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## DAILY EDITION

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## WILSON'S NOTE

Woodrow Wilson, scholar, student of affairs, and President of the greatest of the neutral nations, once more occupies the centre of the international political stage, by reason of his note to Great Britain, supplementary to the German proposals for the discussion of peace. The text of the new note has not been made public at the present writing, but it cannot be more than a plea for the bringing together of all the belligerents for the discussion of a basis from which ultimate peace may spring. President Wilson cannot be better acquainted with the details of Germany's proposals than are the other nations, and the probability is that his plea has been made upon purely humanitarian grounds.

No one will doubt President Wilson's good intentions, although many may quarrel with his diplomacy in submitting the German proposal without a word of comment, while Washington was at the moment preparing this peace note. Members of the British government admit frankly to be taken completely by surprise, yet, there can be nothing in the Wilson note to alter the situation in the slightest. It is impossible that Washington can throw any real light upon Germany's intentions and it is inconceivable that anything can be added to the situation by Washington that will alter in the very slightest degree the fixed determination of the British people, from the Premier to the humblest citizen. Mr. Lloyd George expressed that determination in no uncertain manner, before the receipt of the Wilson note, and there can be nothing in

that note to cause the British premier to alter by a shade the meaning of a single word uttered on that occasion.

President Wilson cannot assure the Allies of Germany's sincerity or her determination to make ample guarantees for the future and reparation for the past. Unless it be poor little Belgium, none has experienced more fully the duplicity of the Berlin diplomats than has the President of the United States. His notes regarding the submarine campaign were read with tongue in cheek and replied to with a smile behind the hand, in short, he did not count in the slightest as compared with Germany's determination to wage war regardless of international law or the law of humanity.

If Berlin has decided to make use of Washington at the present juncture, it is because it suits Germany's plans. The situation in Austria and Hungary is clearly becoming desperate, and the state of affairs in Germany is little better. The democracy is rising and the flood tide of public opinion must sooner or later sweep both emperors from their thrones. The true inwardness of the political situation can meantime only be guessed at from the signs of the times, but, when it comes to be written, it would be strange indeed if the good offices of the greatest republic in the world should have been used by a Prussian Kaiser that he might keep his throne more securely for a few more years, or generations.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Canadian government is to augment the fleet guarding Atlantic coast. That Canadian navy is steadily growing but it is a



great pity it was not started on five years ago. Had it been, Canada today would have had several cruisers and a fleet of destroyers and submarines.

Hon. M. A. Macdonald did remarkably well in the Vancouver by-election considering that naturally all the Tory vote went against him while much of it must have gone to Hon. Ralph Smith along with the few disgruntled Liberals.

The secret of the Vancouver by-election is that Joe Martin was never consulted by the Liberals regarding the general election and was also ignored completely on all other occasions since he returned from his stormy sojourn in London. Joe is a born wrecker and trouble-maker.

It is evident that President Wilson has added considerably to his fame as a note writer by his latest note to Great Britain.

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