Von Bernstorff Says Germany Needs U. S. Aid

Understanding With America Is Country's Most Urgent Task, He Declares; Must Support Harding Policy

Favors Separate Peace

Asserts Berlin Government Seeks to Displace Present League for an Association

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BERLIN, Nov. 8.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to Washington, speaking in the capacity of chairman of the German League of Nations Society, delivered an address at Frankfort to-day on Germany's future relations with America. He said: "Germany's most urgent task is to obtain an understanding with the American people. The Germans must bury the past and direct their eyes toward the future. They must also show a willingness for the closest possible cooperation with the United States and must accept President-elect Harding's proposals for the revival of the Hague Arbitration Court or establish an improved league.

"Harding's proposals are based upon the unwillingness of America to undertake the obligations resulting from the Treaty of Versailles, but do not necessarily mean the rejection of the League of Nations in changed form. Americans favor the idea of the league without indorsing the Versailles treaty. Therefore, Harding, while opposing the present form of the league, has declared in favor of the renewal of the Hague court, with teeth in it.

"By taking this position Harding has abandoned the complete political isolation of America."

Meets Wishes of Germans

Von Bernstorff assumed that Mr. Harding would not accept the Treaty of Versailles without Republican reservations and that he probably would recommend the adoption of a resolution by the Senate declaring the war with Germany ended. This policy, Bernstorff asserted, is desirable for Germans and corresponds with the wishes of the German government to displace the present league with one founded upon the principles of justice. Germany must favor the American policy, even though Germany may have less economic independence than formerly.

"We shall do the best if we carry out the work of reconstruction with American assistance, because we thereby would not assume the political obligations which European states would demand as their price for help," said Von Bernstorff.

Defends German-Americans

Germany has little to expect from America politically, Bernstorff declared. He urged that German imports from the United States be confined to raw materials, not half finished goods. He declared that America was bound to take a great interest in the rehabilitation of Russia after the Bolsheviki had played their rôle in that country. America, he said, is the only country able to supply capital for the rehabilitation of Russia, but lacks men experienced in Russian affairs. Germany, he asserted, must supply this need.

Von Bernstorff defended the German-Americans against the aspersions of Admiral Von Tirpitz, saying they stood solidly behind Germany until the sinking of the Lusitania and since the end of the war have been doing everything possible for Germany.

The former ambassador expressed the fear that the Republicans might reopen the Mexican question, which he regarded as unfortunate for Germany, on the ground that this would prevent the United States from taking an active interest in the reconstruction of Europe. He scouted the prevalent German idea of an irreconcilable conflict between the United States and Japan for control of the Pacific.

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Final Parley Opened On Adriatic Problems

Italian Foreign and War Ministers Meet Jugo-Slav Delegates at Rapallo

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MILAN, Nov. 7.—The Italian Foreign Minister Sforza, and the War Minister, Bonomi, arrived at Rapallo yesterday to confer on the Adriatic problem with the Jugo-Slav delegates, Trumbitch, Vashnitch and Stojarovitch. The Italian Cabinet members were accompanied by General Acton and the general staff officer and officials of the Rome cartographic section, which leaves the impression that the discussion between the representatives of the two countries will be a prolonged one.

Premier Giolitti is delaying his arrival until the discussion reaches a satisfactory point, as he has already agreed with Count Sforza to limit the discussion to a few main issues, refusing to reopen the discussion from the old Jugo-Slav standpoint and basing his position upon the original London agreement between Italy and the Entente.

If the Rapallo meeting fails to bring about an agreement, it is understood that Italy intends to take matters into her own hands.

Count Sforza, in a recent interview, admitted that the discussion, contrary to expectations, would be of a serious nature. The Fiume and Ontenavoso questions are not slated for discussion at present, but it is said that Italy is prepared to make concessions, provided she can obtain satisfactory military boundaries. Otherwise, it is felt, the meeting will end the same as did that at Palanza.

Fugitive Thief Loses Grip; Falls Four Stories to Death

Edward Sullivan, twenty years old, of 1752 Park Avenue, fell to his death from a fourth-story window ledge at 431 East 115th Street last night as he attempted to escape from the apartment of Joseph Sagina, which he had tried to rob. The police said he had a criminal record and had served time on Blackwell's Island.

After being frightened from the place he climbed to the window ledge and tried to clutch the sill. Missing his balance, he fell to the courtyard below. Before he could be taken to Harlem Hospital he died.

Turkish Rebels Hold Director Of U. S. Relief

Col. U. P. Coombs Under Detention at Samsoun; Other Americans Said To Be Seized as Hostages

Work May Be Abandoned

Mustapha Pasha Insists It Benefits Only Armenians; Red Influence Suspected

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—The Nationalists are holding Colonel U. P. Coombs, director of the American Commission for Relief in the Near East, at Samsoun and will not permit him to proceed into the interior on a tour of inspection or return to Constantinople. It is reported that he and other Americans are held as hostages at the instance of the Bolsheviki at Angora.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Nationalists, has taken an attitude which may result in the American Commission for Relief in the Near East abandoning its work. He has said, despite the fact that work has been carried on among the Turks as well as Armenians, that most of the relief measures were for the Armenians and that the commission was acting as political and military agents.

It is believed that the Bolshevik advance has much to do with Mustapha Kemal's stand.

Armenia is possing under Bolshevik control, according to reports from Tiflis. Turks and Bolshevik Tartars have effected a junction at Alexandropol, and it is probable the city of Erivan has been occupied by Turkish troops.

Armenian troops are reported to be surrendering or seeking refuge in Georgia.

The Bolsheviki, reports from Sebastopol say, are sending units from three armies now in the Crimean region to Baku and Trans-Caucasia. The purpose is, it is declared, to give the troops a period for rest and to arrange for a redistribution of forces in the Asiatic campaign.

General Wrangel's withdrawal to Crimea from Taurida has created bad moral and political effects. Moscow already is spreading news of his defeat throughout Islam, and Turkish Nationalists in Asia Minor talk of awaiting the results of the coming winter before treating with the Allies. Events in India are being watched with particular intentness by the Nationalists.

France Safe on Peace Basis, Premier Asserts

PARIS, Nov. 8.—France has shown the same ardor in her work of reconstruction as she did in the war, and has successfully crossed the passage from war to peace, which is always difficult for victors, says Premier Leygues in an interview printed to-day by the Petit Parisien. Discussing his foreign policy, the Premier declares the government will seek to maintain and strengthen its alliances, and will examine in utmost sincerity of spirit all questions arising between France and Germany.

Belief is expressed by M. Leygues that the League of Nations must become a great force and a strong barrier against a return to imperialism and militarism. He declares the government's program is to so enforce execution of the Versailles Treaty that national reconstitution and the organization of work and production may be advanced.

Little Entente Is Now Central European Factor

Alliance Between Czecho-Slovaks and Rumanians May Include Poland and Bulgaria

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MILAN, Italy, Nov. 8.—According to the Prague News, the so-called Little Entente has become a fixed affair between the Czecho-Slovaks and the Rumanians as the result of a definite agreement reached by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, Benesch and Take Jonescu.

After Benesch's visit to Bucharest and Jonescu's trip to England, France and Italy the ground was cleared for the formation of the alliance, and it was evident that the two nations would soon form a defensive alliance. Jonescu's next move is expected to be trips to Warsaw and Sofia, as it is evident that Poland and Bulgaria will have the first option of joining the alliance. Combination with Hungary is unlikely, the newspaper says.

The entente embracing these four little nations is bound to assume no little importance in the affairs of Central Europe, although the principle on which it is being founded means no hostility toward other states, which are suppose to be at liberty to join. Jonescu's idea is said to be a defensive alliance stretching from the Mediterranean through the Balkans to the Carparthians.

After the Teschen question has been settled satisfactorily between the Czechs and Poland the former will be ready for the inclusion of Poland in the alliance. This was emphasized by Benesch in a speech recently, in which he said he was ready to do his utmost to remove any misunderstanding with Poland in order that sincere friendship between the two nations might be established.

Mrs. Treman Sues Cochran

Former Mrs. Castle Is Plaintiff in $20,000 Action

Mrs. Irene Treman, formerly Mrs. Vernon Castle, dancer and motion picture actress, filed a suit for $20,000 in the Supreme Court yesterday against Charles B. Cochran, the English theatrical manager and fight promoter. Mr. Cochran was served at the Hotel St. Regis.

Only the summons in the suit was filed in the office of the County Clerk, and this does not state the cause of action, which, however, is said to be for breach of contract. No information could be obtained at the office of William Klein, attorney for Mrs. Treman. After the death of Vernon Castle from injuries sustained in an aeroplane accident while with the British army Mrs. Castle married Captain Robert Elias Treman.

Music Critic Free on Bail

Man Sued by Blumenthal in Hammerstein Case Released

W. Percival Monger, music critic and publicity agent, who was arrested Saturday night in connection with a $100,000 libel suit brought against him by George Blumenthal, manager of the Manhattan Opera House, was released from Ludlow Street jail yesterday.

The release of Mr. Monger was not due to his protest that he was a British subject and would appeal to the British Consul General for protection, but because he succeeded in obtaining the $500 bail fixed by Justice McAvoy. Lionel Braham, member of the Century Theater Company, a friend of Mr. Monger, came forward and deposited the cash bail with Sheriff Knott, whereupon the defendant was released.

Blumenthal alleged in his suit that Monger had written some libelous statements regarding his handling of the affairs of the Hammerstein Memorial Association.

Pistol Permits Sold Freely by Nassau Justices

Distributed Broadcast by Policemen, Who Obtain Them From Judges With No Orders as to Recipients

Seaman Admits Practice

Facts Revealed at Trial of Ex-Prisoner Charged With Violating Sullivan Law

Certain justices in Nassau County have been carrying on a thriving business by selling broadcast permits to carry revolvers, according to testimony before Judge Wadhams in the Court of General Sessions yesterday.

Frank P. Seaman, a justice at Mineola, told the court that frequently he has signed six or seven blank permits, which were given to a special policeman for the Long Island Railroad. Examined by Chief Assistant District Attorney Alfred J. Talley, Seaman said he was sure that he hadn't issued as many as eighteen permits on one day, as alleged, but that he might have signed ten permits.

Talley read the names of a number of former convicts who were said to have received permits signed by Justice Seaman. Seaman said that when he found that permits had been issued to persons whose character was not of the best he revoked them.

Talley asserted that in the widespread and indiscriminate issuance of revolver permits in Nassau County authority to carry deadly weapons had been granted to crooks, hold-up men, burglars and other desperate characters. Seaman, however, in defending his action, said that he took it for granted that his agent was giving them only to persons of good standing in the community.

Talley explained that the permits are good in the entire state. He added: "It is impossible to protect good citizens when officials issue permits that fall into the hands of hold-up men and crooks. It is a very serious situation when so many crimes of violence are being committed to find that a law designed to correct these crmes is not being observed. The Legislature should amend the law to provide that no judge in the state shall issue a permit to anyone not a resident of the county in which he has jurisdiction."

The evidence against the justices was revealed in the case of Harry Trone, of 125 Madison Street. Trone, who has served several terms in prison, pleaded guilty October 25 to violation of the Sullivan law. Later he asked permission to change his plea and produced a permit, which he said he had found in the lining of his coat. This was signed by Justice Seaman, but Trone's name was signed in ink of a different color. Investigation by detectives resulted in the report that more than 500 such licenses had been issued by Nassau County justices.

A copy of yesterday's proceedings will be forwarded to the Governor.

Wilson Men Estimate Harding Expenditures

Figures on Budget for First Year of New Administration Being Prepared

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (By The Associated Press).—Estimates upon which Congress will make appropriations for the first fiscal year of the new Republican Administration are now being prepared by the various government departments under direction of Democratic Cabinet officers and in accord with the policies of the Wilson Administration.

The estimates will be submitted to Congress at the opening of the next session on December 6. Since the Republicans have a majority in both the Senate and House, sharp changes are expected in most of the estimates under revision plans which Republican Congressional leaders are expected to work out in cooperation with other leaders of the Harding Administration.

The forthcoming estimates for the War Department will be based upon the requirements of an army the size of which already has been fixed by the Republican Congress, but the naval estimates to be submitted next month will be based on the Democratic program. Secretary Daniels had repeatedly said that unless the United States became a member of the League of Nations it must maintain the most powerful navy in the world.

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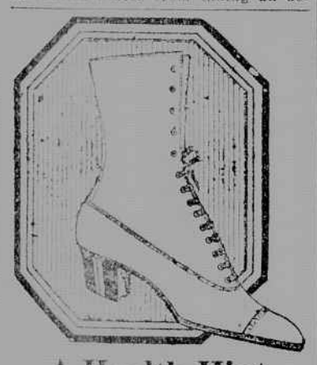

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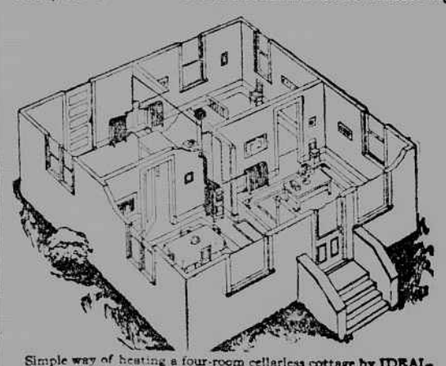

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