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SAYS THE HUNS SHOW NO SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE

Sir George Foster Analyzes German Peace Offer --- Makes a Review of Recent Events---Majority of the Members of the Reichstag Are With the Kaiser---No Real Change of Heart in the German People

Ottawa, Oct. 14—Sir George Foster acting Prime Minister in an analysis of the German peace terms last night asserts that in his opinion as the Germans have not shown any sign of repentance and the Kaiser spirit still dominated the people, the war should be continued until there is unconditional surrender. Sir George said:

"Until further details are at hand one does not care to say too much, but it is perhaps well to pass recent events in review so as to keep the connection clearly in mind and be better able to form a correct judgment."

On October 6, Prince Maximilian in his note requests President Wilson to undertake the restoration of peace and to acquaint the Allies with this request; he accepts the President's proposition of January 8 and succeeding dates as the basis of negotiations and asks the immediate conclusion of an armistice on land, sea and in the air, with a view to the avoidance of further bloodshed.

"On October 8, President Wilson, before replying to the Chancellor, and in order that his reply may be clear, asked for the following additional information:

"(A) Does Chancellor mean that the Imperial German Government accepts the terms referred to and that the discussions are only intended for agreement on the principal details of their application.

"(B) Is the Chancellor speaking merely for the constituted authorities who have heretofore conducted the war.

"(C) The President declines to propose to the Allied Governments a cessation of arms so long as the armies of the Central Powers were upon their soil. Good faith would require the immediate withdrawal of their forces everywhere from invaded territories.

"The German Government replied as follows:

"(A) It accepts the terms laid down by President Wilson in his address of January 8 and his subsequent addresses on the foundation of a permanent peace. The object therefore in entering upon discussion is only to agree upon the practical details of the application of these terms.

"(B) The present German Government was formed by conferences and on agreement with the majority of the Reichstag; the Chancellor, therefore supported in all his action by the will of the majority speaks in the name of the German Government and of the German people.

"(C) In accordance with Austria-Hungary it declares its readiness to comply with the President's propositions in regard to evacuation and suggest a fixed commission for making the necessary arrangements therefor.

President's Present Position

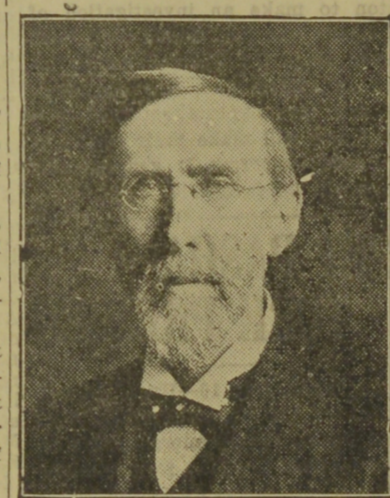
The President, having received these replies to his queries, is now to decide whether he will convey the requests made by the German Chancellor on October 6 to the belligerent States. If he decides to forward them to the Allies, it is then for the Allies to consider and come to their conclusions. The President represents only

one of the several belligerent nations to whom the requests are to be presented and by whom the ultimate decision is to be made.

"Meanwhile, the war continues on land, on sea and in the air, with all the force and impetus imparted by the uninterrupted and splendid successes of the last two months.

"The German Chancellor seems to be explicit as to his acceptance of the President's proposition of Jan. 8 and as to the immediate evacuation of allied territories.

"The third question involving the status of the Government for whom the Chancellor speaks presents greater difficulties.



SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER.

"The Government has been formed by conferences and in agreement with the great majority of the Reichstag says the present Chancellor. So was Hertling's Government. So was that of Michaelis. So that of Hollweg's; and yet in all these the Kaiser and his clique were supreme in influence and direction. The Kaiser made and unmade each of these other chancellors. He has made the present chancellor. Is there any guarantee that he shall not direct him whilst he is Chancellor or to replace him when he is tired of him.

Reichstag with Kaiser

The Kaiser during all these chancellors has had the majority of the Reichstag with him—He has that now—and there has been no change apparently in this respect. The supreme power is now, just as and what it was when war was declared in 1914 and as it has been whilst war, bloody cruel and murderous by land and sea has been waged for four years and two months, and is now being waged against hospital ships, non-combatant passengerships, helpless fishermen and nurse stations and as it is now with bomb and torch making the ravaged lands of France and Belgium a civilized desolation.

"The Chancellor the note goes on to say, supported in all his actions by the will of the majority, speaks in the name of the German Government and the German people. "So did all the other chancellors say what they said and do what they did in the name of the German Government and of the German people and no doubt that both were behind them.

"And their record has been such for lack of honor and for inglorious tricksters that President Wilson himself has declared that no such directing Government could be trusted or dealt with by honorable nations.

"There does not appear to be any change so far as this wording is concerned. What we must ask ourselves very seriously is this: Is there any real change of heart in the German people, or is this mood the product of fear, the counsel of characteristic and callous German prudence. After four years of cruel savagery and unblushing disposition now, when they find themselves deserted by their duped Allies, threatened with a collapse in Austria, smarting from continuous defeat in France and Flanders, with red hands and flaming torches floating amid the ruins they have wrought do they now simply propose to retire with the honors of war to their own country?

"Would it not be well before this is allowed and before interminable discussions are begun at the peace table, to administer the final decisive blow and make sure of being able to

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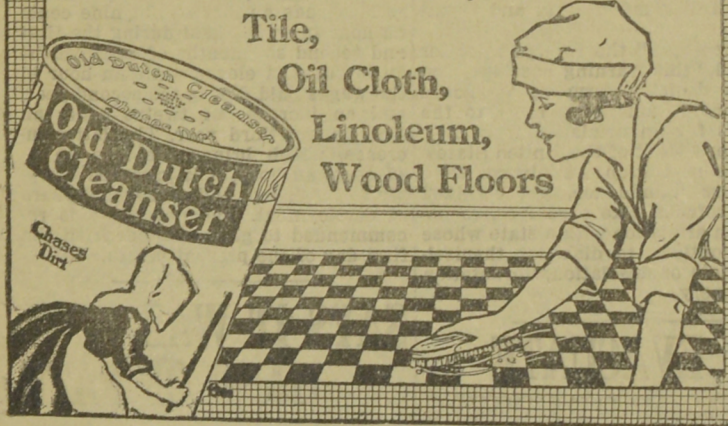
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