

TEXT OF PEACE SPEECH OF PRINCE MAXIMILIAN BEFORE THE REICHSTAG

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 7. (By Associated Press)—The text of the address of Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new Imperial Chancellor of Germany, outlining his policies to the Reichstag Saturday, follows:

"In accordance with the imperial decree of September 30 the German Empire has undergone a basic alteration of political leadership.

"As successor to Count George F. von Hertling, whose services in behalf of the Fatherland deserve the highest acknowledgement, I have been summoned by the emperor to lead the new government.

"In accordance with the governmental method now introduced I submit to the Reichstag, publicly and without delay, the principles upon which I propose to conduct the grave responsibilities of the office.

Principles Firmly Established.

"These principles were firmly established by the agreement of the federated governments and the leaders of the majority parties in this House, before I decided to assume the duties of chancellor.

"They contain, therefore, not only my own confession of political faith, but that of an overwhelming portion of the German people's representatives, that is, of the German nation which has constituted the Reichstag on the basis of a general, equal and secret franchise, and according to their will.

"Only the fact that I know the conviction and will of the majority of the people are back of me has given me strength to take upon myself conduct of the empire's affairs in this hard and earnest time in which we are living.

People Are Asked to Aid.

"One man's shoulders would be too weak to carry alone the tremendous responsibility which falls upon the government at present. Only if the people take active part, in the broadest sense of the word, of deciding their destinies; in other words, if responsibility also extends to the majority of their freely elected political leaders, can the leading statesman confidently assume his part of the responsibility in the service of the fatherland."

"My resolve to do this has been specially lightened for me by the fact that prominent leaders of the laboring class have found a way in the new government to the highest offices of the empire.

"I see therein a sure guarantee that the new government will be supported by the firm confidence of the broad masses of the people, without whose true support the whole undertaking would be condemned to failure in advance.

"Hence, what I say today, I say not only in my own name and those of my official helpers, but in the name of the German people.

"The program of the majority parties upon which I take my stand contains, first, an acceptance of the answer of the former Imperial government to Pope Benedict's note of August 1, 1916, and an unconditional acceptance of the Reichstag resolution of July 19, the same year.

"It further declares willingness to join a general league of nations based on the foundation of equal rights for all, both strong and weak.

"It considers this solution of the Belgian question to lie in the complete rehabilitation (Wiederherstellung) of Belgium, particularly of its independence and territorial integrity. An effort shall also be made to reach an understanding on the question of indemnity.

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"Its particular aim is that popular representative bodies shall be formed immediately on a broad basis in the Baltic provinces, in Lithuania and Poland. We will promote the realization of necessary preliminary conditions, therefore without delay by the introduction of civilian rule.

"All these lands shall regulate their constitutions and their relations with neighboring peoples without external interference.

"In the matter of international policies I have taken a clear stand through the manner in which the formation of the Government was brought about. Upon my motion leaders of the majority parties were summoned for direct advice.

"It was my conviction, gentlemen, that only Imperial leadership should be assured.

"I considered almost still more important the unity of ideas. I proceeded from this viewpoint and have, in making my selections, laid greatest weight on the fact that the members of the new Imperial Government stand on a basis of a just peace of justice, regardless of the war situation, and that they have openly declared this to be their standpoint at the time when we stood at the height of our military successes.

"I am convinced that the manner in which the Imperial leadership is now constituted with co-operation of the Reichstag is not something ephemeral, and that when peace comes a government cannot again be formed which does not find support in the Reichstag and does not draw its leaders therefrom.

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certain that the bloody struggle be not protracted for a single day beyond the moment when a close of the war seems possible to us which does not affect our honor, I have, therefore, not waited until today to take a step to further the cause of peace.

Appeal Sent to Wilson.

"Supported by the consent of all duly authorized persons in the empire, and by consent of all our allies acting in concert with us, I sent on the night of October 4-5, through the mediation of Switzerland, a note to the president of the United States, in which I requested him to take up the bringing about of peace and to communicate to this end with all the belligerent states.

"The note will reach Washington today or tomorrow. It is directed to the president of the United States, because he, in his message to congress on January 8, 1918, and in his later proclamations, particularly in his New York speech of September 27, proposed a program for a general peace which we can accept as a basis for negotiations.

"I have taken this step not only for the salvation of Germany and its allies, but of all humanity which has been suffering for years through the war.

"I have taken it also because I believe the thoughts regarding the future well being of the nation which were proclaimed by Mr. Wilson are in accord with the general ideas cherished by the German Government and with the overwhelming majority of our people.

"So far as I am personally concerned in earlier speeches to other assemblies my hearers will testify that the conception which I hold of a future peace has undergone no change since I was entrusted with the leadership of the empire's affairs.

"There are, in fact, parties, but they are all German parties."

"Political developments in Prussia, the principal German Federal state, must proceed in the spirit of these words of the Emperor, and the message of the King of Prussia promising the democratic franchise must be fulfilled quickly and completely. (Applause.)

"And so, with an inner peace which my clear conscience as a man and as a servant of the people gives me, and which rests at the same time upon firm faith in this great and true people, this people capable of every devotion, and upon their glorious armed power, I await the outcome of the first action which I have taken as the leading statesman of the empire.

"Whatever this outcome may be I know it will find Germany firmly resolved and united either for an upright peace, which rejects every selfish violation of the rights of others, or for a closing of the struggle for life and death to which our people would be forced without our own fault if the answer to our note of the Powers opposed to us should be dictated by a will to destroy us.

"I do not despair over the thought that this second alternative may come. I know the greatness of the mighty powers yet possessed by our people and I know that the incontrovertible conviction that they were only fighting for our life as a nation would double these powers. (Applause.)

"At the peace negotiations the German Government will use its efforts to the end that the treaties shall contain provisions concerning the protection of laborers which provisions shall oblige the treaty-making states to institute in their respective lands within a prescribed time a minimum of similar, or at least equally efficient institutions for the security of life and health as for the care of laborers in the case of illness, accident or invalidism.

"The striking force which the Government has in its strivings for peace depends on whether it has behind it the united, firm and unshakable will of the people. Only when our enemies stand united back of their chosen leaders—then only can words become deeds. (Applause.)

"I hope, however, for the sake of all mankind that the president of the United States will receive our offer as we meant it. Then the door will be opened to a speedy, honorable peace of justice and reconciliation for us as well as for our opponents."

Asks Socks Sent in to Sock Shop at Once

Mrs. Julia Gaar, who is in charge of the sock shop, wishes to ask that every one who has socks out at present return them at once, since 150 pairs are to be sent to Indianapolis this week for the sailors of the U. S. S. Indiana. Also she asks that patriotic citizens volunteer to make 100 comfort bags out of colored cretonne, which when finished will be 10x13; or if persons are unable to make the bags themselves, that they send in the cretonne to the sock shop above the Palais Royal as soon as possible, since these are to go to the same cause.

In all the sock shop has shipped 555 pairs of socks to the Rainbow Division.

The Spanish Influenza wave of 1918 was preceded by a virulent wave of the disease in 1889 and 1890.

HOME-MADE COUGH SYRUP

CURED HUSBAND AND CHILD, WIFE AND MOTHER STATES.

Mrs. A. Jennings, 1734 Armitage avenue, Chicago, writes:

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"This thought will never die. This development will never be retracted (applause) and I trust that so long as Germany's fate is ringing about by dangers, those sections of the people outside the majority parties and whose representatives do not belong to the Government will put aside all that separates us and will give the fatherland what is the fatherland's.

"This development necessitates an alteration of our constitution's provisions along the lines of the Imperial decree of Sept. 30, which shall make it possible that those members of the Reichstag who entered the Government will retain seats in the Reichstag.

"A bill to this end has been submitted to the Federal states and will immediately be made the object of their consideration and decision.

"Gentlemen, let us remember the words spoken by the Emperor on August 4, 1914, which I permitted myself to paraphrase last December at Karlsruhe:

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WILL CONSIDER U. S. PLANTS FOR CITY

The possible location for a government hospital in or about Richmond will be discussed at an important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening. The meeting has been postponed from Monday evening.

The possible conversion of existing plants into shell producing plants in Richmond will be taken up.

The possibility of establishing a government plant in Richmond for the production of war pyrotechnics will be taken up. These three matters were to have been taken up at a meeting of the general membership, but owing to the Spanish influenza epidemic this meeting will have to be postponed.

Chambers of Commerce in Organization Drive

October 28 and 31 will be Indiana week for Commercial bodies. The Indiana State Chamber of Commerce is launching a merger membership drive for building up the membership in trade organizations.

Each state-wide trade organization is interested in building the membership and many will join the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce in formulating plans for the drive.

Secretary Ullman of the Commercial Club will attend the meeting in Indianapolis tonight.

Consideration of Anti-Trust Suits Postponed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Upon the government's motion the supreme court is to be asked to postpone consideration at present time of all present anti-trust suits. Attorney General Gregory announced today that motions to this effect will be formally filed in the courts tomorrow.

REJECTED FOR SERVICE.

Carl W. Ullman has returned from Youngstown, Ohio, where he was examined for limited service. He was disqualified for