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PEACE TALK

The Teutonic offer of peace is very significant, but not necessarily a sign of an approaching break-up of Germany's military strength. The Kaiser and his ministers have ever shown themselves to be expert politicians in an international sense, and they probably figured that the time was ripe for a political move. The capturing of Bucharest gave them a momentary appearance of strength, while the change of premier in Russia; the political upheaval in Britain; and the proposed changes in France no doubt presented to the German diplomats the possibilities of division in the ranks of the people of the Allied countries. The promise of much more stringent war measures by Premier Lloyd George not only warned Germany of a general speeding up in Britain, but carried to the German mind the idea that the British people might already be sick and tired of the war, and that the Lloyd George proposals might prove to be the last straw which might cause a break in the national determination, and a growing desire for peace on the part of many thousands of the British people. If this was the line of Teutonic reasoning behind the peace offer, it only once more shows how little Germany understands the British temperament.

That Germany is tired of the war is certain. Germany set out in August, 1914, to gain world dominance by force of arms; today she is fighting for peace. It is very significant to note the remarks of the leading German newspapers regarding the successes in Rumania. They are not hailed as victories which will bring a great final victory. They are

hailed as a step towards peace, and a shortening of the war. A drawn struggle is now the most that Germany is hoping for. Had the Crown Prince captured Verdun, peace offers would have followed. The capture of the best part of Rumania has now given them, the opportunity, and their great hope is that the British, French, Russian, Italian, Belgian and Serbian people are as heartily sick of the war as the German people are.

The Allied peoples are sick of the war. They have been sick of war from the beginning, but they are not ready to make a sickly peace. The loss of Bucharest was not hailed by the Allied press as a shortening of the war, but as a spur to greater effort. It was not looked upon as a sign that they must concede that they are unable to rout German militarism but simply as a warning of the greatness of the task which still lies before them. Never have the Allies been so thoroughly organized; never have their peoples been so determined to see this thing through to the bitter end; never has there been less thought of a cessation of hostilities in the minds of the Allies. They realize fully that a peace now would be no peace, but simply an armistice. The Allies are not fighting the Germans so much as they are fighting war and militarism. What they are fighting is the Prussian curse which has eaten into the very heart of Germany. A peace which leaves Germany with that curse in her midst will be no peace. More tragic than the beginning of the war would be a cessation of hostilities at this time. Such a peace would mean that Belgium has suffered in vain; that rivers of

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blood have flowed into a sea of failure; that millions of treasure have been frittered away for nothing, and that Prussian militarism is a huge, brutal thing which cannot be conquered and must be allowed to live. It lives by war, and its food must be taken from it.

Germany began the war forty years ago, and she cannot end it in a day, simply because she realizes that she has failed. The beginning of this great world's tragedy lies with Germany; the end lies with the Allies. When they have accomplished their end, the war will cease. Until then, all talk of peace by Berlin must be taken as the cry of a criminal who seeks to escape from justice, and the price which he must pay for his crime.

KAISER'S THIRTEEN

Have you ever noticed that the letters in "Kaiser Wilhelm" count thirteen? Also the names of the Kaiser's dupes each contain thirteen letters. Thus: Francis Joseph, Czar Ferdinand, and Sultan Mehmed V. Those of his heroes have likewise thirteen letters—Von Hindenburg, Von Falkenhayn and Count Zeppelin.—Tit Bits.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

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F. PETERS, City Clerk.

LAND ACT

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PAUL STANLEY BURDON, Mark Smaby, agent. Dated May 13th, A. D. 1916. AUG. 13

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