

GERMAN HEADS IN DESPERATE PEACE EFFORT

Propaganda Used to Spread
Belief That Surrender Was
Due to 14 Points.

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PARIS, June 3 (Delayed).—German propaganda and German public men are making desperate effort, with certain success in some directions, to give the impression that German surrender last November was due solely to the principles of the fourteen points. In other words, the Germans are attempting to make it appear that their armies and their fleet would not have capitulated in November had it not been that the fourteen points offered a satisfactory basis for peace.

Foe Faced Disaster.

It is essential for Americans to remember that such a claim is totally fraudulent. In the first week of November of last year, all German armies had been beaten and their reserves had been consumed, and Foch was on the point of delivering a new offensive in Lorraine that would have brought a colossal and irreparable disaster. On the military side the German cause was lost and the greatest military disaster in all history was impending. The Germans had the choice of surrendering before this disaster or following the example of the Austrians, who a few weeks before had waited for the disaster and seen their armies dissolve on the battlefield.

A strong Germany on the military side did not yield in November because the German people saw in the fourteen points any basis for negotiations. The German people knew nothing about the fourteen points. Like everything else President Wilson had said and done during the war which might have influenced the German people, the fourteen points were carefully suppressed by the German censor. It is nonsense and cheap deceit that the Germans are now attempting to propagate it industriously.

Leaders Held Out to Last.

The military leaders of Germany prolonged the war to the last moment before utter defeat; when utter defeat impended they accepted the proposals of Mr. Wilson because they had to. They did not accept them in principle. They only accepted them as the sole alternative to ruin. They were not tricked into surrender. They were beaten into surrender. They could not have gone on fighting for two weeks more without seeing their armies dissolve a the Austrian army had dissolved.

Now the Germans are attempting to establish the idea that they could have gone on fighting in November and only desisted to spare the world further bloodshed. They are endeavoring to create the impression that the German armies were never beaten, thus preserving at home the old legend of the military caste, and exciting abroad sympathy for a country that was deceived into an unnecessary surrender.

Final Blow Prepared.

If Mr. Wilson had not made his answer to the German proposals or if he had rejected them the Germans would still have had to go to Foch. They had no choice. Their army was on the point of dissolution and the final blow was prepared. But I find in Paris among some Americans, and I assume the same opinions must exist in similar quarters in America, a growing impression that Germany has been unfairly treated because the fourteen points have not been interpreted in her favor. There seems to be an impression that Germany was in a condition to bargain with her enemies in November, that she had made a bargain and that the terms of the bargain have not been observed by the allies.

But that is familiar propaganda, this maneuver over the fourteen points. It is the sort of thing the Germans did exceedingly well all through the war, confusing the issue, mistaking the fact, then demanding rights that could only flow from conditions which were non-existent. When the Germans jumped overboard last fall they seized on President Wilson's fourteen points as a life-preserver. All things considered, the fourteen points have been exceedingly valuable to them but they now perfectly shamelessly assert that because of the fourteen points they were absolved from all kinds of responsibilities.

How People Are Mistaken.

We have marched a long way from the time of the armistice, but it is worth while to refresh our minds once in a while on the actual facts. Germany did not surrender on account of the fourteen points. She surrendered because she was beaten. The German people did not lay down their arms because Mr. Wilson's program reached their hearts or their heads. Germany capitulated because she was beaten. There never was any chance that the fourteen points would be interpreted to save her. They have not been and German complaints are the merest eye-wash. The thing Germans are now up to ought to be clearly understood.

Those people who believed that the settlement of this war could be made in such fashion as to remove hostilities between the nations Germany attacked and Germany, have realized in reading the terms of peace that this will not happen. They perceive, as I have frequently pointed out, that while Germany can not pay all that she should pay, the amount which she will have to pay will be a burden on German shoulders for many years to come. They perceive that in fact the treaty with Germany will be an armistice lasting until Germany has discharged her obligations about fifteen years hence,

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an armistice which will dissolve into war if Germany fails to pay up in that period. Seeing all this, seeing their hopes shattered they are criticizing the treaty of peace as unfair to Germany.

Huns Appeal to Liberals
The Germans are agitating on the same line. They are conducting a propaganda designed to enlist the so-called liberals of the world exactly as their peace without annexation propaganda roused the liberals of the entire world to sympathy just before they made the Brest-Litovsk and Bucarest treaties. The tactics are obvious. The objective is to save Germany from the consequences of the war and make the French and British pay for defending themselves and also pay for the destruction Germany has done. But there is always an essential fallacy in every German argument. In this case it is found in the assertion that Germany could have fought if she had not decided to accept the fourteen points.

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Mrs. John Lovin and daughter, Mrs. Frank Parks shopped in Richmond on Tuesday....Mrs. E. B. Creager visited Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Corwin at Dayton....Iris Seymour spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Mrs. George Troutwine....Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fager and Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Fager of Castine visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Somes at Dayton....Mrs. Ada Arnett and son of Burkettville, O., spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blakely....Mrs. Mary Trone and

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Rev. R. H. McDaniels of Dayton has resigned his pastorate at the Christian church to accept a charge near his home city. Rev. S. Q. Helfenstein of Dayton will supply next Sunday morning and evening....Berle Walden is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Chester Fowle....Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Davison and Mrs. L. O. Trump and children were in Oxford Saturday....Miss Elisabeth Locke of Verona is a visitor this week at the E. A. Locke home....Charles Bentley of Dayton spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bradcock....Miss Leone Pitman in visiting this week with her mother at Hamburg....Leon Leas made a business trip to Dayton Wednesday....Dan Petry and wife of New Madison and Samuel Petry and wife of Beech Grove, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beck....Mrs. Emma Wehrley returned last week from a visit with Dayton relatives....Charles Troutwine and Harry Tempkin and brother left Monday for a fishing trip to Tippecanoe City....Marshall and Stanley Harrison made a trip to Greenville Wednesday....Miss Imo Howell of Dayton is spending a week's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Anna Howell....Clayton Studebaker of Dayton spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Studebaker....Miss Grace Judy of Dayton was a Sunday guest....E. A. Locke and family, B. F. Parker, Miss May Parker and Russell Fourman and family spent Sunday with Ira Wright and family at Gorden....Mr. and Mrs. William Smith attended the Everding family reunion Thursday....Mrs. Joe Shewmon spent Monday in Dayton....Children's Day exercises will be held next Sunday evening at the U. B. church.

A cablegram was received June 5 by Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, Sr., from their son Tom, stating that he was leaving Abchangel, Russia, for France, enroute home....Mrs. Roma Trump spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Glen Hamilton at Eldorado....Miss Sylvia Trom of Dayton spent the week-end here with her mother and family....Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Brown and daughters, Anna and Ellen and Mrs. John Radabaugh of Lewisburg

were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes Sunday afternoon.

Will Erickson and family of Dayton were visitors of the former's parents, Saturday and Sunday....Walter Trump and family motored to Oxford, O., Saturday, Miss Ola Trump accompanied them home for the summer vacation....Meadow C. E. Barnes, Eliza Brown attended the Brown-Ott reunion Thursday at the home of Eli Ott near Cherubusco, Ind., and remained over until Saturday for a visit with relatives....Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gauch entertained John Gauch and family, Mrs. Laura Parks and children Charles Wagner and family of

New Paris at their home Sunday....George Williams of Fountain City made a business visit here Friday evening....Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fagen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ashbaugh at Savona....Levi Zehring and wife, Henry Howard and family, Charles Morris and family, Miss Fern Woolf, Mrs. Ella Bucke and George Miller and family were among those attending the Rule-Alber family reunion Sunday at the George McGriff homestead near Gorden, O.

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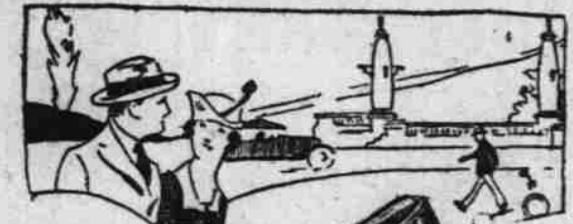
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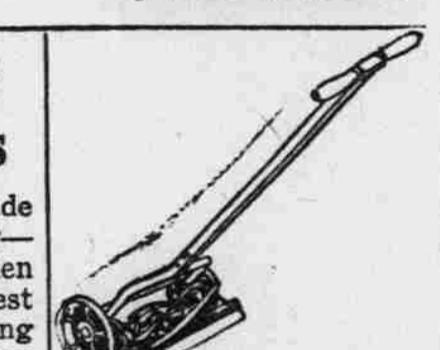
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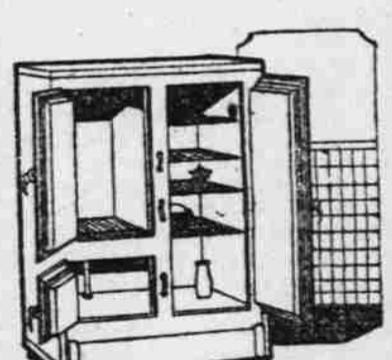


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