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The last few days the fiery cross has traveled fast between the fighting powers. Our president has received a proposal for ceasefire and negotiations about conditions for peace from Germany, Austria and Turkey. Without delay the President sent his reply.

At the same time our enemies have suffered one defeat after another. It looks like the dawn of an eagerly longed for day of peace is getting closer. Who is not happy about that! But let us be patient. The dawn will slowly get brighter. It would probably demand some more powerful efforts to make certain we reach a real and lasting peace. Our government seems to be without back and rejects everything that implies a compromise. They also intent to stop a ceasefire which will give the enemy a chance to recover and then continue the war with renewed energy and power. We can confidently leave this in the hands of those who govern. The many pieces of advice which now are shared with the president and his close advisors in Washington D.C. are unnecessary and must be a real pain to them, because most, but not all, of these un-called for advisors are too unknowledgeable about the details to be able to give advice. Our task is to without stop support the government in the way we are called to do. A strong participation in the fourth freedom-loan is part of this call. But let us not forget to individually and together call upon the Lord that he through his wisdom and love will lead everything towards a good and happy ending.