective answer and perhaps the Central Empires will do likewise.

QUEBEC CITY VISITED BY A FIERCE ELECTRICAL STORM

Was a Continuous Piece of Natural Fireworks Accompanied by the Roar of Heaven's Artillery--People Were Flooded Out.

QUEBEC, Aug. 17.—The worst electrical and rain storm of years struck Quebec City and district Thursday evening between the hours of eleven and twelve, and in the short time of three hours close to two inches of rain fell, breaking all previous records. Hundreds of cellars are flooded today. Quebec is an exceedingly hilly city, and the houses that were flooded at the foot of the many inclines are incalculable in number. Certain dwellings were even made uninhabitable, and a case in particular is on record, that of the Walsh and Bleau families, at numbers 5 and 7 Joachim street, in whose homes ten inches of water caused everyone to make a precipitate exit in their night clothes. The storm raged from 7.30 until two this morning, but the electric discharge itself lasted from 11 till 1 a. m. It was a continuous piece of natural fireworks accompanied with the uninterrupted roar of thunder.

Reports from Beauce, where two disastrous floods have caused millions of dollars material damages since the spring, indicate that the level of the Chaudiere river has risen five feet since yesterday evening, and fears are entertained for another disastrous flood.

GERMAN TOLL IS APPALLING

London, Aug. 16.—German casualties reported during July in the German official lists, but not necessarily having occurred in July, aggregated 39,863, as follows:

Killed or died of wounds or sickness, 21,389.

Prisoners or missing, 14,620.

Severely wounded, 13,896.

Wounded and slightly wounded, 39,958.

The total German losses of all classes since the beginning of the war exceed 4,500,000.

IMPOSTOR SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Boston, Aug. 16.—Percy de Willeby, who posed as a wounded British captain and was royally entertained in New York and this city, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Superior Criminal Court to an indictment accusing him of forgery, uttering and larceny. He was remanded to jail, where he has been confined in default of \$3,000 bail. He will be sentenced in September.

C. N. R. BILL PASSES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—On a straight party division in the Commons, with a majority of 25, the government and its followers in Parliament committed the country to the principle of buying up all the stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. The first step has been taken towards railway nationalization in Canada. It is also the preliminary to the final clean-up of some \$10,000,000 by Mackenzie & Mann, and the millionaire financiers of Toronto, who are the pledgees of some of the stock, and who have picked up at away below par the unguaranteed securities of the system which now, through government ownership, will be given greatly enhanced value.

R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, although voting for the principle of the bill, strenuously objected to the lack of safeguards in regard to the arbitration proceedings, demanded that any settlement should be with Mackenzie & Mann alone and not with the financiers behind them whose bargain with the railway magnates should not be made more profitable at the expense of the country. After a long and destructive criticism of the details of the bill, and a plea to the finance minister to impose restrictions which would "prevent this country from becoming as it has been too frequently in the past, the victim of the rapacity and greed of these men," Mr. Bennett declared, "but even if it cost us millions of dollars to be rid of these men in the public life of this country, I say it would be cheap, even in the midst of the great war."

PERSONAL

Mrs. E. R. Brown and Master Frederick Brown of Stanley are in the city.

Mr. W. H. Stevens of Montreal is in the city.

Mr. D. A. MacNeill of Moncton is in the city.

Mr. A. J. Prettie of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. C. E. Cobb of Patten, Me., is registered at the Barker House.

Mrs. A. H. McKee and child of Ottawa are the guests of Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Miss Barbara Nickerson is visiting friends at Houlton, Me.

Mrs. Fenton McCormick of Blackville is visiting relatives here.

THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

Ramsay MacDonald Makes an Attack on Lloyd-George--Premier Kerensky's Telegram Read to the House--Lord Hugh Cecil's Views

LONDON, Aug. 17.—In the House of Commons last night, J. Ramsay MacDonald, ex-chairman of the labor party, questioned the government regarding the Daily Mail's Petrograd despatch giving the correspondent's version of Premier Kerensky's attitude towards the Stockholm convention.

He accused the Premier of misleading the London labor conference, which induced Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to read the text of M. Kerensky's telegram, which the Chancellor asserted was spontaneous and not due to any inquiry from the British government. The text of the telegram follows:

"You are hereby authorized to inform the Foreign Secretary that although the Russian government does not deem it possible to prevent Russian delegates from taking part in the Stockholm conference, they regard this conference as a party concern and its declarations in no way binding on the government."

Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Greenwich, had previously intervened in the debate and accused the proposed delegation to the Stockholm conference of being unfit either mentally or by training to discuss the problems that would arise. To go to Stockholm, Lord Hugh said, would be unwise and foolish.

HOUSE OF COMMONS IS APATHETIC.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Apparently the House of Commons as a whole has no overwhelming interest in the Stockholm conference. There was only a small attendance of members during the debate last night, and the amendment moved by Philip Snowden to adjourn the House only until Sept. 11, on the ground that the government could not be trusted eight weeks out of sight of parliament, was rejected by 74 votes to 18.

GERMAN CONCESSIONS IN POLAND MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A REGENCY

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Reuter's London agency says it learns on good authority that German concessions in Poland are expected shortly, but that they will be conditional on Austria's approval. It is probable, says the news agency, that the Central Powers will offer a regency composed of three eminent Polish politicians and a ministerial cabinet and council of state, which will not have as members any persons who belong to the provisional council of state, the ground being taken that the latter individuals have lost Poland's confidence.

Heavy Fighting Continues On the Western Battlefront

FAKE CANVASSER WAS ARRESTED AT MARYSVILLE

**Let Go on Promise to Leave—
Police in Neighboring Town
Have Busy Time—Local
Happenings.**

Marysville, Aug. 17.—A young man was taken into custody by Town Marshal Saunders last evening, charged with drunkenness and using abusive language on the streets. He will come before Magistrate Clayton today in answer to the charges.

A stranger who has been canvassing the town and who was apparently obtaining money under false pretenses was taken into custody by the marshal and was later allowed his freedom on the condition that he immediately take his departure from the town.

Mrs. Eugene Savage, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Grace and Helen, is visiting friends at Campbellton.

The Reformed Baptist Sunday school held their annual picnic at Penniac yesterday. A large number were in attendance, the party being conveyed to and from the grounds by busses.

A special police officer had an interesting experience with a resident of this place who had been trespassing upon private property and intruding upon the rules which forbid smoking on the premises, the other evening. The man was placed under arrest but at the request of his friends he was allowed his freedom after receiving a severe reprimand.

Miss Barbara Nickerson is visiting friends at Houlton, Me.

Mrs. Fenton McCormick of Blackville is visiting relatives here.

Germans Launch Furious Counter Attacks But Without Success---French Troops Repulse Attacks Made by the Enemy on Their New Positions.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Germans made two counter attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. They gained temporary successes at some points, the War Office announces, but subsequently the British line was re-established. The statement follows:

"Early last night the enemy twice counter attacked the new positions gained by us yesterday east of Loos, in the direction of Cite St. August. At the second attempt he succeeded in pressing back our line slightly at some points, but later in the night our troops again attacked and re-established our positions. A further hostile counter-attack was completely repulsed and we secured a few positions.

The artillery has been active on both sides in the night, east of Ypres."

VIGOROUS GERMAN ASSAULTS ALONG THE AISNE WERE BEATEN BACK BY THE FRENCH TROOPS

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The Germans last night attacked the new positions gained by the French on the Steenbeke river in Belgium. The War Office announces that they were repulsed completely. Vigorous German assaults on the Aisne front also were beaten back. The communication reads:

"In Belgium our attack continued with success during the day. Our infantry, dominating our adversary, broke his resistance west of the Steenbeke and, continuing its progress in conjunction with the British troops, captured all the positions of the enemy and more than 300 prisoners, of which there were four officers as well as much material which has not yet been classified. The artilleries of both sides were active in the regions of Laflaux and Hurtebise.

"On the left bank of the Meuse, in the region of Hill 304, one of our patrols brought back some prisoners.

"In Alsace two German attacks at the Barenkop and south of Hartmansweiler completely failed.

"The Germans fired the Cathedral of St. Quentin, which has been burning for several hours.

THE FIRE AT ST. QUENTIN CATHEDRAL WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY THE WORK OF GERMANS

French Front in France, Aug. 16.—The fire in the St. Quentin Cathedral was first observed about six o'clock Wednesday night by sentinels in a French trench outside of St. Quentin. They were startled to see tongues of flame breaking from the famous building, and soon the entire structure was ablaze. The fire continued to light up the town and the surrounding country until two o'clock in the morning. As it died down it was seen that the steep roof had fallen in. Everything but the walls must have been destroyed. The cause is unknown. Certainly it was not due to the French fire. There was little bombardment last night and when the correspondent watched columns of smoke float away on the light wind, the landscape was singularly peaceful. Prisoners say the town has lately been pillaged by officers and men who are sending many stolen valuables to Germany.

CANADIANS TOOK PRISONERS.

Canadian Headquarters, Aug. 17.—(By Stewart Lyon). The total number of prisoners captured by the Canadians in the action around Lens are now over 900.

SUCCESSFUL AIR RAIDS CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH NAVAL AIRMEN

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Admiralty announces the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the Royal Naval Air Service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings and the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The airdrome at Ghisteltes was bombed and several fires were observed. Attacks from the air were made on the airdromes at Engel and Uytkerke. All the airplanes returned safely.

HOPE TO BEGIN WORK NEXT WEEK

**Construction of New Buildings
at Old Govt. House to be
Rushed--Capt. McNally
Adjutant.**

Lt. Col. T. T. Sharples, officer commanding, Military Hospitals Commission Corps, returned to St. John last night after spending the day here inspecting the Old Government House and grounds where a convalescent and vocational home for returned soldiers is to be located by the H.M.C. Col. Sharples stated last night that it was hoped to have the work on the new buildings started next week. The tenders closed some time ago but no announcement has yet been made

concerning the award of the contracts. The new buildings are to be located at each end of the main building and will be of excellent appearance and design. They will be constructed of stucco, a new material in this section, on a concrete foundation.

Announcement concerning the subordinate staff of the home will be made later. Fredericton is to be the headquarters for New Brunswick of the Military Hospitals Commission. Capt. Theo. R. McNally of the 236th Highlanders is to be adjutant of the home in this city, having been adjudged unfit for further service overseas.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong, director of the M.H.C., and Mr. W. S. Segsworth, director of vocational work, who accompanied Col. Sharples on his inspection yesterday, went to Montreal last night.

Mr. Frank D. Johnson and family are at the Queen.