

CHARLES WOULDN'T FIGHT OWN PEOPLE

Says He Ordered Retreat When Horthy Forces Offered Resistance

STILL HOPES FOR CROWN

[The following copyrightable dispatch from Dorothy Thompson is reprinted from today's Public Ledger.] Budapest, Oct. 25 (Delayed)—I had tea at Esterhazy's Castle yesterday afternoon with Emperor Charles and his wife, Empress Zita, and heard from the lips of the King and the members of his entourage the full story of his unsuccessful attempt to regain the Iron Crown of St. Stefan and the collapse of the last hope of the Hapsburgs. I also transmitted a reassuring message from the royal couple to their children in Switzerland, telling them they will not have to worry.

"Maybe the public opinion of the world believes I am responsible for this civil war, but I would not spill a drop of Hungarian blood for a thousand thrones," said Charles. "The resistance of my own people was something for which I could not be prepared. I only know I made no attempt to enter Budapest by force of arms; that, on the contrary, I ordered my forces, who came not as a conquering army, but as a bodyguard of honor, not to fire. When Colonel Ostensberg reported that in order to proceed we should have to fight our way, I ordered him to retreat. My only regret for the time which have been lost and for the men who are wounded.

Against my expectation neither the King nor the Crown prince seemed discouraged. On the contrary, they were the most self-possessed of the whole group, which included Count Andrássy, whose fecklessness was appreciated by the Emperor. He expressed a desire to see Gratz, concealing participation in his usual amiable and M. Radoslawski, ex-President of the National Assembly, plunged into happy gloom.

Count Andrássy Fastidious

The slight, bushy-nosed of the King was clothed in a Hungarian general's uniform. Zita was wearing a pale and dark-eyed in her plain maxilla silk costume. The fastidious Count Andrássy, in a white suit, was the only one of having had to go for four days without a change.

How I was able to restrain the night's emotions from bursting out at the Castle, which was crowded at every village, and to pass soldiers manning the town and to enter the castle's great iron gate, guarded by officers and soldiers, is a story I am not prepared to tell. The castle is a medieval stronghold surrounded by a moat filled with water upon which swans were swimming. I mistook the water in gold and watching the gate for a general's uniform. For the first twenty minutes of my stay with the King and his party it was almost impossible to ask any questions, for my companions and myself were the first persons to be cut off the cordons of guards cutting off the royal party from all communication with the outside world. Question upon question was poured into my ears, and I was told that the Government resisted. It is true that all the persons loyal to the King are to be severely punished.

King Seemed Unworried

When we were seated at the tea table the King, who seemed not to share the general anxiety, and whose only concern seemed to be to escape the impression that he had to fight his way to the throne and to regain the crown by bloodshed, made for our conversation the subject of the King's concession was not for publication. After Charles and his consort had withdrawn to their own apartments, amid the courtiers' excitement, a little handful of disaffected courtiers and fellow prisoners who tried to maintain even in utter defeat the old procedure of the Hapsburg court. M. Rakovsky, M. Gratz and other holders waiting recruited the store of the last stand of the Hapsburgs in their thousand-year Kingdom. The little group gathered around the tea table in a common room, through the windows of which one looked across hills and hills of the finest estate in Hungary, believed at any rate that the events of the last few days have ended all hopes of restoration.

No Place to Sleep

"I received word in Budapest Wednesday night that the King was coming," said Gratz, "and on Thursday I proceeded to West Hungary. None of us knew what our destination was, but all were ready to obey the King's call. Late Thursday night the King and Queen completed their 700-mile air ride from Lugano and arrived at Denzfa, where Count Andrássy was attending the reception of the grandchild. Count and Countess Andrássy had no idea the King was arriving and failed to recognize their Majesty, who greeted them from the garden. I thought the Queen was the new countess, interjected Count Andrássy, smiling drily.

"Rakovsky and I went back to Gratz, reached Denzfa on Friday day and that night we were at the King to Ostensberg. Colonel Denzfa had no idea the King was arriving and had no place for him to sleep. His Majesty went to a nightingale in the garden. I thought the Queen was the new countess, interjected Count Andrássy, smiling drily.

Loaded Zita a Nightgown

"I had to lend the Queen my nightgown," admitted the Countess Esterhazy. Colonel Ostensberg's dinner and lady-in-waiting to the Queen, who is a passionate young woman and was alone in the entire company constantly made bitter remarks about the quality of the Government and its legal system. "We reached Raab Saturday afternoon without any difficulties," continued Gratz. "At every station troops came out, seeming to be all-glad and greeting their Majesty with flowers. At Raab we received our first telegram from Regent Horthy advising us not to proceed further. The Queen particularly was anxious to return to Hungary, calling the telegram a mere military action. All of us had every reason to think the contrary. The troops at Raab were torn up by Government orders, but were easily reformed and troops supposedly unfriendly took the oath of allegiance to the King. Late Saturday night we arrived at Torony, where the hospital train bearing their Majesty was waiting. Colonel Ostensberg took the first train with troops ahead, having received word that the way was clear. We had four trains with troops, two ahead and two behind the King's.

OFF TO LEGION CONVENTION



Colonel Fred Taylor Pusey, in his new fall overcoat, is shown talking over American Legion affairs with Colonel W. J. Conklyn just before the Philadelphia delegation to the Legion convention at Kansas City left on its special train. Miss Jeanette N. Moore, state secretary of the Legion, also was in the party.

N. Y. BIDDERS GET CITY BOND ISSUE

\$12,659,800 Municipal Loan Taken at \$103.399, Giving \$430,000 Premium

FIFTY BUYERS MADE BIDS

Various municipal voters can now go forward, with the flotation of the latest city loan. All bids for the \$12,659,800 loan submitted yesterday when the entire amount was awarded to a New York syndicate for 103.399, one of the highest figures ever paid for municipal bonds, and which will net the city a handsome premium of more than \$430,000 on the bond issue.

DELEGATES TO WATERWAYS CONVENTION APPOINTED

Many Citizens of South Jersey in List Named by Trenton Mayor Trenton, Oct. 28.—About 300 delegates have been appointed by Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly, chairman of the New Jersey Rivers and Harbors Commission, to represent that body at the fourteenth annual convention of the Atlantic States Waterways Association to be held in Savannah, Ga., November 15 to 18.

EX-SERVICE MAN QUIZZED

Discharged Marine Corps Captain Appears Before Senate Investigators Washington, Oct. 28.—A discharged Marine Corps captain, who was arrested on charges of desertion and espionage, was today quizzed by Senate investigators. The man, identified as Edward Charles of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested in Mexico in 1918 and was held in a military prison for several months before being released on parole.

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MRS. BERGDOLL TRIES PLEADING

Slackers' Mother Turns Sensitive and Sends 'Thinkers of City' Appeal

SHIFTS BLAME FOR PLIGHT

The "pocket nerve" of the family of Grover Bergdoll, fugitive slacker, is far more sensitive than was Bergdoll, the draft dodger, to the patriotic appeal that brought thousands of men into the army during the war.

This was shown today with the circulation of a printed sixteen-page pamphlet, ostensibly written by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the fugitive slacker, now hiding abroad, and of Irwin Bergdoll, now in a Federal prison for dodging the draft.

The document was called "Might vs. Right, an Appeal for Fair Play." The manner in which the Alien Property Custodian seized the estate of Grover Bergdoll apparently led Mrs. Bergdoll to fear Philadelphia is about to be "Russified."

"Whether you are favorably disposed toward me or not, whether you incline to justice for me or not, I ask each of you, the thinkers of the city to whom I appeal, to conclude the appeal signed by Mrs. Bergdoll, 'to picture the conditions under which your children and your wards will live tomorrow if Might is Right today.'"

Seems to Blame Newspapers It would seem from a reading of the pamphlet that Mrs. Bergdoll blames the newspapers for her son's draft dodging. One of the highest figures ever paid for municipal bonds, and which will net the city a handsome premium of more than \$430,000 on the bond issue.

"I myself laughed then at some of the absurd news in the full security that all those who really know me know they were in the country in disguise because the newspapers had related facts about his special mania which had made him a target for police of numerous communities."

The appeal attributed to Mrs. Bergdoll goes on to relate that because of these "persecutions" she is sued for damages even if her dog barks and that if a lawyer charges her \$10,000 for professional services the courts uphold the claim.

In the pamphlet is a detailed list of property belonging to Mrs. Bergdoll, which she claims to have been seized by the Government. The list includes a large number of items, including a car, a house, and various pieces of furniture.

At the time when the \$6000 was given to the imprisoned slacker the Government was paying a bounty on dodging. Mrs. Bergdoll and others were bringing food, clothing, books and delicacies to him.

Gives List of Lawyer Fees The list of expenditures also discloses that \$12,500 was paid in counsel fees to D. Clarence Gibboney, now dead; \$800 to Theodore Lane Bennett, \$10,275 to Henry Scott, \$250 to Marshall & Mitchell Company, and \$7725 to Harry Weinberger, the New York lawyer who manfully defended the slacker at the court-martial.

The detailed list of expenditures also shows Mrs. Bergdoll on April 17 of this year sent \$10,000 to Grover Bergdoll in Germany. An expense item of \$1000 was given to James E. Hough, "in Grover's behalf."

The financial information made no reference to the "hot of gold" which the slacker claimed was buried by him. A woman who described herself simply as "a visitor" at the Bergdolls home, Fifty-second street and Wynnedell avenue.

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Helps in Plays



MRS. H. C. SHEPPERD She will appear in "The Dear Departed," one of the sketches to be shown by the Three Arts Players on next Thursday evening at the New Century Drawing Room.

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Harding and British Premier Dominate

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The Secretary of State has no definite authority over his delegation, Mr. Lodge represents the majority in the Senate and if he owes allegiance to anybody outside the Senate it is to the President. Mr. Underwood, though of the minority, is the President's man.

Root Selected Early Mr. Root was selected by the President for the first work of this kind to be done at the time it was decided to prefer Mr. Hughes to him as Secretary of State. This is not said to suggest that the American delegation will be discarded, but merely to indicate the importance of the President in the background.

The President has not only to hold the delegation together. He has to hold the American Government. He, even more than Mr. Lodge and Mr. Underwood, is the connecting link in American institutions. It keeps him in the conference whether he will or no.

Mr. Harding will be dominant in this conference because of any personal quality. His place assures him his importance. It was inevitable at Paris that the three leading figures should be Wilson, Clemenceau, and Lloyd George. They represented the leading nations. Greater men than they were present. General Smuts was, probably, General Botha may also have been. Mr. Wilson said Venizelos was able to his leading rivals, but all three represented small nations.

Personal qualities made Clemenceau the most important figure at Paris, with Lloyd George second. Personal gifts indicate that Lloyd George will take the chief role here, though perhaps some Japanese will be the surprise of the gathering.

DEBATE ON JOINING TOWNS Collingswood-Camden Union Decided Not Detrimental to Former Collingswood, N. J., Oct. 28.—Annexation of Collingswood to Camden would not be detrimental to Collingswood, according to the decision of judges in a debate Thursday night at a social meeting of the Collingswood Association of Artisans, on the question "Resolved, That annexation to Camden would be detrimental to the best interests of Collingswood."

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LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

By Lee Pape THE PARK AVE. NEWS Weather. Worst lasted of better. Ester: Latest Paul News! The Hunts are slightly ahead this week in the big feud between the Hunts and the Jansons, on account of Sid Hunt volunteering to sharpen Paul Jansons new pencil when it broke during drawing lesson last Thursday, and was he passing it back to her it wasn't hardly long enough for a stamp.

Sports. Puds Simkins got a deer last Saturday he wanted to be a snake charmer when he grew up, so he went out in the back yard and dug up 2 worms to see what he could make them do, being nothing.

Pome by Skinny Martin Almost Perfect My new Sunday shoes are beautiful. As everybody admits both friends and foes. O I wouldn't have a single thing against them. If they any had more room around the toes.

Sissety. Miss Loretta Mineer is thinking of writing a book about her experiences in the country this summer were she was chased by a bull but not caught and pushed in a creek but not drowned and poisoned by poison frogs but not warts it showed.

Interesting Facts About Intricate People. Puds Simkins is still taking piano lessons a week but his father and mother are getting discouraged by the absence of results and Puds hopes for the best.

Diaz to Visit Philadelphia Washington, Oct. 28.—General Juan P. Diaz, left here yesterday for Kansas City to attend the American Legion convention. He will go by way of Chicago and arrive at the city Sunday morning. Between the closing of the convention and Armistice Day he will visit New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport, R. I.

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