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THE SHIPBUILDING PLANT

Iron for the decks and hulls of the ships which are to be constructed at the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation is now arriving at that place, and huge cranes are being used in hoisting the plates from the railroad cars. Many men who have recently been employed as laborers have been furloughed, and within the next few days an army of shipbuilders will take their places.

The numerous buildings needed at the plant are nearing completion, and the keel of the first ship will be laid within the next few days.

The Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation has rushed the construction of their plant during the past four or five months. Beginning their labors in mid-winter, they have toiled in all sorts of weather until a small town has grown upon what a few years ago was an unsightly cove. The administrative office, a large and imposing structure, was completed some time ago, when the main office was removed from the Bradlock House to Jones's Point. The fabricating shop is rapidly approaching completion, while a number of other buildings, finished recently, are awaiting the time when they will be utilized in the work of constructing iron steamships.

During the last thirty years Alexandrians have read of magic cities which have sprung up as did Aladdin's palace and have longed for booms to strike the old town. All have waited patiently many years while calling attention to our superior location for plants. While the heads of other concerns have placed their works here and there, ignoring this city and its claims, the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation realized that Alexandria, within a few miles of the Capital of the nation, is above all the place for monster plants and availed themselves of the opportunity afforded for locating their business here. The corporation has virtually asked nothing of our people. Their officials came here, looked over the ground, purchased what they desired and immediately started to work. The new town upon the old Baptizing Cove is the result of their enterprise. The Gazette wishes them the continued success which their labor merits.

RUSSIA'S FUTURE

Russia today is split into some ten separate republics and German-born principalities, all recognizing no central authority. But the pendulum is about to swing in the other direction. The revolution is about to turn to the way of sanity as soon as all the radical elements will have run their course.

Just now the anarchists are struggling to get into power. This is the last stage. After they are defeated, the whole gamut of radicalism will have been run, and the people, having experienced the folly of all the varieties offered them as nostrums, will return to reason and practicality.

There is no doubt that the Bolshevik movement was aided and abetted by Germany. Consciously or unconsciously, the Bolsheviks were German tools. The crimes of the Germans in Russia disgusted the Bolshevik masses, who were merely the dupes of the Teutons, and showed them Teutonic deceit in all its nakedness.

This meant that to Germany the usefulness of the Bolsheviks was fast approaching its end. But the Germans are resourceful. For this contingency they had prepared additional tools. Hence we see the spectacle of the anarchists beginning their struggle to supplant the Bolsheviks.

The last card which is being played by Germany will in all probability fail. The Bolsheviks are far stronger numerically than the anarchists and have superior equipment of arms and munitions. The anarchists unquestionably have been supplied by Germany with arms for their revolt, but the Bolsheviks for a long time will have the superior equipment.

The anarchistic revolution will break down from the force of its own absurdity. The anarchists have no program beyond the division of the country's wealth among the poor. They have no plan for the production

of wealth. Their radicalism is that of the Bolsheviks carried to an absurd extremity. Such a program cannot succeed.

After this anarchistic orgy will have spent itself the beginning of a reconstructive era in Russia will be at hand. That day is in the immediate future.

UNREST IN AUSTRIA

Disruption of the Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy is at hand. Dispatches from Budapest, Vienna and other points in Austria and Hungary, as well as from Berlin, indicate clearly that Emperor Karl is sitting on a volcano, which is emitting bursts of flame and threatens at any moment to break into full eruption.

Despite all that Kaiser Wilhelm and the imperial advisers can do to prevent it, the common people of the dual monarchy are rapidly approaching the point where the smallest provocation will bring about a revolution.

The Cabinet changes in Austria and Hungary, the Crown Council hastily called by the Kaiser at great headquarters to consider the Austrian problem, the territorial concessions made by Austria to Hungary and to Germany, all have for their purpose the prevention at all costs of the threatened dismemberment of the monarchy.

But the Slavs of southern Europe are dying of starvation and penury. They have suffered nearly four years as the vassals of Germany without realizing any of the grandiloquent promises made by their Emperor and Kaiser Wilhelm. They want freedom. And it is only a question of days when they will arise and demand it.

Vienna dispatches admit that the political situation is most desperate. Food riots are common. Austria cannot feed her own people, much less the Magyars of Hungary. She has turned to Germany for help, asking Berlin to ration some of the nations of Hungary. But Berlin, too, is hungry. Where is the food to come from?

Absolute famine before the first of July now menaces all of Austria-Hungary. It is this, together with the threat of revolution, that is believed to be delaying the Austrian offensive against Italy.

ANTI-LOAFING DRIVE

Determined to bring down the law on work slackers the police department of Baltimore has started a special effort to learn the identity of men who are violating the compulsory work law.

Marshal Carter said that this is no time for temporizing with idlers. The work law requires "every able-bodied male person between 18 and 50 years of age, inclusive, within the state net, regularly or continuously employed or engaged in any lawful and useful business, occupation, trade or profession of any kind to register, if a resident of the city, with the clerk of the superior court."

Idlers have no excuse in these days for refraining from work. The demand for men was never more brisk in the history of the country, while the shortage of laborers is becoming more acute daily. This is seen in Alexandria, where it is impossible, at times, to procure men for urgent jobs. It is significant that proprietors of industries in this city apply at the station house for permission to pay fines which have been imposed upon negroes in order to secure their services.

BELFRIES SILENT

Silence, even more intense than for the past three and a half years, has fallen on Belgium, for no longer is the voice of the bells in the old belfries heard in the land, and even the organs are mute in the churches.

M. Emile Cammaerts, the Belgian poet, writes in the Spectator of this the last cruel stroke inflicted on his country. Cynical indeed is Germany's purpose. The bells and organ pipes are being sent to Essen to be converted into engines of destruction. They must be thrown today in Germany's melting pot, and their golden song, which floated over the peaceful meadows of Flanders and in the cool and shady streets of quiet towns, will become the rough bark of the guns.

The Christian Science Monitor says in the ears of a deeply sympathetic world nothing could be more eloquent than this quenching of the voice of a once free and independent Belgium.

YOUNG AUTOISTS HELD

Baltimore Police Want to Know If Car They Smashed Was Stolen.

Baltimore, Md., May 21.—Thought to have stolen the car in which they figured in two accidents last night, three young men of Petersburg, Va., are being held by the police of this city awaiting word from the Virginia authorities as to whether the car was stolen or, as the prisoners asserted, was lent to them by William T. Herbert, of Petersburg, its owner. The men are James Covington, 23 years old, who was fined \$120 and

costs on three charges by Magistrate Staylor, in the Central police station, this morning; Harold Johnson, 20 years old, and Waverly Plunkett, 17 years old, all of Petersburg. Covington and Plunkett arrived in the city in the machine yesterday and met Johnson, who has been living in Baltimore for several days. They rode around the city for some time and yesterday afternoon Covington and Plunkett, while going east on Baltimore street, smashed into a wagon of the Miller Creamery Company at Baltimore and Lloyd streets.

They failed to stop, and a short while later they figured in another crash at Pratt street and Market place. A car of Nathan Michaelson, 918 East Baltimore street, was struck and the men abandoned the car. The police were notified and the men arrested later by Sergeant Stempel, of the Central district.

Johnson and Plunkett were held pending word from the Virginia authorities. Covington paid his fine.

UNRESTRICTED WARFARE.

German Submarines Sinking Norwegian Fighting Vessels.

Christiania, Norway, May 21.—German submarines again have started unrestricted warfare on Norwegian fishing boats in the Arctic Ocean north and east of the Norwegian coast. Fisherman saved from sunken vessels and landed at Hammerfest report that the commander of a U-boat stated that all vessels met by him would be sunk. Norwegian ships especially would be destroyed because, he said, the Norwegians were sending fish oil and seal oil to England. This, however, is contrary to the truth, as the export of oils is forbidden and Germany knows it.

The U-boats are said to shell vessels without warning and according to the survivors, direct a fire against lifeboats.

Russian fishing boats and a Russian mail steamer from Vardoe, eastward bound and overcrewed with passengers, also was shelled. Eight persons, among them a postmaster and his assistants were killed on the deck of the steamer. Many others were hurt after taking to the boats.

When the commander of one German submarine was advised that Russia was at peace with Germany he answered that he acted the way it suited him. The U-boat measured 180 feet in length, and surprise is caused in shipping circles that it can carry enough oil for a cruise so far up the Norwegian coast.

Great bitterness has been caused among the Norwegian population by the action of the submarines, as Germany gets a large part of the fish caught around these places. The newspapers suggest that fishermen stop selling their catch to Germany.

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Karen Happuch Crump, etc., complainant, vs. Isaac Rudd, et al. In chancery. Upon petition of William Baader, et al.

Memo. The object hereof is to summon and notify, according to law, the unknown heirs, beneficiaries and devisees of Hugh Smith and Thomas Smith, deceased, and to have a ground rent upon the quarter square of ground at the northeast corner of Washington and Wilkes streets, in which they are reputed to have an interest of record, declared barred by the Statute of Limitation and Laches, and for general relief. It appearing by an affidavit in this cause that the defendants, the heirs, beneficiaries and devisees of Thomas Smith and Hugh Smith, deceased, are unknown, and believed to be non-residents of this state: It is ordered, That said defendants appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the courthouse of this city.

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