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## The Peace Overture

There is only one answer to the peace overture of the Central Powers—peace dictated by the sword. When Germany is grovelling in defeat and is willing to sue for peace as did Bulgaria, then we can discuss peace with her. Until then redoubled efforts of our armies is our watchword.

The Potsdam gang never has kept faith. The wreckage of broken treaties and of sacred promises ruthlessly and shamelessly violated have characterized the history of German diplomacy in the last four years. If the Allies make peace, it must be after Germany has been so soundly defeated that we will have not only moral but also absolute assurance that she will be unable to do further damage. That is possible only if her war machine is scrapped by the victorious smashes of Marshal Foch's allied army.

We must not allow ourselves to become sympathetic in this hour. The overtures of Germany are not of a defeated nation, but of war leaders, who, realizing that defeat is inevitable, yet seek to save from the wreckage enough power to enable them to rehabilitate in a short time the machine that now is badly out of repair. We cannot let the kaiser and his war lords deceive us in this hour. We hope that President Wilson's answer will be short and to the point.

The kaiser is asking for peace in an hour when his army is badly defeated on the field of battle, leaving the inference that through diplomacy he is trying to stave off a complete collapse of his military strength. The appointment of Max of Baden as chancellor now stands revealed in its hypocrisy. The allied world wondered when news of his appointment became public why the kaiser should appoint a man of his well known "liberal" tendencies. The suspicion lurks in all our minds that Max of Baden's appointment was made merely to enable the kaiser to make this peace overture. After the Allies have been lured into an armistice and the kaiser has been enabled to restore his shattered battle line, Max of Baden will be ousted as quickly as were von Hertling and Michaelis. So long as Germany has the nucleus of a gigantic army, she has a weapon to jeopardize the future peace of the world. Lasting peace is possible only with the annihilation

of the German army. Destroy the German army, then let's talk about peace.

## Seed Corn Selection

A seed corn campaign is being waged in Indiana. It seems almost foolish to call attention to the necessity of selecting high grade corn for seed purposes, as the risks involved in planting poor seed suggest failure, but nevertheless experience has proved to the Purdue University agricultural experts that persistent warnings are necessary to assure proper care in laying aside seed of quality.

The saving of good seed corn saves labor, for it takes just as much time and work to cultivate a crop of nubbins as would be required to grow full ears. The more bushels per acre a farmer can raise from good seed, the less labor required to grow each bushel, is the argument of C. Henry, state leader of the seed selection campaign.

Farmers are urged by the state experts to make seed gathering an important part of their work this fall. It is a nearsighted policy to devote all your time to gather this year's crop and to let the work of gathering the seed for next year's harvest go by default.

Mr Henry says: "The best farmer will not make seed gathering a merely incidental operation, connected with harvesting or shucking, but will devote his whole attention to selecting the best ears as they grow in the field, under conditions with which the crops have to contend. By thus using a few hours this fall, he will save the labor of many men all next season.

"In other words, seed from the stalk of corn that produces well under ordinary field conditions, is likely to yield well next year. Where field seed selection results in doubling the acre yield, the result is practically equivalent to cutting down by one-half the labor required to produce the crop."

## The Need of Victory

From the North American Review's War Weekly

THE necessity of "carrying the war into Africa"—with apologies to Africa for using her as a figure speech for Germany—is again made clear and emphatic by Hindenburg himself. In his latest proclamation to the German army in the field the field marshal says:

"In four victorious years of war the German army has energetically protected the homeland and proved to the enemy our invincibility."

That expresses the German view of the war. So long as the fighting is on foreign soil Germans consider their armies victorious, and if the war were ended with the Allies still outside of Germany, nothing in the world could convince them that they had not won it.

We do not wish to treat German cities or people as the Germans have treated those of Belgium and France. But we do regard it as necessary to demonstrate to the Germans, to the German people, the fact that they are beaten, by displaying the banners of the triumphant Allies in the very heart and capital of the empire.

If we do not secure such a moral victory over the Germans, our purely military victory will be vain.

## German Peace Move "White Flag Trick," Opinion of Allied Press

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Unconditional surrender characterized the general comment in Paris on the demand for peace sent by the Central Powers to President Wilson. It is felt here that Germany and her allies have not gone far enough in their request to the President for an audience, and that although they have stated that they are willing to talk peace on President Wilson's plans, they have not shown submission, such as was forced upon Bulgaria.

"Germany wishes to stop the war at the moment she is going to be beaten, and knows it," says Figaro. "Let us suppose the proposition is accepted. Immediately in Germany there would be a delirium of joy. The people are electrified and the kaiser has retained them into his hands. The humiliation of having demanded peace would disappear rapidly. He becomes the hero of heroes. He has resisted a world coalition."

## Danger Pointed Out.

"We are on the road to victory," says L'Homme Libre. "We will not let them stop us. An armistice is not possible at the point at which we now are; Maximilian of Baden's propositions for peace are insufficient. We would not be satisfied with autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine. We want reparation for the past and guarantees for the future. Maximilian is silent on these two important points. The war continues. Germany is in despair. She begins to feel the anguish of her defeat. She sees that the cataclysm she brought on will result in disaster for the Central Powers."

"The Central Powers' move is not without its danger, for it contains the elements of trouble," says Le Journal. "We must not be misled by appearances. The enemy offers to negotiate on the basis of President Wilson's peace program. There is no discussion between conqueror and conquer."

"Bent on all fronts and facing the menace of being completely vanquished, but not yet definitely conquered, she seeks to save what is left of her military prestige and materials in arms. She wishes to represent herself as having asked for peace out of consideration for humanity."

## Called White Flag Trick.

"The White Flag Trick" is the caption of an editorial in the Temps on the peace proposition. What Germany has done, says the newspaper, is "to invite the United States, who are beligerents as much as Germany, to play the role of mediator, as if they were outside our alliance."

In return, continues the Temps, Germany is willing to admit as the basis of negotiations President Wilson's program for a general peace.

"Admit, as a basis, is vague," says the Temps. "The question is what does Germany accept and what does she reject? Germany only invites President Wilson's principles to make us let fall our arms. Then when the fighting has ceased, when the German

troops have regained their breath, when the imperial government has become popular and strong, the German diplomats will undermine and one by one the pretended basis of negotiation. It is easy to understand that the kaiser's staff approves of Prince Maximilian's policy, but Maximilian, with Ludendorff and Scheidemann, are mistaken in attributing so much naivete to President Wilson."

## Milk as Meat and Drink

By NINA V. SHORT

Emergency Home Demonstration Agt.

Milk is one of the foods greatly effected by the war because of the increased cost of grain and labor, and because of the slaughter of the dairy herds in Europe.

Viewed in the light of patriotism, there is one question people are asking on the subject of milk:—Is it one of the foods we must use less in order that our soldiers and allies may receive more?

And viewed in the light of increased selling price, there is one question people are asking about milk:—Can the cost of living be reduced by using less milk?

Is it patriotic to use less milk? No. The more milk we use at present the better it will be for the country. If the consumer reduces his consumption of milk at this time, he is not benefiting either soldiers or allies and he may be laying the foundations for a milk shortage that will last for years, resulting seriously to himself and others. A herd of dairy cows can be eaten up in a week; it will take from three to five years to raise a new one.

Will it reduce the cost of living to use less milk? No. For milk is now the cheapest animal food. One thing a housewife needs to know in planning the daily meals is that they should contain some animal food, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, milk or cheese. One cannot be vigorous and at one's best without it. Grain is needed to produce animal foods.

The animal food that takes the least grain is milk. This means that if we use milk in place of other animal foods (1) we are saving grain, and (2) we are buying for ourselves the cheapest forms of animal food. We may not like milk as well as meat, but it really costs less.

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CONTAGION LESSENS  
AT OXFORD SCHOOL

OXFORD, O., Oct. 7.—Health conditions at Miami University are improving slightly. There have been no deaths in the student body for two days, though four—two girls and two boys—still are in critical condition. A number of new cases have been received in the hospital.

In the village the disease has spread with alarming rapidity. Another death occurred yesterday—Claude C. Neal, 31, prominent druggist. A dozen others are in critical condition. Yesterday there were no church services in town. The public schools will remain closed this week, as will the picture theatres and poolrooms. Health Officer Moore is down with influenza, but is improving.

It has been decided that the Students' Army Training Corps boys will not be sent home. Colonel Roberts, commandant of the Miami unit, received permission from the war department to send them home if, in his judgment, such a course became necessary. Several were given weekend furloughs. Classes will be resumed tomorrow morning, with drills of two hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. The Miami girls will not be called back to school this week.

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