GERMANY REGARDS PEACE AS MOCKERY

Strikes, Famine, and Revolution Follow Crushing Defeat by Allies.

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BERLIN, Nov. 12.—One year of peace!

A bitter mockery, says Germany today on the anniversary of the great war's end.

It has been a year of aught but peace for her.

And, she looks out into the uncertainty vista of the future with misgiving. She fears that it is the old cry of peace! peace! peace! when there is no peace. She shrinks before the realities. For they spoil for her, perhaps, a further plunge into the chasm of moral, physical, economic disintegration which has marked the Teuton course.

Conclusion of one year of peace found the nation today uncomfortably close to national bankruptcy. It found her with a laboring class, unchained from the grind of the past, now unwilling to work—and in many cases unable for want of the raw materials. It found her with a government which despite good intensions and hard efforts has been unable to progress materially. And, too, it found her with internal strife, with political haulings and pullings, with strivings after monarchy and with strivings after proletarian dictatorship, in short, with a confusion and a moral breakdown which threatens before the winter dies to flame out in new civil upheavals with possible bloodshed or with further industrial stagnation.

The pendulum here has swung from the reddism of last November's revolution to more moderation, it is true. And, there have been signs that the ultra-conservatism of the Pan-Germans would sweep back into power. The air is filled with rumors of putsches.

Both Sides Confident.

One side says, "The monarchists will overthrow the government, and put a Hindenburg or even a Hohenzollern in power." The other says, "The Spartacists plan trouble. They will bathe the land in blood again to establish their rule of the proletariat."

And both sides speak with some degree of truth. For certain it is that the extreme right and the extreme left are bent on establishing a new order of things, while the present Ebert-Bauer-Mueller government, formed of majority socialists, centrists and democrats, banks on Noske and his iron guards to keep Germany in order.

Aside from Noske and his guards, Germany has little to bank on. She only prays and hopes with a sort of blind hope that the spring will bring her a new life.

"If we can only get through the winter," is the prayer on every side.

For the poor, confronted with coal shortage—cold homes and still restricted rations—it is a prayer that something will come to make a new era. For the politician in power, it is a hope that he can stave off political ruin and perhaps the disruption of his country. For the business man it is the thought that if his work isn't socialized or ruined this winter, help may come in the spring.

Hoping Against Hope.

And everywhere those in power are hoping against hope that an unfriendly outer world will finally take the German view that purely as a matter of good business for the whole world's security, financial aid will be extended whereby Germany can drive off the specters of unemployment, hunger, social unrest, unwillingness to labor, and of general apathy.

The government rests on a very unstable basis. German industry is badly shackled for want of raw materials. And German labor is sullen and lazy, discontented with things as they are, none too well nourished, and unwilling to work under old conditions. It demands, and is obtaining, more and more a say in how its own destiny shall be ordered.

The cry is for more socialization. The moderate parties want this brought about gradually; the radicals, abruptly; and the conversatives not at all.

Germany's play from now on will be to obtain a lightening of her peace terms through the League of Nations. She has launched a campaign for that and will carry it on continuously. She maintains that, with a republic, and a new deal all around, she is entitled to more consideration than the treaty gives her.

Her leaders are doing their utmost to squelch the Pan-Germans, and at the same time to curb the reds. They seek to present Germany to the world as a new nation with new ideas.

She is a new nation—but one sunk in a morass.

A morass of moral decay! A morass of financial decrepitude! A morass of industrial and political uncertainty!

And, in this state of affairs, Germany consequently views the peace anniversary dubiously, and says that for her, at least, peace to date has been but a bitter mockery.

COUNCIL CONDEMNS ACTION OF MAYOR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 12.—By a vote of 7 to 3, the city council of Annapolis has condemned the action of Mayor John J. Levy in refusing to permit the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, a patriotic organization, the use of the city assembly rooms and declining to welcome them to the city.

Mayor Levy took this action on the ground that the order was offensive to the Roman Catholic Church. This, officials of the order deny. The resolution, offered by Alderman John A. Russell, deplores the action of the mayor which, it said, was an "insult to the members of the order," and was not supported by the city council.

N. Y. BANK BUYS PARIS HOTEL.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12.—Hotel Bristol, in Paris, has been purchased by the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, according to a copyright London dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

POPE RECOGNIZES JUGO-SLOVIA.

ROME, Nov. 12.—The Vatican has recognized the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. A Serbian minister will be accredited to the Vatican and a Papal representative will be sent to Belgrade.

THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, who is a daughter of Mrs. O. P. Belmont, of New York, will visit the United States shortly, according to a report from London. The duchess probably will bring along her youngest son, Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, and will spend Thanksgiving with her relatives in New York.

ROCKVILLE NEWS

Yeggs Blow Open Safe of Thrift & Waters, Overlooking $300.

ROCKVILLE, Md., November 12.—The safe in the large store of Thrift & Waters, at Germantown, this county, was blown open by thieves late Saturday night or early Sunday morning and about $250 in cash stolen. Cash to the amount of nearly $300 was overlooked, as were several other things of value. The robbery is believed to have been the work of professional yeggmen. Although Sheriff Aud has been at work on the case, no clue to the perpetrators has been discovered.

Rev. O. C. Barnes, pastor of the Christian Church, officiated at the marraige here yesterday of Marie E. Murphy, of Washington, and Frederick, H. Sharpe, of Denver, Col.

Upon the advice of two physicians, the county commissioners have adjudged Charles C. Sickels, of Poolesville district, to be of unsound mind and have directed that he be committed to an institution for care and treatment at county expense.

At the poening of the November term of the circuit court for this county, Judge Edward C. Peter selected Henry R. Benson for foreman of the grand jury and drew the following as the other members of the body; W. Brooke Edmonston, Charles F. Kirk, Beall W. Unglesbee, John Humphrey, Urban N. Wagner, William C. Brown, Charles E. Allnut, Thomas I. Fulks, Williams H. Warfield, George W. Nagle, jr., Richard L. Seek, Edmund C. Davis, James R. King, Carroll A. Shreve, Brooke Vincent, Robert A. Young, William S. Belt, Lee R. Grabill, G. Fountain Peters, Daniel G. R. Assheton, Harry C. Hurley and Jacob T. Gartner.

The petit jury is composed of Harrison G. Ward, Wilson R. Tschiffely, Benjamin R. Snouffer, Lodge Watkins, Lorenzo Hill, Henry L. Clements, William E. Dill, Clarence H. Curtis, Sherwood Duvall, Benjamin F. Thompson, Alton C. Bell, Roger W. Darby, Edward T. Brown, Hezekiah Day, James H. Harding, Everett H. Cecil, Nicholas R. Griffith, Daniel Collins, Henry H. Ward, Benjamin A. Bean, Henry C. Chaney, Ellis A. Warfield, Benjamin C. Perry, James H. Purdum, and Thomas F. Chiswell.

The trial of civil cases is now in progress. The criminal docket will be taken up on Thursday, November 20.

Among the couples married in Rockville within the last day or two were Pauline L. Bates, of Morgan City, La., and Cecil F. Harper, of Seattle, Wash.; Evelyn M. Hesser, of Kansas City, Kan., and George Fischer, of Washington, and Margaret Agnes Morris and Lester H. Metzinger, both of Washington, all of whom were married by Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, pastor of the Baptist Church, the home of the minister being the scene of the ceremonies.

GIRL MOTHER ACCUSES RICH VIRGINIA FARMER

HARRISONBURG, Va., Nov. 12.—Solomon J. Hensley, a Rockingham county farmer, whose wealth is estimated at $200,000, is being sued in circuit court here for $200,000 by F. A. Shifflett, who alleges that Hensley was intimate with his daughter, Polly Shifflett, aged sixteen years. The girl's mother died about a year ago and the intimacy between her and Hensley, who is married, is alleged to have started soon afterward. She became a mother about two months ago.

Trial of the case began in circuit court yesterday, the girl being the chief witness of the day. Hensley is a prominent farmer and was once a candidate for sheriff of the county.

Senator George N. Conrad and Charles A. Hammer are attorneys for Shifflett. Charles Curry, of Staunton; John T. Harris and E. D. Ott represent Hensley. Trial of the case is expected to continue for two or three more days.

TUNNEL AT NAPLES COLLAPSES.

NAPLES, Nov. 12.—The central portion of the tunnel between Naples and the village of Fuerigrotta, in the suburbs to the southeast, collapsed. No casualties resulted.

SEEK SINGERS FOR ORATORIO 'MESSIAH'

The Washington Oratorio Society had 269 voices at its opening rehearsal for the Christmas rendition of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," to be sung under the direction of Sydney Lloyd Wrightson in the great auditorium of Central High School, during the Christmas season.

Soloists of note who have been schooled in the traditions of oratorio singing will give the solo message of this great Bible story. For "The Messiah" portrays not only the birth of Christ, with the glad news told in tones that gives the "glory" of it, but it recites dramatically the life of the Savior, with music inspired by the resounding words of Holy Writ.

The rendition of "The Messiah" at Christmas makes the Christmas seem real, bringing into the holy festival the triumphant, yet solemn, uplift that music alone can convey.

"The Messiah" calls for a large male chorus. More voices are desired—both men and women—and applicants are urged to attend the rehearsal tonight, at 8 o'clock, in the chapel of the Church of the Covenant, Eighteenth and N streets northwest (entrance on N street, just east of Connecticut avenue northwest).

The oratorio will be given to Washington with admission by card of invitation, to make it possible to handle the large crowd that created almost a panic last season, even after the auditorium was filled and the doors closed.

The traditions of Handel's "Messiah" have come from English choral singing of it, because Handel went to England, from Germany, early in his career, there producing "Rinaldo," the first English opera. It was in 1742 that he wrote his immortal "Messiah," acknowledged the greatest of all oratorios. Handel had then been a British subject for sixteen years.

Mr. Wrightson has been schooled in the English oratorio, holding to its traditions as a heritage from master exponents of the music. For, to learn and sing oratorio—and to conceive it as the old masters desired—is a study that can only be accomplished by taking part in a large chorus under a great leader.

The old masters say that no soloist can sing the solos of "The Messiah," or any other oratorio, until they have sung in the chorus at least twenty-five times.

The broad and high meaning of oratorio is best felt when space and magnitude of performance are adjuncts of this great and churchly music. The high school auditorium offers the former, and the oratorio section of Mr. Wrightson's church choir—out of which the Washington Oratorio Society has evolved—has been the one organization in the National Capital to sustain at its best this noble music.

To sing oratorio is a privilege, an education. And it is the greatest uplift for the human mind. The chorus should be almost doubled before the lists are closed.

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TROOP 73, BOY SCOUTS, HEARS LEADER TONIGHT

T. Plant, Scout Commissioner of the District, will address a meeting of Troop 73, Boy Scouts of America, at their headquarters, Young Men's Hebrew Association building, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, tonight.

The troop, under the leadership of their scoutmaster, Dr. Bernard Bruskin, took a hike to Cherrydale Sunday, where they built a fire and cooked dinner in true scout fashion.

All you need is a heart and a dollar to join the American Red Cross!

BALFOUR FEARS FOR LEAGUE.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Arthur J. Balfour, former foreign minister and now lord president of the council, opening the League of Nations campaign, declared that the future of the league would be dark indeed unless all the powers were prepared to take an equal share in the burdens of the league cast upon them.

Now is the time to save. Reinvest your Liberty Bond interest in W. S. S.