

# "FOOD DICTATOR" TO RULE GERMANY

### Man of Strength and Organizing Ability Expected to be Named.

Berlin, May 19.—(via The Hague)—Germany is to have a "Food Dictator" after all. His identity cannot yet be known with certainty, but semi-officially it is intimated a personage of tremendous force of character, coupled with rare organizing and executive ability, will fill the office. The Cologne Gazette is in a position to state:

"Preparations are under way, having for their object the complete centralization and co-ordination of all measures relative to the food supply of the nation. This centralization means that the executive power in connection with all these measures will be given into the hands of a single personage, from whose creative strength one can expect a relentless and rigid carrying out of all the embracing tasks entrusted to him. One will not err in assuming that the decision in this matter will fall within the next few days. The certainty is now at hand that the long contemplated step of complete centralization of all measures pertaining to the supply and distribution of foodstuffs will now be taken by instituting the execution of all such measures to one personage, who, in this connection, will receive quite extraordinarily far-reaching powers."

An interesting solution of the meat problem is reported from Dresden, where, despite the introduction of most coupons throughout Saxony, conditions were not greatly improved.

Every consumer desiring to buy meat must register his name in a special list every Saturday for the ensuing week. At some particular butchery, an ordinance further requires the butcher to hang up a list in the show-window giving the day and hour when a customer may get his or her meat allowance, thus preventing crowds collecting outside the shops and awaiting long waits.

Berlin continues to wrestle with the meat problem. Remedial measures are promised by the city fathers shortly. For the present Berlin won't introduce meat cards. The authorities fear if cards were given out calling for a small meat allowance it would arouse too unfavorable an impression abroad regarding food conditions in Germany, since enemies and neutrals would conclude that similar conditions prevailed throughout the empire, whereas the fact is that for inner political reasons Berlin is much worse off than any other part of the empire.

## PEACE BOARD VERY ACTIVE

### Ford Party, Reduced to Working Basis, Gets Official Recognition.

(Stockholm, Sweden, April 20.—) (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Ford peace party reduced now to a working basis, with delegates present from the six neutral countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and the United States, has recently been very active here and has enjoyed the official recognition of having been re-elected by the foreign ministers of the three Scandinavian countries. To each of these were presented appeals addressed in diplomatic French to the kings and the parliaments, asking that the neutral governments make an official neutral conference to offer their services in bringing about peace.

The peace representatives were graciously received here, at Copenhagen and at Christiania. No definite hope for consideration was held out to them, however, for the ministers declared their countries could only be belligerent, a conference of neutral nations.

The same appeal, addressed to the president and to the "parliament" of the United States, also was offered to the American minister here, Ira Nelson Morris. Mr. Morris held, however, that it did not come within his diplomatic province to accept appeals directed to the president and to congress, so he advised his visitors to present the matter direct to Washington.

The Ford appeal, which is to be presented at Bern and The Hague, says in part: "Has not the moment come to act? If, by an opportune step, an intervention of nature, the war could be shortened by a day, by a single day, which destroys thousands of lives, ought not the step to be taken, no matter how difficult, how hopeless it appears?"

"History will severely judge the neutral countries if they remain mere spectators of this terrible conflagration. They too suffer, their lives, their books and blue books, and books red and yellow. They have made their appeal to the conscience of the world."

"The neutral conference is acting in the spirit of The Hague convention of 1907. Article II of the agreement then reached distinctly provides: 'The powers hold that it is desirable that one or more neutral powers should upon their own initiative, when they judge the circumstances propitious, offer their services as mediators to the belligerent states. The exercise of this right will never be considered by one or the other of the belligerents an unfriendly act.'"

"In view of the right and the duty to which this agreement points, the neutral conference now sitting in Stockholm respectfully appeals to the governments and parliaments of the neutral countries to employ every means to carry into existence a conference for official mediation between the belligerent states."

"The peace representatives also have intervened with the British minister here and have requested that they be given the right to travel freely in the belligerent countries and that they be permitted to bring to Stockholm from these countries persons in a position to advise with the unofficial conference as to various steps to be taken in the future. The minister said the matter would be considered."

**WILLING.**  
"Is your boy Josh willing to make his way in life by the labor of his hands?"  
"He is just that," replied Farmer Corntassel. "His one ambition in life is to be a prize fighter."

## FRENCH NURSE IN U. S. TO RECUPERATE



Miss Yvonne Delva.

San Francisco, May 19.—After a narrow escape from death as a result of blood poisoning received while nursing wounded soldiers, Miss Yvonne Delva, 19-year-old daughter of a wealthy retired business man in Paris, has come to America to recuperate, and is now in this city to visit friends of her family.

Miss Delva had seven months of exciting experiences as a nurse of the French Red Cross, and was at the front in the first battle of the Marne in September, 1914. During this time she became temporarily blinded by the gas of a German shell exploding near her, and for two days her sight was deprived of by the French army surgeons.

"I was visiting with my family, at Deauville when war began," said Miss Delva. "Although I was not quite 18 years old, I was enabled to join the Red Cross through the influence of our family physician, who was with the army. After a few weeks of strenuous training I was sent to the front, and was through the first battle of the Marne."

"I was with the army at the front seven months, and afterward at Deauville—the whole of Deauville, you know, was turned into one great ambulance, or hospital. It was while nursing at Deauville that I was blinded, my hand becoming infected. For a time they thought it would be necessary to amputate my hand, but I would not consent. I was very ill for a long time; in fact, I have not completely recovered my strength yet. After visiting some time in America, I returned to France, and perhaps shall go back to the army."

"With all the horrors of war, nursing is interesting. Having a knowledge of medicine, I was kept busy as an interpreter for wounded German prisoners. They used to plead with me to taste their soup and other food, as they were afraid the French had poisoned it."

"Just before the war I had been taking instruction in aviation. I made one flight alone, but smashed the machine in landing. I have a cousin in the French flying corps. He has been through the whole war and has not been wounded. If I were skilful enough I would like to pilot a military airplane, but I could do something toward helping to crush the Germans."

**AFRICAN KING HAS 600 WIVES**

Ruler of Fumban Gives Reception and Dance to British in Province.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)  
British Headquarters, Fumban, Kameria, Africa, April 29.—A reception and dance was given to the British and to the king of Fumban shortly after the capture of this province from the German forces. The reception was a splendid affair, with the king and his 600 wives and 149 children.

Soon after the last of the fighting in the province the conquerors accepted an invitation from the king to visit the palace grounds, which open on the market place. Here they were met by the king dressed in a variety of robes of blue with a blue muffer tied around his neck. After the soldiers were lined up at seats on either side of the market place, the king made a short speech first in his native tongue and then in plain English, admonishing his subjects to be kind and courteous to the new conquerors.

## MILITIA WILL LEARN FLYING

### Manufacturer Offers to train Officers from Different States.

New York, May 22.—To enable the militia in ten different states which are anxious to form aviation sections to give a course of aviation to one of their officers, John E. Sloane, president of the Sloane Manufacturing company of Plainfield, N. J., and son-in-law of Mr. Thomas A. Edison, has offered to train an officer from the militia of each of ten states, free of charge.

Mr. Sloane, who has been interested in aeronautics for a number of years, is arranging to open a large, well-equipped aviation school at the Sheephead Bay Speedway, in addition to his present school at Garden City. Students will first be taught on the slow military machine and then on the Sloane military biplane which recently, when tested by the British admiral, climbed 3,000 feet in seven minutes and 27 seconds and made a speed of over 84 miles an hour.

Mr. Sloane's generous offer was very much appreciated by the executive board of the Aero Club of America, which in charge of the work of forming an aviation reserve composed of civilian aviators and officers of the militia of the different states. Since Villa's raid on Columbus brought out the fact that the United States army had only eight low powered aeroplanes in commission and 11 aviators, the club has been training aviators and militia officers, keeping them in training for any emergency. There are at present officers from 22 states and a dozen civilian aviators under training at Newport News at the Curtiss school of aviation, and Mr. Sloane's offer affords facilities for immediately training ten additional officers.

To enable the militia of the different states to take advantage of Mr. Sloane's offer, the personal expenses of the officers of those states which have no funds for this purpose will be paid out of the National aeroplane fund of the Aero Club of America.

## CANT AGREE ON ARMISTICES.

Most Belligerents Tell Red Cross a Stay After Battle is Impracticable.  
Geneva, May 14. (via Paris.)—The Bulletin of the International Red Cross, which has just appeared, gives the answer of the various governments to the proposal of Gustave Ador, executive head of the Red Cross, requesting several hours' armistice after every engagement to permit the removal of wounded and identification of the dead.

Michael V. Alexieff, chief of staff of Russia, replied that he had renewed his orders to the chiefs of the Russian army to negotiate with the enemy after each battle for a suspension as proposed.

The French, British and Belgian governments replied, upholding the principle, but saying that its application was not practicable.

The Italian chief of staff, Lieut. Gen. Cadorna, said that a suspension could not be made without formal assurance of an identical suspension on the other side. General Cadorna's reply was communicated to Austria, which replied:

"A suspension does not appear practical to the commanders of the Austro-Hungarian army."

The German reply was: "The imperial government is unable to consider the proposed measure unless the initiative is taken by the enemy powers."

Reports that Mr. Bryan is going to St. Louis to see the vice presidential nomination prove to be entirely without foundation.—Washington Star.

Giff Pinchot's "conservation" policy seems to embrace the progressive party, but is Giff's bank book strong enough to write such a policy?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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## BAZAAR TO BRING IN BIG AMOUNT FOR WAR RELIEF

### Allies' Bazaar to be Held in New York Will be a Great Event.

A million dollars has been set as the minimum to be obtained as the result of the Allies' Bazaar to be held at Grand Central Palace, New York City, June 10 to 14, under the auspices of the National Allied Relief committee and the War Relief Clearing House for France and her allies. This means that a million dollars or as much more as Norman Haggart, as its president, will be secured will be raised for the relief of the sufferers of the various allied nations of Europe.

Indications are that the Allies Bazaar will be the most elaborate and picturesque offering of the kind New Yorkers have known for many years. It will be nation-wide not only in interest but in representation, as persons from practically every allied state will participate actively in this great enterprise that means so much for Great Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, Italy and Serbia.

The most prominent men and women in the financial and social worlds of New York City are supporting the Allies' Bazaar.

The membership of the National Allied Relief Committee of 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, includes Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, as its honorary president; Norman Haggart, as its president, and among its vice presidents, Mrs. William Alexander, August Belmont, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Frederick H. Allen, Howard Elliott, Gifford Pinchot, Mrs. Fiske Warren, Mrs. Barrett Wendell. Its executive committee is as follows: Edwin G. Merrill, chairman; John Moffat, vice chairman; Augustus W. Kelley, secretary; James A. Blair, treasurer; Lee Higginson & Co., depositaries; James A. Marwick, auditors. On its national committee are included such well known persons as Edwin A. Alderman, president, University of Virginia; Mrs. Wm. Astor Chanler, Hon. G. W. Clark, governor of Iowa; P. C. Gian-Conte, Hon. Woodbridge N. Ferris, governor of Michigan; Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, U. S. senator for Florida; James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore; Hon. W. P. Hollingsworth, William Greenough, Ralph J. Preston, Francis Louis Slade, Henry W. Taft, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Whitney Warren, Walbridge S. Taft, secretary; Thomas W. Lamont, treasurer.

Contributions for the Allies Bazaar are earnestly solicited as typifying American sympathy for the nations the enterprise is designed to help. All donations may be sent to Treasurer, Allies Bazaar, Room 151, Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

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