

### GERMAN SOCIALISTS DIVIDED AS TO PEACE

#### Borgbjerg Mission to Russia Reveals Disappointment With Scheidemann Terms.

(Special Cablegram to The Sunday Star and New York Times.)  
BERLIN, May 12.—The communications regarding the peace conditions of the German socialist party which the Danish socialist Borgbjerg is said to have made to soldiers and laborers council in Petrograd have caused much dissatisfaction all over Germany and among all classes. Even the German socialist program, which is the result of their pacific inclinations. It must be remembered that among the socialists, especially those now in front, are a great number who do not see eye-to-eye at all with Scheidemann regarding German peace, and they often give expression to their ideas in letters to the Feldpost, which is the socialist organ most widely circulated in the trenches and dugouts. That leaves no doubt that the men who have fought nearly three years on the blood-soaked battlefields, west and east, are not willing that all the hostilities should be handed back to the enemy with a polite bow, as though the latter had never threatened to extirpate everything German and make the German workingman a slave for him for generations to come. Letters from the front to the German socialists at home sound the same note of a desire for peace "that will involve no increase of the burden borne by the workingman heretofore."

#### Called "One-Sided Peace."

The papers, especially the Bavarian Arbeiter Zeitung, bring such letters to one effect which was the recent resolution of the Karlsruhe socialist congress regarding the Scheidemann peace. A socialist member of the congress informs me that Munich and Nuremberg soon follow with similar resolutions, which will probably cause Scheidemann to reconsider his peace program. Berlin socialists, too, are mainly showing dissatisfaction with what one weekly socialist publication terms "Scheidemann's one-sided peace."

Considerations of that sort may have influenced the executive committee of the German socialist party to publish the following comment on Borgbjerg's mission to Petrograd: "The German socialist party is not really said in Petrograd. The report at hand is published by Miljukoff's telegraphic agency. In a conversation which Borgbjerg had with representatives of the German democracy, peace without annexation was considered the base of negotiations. It is, of course, involves the maintenance of the integrity of Germany. This, however, does not exclude friendly negotiations regarding frontier corrections wherever they seem desirable. Nobody would wish to prolong the war even one day for that reason." Even the most radical papers, like the Mittagszeitung, find fault with "the lame socialist explanation."

#### Puts in a Protest.

The Mittagszeitung thinks it really leaves matters in the Petrograd telegraph agency state them. It adds: "German socialists should make it quite clear that they have given Borgbjerg no mandate. It seems Borgbjerg meant quite well when he told in Petrograd what Scheidemann's friends told him, but unfortunately he omitted to say that men in Petrograd, who only used his communications for their propaganda against peace before the war, recognized by their own people. The greater our victory over the enemy, the more complete will be the triumph of the democracy of peasants and workers, for if German militarism is not overthrown, the work of the future generations will have to be devoted to armaments."

#### Succinct Statements.

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#### Approves Food Standard Bill.

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### SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE TO APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

#### Progressive Convention Envoys to See Executive Tomorrow—Congress Hearings Tuesday.

President Wilson is to be urged tomorrow by representatives of all political parties to add national woman suffrage to the war program of the present Congress. They will include J. A. H. Hopkins, New Jersey progressive; David I. Walsh, ex-governor of Massachusetts, progressive democrat; Dr. E. A. Runkle, progressive republican; John Spargo, socialist, and Miss Mabel Vernon, secretary of the national woman's party. This committee was appointed by the progressive convention in St. Louis last month. The same report is being presented to the Senate suffrage committee Tuesday morning to urge immediate action by the Senate. The first suffrage hearing this session before the judiciary committee of the House will follow the Senate hearing. The passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment at this time will be urged by Miss Anne Martin of Nevada, vice chairman of the woman's party, and the following speakers also will be heard: Mrs. William Kent of California, Rev. Olympia Brown of Baltimore, suffrage pioneer and co-worker with Susan B. Anthony; Mrs. John Rogers of New York; Mrs. Donahoe Hooker, president of the Maryland Joint Government League; Mrs. Robert Baker of Washington; and Miss Lucy Burns of New York. A dinner will be tendered the national headquarters, 21 Madison place, tonight.

### U. S. NOTE SWAYS IN RUSSIAN CRISIS

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ment yesterday on the anniversary of the meeting of the first duma, my own feeling is that the Russian people are stirring patriotic appeal as that of Rodicheff, governor general of Finland and a member of all four dumas, is lost on the Russian peasant mind. Having never felt anger against German aggressiveness and treachery, they will not continue the fight. They have opposite them now a mere fringe of German troops, but they will not give the "one more big effort," even though it would be easy now. They are thinking only of the end of the war; the predicament of the allies on the western front is not even understood in the ranks.

#### Warning for America.

It is necessary for America to have no delusions about this. The Germans themselves are sure the Russians at this moment will not give the decisive blow in their power to give. It is also understood that the appeal of the Deputies for conference of international socialists is an idealistic move far removed from and above the German scheming at the present time in Stockholm. Russian idealism, feeling the support of the great body of the people and the army, is trying to overwhelm the war by a peace wave. "This is an alliance of free peoples against the oppression of militarism and imperialism," cried Rodicheff, answering Tseretelli's insinuation that the governments of France and England have imperialistic ambitions not recognized by their own peoples. Victory is necessary in order to establish social and internal peace. The greater our victory over the enemy, the more complete will be the triumph of the democracy of peasants and workers, for if German militarism is not overthrown, the work of the future generations will have to be devoted to armaments."

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### INSISTS ON ABATING GAMBLING IN FOOD

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previous close, but in a short time began to boom. When the closing gong sounded at noon July had shown a net rise of 22 1/2 to 23 1/2 cents, with final figures ranging 2 7/8 to 2 7/8, and September an even more startling jump of 2 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents, with last sales varying from 2 1/4 to 2 1/4. Bids Go Higher and Higher. In the massive trading room prices continued their ascent until the shorts had "covered" and taken their losses, probably very heavy in many cases. The opinion was expressed that the day pretty well over in this interest and that a decrease in trading might be expected Monday; that contracts had been largely evened up and that speculators would be slow to bind themselves to contracts which might be affected by action such as that taken with regard to May options. A question much debated about was whether, if control of speculation in May was a good thing, similar action might not apply with equal benefit to more deferred futures. President Joseph Griffin of the board, said that no such action was contemplated, as, in the opinion of many, wheat of the new crop would begin to arrive by July. Allen G. Anderson, vice chairman of the British food commission, came here and a secret conference was held with board of trade leaders Thursday. At this meeting it is said there was some plain speaking in the course of which it developed that agents for the allies have been "long" of wheat as much as 21,000,000 bushels at one time, in various markets. They are at present said to be big owners of spot wheat—that is, the actual wheat. There is no disposition to accuse them of speculation. They needed the cereal food and they needed money, and they had to bid against American millers for a crop which was short the world over. America had to bid to keep her own wheat, and prices soared.

#### Profits Run Into Millions.

With these immense purchases for future use, the allies in time found that they could not provide ships to transport it to the hungry ones at home. They sold their options on a

market which had advanced enormously, and to an extent contracted for more distant futures, in the hope that the shipping situation would improve. Their unsought profits were said to have run well into the millions. There were advances in other leading wheat markets during the day. At Duluth the advances ranged from 13 1/2 to 15 cents. At Kansas City, where the board altered the closing of May contracts, without fixing a settlement price, the advance ranged from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents. At St. Louis, May, in the absence of an embargo, advanced 13 cents and deferred futures 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents. Minneapolis showed a net rise in May of 18 cents and in September of 20 1/2. October wheat at Winnipeg advanced 19 cents. The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce voted to continue trading in May options. Omaha took no action, as May trades disappeared anyway. Flour prices at Minneapolis touched a new high figure of \$17.10 a barrel.

### ENGINEER BAND TO PLAY

#### To Alternate With Marine Band in Park Concerts This Summer.

The War Department has approved the recommendation of Col. Hartz, engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, that the Engineer Band be directed to alternate with the U. S. Marine Band in giving daily concerts in the public parks of the District this summer. The question had arisen as to whether the provisions of section 5 of the national act of the War Department held employment of enlisted men in the army in civil jobs in competition with civilians. The authorities of the War Department held that it was not in the nature of a civil employment for the band to give public concerts in the government parks and reservations, but, on the contrary, that such employment was a proper function of the army. The judge advocate general of the army, to whom the question was referred, held that the statute was not intended to restrict the employment of the allies on the proper employment of the United States troops in aid of public or patriotic demonstrations.

### APPRECIATES THE OFFER OF RETAIL MERCHANTS

#### Gen. Barnett Expresses Thanks for Proposed Movement to Aid Recruiting of Marine Corps.

Expressions in appreciation of the work which is to be done by the Retail Merchants' Association of Washington in recruiting for the United States Marine Corps on the lower Potomac, May 26 and 27, are voiced in a letter received by the organization yesterday from Maj. Gen. George A. Barnett, commandant of the corps. He thanks the association "for the patriotic and efficient efforts" of its committee, "and the association in the work of recruiting for the United States Marine Corps," and says, "I shall be especially interested in the results obtained from your lower-river campaign."

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Arrangements for taking motion pictures of the demonstration which is to be held in Washington just prior to leaving for the trip and of the rallies to be held down the river, have been made. Publicity to the campaign has been given throughout the section by traveling newspapers, posters and recruiting matter having been used for the purpose. During the present week a recruit folder is to be sent to every household in the territory in order to assure the maximum of results at these meetings. Berberich, chairman, and F. V. Killian, vice chairman, of the general committee in charge, motored to Leonardtown, Md., yesterday to arrange for the demonstration to be held in that town the evening of May 26. A recruit ball is to be given aboard the steamer. This will be the first time this form of attraction has been used in the United States for recruiting purposes, it is stated. This movement has been undertaken by the booster committee of the Retail Merchants' Association in a spirit of patriotism. Business or personal considerations have been laid aside and

invitations have been extended to business men to co-operate in provoking a plan which is financed entirely by the participants.  
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