

Plan to Shelve Wirth, German Chief, Blocked

Centrists Rise to Defense of Chancellor, Against Whom People's Party Is Waging Relentless War

Rumors of Deal Denied

Socialist Organ Brands as False Declaration Party Will Sacrifice Leader

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BERLIN, Sept. 24.—The well press attempt on the part of the anti-government parties during the last three days to bring about Chancellor Wirth's downfall as the price of the People's party entrance into the government has been shattered. Contrary to the expectation arising from the action of the Majority Socialists at the convention in Goerlitz, which opened the road for constructing coalition government by admitting the People's party, the opposition press has let loose a terrific storm over Wirth's head, comparable only with the attacks hurled against the late Matthias Erzberger.

Papers like the "Taegliche Rundschau," supported by the rest of the

conservative press, have not only demanded Chancellor Wirth's retirement as the essential prerequisite for a reconstructed government but have proclaimed Wirth dead politically.

Spread Wide Propaganda

In order to strengthen this assertion the opposition press has been spreading widely stories about the composition of the new cabinet with Wirth eliminated. Both Socialist and Centrist parties are supposed to have agreed to this scheme.

The campaign has been marked particularly by two speeches delivered by Dr. Gustav Stresemann, leader of the People's party, in which he bitterly assailed the Chancellor for his stand on the Bavarian question and his alleged catering to the left. Stresemann's speeches have been interpreted as a declaration that he will not enter a government with Chancellor Wirth.

"Germania," the Centrist party organ, speaking up the cudgel for the Chancellor, informs Stresemann that hopes for Wirth's retirement in favor of some People's party politician or anyone else are vain. Moreover "Germania" asserts emphatically that unless Stresemann changes his tone there will be no more concern about admitting the People's party into the government.

"Germania" ridicules the report spread by the opposition that the right wing of the Centrist party demands Wirth's retirement. The Chancellor's organ accuses the People's party of playing the same role to-day which it played at the time of the acceptance of the Allied ultimatum, that it has no intention of cooperating honestly with the government and that its whole aim has been directed toward the breaking up of the existing government, inflicting sabotage on its entire foreign and domestic policy.

Declare Wirth Must Stay

"Vorwaerts," in an article to-day, branded as false a story that the Socialists had agreed to sacrifice Wirth for a new coalition government, while

the "Taegblatt" and the "Vossische Zeitung" declared that the shelving of Dr. Wirth at this moment would be disastrous to Germany as it would undermine the international position again and destroy the effects outside of Germany of all Wirth's work since the acceptance of the ultimatum.

The entire Centrist, Socialist and Democratic press declares emphatically that Wirth must remain.

While prospects for the reconstruction of the government with participation of the People's Party has been dimmed as the result of Stresemann's attacks, hopes are still entertained in some circles.

President Ebert had expected to call a meeting of party leaders to discuss the reconstruction proposal. Should the government with Wirth as Chancellor there is a probability that the Majority Socialists would unite with the Independents, the latter entering the government.

The next two weeks will demonstrate whether the People's party is willing to co-operate or whether, supported by extreme nationalist men, who control the People's party, Simons and company—are determined to pursue a policy of rule or ruin.

Lien Filed on Fight Arena

Lumber Concern Alleges Rickard Owes \$23,065.91

A lien of \$23,065.91 was filed in the Hudson County Clerk's office at Jersey City yesterday against the arena at Boyle's Thirty Acres, constructed by Tex Rickard for the Dempsey-Carpenter fight last July. The contracting firm of Edwards & Edwards, the members of which are Cornelius and Joseph Edwards, brothers of Governor Edwards, are named in the papers with Rickard.

The lien is filed by Dembe & Dembe, lawyers, for the Coastwise Lumber and Supply Company, of New York. The \$23,065.91 is said to be the unpaid balance of an account of \$107,598.54 for lumber and materials.

Dual Throne Suggested to Satisfy Irish

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two attitudes in the ministry is said to be responsible for the Premier's delay in answering De Valera's recent communication.

It is felt here that Churchill's reference to a "king of Ireland" gives De Valera a clear lead which, if he should follow it into the proposed conference with Lloyd George, might develop a new formula of peace.

Pleads for Conference

DUNDEE, Scotland, Sept. 24 (By The Associated Press).—Secretary Churchill expressed himself as very much in favor of a conference on the Irish question. He felt there was a much better chance of an agreement being reached by personal interviews than by correspondence, he said, and it was because of this he was anxious for a conference—the only thing, he declared, which stood between the government and complete rupture of the Irish negotiations.

De Valera had made it very doubtful whether there was a chance of a successful conference, the Secretary said. "Wiffully, or else under duress," he added, "De Valera had proclaimed that his delegates would attend as the representatives of a foreign state."

The government, the Colonial Secretary asserted, would not allow pedantry, hating or quibbling to stand in the way of peace, but when its fundamental principles were challenged, it was well to make it quite clear there would be no further concession on the part of the government.

"Although Great Britain could unquestionably enforce the existing law

upon Ireland," Mr. Churchill continued, "she none the less is called upon to clear away all possible misunderstandings. If our offer is rejected we have the conviction that our countrymen will support the empire, as will the opinion of the civilized world."

The Colonial Secretary said the British government's offer was generous, sincere and unanimous, and could be carried into effect immediately.

"How could we agree to the setting up of a separate, foreign republic in Ireland?" Mr. Churchill asked. Not peace, he said, but a real war—not carried into effect immediately.

In connection with Churchill's reference to a "king of Ireland" which was considered by many of his hearers as virtually holding out the prospect to Ireland of a separate kingdom, it is recalled that Lord Hugh Cecil last May brought forward a scheme by which Ireland would be made an independent kingdom, the King to be a member of the Windsor family, probably the Prince of Wales, to be appointed by the King of England.

Touching on the industrial situation Churchill made a plea for co-operation, saying the structure of the civilized world has strained, and that this was a time for leaving aside all quarrels and co-operating in rebuilding.

BERLINF, Sept. 24.—(By The Associated Press).—Desmond Fitzgerald, the Sinn Fein minister of propaganda, interviewed here in regard to Secretary Churchill's speech at Dundee, reported at length in this evening's newspapers, said he saw nothing in the speech which altered the situation or barred the way to a conference.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—British recognition of Irish claims of independence

Snipers Fire in Belfast; Routed by Machine Guns

By The Associated Press

As a preliminary condition to a conference were never asked by the Sinn Fein, declared Arthur Griffith, in an interview with "The Daily Mail" correspondent in Dublin. He added that entering the conference without previous guarantees or conditions would not imply British recognition of the Sinn Fein's claims.

Snipers became active in the Newtownards Road district of East Belfast this afternoon, many rounds being fired with rifles and revolvers from the side streets. Soldiers on duty took up positions and replied with machine guns, soon silencing the snipers.

Rifle firing was renewed in the districts of this city affected by last night's disorders, one man being wounded. The only death resulting from the rioting since its resumption yesterday was accidental, a man being run over by an armored car.

The rioting was so severe last evening that tram cars were withdrawn from the troubled area.

Lone Kiansman Startles Town
PAWHUSKA, Okla., Sept. 24.—A lone, white-clad horseman suddenly appeared here last night, galloped through the business section and then as suddenly disappeared. The silent white figure bore a banner inscribed with a warning to gamblers, hoodlums and "his-jackers." A shot was fired at the white horseman, but he escaped apparently uninjured.

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