

ALBANIANS ARE IN UNREST, MAY RISE IN REVOLT

Unrest Among People Growing and in Places Has Led to Open Revolution.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—While military critics both here and abroad regard the Franco-Italian offensive along the coast of Albania as of little moment from a purely military viewpoint, some officials regard it as having possibility from a political standpoint which ultimately may bear heavily upon the military situation.

The immediate purpose of the offensive has not yet been made clear, but in some quarters it is believed to be designed primarily for the psychological effect it may have upon the disaffected subjects of Austria-Hungary in Bosnia and Herzegovina toward which countries the drive is headed.

Thorns in Side Dual Monarchy. Report reaching Washington from official sources indicate that the successes attained by the allied troops already have increased the hostility of the Jugo-Slavs in southern Austria, who, with the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles have proved thorns in the side of the dual monarchy throughout the war. In the opinion of those officials who may have made a study of the situation, a military drive that could bring the allied armies in Albania into contact with the Jugo-Slavs might lead not only to an open revolt there, but also by the disaffected peoples in other parts of the dual monarchy.

An uprising of such consequences, it is claimed, would have serious effect upon the whole military situation because of the drain upon the Austrian army that would result from returning from the front sufficient forces to prevent an internal disintegration. At the outbreak of the war the Jugo-Slavs in southern Austria and Hungary numbered more than 5,000,000, while the Czechs-Slavs and Poles in the northern part of the dual monarchy numbered more than 13,000,000 men. The unrest among these people has been growing and at places has led to open revolt.

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CHEMICAL COMPANIES UNDER SUSPICION PAID BIG ANNUAL DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, July 17.—Details of huge earnings by a group of German established chemical companies in this country were offered as evidence Tuesday in the state attorney's inquiry based on suspicions of the alien property custodian that the transfer of controlling interest in the concerns from German to American hands was a "dummy" transaction.

During the past five years, the government showed the Niagara Electro-Chemical Co. of Niagara Falls, N. Y., one of the corporations involved in the investigation, reported average annual earnings of 1,142 per cent and dividends of 1,010 per cent. The Roessler and Hasselcher Chemical Co. of New York earned 45 per cent and the Perth-Amboy Chemical Co. of Perth Amboy, N. J., 53 per cent in the same period.

Despite these profits, the testimony showed, the Scheide-Anstalt Co. of Frankfurt, Germany, sold the controlling stock to its American representative at prices far below its book value, after refusing repeatedly almost to the time of America's declaration of war to dispose of "the best cow in our stable."

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 17.—No effort to establish a new price for hogs will be made by the United States food administration, according to an announcement made by H. E. Barnard, federal food administrator for Indiana, Tuesday. He said the administration will maintain the 1917 price of \$15.50 a hundred pounds.

Dr. Barnard Tuesday again notified persons engaged in the production, handling or selling of eggs, that all eggs intended for human consumption must be candled. He also warns to ship only good eggs, to avoid conflict with stringent regulations.

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FOREIGN MINISTER DEFENDS COURSE

Says Central Powers' Only Aim is to Secure Allies' Will to Peace.

AMSTERDAM, July 17.—Baron Bismarck, Austrian foreign minister, in one of his periodical reports to the Austrian and Hungarian premier, says:

"It is not easy to draw a picture of the present world situation in view of the swiftly moving nature of events. Everything is in full swing and a repetition of what has so often been said regarding the causes and responsibilities for the past can no longer influence our judgment because on that subject everybody already has formed his own view.

"The consequences of the war already have grown infinitely and have gone far beyond the original causes of the war. The present phase of events and developments, too, throw a glaring light on the conflicting interests of the different belligerent groups which clashed at the beginning of the murderous struggle, but which perhaps are not without slight signs of an internal change taking place in the relations of the groups.

"In the midst of the terrible struggle, and in every phase of this war of successful defense, the central powers have had no other aim in view but to secure the enemy's will to peace.

"If we sum up all that has been said on the enemy's side in regard to their war aims we recognize three groups of aspirations which are set forth to justify the continuation of bloodshed so that ideal of mankind may be realized.

"The freedom of all nations, which are to form a league of nations and which in future shall settle their differences by arbitration and not by arms, is to reign.

"The domination of one nation by another nation is to be excluded.

"Various territorial changes are to be carried out at the expense of the central powers.

"These annexationist aims, though variously shaped, are generally known.

"The intention, however, also exists, especially in regard to Austria-Hungary, to carry out her internal disintegration for the purpose of formation of new states. Finally our opponents demand our atonement because we dared to defend ourselves and successfully against their attacks. Our ability to defend

ourselves is termed militarism and must therefore be destroyed.

"Territorial aims are, in fact, the only things now separating the different belligerent groups.

"For the great interests of humanity and for the justice, honor and peace of the world, as set forth in the laws of modern political conception regarding which we need not accept any advice, we also are ready to fight.

"There is hardly any difference between the general principles enunciated by the statesmen of both belligerents. Pres. Wilson's four new points of July 4 shall not apart from certain exaggerations, arouse our opposition.

Suggests Mutual Agreement.

"On the contrary we are able to approve them heartily to a great extent. Nobody would refuse homage to this genius and nobody would refuse his cooperation. This, however, is not the main point, but it is what can also be understood in the interests of mankind. Both groups should certainly mutually attempt to clear this up and settle it by mutual agreement, but not in the same manner as, for instance, our peace treaties in the east were judged.

"The fact is that all our opponents were invited to join in those peace negotiations and they could have contributed their share in bringing them to a different issue. But now, when it is too late, their criticism stands on weak grounds, for there is no legal right which would have entitled them to condemn the peace conditions which were acceptable to the contracting parties or which could not be avoided.

"From the confident utterances of our opponents, it appears they have no fear of being defeated. If they, nevertheless, represent the peace treaties as a warning of our treatment of a defeated enemy, we do not consider the reproach justified.

"None of the belligerent states need ever come into the position of Russia and Roumania, as we are ever ready to enter into peace negotiations with all our opponents.

Wronged by Enemies.

"If our enemies continuously demand atonement for wrong done and restitution, then this is a claim which we could urge with more justification against them, because we have been attacked and the wrong done to us must be redressed.

"The enemy's obstinacy regarding his territorial demands regarding Alsace-Lorraine, Trieste, the Trentino and the German colonies appears to be insurmountable. There lies the limit of our readiness for peace. We are prepared to discuss everything except our own territory.

"The enemy not only wants to cut from Austria-Hungary what he would like for himself, but the inner structure, that of the monarchy itself, too, is to be attacked and the monarchy dissolved, if possible, into component parts.

"Now that it is recognized that ordinary war methods have not sufficed to defeat us, interest in our internal affairs suddenly has become supreme. The entente, however, discovered its sympathy in our internal affairs so late that many an enemy statesman who now talks about the monarchy's national questions as a war aim had probably no idea of their existence at the beginning of the war.

Amateurish Manner.

"This fact can be recognized from that amateurish and superficial manner in which our opponents discuss an attempt to solve these complicated problems. This method, however, appears to them to be useful. They therefore organized it as they have organized the blockade and in England they now have a propaganda minister.

"We wish to place this attack on record without useless indignation or whining. The choice of this new method of fighting us does not show too great a confidence in the success of the enemy's previous efforts. We are certain it will be unsuccessful.

"Our opponents start from a completely mechanical misjudgment of the character of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and prefer in their satisfaction to overlook, in the present difficult international problems, the fact that these states with their various nationalities are no accidental structure, but a product of historical and ethnographical necessity, which carry in themselves the fundamental principle of life and race.

Settle Internal Trouble Alone.

"They, therefore, possess and this applies fully to Austria and Hungary, the necessary elasticity and adaptability to the changing events of the times, and the ability to reform themselves according to the necessity of their standard of development and to solve all internal crises without uncalculated foreign interference.

"Our enemies want to paralyze us by an offensive of irritation and to render us helpless. They want to crush our very powerful organism in order to make weak parts one after the other servicable to their own purpose.

"According to their uninvited prescriptions, one-half of Austria-Hungary's population may perish in order to make the other half happy. For that purpose this senseless war must be continued.

Will Settle Own Problems.

"As has always been the case for centuries past the states and races of the monarchy will settle their internal problems in agreement with their ruler. The monarchy resolutely declines foreign interference in any form just as it does not meddle with the affairs of foreigners.

"We have never prescribed a program for our enemies as to how they shall deal with their domestic questions and when we have had occasion frequently to recall that it is not all happiness and harmony with our enemies in their domestic affairs and that they have their own problems in India, Ireland, etc., we did so only by way of exhorta-

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PREPARE TO REGISTER INDIANA SOLDIER VOTE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 17.—A conference was held Tuesday night at the office of Gov. Goodrich between Ed. Wasmuth, republican state chairman, Fred Van Noy, democratic state chairman, and the four members of the bi-partisan commission appointed by the governor for the purpose of registering soldier vote of Indiana. It was stated Tuesday at republican and democratic state headquarters that there has been a ready response from throughout the state in the work of registering the soldiers of the state in order that they may qualify to vote in the fall elections.

DECLINES POSITION AS STATE MINE INSPECTOR

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 17.—Pres. Edward Stewart of the United Mine Workers of district No. 11 has declined to accept the position as state mine inspector of Indiana and has notified Gov. Goodrich and the state industrial board of his decision.

Mr. Stewart said he felt that his first duty is to the mine workers who have honored him with the presidency of district No. 11.

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NINE JAPAN FREIGHTERS READY FOR U. S. USE

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—A vessel from the Orient arriving at this port Tuesday brought word of the completion in Japan of nine big freighters built for use by the United States under the shipping agreement recently signed. Three vessels, it was said, will be delivered this month, three in August and three in September.

LARGE QUANTITY HAY AND GRAIN AND THREE HORSES LOST IN FIRE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 17.—Three horses, several hundred bushels of wheat threshed a few days ago, and quantities of hay and feed were destroyed by fire on the farm of Henry Folkenstein, near here, early Tuesday. The origin of the fire has not been determined definitely.

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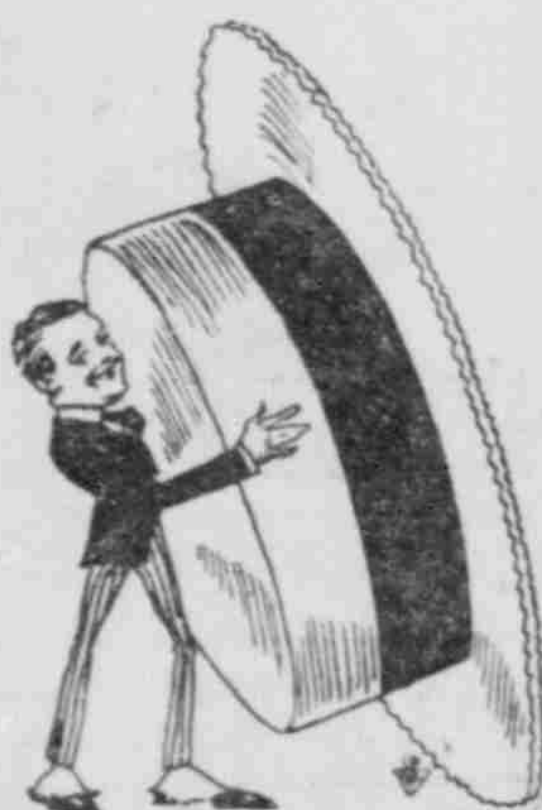
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