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HIS HOLINESS NOTIFIED OF GERMAN MOVE

Berlin, Dec. 12.—His holiness, Pope Benedict XV, was notified of Germany's peace move in a note handed by the German minister to the vatican, Dr. Otto von Muehlberg, today, to Cardinal Gasparri, secretary of state of the vatican.

The note read as follows: "According to instructions received, I have the honor to send to your eminence a copy of a declaration which the imperial German government today by the good offices of the powers intrusted with the protection of German interests in the countries with which the German empire is in a state of war, transmits to those states and in which the imperial government declares itself ready to enter into peace negotiations.

"The Austria-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments did the same.

"The reasons which prompted Germany and her allies to this step are manifest. For two years and a half this terrible war has been devastating the European continent. Unlimited treasurers of civilization have been destroyed; wide grounds have been soaked with blood.

"Millions of brave soldiers have fallen in battle; millions have returned home as invalids. Grief and sorrow fill almost every house. Not only upon the belligerent nations but also upon neutrals the destructive consequences of the gigantic struggles weigh heavily. Trade and commerce carefully built up in years of peace are depressed; the best forces of the nations have been withdrawn from the production of useful objects.

"Europe, formerly given to the propagation of religion and civilization and trying to find a solution for social problems and the home of science and art and all peaceful labor, now resembles one immense war camp in which the achievements and the labor of decades are doomed to annihilation.

"Germany carries on a war of defense against enemies that aim at her destruction. She fights in order to assure the integrity of her frontiers and the liberty of the German nation, for the right which she claims to develop freely its intellectual and economic energies in peaceful competition and on equal footing with other nations.

"More and more the plans of conquest on the part of our enemies have been manifested. But all these efforts are unable to shatter the heroic spirit of the Teutonic allies that protect the frontiers of their countries, strengthened by the certitude that

the enemy never shall pierce the iron wall.

"Those fighting on the front know that they are supported by the whole nation inspired by love of country ready to offer the greatest sacrifices and resolved to defend to the last extremity the inherited treasures of intellectual and economic work and social organizations and the sacred soil of their country.

"Sure of our own strength, but seeing Europe's sad plight if this war continues; seized with pity in the face of the unspeakable misery of humanity, the German empire, in accord with its allies, solemnly repeats what the chancellor already declared one year ago, that Germany is ready to give peace to the world by setting before the world the question whether no means can find the basis for an understanding.

"Since the first day of the pontifical reign, his holiness the Pope has unswervingly demonstrated in a most generous fashion his solicitude for the uncountable victims of this war, has attenuated the sufferings and ameliorated the fate of thousands of men hurst by the catastrophe.

"Inspired by the exalted ideas of his ministry, his holiness seized every opportunity in order to put an end to so sanguinary a war in the interest of humanity.

"The imperial government is firmly confident that the initiative of four powers will welcome aid on the part of his holiness and that the work of peace can count upon the precious support of the holy see."

VIOLATION OF ITS PLEDGE CHARGED TO BERLIN

Washington, Dec. 11.—The State Department today officially characterized the sinking of the British horse transport Marina, in which six Americans lost their lives, as a "violation of Germany's pledge to this nation."

Secretary of the Embassy Grew in Berlin has been directed to inform Germany, according to a high authority here, that the United States government is tired of "mistakes" in the sinking of merchant vessels.

He has been instructed to tell the German foreign office that "reparation, indemnity and punishment of the submarine commander" will not be sufficient to appease this government.

The Marina and Arabia cases again will be taken up at the week's cabinet meeting and the opinion prevails that a note may be drawn up demanding a disavowal of the sinkings.

It is possible that portions of this note already have been drafted, but lacking official confirmation by the British government of the reports that both vessels were not under admiralty charter, it is not likely the note will be forwarded for some days. The State Department is said to be in possession of information of the character of both vessels which is considered conclusive of their status as merchantmen, but no diplomatic action will be taken until complete confirmation is at hand.

All the information in the hands of the government is to be forwarded to Germany immediately. This information relates to the character of the Marina and Arabia and the conditions attendant on their sinking.

It is stated in high circles that this government, from the facts at hand, is satisfied that proper precautions were not taken in the destruction of the vessels and that the cases, possibly in company with several others, will be so placed before the German

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government as to draw forth a definite declaration of future policy as to what efforts will be made to prevent repetitions.

There is high hope that a diplomatic breach with Germany will be avoided. The tenor of the German notes indicates that that government is anxious to keep its pledges and officials here believe that if guarantees against future "mistakes" are given they will be entirely satisfactory to this government.

It is explained that the policy of the United States has changed no whit since the Sussex note, although it is admitted at the State Department that extenuating circumstances may attend some case.

Such is not the situation in the Marina incident, however, as it is understood the State Department is satisfied that vessel was not in admiralty service at the time she was sunk.

SEVERAL REPORTS HEARD

Convention Sermon Will be Preached Today by Rev. J. H. Mitchell, Scranton.

Newberry, Dec. 11.—The ninth session of the South Carolina Baptist Convention convened in the Newberry Court House at 7:30 this evening. An address was delivered by President T. T. Hyde, of Charleston. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Z. F. Wright, Prof. A. G. Bowers and

Col. W. H. Hunt. The response was by Rev. T. V. McCall, of Clemson College.

Reports were read showing receipts as follows: State missions, \$42,000; orphanage, \$67,000; aged ministers relief, \$16,000; ministerial education, \$5,600, and Christian education, \$5,000; Baptist hospital, \$6,300. Reports from the colleges were also heard. These reports were referred to committees to report later.

A large number of delegates have already arrived and the convention bids fair to be well attended; ample provisions have been made for entertaining by the people of Newberry.

The order of business devotes all of tomorrow to a consideration of the subject of education and the convention sermon, which will be delivered at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Mitchell, of Scranton, the alternate in the absence of the Rev. J. I. Allen, of Dillon, the appointee.

WHEAT TUMBLES ON PEACE NEWS

Drops Nearly Ten Cents a Bushel—Stocks Unsettled—Cotton Rises.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat broke eight cents on the Chicago board of trade on receipt of the news of the proposals for peace of Germany and her allies. May sold last night at 1.75 1-8. Within 15 minutes after the opening today the price touched

1.66 1-2. The descent of prices did not stop until two cents more had been lopped off. The extreme drop was to 1.66 1-2 for the May delivery, a loss of 9 5-8 compared with yesterday's finish. At this point buyers took hold with vigor and a rally to 1.68 1-4 for May ensued.

May corn dropped to 90 1-8, a loss of 2 1-8 cents, compared with closing prices of yesterday. The selling embraced practically every issue in that class of specialties which have been strongest and most active recently. While the market was not demoralized in the first period of heavy selling, support was evident only in the investment issues.

The news from Berlin was preceded by a heavy tone, as Wall street was not altogether unprepared for it, international bankers having received word that developments of the highest importance were pending.

Stock Breaking Violently.

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market was thrown into a state of confusion this morning when the announcement of the peace proposals of the Central Allies was received.

Already heavy, the market broke with extreme violence, prices crumbling in all directions. Speculative favorites lost 3 to 6 points during the forenoon, with 26 points in Bethlehem Steel and 5 to 20 in other issues comprising the so-called munitions

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Coppers, shipping stocks and shares supplies of all descriptions to the Allies showed average losses of 3 to 6 points.

Rails held fairly steady, yielding only 1 to 2 points, and being among the first to rally in the very moderate recoveries of the early afternoon. The financial community expressed the greatest interest in the news from Berlin, but declined to make any comment in the absence of definite advices.

Over 1,000,000 shares changed hands by noon.

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\$22.50 Suits and Overcoats	\$18.95	\$5.00 and \$5.50 value at	\$4.25
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\$3.50 value, Sale Price	\$2.75
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\$6.50 value Sale Price	\$4.95
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\$1.00 value at	85c
\$1.25 value at	\$1.00
\$1.50 value at	\$1.35
\$2.00 value at	\$1.67
\$2.50 value at	\$1.67
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