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PRESIDENT WILSON WARNS GERMANY

Has Submitted German Proposal to Allied Governments But Warns Germany That Unconditional Surrender is Only Basis for Peace Negotiations

(Special to the Guardian)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—President Wilson has put Germany's plea for an armistice and peace before the Allies and has informed Berlin that an armistice can only be entered on terms which would make it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities. The text of his reply follows: Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German Government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of peace laid down in his address to the Congress of the United States on the eighth of January 1918 and the principles solemnly enunciated in his subsequent addresses particularly the addresses of the 27th of Sept., and that it desires to discuss the details of their application and that this wish and purpose emanates not from those who have hitherto dictated the German policy and conducted the present war on Germany's, who speak for the majority of the Reichstag and for the overwhelming majority of the German people, and having received also the explicit promise of the present German Government that the humane rules of civilized warfare will be observed, both on land and sea by the German armed forces. The President of the United States feels that he cannot decline to take those up with the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated. The question of an armistice he deems it his duty to say again however that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and powers associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible. The President has therefore transmitted his correspondence with the present German authorities to the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated as belligerents with the suggestion that if those Governments are disposed to affect peace upon those principles indicated their military advisers and the military advisers of the United States be asked to submit to the Governments associated against Germany necessary the terms of such armistice as will fully protect the interests of the peoples involved, and ensure to the associated government unrestricted power to safeguard and enforce the details of peace to which the German Government has agreed.

Provided they deem such an armistice possible from a military point of view, should such terms of armistice be suggested their acceptance by Germany will afford the best concrete evidence of her unequivocal acceptance of terms and principles of peace from which the whole action proceeded.

The President would deem himself lacking in candour did he not point out in the frankest possible terms the reason why extraordinary safe guards must be demanded, significant and important as the constitutional changes seem to be which are spoken of by the German Foreign Secretary in his note of the 20th of October.

It does not appear that the principles of the Government responsible to the German people has yet been fully worked out, or that any guarantees either exist or are in contemplation.

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tion that the alterations of the principle and of practice now partially agreed upon will be permanent. Moreover it does not appear that the heart of the present difficulty has been reached, it may be that future wars have been brought under control of the German people but the present war has not been and it is with the present war that we are dealing. It is evident that the German people have no means of commanding the acquiescence of military authorities of the Empire in the popular will, that the power of the King of Prussia to control the policy of the Empire is unimpaired. That determining initiative still remains with those who have hitherto been masters of Germany, feeling that the whole peace of the world depends now on plain speaking and straight forward action.

The President deems it his duty to say without any attempt to soften what may seem harsh words that the nations of the world do not and cannot trust the words of those who have hitherto been masters of the German policy and to point out that once more that in concluding peace and attempting to undo the infinite injuries and injustices of this war the Government of the United States cannot deal with any but veritable representatives of the German people who have been assured of genuine constitutional standing as the rulers of Germany, if it must deal with military masters and monarchs of autocrats of Germany now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later with regard to international obligations of the German Empire, it must demand not peace negotiations but surrender. Nothing can be gained by leaving these essential things unsaid.

Lt. Col. Nelles Gets Dept. Finance Position

Lieut-Colonel S.B. Nelles has been appointed assistant receiver general for Saskatchewan under the Dominion Department of Finance. Regina will be headquarters for the province, though the definite location of the office has not been determined.

The official wire from Ottawa acquainting Colonel Nelles of his appointment instructed him to report at Ottawa at the earliest possible moment to discuss local arrangements. He is leaving for that city tonight.

Colonel Nelles has been prominent in insurance and financial circles in Regina for several years. He was with the Canada Permanent for 24 years and for three years previous to the outbreak of the war was inspector with the Sun Life. A member of the active militia for 28 years he enlisted for service with the C.E.F. early in 1915 and was given the first appointment with the 68th Regina battalion on organization. He was made captain and adjutant of the unit and later was promoted to rank of major while still attached to the 68th. In September, 1915 he was placed in command of the 152nd Battalion, headquarters at Weyburn, when that unit was authorized. He recruited the 152nd to strength and took the unit overseas in September, 1916 after a summer in Camp Hughes.

When the 152nd was broken into drafts in England Colonel Nelles went to France and for a time was attached to the 28th Battalion and later with the 1st Canadian Railway Group. While serving in France he was with Lieut. Colonel Nelles, returned to Canada in February of this year and has since been doing conducting duty with overseas drafts from this district.

Colonel Nelles, who is a brother in-law of Mr. E.R. Brown, and Mr. James Paton, M.L.A., was recently on a prolonged visit to this Province and made many friends who will be glad to learn of his appointment.

ANOTHER VITAL SPOT PIERCED IN HUN WALL

British Smashed Through German Defensive Positions Between LeCateau and Solesmes to Depth of Nearly Three Miles, Capturing Several Thousand Prisoners and Driving a Wedge into Enemy Positions Which Seriously Endangers both Wings of the Retiring German Army. Catillon Captured by British. Germans Evacuating Ghent.

(Special to The Guardian)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 24.—The British 3rd and 4th armies today smashed through strong German defensive positions south of Valenciennes, between Le Cateau and Solesmes. They gained ground to a depth of more than 5,000 yards on an extended front, capturing many important villages and several thousand prisoners together with numerous guns and driving a wedge into the enemy positions at what probably is the most vital point of the lines the Germans are holding. The 4th army at one point captured 2,000 prisoners and some guns. Haig's men gained possession of the ground overlooking Harples Valley. The attack is of vital strategic importance. The Allied sally here menaces the Germans lines all the way to Holland and if it is widened it will have a tremendous effect also on the enemy front to the south. The British are approaching Le Quesnoy and were only about three miles from the gates of that place, according to latest reports and were still advancing. Catillon was

taken early in the fighting by assault and is in British hands. The Germans before retreating blew up all the bridges over the canal between Catillon and Orsy. One Corps holding the centre of the 4th army front opposite Le Cateau alone had taken 500 prisoners early in the day.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.—The evacuation of Ghent, Belgium, is in full swing, according to a despatch to the Telegraph from Sakan Ghent. The last boats in Ghent are being hastily towed toward Salsbergen near the Dutch frontier, south of Sakan-Ghent, the despatch adds.

GERMANS EVACUATING GHENT

GETTING INTO CENTRE OF VALENCIENNES

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 23.—British troops were fighting their way into the centre of Valenciennes early today. They were facing a strong enemy machine gun fire from the east bank of the Scheldt Canal which flows through the city.

LIVELY ARTILLERY DUEL

PARIS, Oct. 24.—French troops gained slightly between Nieleycomte and Le Thour on the Serre front last night, the war office announced today. On the Oise front there was a lively artillery duel throughout the night. The first army so far in October has captured 81 guns, 100 trench mortars, over 700 machine guns a number of munition depots and all kinds of material.

AMERICANS CLEANED UP BOIS DE FOREST

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 24.—In the face of stubborn resistance American forces today cleaned up Bois De Forest just west of Briulles, capturing 75 prisoners, many of them machine gunners who fought to the last. The fight for Bois De Forest began a week ago and has been one of the most stubborn since the beginning of the Meuse Argonne offensive.

HARVEST LEAVE EXTENDED TO NOV. 7

All ranks belonging to the Depot in Charlottetown, P. E. I., are hereby notified that harvest leave has been extended to all ranks until November 7th. On that date unless further orders are issued they will have to report for duty.

J. W. STANLEY
 Officer Commanding Depot
 The above is in compliance with the request forwarded by Premier Arsenault a few days ago and will be greatly appreciated by farmers.

Board of Health Decides That Ban Must Still Continue

At a meeting of the Board of Health last evening at which His Worship Mayor Wright presided and all the members of the City Council and several of the Water Commissioners were present it was unanimously decided to maintain the closure of schools, churches, etc., until the Board of Health otherwise decides.

Meeting adjourned to meet a week hence.

BRITISH OPEN NEW ATTACK

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The British began a new attack early today on the front between Le Cateau and Colesmes, south of Valenciennes. Field Marshal Haig announces. The British have captured Bruay, two and half miles north of Valenciennes and have reached the west bank of the Scheldt.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TIRONT, Oct. 25.—Fair not much change in temperature.
 Tide will be high this afternoon at 4.19 and tomorrow at 5.20; tomorrow morning at 3.17 and Sunday at 4.19.
 Sun sets this evening at 6.20 and tomorrow at 6.18; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.45 and Sunday at 7.48. Moon rises tonight at 11.32.
 Full moon on Saturday Oct. 19th at 5.35.
 Last quarter moon Saturday Oct. 26th at 1 p. m.
 Length of today ten hours and thirty seven minutes.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE POOR

An Appeal to the Christian Charity of Citizens on Behalf of the Poor And Needy.

The present epidemic has fallen heavily upon the poor of this city as upon those of other cities. While, comparatively, there are not many poor, those who are are in sore need. There are families in which the bread winners are sick, families in which there are no bread winners. These are in need of clothing, food, coal, medicine.

His Worship Mayor Wright has kindly consented to receive at the City Hall any contributions of clothing, bedding, food or cash and will undertake to have the same distributed where and when needed.

The need is great and immediate and it is sincerely hoped for the credit of the Christian community that the response will be immediate and generous.

Send what you can today. Every contribution will be gratefully accepted.

STANDARDIZING RAILWAY

Superintendent Grady states that the work of widening the gauge has been hindered by the bad weather for the past two or three days. A steamer with 2300 tons of rails and 560 tons of fastenings is due in Charlottetown any day. The labour problem is a serious one. Owing to the outbreak of influenza, the German prisoners who were expected did not yet arrive. About forty local men were secured. Quite a number of these are quite young and have not had much experience, but the best is being made of the situation. The third rail has now been laid between Borden and Kinross. The Superintendent reports that there has been no heavy traffic in produce as yet. The shipment of potatoes started up briskly but it has died out again. The first lot of white potatoes turned out unsatisfactory, the potatoes not keeping well, and there has been no big movement in the later varieties yet.

Capt. Cook Home

Captain W. C. Cook one of the most popular officers who have left this province for overseas arrived in Charlottetown Wednesday night, and expects to be home for about two months.

Captain Cook left here with the 105th Battalion. After the merging of that battalion into the 10th and the break up which followed, the Captain crossed to France last January with the 26th. He fought for two months in the trenches, in command of C. Company and was subsequently in charge of a working party of 350 men. Later he was appointed transport officer in charge of a section of 60 horses and 50 men. He served for about six months in that capacity.

Their duties were to bring up supplies to the front trenches. This work had to be undertaken after dark, over roads often badly cut up with shell holes, and frequently under heavy shell fire. Captain Cook was fortunate in not losing a man during the six months, although other transport sections near him, have had horses blown up and horses and men killed.

The Captain was through the Canadian offensives carried out by the Canadians around Amiens and Arras on Aug. 8th and the 28th respectively. During the former it will be remembered that the Canadians made the magnificent advance of ten miles. It was a certainty "some show" said the Captain. It started at 4 a. m. in the morning and when the artillery tanks and cavalry got into action, the result may be well imagined.

Both at Arras and Amiens the 26th suffered heavily, and in the latter fight Colonel McKenzie in command of the battalion was killed. Although the original 105th has been broken up and the officers and men widely scattered, the Captain has been in touch with some of them occasionally. He was with Lieut. Rowland Paton when the latter was wounded.

The Captain also saw other Islanders recently, including Col. Prowse, and Captain Parker Hooper, having had dinner with the latter. He says the Island artillerymen have gained a high reputation at the front.

Captain Cook is looking well, and although he has had narrow escapes, and got a dose of gas on one occasion, he has been on the whole very lucky so far. He arrived at an American port on last Saturday with 17 other officers, the majority being from Upper Canada. He was the only Islander in the group.

NOTICE.—Will all automobile owners and drivers kindly sound their horns at 9 o'clock Monday morning October 28th—for the opening of the Victory Loan Campaign. 2101.

VICTORY LOAN OPENING SERVICE

Will be Held in Queens Park, Toronto, Sunday Afternoon with Appropriate Ceremonies, Military Parade and Addresses.

(Special to The Guardian)
 TORONTO, Oct. 24.—On Sunday afternoon next, in the Queen's Park Toronto garrison. The list of speakers there will be a unique and impressive one so far arranged comprises Sir five service to inaugurate the 1918 Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White, Hon. N. W. Rowell, Sir William Hearst and Hon. Thomas McGarry.

RE-BUILDING BELGIUM NOW UNDERWAY

Belgian Engineers Have Left England to Begin Constructive Work in Ostend.

(Special to The Guardian)
 LONDON, Oct. 24.—The first step of taking charge of surveys and constructive work in the harbor and town of Ostend for the purpose of recognizing and rebuilding Belgium has been taken. Belgian engineers left England soon after the

2,000,000 SAMMIES NOW OVERSEAS

(Special to The Guardian)
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—At the same time that the President's reply to Germany was made public, the White House gave out correspondence between secretary Baker and President Wilson showing that more than two million American soldiers have embarked to participate in the war overseas.

UKRAINE MINISTRY HAS RESIGNED

(Special to The Guardian)
 LONDON, Oct. 24.—The British wireless press says the entire Ukrainian ministry has resigned.

TELEGRAM APPRECIATED

Yesterday Premier Arsenault received the following telegram which speaks for itself.
 Ottawa, Oct. 23
 Hon. A. E. Arsenault
 Prime Minister, Ch'town, P. E. I.
 I received with great pleasure and pride your telegram of congratulations which I assure you is greatly appreciated.
 L. H. DAVIES

ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

A. Dolron, Charlottetown
 W. B. Mills, Safflor's Hope
 H. A. McDonald, Canoe Cove
 H. H. Thomas, Summerside
 A. Stewart, Charlottetown
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VICTORY LOAN.—The publicity committee of the Victory Loan will appreciate it, if all citizens and business houses will fly their flags on Monday morning 28th October—for the opening of the VICTORY LOAN Campaign. 2101

FOR CHRISTMAS.—Send your photograph to your soldier overseas. It carries the personal thought of the giver, is simple, appropriate and creates no greater obligation than the kindly thought it bears. Make application early at the Bayer Studio. 2097-10-25M31.