

AUSTRIA KEY TO SOVIET PEACE

France Will Act With Allies if Russia's Supply of Food Is Available.

TO BLOCK GERMAN UNION

Vienna Otherwise Will Be Forced to Look to Berlin for Self-Preservation.

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PARIS, Feb. 25.—French agreement to peace with the Russian Soviet can be obtained by the Allies if they will agree to guarantee that a sufficient amount of Russia's vast food resources will be used to save Austria from immediate starvation and ultimate consolidation with Germany, is the opinion of a qualified French diplomatist.

This course, it is held in high circles here now is more imperative than it ever was. If Austria is to be saved from famine, as without Russian grain Austria's economic situation will soon reach a point where only union with Germany will save her from a complete collapse.

The Vienna Government recently was voted the right to dispose of certain securities in the purchase of foodstuffs, but these purchases, it was understood, were to be effected through Russian co-operative societies, as they controlled the nearest market.

French opinion is more alarmed over such prospects than over peace with the Bolsheviks. Indeed, the declaration of the British Socialist, George Lansbury, who was in the senate at the same time that James O'Grady, British representative in the negotiations with the Bolsheviks for the repatriation of British war prisoners, was there, that the Soviet Government would recognize the debts of the old regime, left the French people cool about further dallying with the Moscow authorities about peace.

In Premier Millerand's entourage the argument is advanced that France has little to gain by recognizing the Soviet Government beyond the knowledge that commercial relations with Russia there might be carried on unhampered. There is another party here which sees in this a material benefit to France which has great need of raw materials from Russia and an adverse exchange rate against her in her dealings with nations which now supply her needs.

But the general French opinion, on the question of commerce with Russia may be inferred from an article in the Temps. It declares that disorganization of transportation facilities in Russia will prevent a resumption of foreign trade; that it will be necessary to spend about a billion and a half of francs on the railroads of Northern Russia in order to import three or four million tons of goods, while in Southern Russia had a billion francs must be expended before trade can begin seriously.

"Under such conditions," says the Temps, "the raw materials and grain are vitally important in proportion to their value the Bolsheviks cannot pay with them. The Soviet Government can only pay for its purchases with gold, and gold, which is sold on the market at a price which is not equal to the value of the objects which they have stolen from private individuals. They also will be obliged to offer vast concessions to the foreign seller. This is the only way in which they can equalize their trade with the rest of the world, to the best interests of Russia's creditors and to the best interests of Russia herself, who would be stripped for the benefit of foreign traders."

\$5,000,000 OFFERED FOR ALTAR PIECE

Stolen by Germans, Must Be Returned to Belgium.

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (delayed).—An offer of \$5,000,000 has been made by an American to the German Government for sections of a famous altar piece painted by Jan and Hubert Van Eyck, formerly in the Cathedral of St. Bavon, Ghent, and now in the Berlin Museum, says the Tageblatt. It is said that a contract cannot be made for the offer, as the treasure must be returned to Belgium, under the terms of the Versailles treaty.

Germany, however, must pay the Hohenzollern family for this work of art as a part of the settlement for the taking over of royal holdings, the newspaper says.

The work referred to was begun in 1429 and completed in 1432 and has undergone many vicissitudes. It was sought by Philip II, of Spain, but that monarch was unable to secure it. Later, during Puritanical disorders in Belgium in 1566, it was saved with difficulty, while in 1641 it was implored by fire. In 1794 the central panels of the Cathedral of St. Bavon in 1815 only these panels were replaced in their original position. Six wing panels were ignorantly sold in 1816 to a dealer, from whom they were purchased by the Berlin Museum. Two wing panels of the original work are now in the Museum at Brussels, having been taken there in 1814.

HUNGARIAN TREATY AWAITS MILLERAND

Paris Says American Envoy Will Act; Denied Here.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Agreement was reached by the Ambassadorial Council this morning to refer to the respective governments the appeal of the Inter-Allied Military Commission to Hungary for intervention in favor of Hungarians seized by Rumanian military authorities and condemned to death. The Hungarian reply to the terms of the peace treaty was over until the return of Premier Millerand from London.

Hugh C. Wallace, American Ambassador to France, will take part in the deliberations relative to the Hungarian treaty. It was said today at the State Department. It was reiterated that Mr. Wallace was attending the Ambassadorial Council at Paris purely in the capacity of an observer.

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"PIGS IS PIGS"—As Ellis Parker Butler remarked. But some pigs are more expensive than others.

Recently a spotted Poland China hog brought \$35,000 at a sale in Indiana.

The old-fashioned country sausage served at CHILDS is not made from \$35,000 hogs.

But it is made from an excellent grade of fresh pork; and it is deliciously seasoned and temptingly cooked.



'BOMB' AND 'SALON' REDS RULE RUSSIA

Some Live in Splendor in Parlor Cars; Others Die of Disease in Misery.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.—Two distinct types of Bolshevists, described as "salon Bolshevists" and "bomb Bolshevists," were noted by the correspondent of the Handelsblad in his recent investigations in Soviet Russia. The first named, he says, are represented by former officers in the army of the late Czar, while the other include the fanatical, sinister commissars and all their followers.

The Bolsheviki army commanders, with whom he travelled in luxurious armored and non-armored express trains from the Polish front to Moscow, form a new aristocracy. Sometimes, he says, the impression one gets of the entire outfit is that of a "parlor car with third class people in it."

In the cities the communistic aristocracy live in luxury. "In a big town like Smolensk," he declared, "the army commissars who already belong to the upper ten do not live in town near their headquarters with their staff officers, but a long way off on a side track in a beautiful car, every one in his own compartment. And in front of every one of those cars is a policeman, armed with a rifle, who keeps the proletariat in order."

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When typhus appeared in Moscow, he declares, great care was taken to see that "the clean gentlemen Communists were not troubled by the raggy and buggy proletariat."

The Leninist theory, he says, was to let the old state die, according to the Marxist theory, and gradually make all class distinctions disappear until there was only one class left—that of the working man. "But up to now," the correspondent writes, "they have only managed to breed a few more very remarkable classes in addition to the existing ones."

CAILLAUX DEFENDS HIS ITALIAN MOTIVE

Asserts in His Defence He Sought to Avoid an Economic Disaster.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—At his trial today on a charge of having treasonable dealings with the enemy, Joseph Caillaux forsook the defensive and assumed the offensive while explaining his activities in Italy. "Never have I sought a separate peace or a peace of compromise," the former Premier said. "I swear to the members of the High Court that I had not the slightest political aim when I went to Italy. I never had a political aim throughout the war. But several times I had the belief that we must prepare for peace."

M. Caillaux explained his economic and financial policy, holding for nearly an hour the Senators and spectators alike in breathless attention. "One fact dominates the present economic situation," said M. Caillaux. "It is that France, instead of being a world's creditor as before the war, is now a world's debtor. I foresaw in 1916 that the strongest economic alliance must be made not alone with Italy, but with Spain and Belgium. If the interests of Continental Europe were to be safeguarded, it was inevitable as far back as 1916 that France would emerge from the war in heavy debt to England and America. War is waged with men, coal and steel. France furnished her own men. They cannot be paid for. But our Anglo-Saxon Allies and the United States furnished us the coal and steel. It was evident then that France would owe, as it does, between forty and fifty billion francs to Great Britain, America and Italy, and would be the debtor to the same countries, as it is, for between fifty and sixty billion francs."

"The only remedy was a close economic alliance with Italy, the internationalization of bank notes between Spain, Italy and Belgium, for preventing the exchange prices now obtaining, and perhaps being closely allied with Italy and France and presenting a compact front at the Peace Conference, might have allowed long delays or perhaps cancellations of part of our debt to Great Britain and America."

"I was indignantly denied wanting to make a peace with Russia as the weapon and paying the indemnities in territory. "But as I had foreseen the economic conditions growing out of the war," he continued, "and also foreseen the collapse of the Russian autocracy, I turned against it and did not take into account Russia as a factor in the war from 1916 onward or as a peace factor at the conference."

"The only thing I had not foreseen was America's entry into the war. Nor had any one else. How could they with President Wilson still talking about peace without victory?" He qualified the accusation of Anglophobia against him as an absurd legend, but said he wanted England to take a large part in the proposed spring offensive of 1917. "My policy was the give and take, so dear to our British allies," said M. Caillaux. "We had furnished the greater effort in 1914, and it behooved England to do the same in 1917. I had judged the situation so accurately that had not America come into the war the financial situation was hopeless."

M. Caillaux concluded by saying that the bitter campaign of the nationalist press against him, placing him outside the ban of the sacred union as soon as war was declared and representing him as of the enemy regime, had had its repercussion across the Alps and also across the Rhine. Therefore, he asked, what more natural than that all the pacifists in Italy and all the peace party in Germany should regard him as the most likely man to appeal to.

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COMMONS DEFEATS BRITISH ECONOMY

Votes Against Government in Approving Police Pensions.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Government was defeated in the House of Commons to-night on a private member's motion calling for a large increase in the pensions to all policemen retired prior to April, 1919, in order to meet the increased cost of living. The motion, which was strongly supported, was carried by a vote of 123 to 57, although it was opposed by the Government.

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LONDON, Feb. 25.—A wireless despatch from Moscow says that the latest returns in the Moscow elections show that of the 853 Soviet members chosen 762 are Bolsheviki, 27 sympathizers with the movement, 54 members of no party, 9 Mensheviki, or minority, and 1 anarchist. Editor Steklor of the newspaper Izvestia was elected.

Eighty Deputies were women, seventy of whom were Communists and ten non-partisan. Nikolaev addressed working women and invited them to take an active part in the political life of the country.

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LONDON, Feb. 25.—A wireless despatch from Moscow says that Gen. Tolstoy's army, defeated at Guriev, in the Government of Ural, Southeast Russia, has fled to the Caspian Sea, retreating under terrible conditions. The despatch adds that a thousand of the men lay down to die in the waterless steppes with horses and camels, and that nothing remains of the white army.

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POLAND READY FOR PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Announces Conditions Will Be Submitted to Allies.

WARSAW, Feb. 24 (delayed).—Poland is inclined to enter peace negotiations with the Russian Soviet Government immediately. An official statement to this effect was made Tuesday night by the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Diet. The Polish conditions would include restitution of the territory taken from Poland in the first partition of 1772 and subsequently. The Diet's statement says Poland is inclined to enter into negotiations with the Soviet, the conditions of which will be submitted to the Allies and interested States before Poin's final decision is made.

A note issued by the committee says: "The Republic has decided absolutely to stand for the determination of the eastern frontier with the consent of the local population, and Poland has every right and it is Poland's duty to demand that the inhabitants beyond the present battle line be allowed plebiscites. The Polish Government has decided to consult the allied powers and interested states and base its policy on their views."

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