

PRESIDENT WILSON DOES NOT SEE ANY PROSPECT OF EARLY PEACE IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, June 24.—President Wilson does not see any prospect for an early peace in Europe. Colonel E. M. House, his close friend and unofficial envoy to Europe, gave the President today the results of his sojourn of several months in the principal capitals of Europe, where he talked intimately with officials of the British, French and German Governments, and the information he imparted in the long walks and talks which they enjoyed today reflected distinctly the ideas held by both diplomats and the military element in each of the countries at war. He also disclosed the various beliefs and currents of public opinion in each country as to what might be the possible terms of peace and the trend of public opinion toward the different peace proposals that have been brought forward from time to time in formal discussions by the press and peace organizations.

The President has been guided largely by what Colonel House has reported to him by cable and letters in handling the delicate question of renewing the efforts of the United States to bring about a general acceptance of mediation. Mr. Wilson said himself last Tuesday to the Washington correspondents that new tenders of good offices had been made to the warring powers, but that all foreign governments well understood the willingness of the United States to be of any service in any way possible to pave the way for an approach to peace.

One fundamental thing, the President has learned, which has affected the efforts of the United States to make peace, is the unpreparedness of public opinion in some of the belligerent countries as to terms which they fear their adversaries might advance, or that are already discussed. Colonel House observed during his trip to Europe that public opinion in some of the countries was most insistent on terms which the governments of those countries already had learned in various ways would not be acceptable to their opponents.

In all the countries he found that there had developed among the masses a desire for a settlement that would be commensurate with the sacrifice in blood and treasure that had been made by the people. If left to the diplomats in Europe alone a return to the territorial status quo would perhaps not be difficult, was the information in some quarters.

In Germany it seemed according to reliable information given to the President, the object of the large and influential party was to prepare public opinion for a realization of the idea that Germany's best interests lie in colonial expansion and the incidental development of overseas commerce in Europe proper.

The question, however, which Col. House thinks likely will play a most important part in any peace negotiations is "freedom of the seas."

Neither the President nor Col. House would make any formal statement on their conference.

DR. DERNBURG SAYS HIS DESIRE IS TO GO TO THE FRONT

NEW YORK, June 24.—An interview with Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, the former German Colonial Secretary, published by the Tribune today, was obtained here, that paper says, on June 11, under the stipulation that it should not be printed until Dernburg's arrival in Bergen, Norway.

"Some of the Allies might take offence at some of my statements and interfere with my journey," he was quoted as saying. The steamer Bergensfjord on which Dr. Dernburg was a passenger, was due to arrive in BBeger today, but a delayed despatch from London received here last night said that the vessel had been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, where it was understood the passengers and crew were undergoing an investigation.

The Tribune quotes Dr. Dernburg as saying that his mission in the United States, though curtailed, had been successful. "I feel that the great American public has been given a clearer and better understanding of the German cause and the German arms of this war," he added. "Germany at the beginning of the war was so isolated that the underlying motives for, and the German viewpoint of the war might never have penetrated through the circle of isolation with which our enemies have tried to surround us. If I have succeeded in presenting to the intelligent body of Americans the basic facts of this war as Germany sees them, and upon which her gigantic struggle is based, the main object of my mission will have been accomplished.

"My plans for the future are undecided. Personally, I desire nothing better than to go to the front by the side of my oldest boy—a lad of seventeen years, who is going to join the colors as soon as I get back."

Dr. Dernburg said that he would go immediately to Berlin and confer with Government officials. He positively denied that he would carry on any propaganda work from any of the Scandinavian countries.

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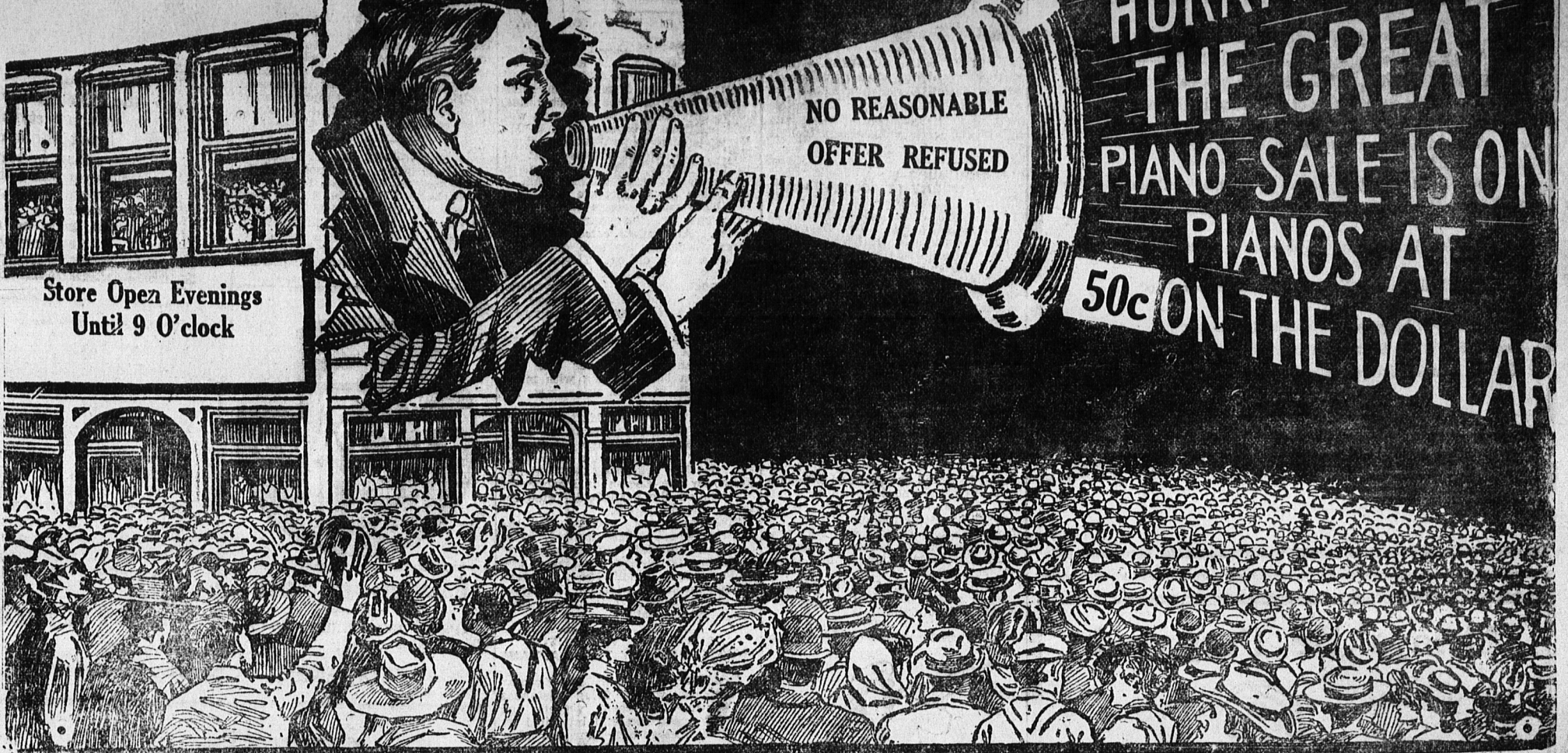
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The Minister did not despair of universal peace. He believed it would be brought about by the development of deeper interest in foreign politics and of more respect for the rights of little nations.

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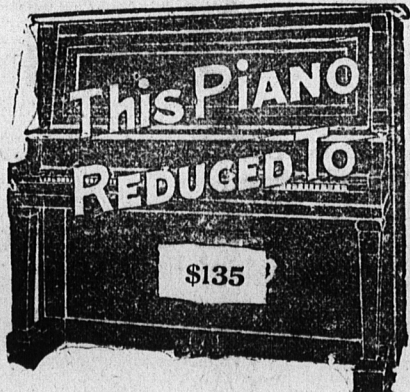
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