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Count Czernin Declares That They are a Near Approach to Austria-Hungary's Point of View---Hopes Peace Negotiations Will not be Abandoned---Publication of Daily Proceedings Caused Nervousness Among the People.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Basel, Jan. 24. — A despatch from Vienna says that during an address to the delegations of parliament, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister declared that he considered President Wilson's last propositions regarding peace as showing a perceptible approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view. There were he said, several points to which Austria-Hungary joyfully could subscribe, but that the following principle first must be laid down: "That where these propositions concerned Austria-Hungary's allies, as in the case of Germany in Belgium or Turkey, Austria-Hungary was faithful to her alliances and would fight to the end for the defense of her allies."

Peace Negotiations.

London Jan. 25. — In his speech Count Czernin described the difficulties attending the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Count Czernin

said that the publication of the daily proceedings of the conference had caused nervousness among the people behind the front.

Austria-Hungary and America the count said, were two belligerents whose interests were less incompatible than they seemed. He characterized the report of President Wilson's speech regarding war aims as an important advance toward the Austro-Hungarian viewpoint, which contained some proposals in Austria-Hungary would gladly join.

Will Support Germany.

The Polish question must not delay peace one day. If Poland after the war wished to advance toward Austria-Hungary such an advance would be welcomed. The differences of view between Russia and Germany were not great enough to justify abandonment of the peace negotiations. "It is obvious to me," he said, "that an exchange of views between America and Austria-Hungary might form the starting point for a conciliatory discussion among all the states which have not entered into peace negotiations."

Commenting on the fourteen points in President Wilson's war aims speech Count Czernin said according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, that Austria-Hungary and America were virtually in agreement regarding the principles for new arrangements after the war.

Count Czernin qualified his statement respecting agreement with some of President Wilson's passages by saying that Austria-Hungary would support Germany.



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(Canadian Press direct wire.)
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