

PEACE PUT UP TO ALIBIES BY BERLIN

Further Bloodshed to Rest on Foes' Criminal Illusions of Victory, Says Minister.

GERMANY DECLARED SOLID

Exhaustion of Fatherland Scouted, While British Empire Asserted to Be Tottering, Following Underestimation of Cost.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(By wire) to Sayville, N. Y. In the course of his address before the Reichstag yesterday, Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Treasury, said: "Responsibility for the blood which will flow from now on, for the misery which comes upon the world, for the danger to which civilization is exposed, falls not upon Germany, but upon those who cannot resolve to draw the conclusion from Germany's military successes which no one can dispute any longer. The responsibility falls upon those who, in their foolish and criminal illusions, still speak of annihilation and partition of Germany and a war of exhaustion."

"We stand like rocks on the soil of the home country and on the columns of the British Empire are written in glowing letters the same words as were written on the wall of Belshazzar's palace." "Germany's Enemies Defied." Dr. Helfferich declares that Great Britain had underestimated the costs of the war. He asserts that a statement by Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, at the outbreak of the war that the conflict would impose hardly greater sacrifices on Great Britain if she participated than if she remained neutral, would scarcely be repeated now. Dr. Helfferich brought his speech to a close with an address to German enemies to make good their threats to plunge Germany into starvation and bankruptcy. He added: "On the golden pillars of the British Empire gleams, in flaming characters, 'Mens, mens, take! upharin.'" "The British Empire was largely built up on and maintained by British money power."

Britain Declared Tottering. "With the shaking of the English financial power, the foundation of the British Empire is tottering and when it has gone to pieces it will never rise again."

"Yet this nation, England, pronounces the outrageous words regarding a war of exhaustion. We know we possess what we need to live and fight. The enemy shall know furthermore that the sharp sword, the unbroken fighting spirit and confidence of victory are at our disposal. The German front, which just now has broken the Iron Gate and opened a broad road to the East, is ready if our enemies wish to strike anew."

"The next session of the Reichstag will be held Monday." "After the session of next Monday, with possibly a sitting on Tuesday, the Reichstag will adjourn on December 13. The budget committee probably will continue its sessions during the remainder of the week and dispose of most of its work."

AUDITORIUM HEARING HERE

Arguments Expected When Council Passes on Plans Today. Recently received plans for Portland's proposed \$400,000 auditorium will be considered over this afternoon at 2 o'clock at a special meeting of the City Council. The meeting was to have been held Monday but was deferred on account of the investigation of the charges against City Health Officer Marcellus. It is expected that a delegation will be on hand to protest against the city going ahead with the building at this time, while others will be on hand to take the other side of the controversy. Plans are now in the hands of contractors but as yet they have not received the final official approval of the City Council.

TRAIL LEADING UPWARD

(Continued From First Page.) tion, the Jackson men are said to be working with San Francisco men, indicated recently in plotters. In another factory close to Chicago it was admitted that an "under cover" man had reported discovery of evidence of serious plot. In fact, so serious did this agent consider this conspiracy that he did not wait to turn his report in to the local bureau of justice in his laborer's disguise.

CROWLEY RUSHES DEPARTURE

Suspect Said to Have Left Tacoma Shortly Before Seattle Explosion. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Secret service operatives tracing the operation of bomb plotters in Tacoma, Seattle and other points on the coast have learned, it is said, that C. C. Crowley, now under indictment in San Francisco, made a hurried flight from Tacoma, only a few hours before the dynamiting of a barge load of powder destined for the Russian government at Seattle May 26. It was also learned Crowley had his headquarters while in Tacoma for several days and held frequent conferences with a suspected woman spy at the Van Noy Hotel, 219 St. Helens avenue. From this hotel Crowley, Federal authorities declare, directed the operations of Louis J. Smith, alias Walter Brown, who has confessed participation in the war plots, implicating Crowley and high-ups in the employ of the German government and other spies who were in the Pacific Coast operations at the time. Secret Service men took facsimiles from the hotel register of the signatures of Crowley and the woman whose name is withheld. The woman who was here and registered at the same hotel at the time Crowley did is believed by Federal agents to be the same woman now under arrest in San Francisco as a spy. The sample of her handwriting has been sent to the Federal authorities at San Francisco. Crowley, the register shows, was a guest at the Van Noy from May 25 to May 28. Several patrons at the hotel today recalled and informed the Secret Service men that on Saturday night, May 23, between 9 and 10 o'clock Crowley received a telegram while he chatted in the lobby of the hotel and, hastily excusing himself, asked the clerk to check him out, as if that he had received a hurried summons from "his partner." Crowley left Tacoma carrying a small suitcase.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS ARRIVE ILLUSTRATING JAPANESE CORONATION.



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TWO PROMINENT PARTICIPANTS AND A PAGEANT. The most impressive ceremonies marked the coronation of Yoshihito as Emperor of Japan. The official rites took place at Kyoto, the ancient capital of the Mikados and the Emperor and Empress traveled in state from the actual capital, Tokyo, to Kyoto. The trip was the most elaborate, ostentatious and pompous that had ever marked the entire route, a distance of 223 miles, was lavishly decorated. Peasant and town folk, dressed in their holiday best, gathered along the road where the imperial procession was to pass, and with deep reverence stood silently by as the imperial retinue passed. The picture at top shows Prince Mikasa, Count and Countess Okuma in their ceremonial robes. The photograph was taken at the Imperial residence at Kyoto, from where they accompanied the Emperor and Empress to Kyoto. The lower photo shows the arrival of the coronation parade at Kyoto. It was announced prior to the coronation that no photographs would be taken of the Emperor and Empress during the ceremonies.

DUAL SPY IN PRISON

Von Koolbergen Serving Forgery Term in Canada.

SENTENCE IS TWO YEARS

Loth Faith in Man Who Says He Collected From Germans for Mythical Explosion.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—J. H. Van Koolbergen, who made an affidavit telling of his dealings with the San Francisco Consul-General's office while he was at the same time in the confidence of the Canadian military authorities, was closely watched while in British Columbia. And he was found trying to get into communication with the German Consul-General in San Francisco last June from Kamloops, at a time when it was proposed to establish a central mobilization camp for overseas troops at Kamloops. Secret Service Loses Trust. Van Koolbergen in other ways broke faith with the Canadian intelligence department. It is alleged, and it was determined not to trust him further, that he had fled to Victoria from San Francisco October 23, after collecting money from the German Consul-General in San Francisco for a mythical explosion, he was detained by the Immigration authorities pending a decision by the military department. He was released and allowed to come to Vancouver, but was always kept under strict observation. He was arrested here on November 13. The charges were preferred by the Calgary police at the instance of Lieut. Tredaile at the intelligence department here, who had been handling the case for the Canadian authorities. Forged Check Found in Desk. Van Koolbergen disappeared from Calgary three years ago, after being engaged for some time in finance and real estate in that city. After his departure a forged check was found in his desk and it was on this charge that he was apprehended. He was found guilty and is now serving a two-year term in prison at Leithbridge. In Calgary Van Koolbergen went under the name of Van Montfort.

VIENNA SEEKING PARLEY

(Continued From First Page.) Hungarian government must leave it to the Washington cabinet to draw up the individual legal matters which the commander of the submarine is alleged to have violated when sinking the Ancona. The American Government also thought it advisable to point out the attitude which the Berlin cabinet in the before-mentioned exchange of correspondence had taken. In the highly esteemed note the Austro-Hungarian government finds no support for this course. "If the American Government should have intended thereby to express an opinion as to a precedent exists for the present case. The Austro-Hungarian government, in order to prevent misunderstandings, must declare that it, of course, must preserve full liberty to

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Critic Asks What American Liberties Are Worth.

WAR COLLEGE DEFENDED

Army and Navy Journal Says Secretary Belittled Report That Made Effort to Point Out Real Danger to Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Doubtless reflecting the views of Army men, the Army and Navy Journal scathingly condemns Secretary of War Garrison for his attempt to belittle the report of the Army War College, in which military experts have undertaken to point out the needs of the American Army. The Secretary of War, it may be recalled, up to last September was in hearty accord with the War College and in favor of such extension of the Army as the military men deemed necessary. Then, after consultation with President Wilson, the Secretary changed his views, thrust aside the report of the War College and transmitted to President Wilson an Army program which he himself had drawn up, and which falls far short of meeting what Army men believe to be the situation. War College Belittled by Secretary. When the recommendation of the War College was made public it was accompanied by a statement from Secretary Garrison intended to create the impression that the report represented only the view of a few officers. The report was not reviewed by the mobile army division of the general staff, it is stated, but that failure was due solely to an order of Secretary Garrison. Regarding the War College report, the Army and Navy Journal says editorially: "The infernal objection which the Secretary raises to the War College plan is its cost. In this connection it might be well for the Secretary to inform Congress just how much our liberties and institutions are worth. He might add to this the money value of the country, so that Congress could be guided by this, rather than the strength of the land forces which would be required to meet any of our possible enemies. Invaders Would Be Veterans. "The troops of any of the nations that would be sent to this country, the War College points out, would have a minimum of two years' training with the colors in times of peace. With carefully prepared estimates of the strength of the army of trained troops that any of the great powers could send against the country, the War College reached the conclusion that a sound military policy would require this country to maintain 500,000 trained and organized mobile troops that would be available at the outbreak of the war, and that it should have at least 500,000 more which could be placed in the field within 90 days thereafter. In reaching this conclusion it divided the available transports of the different countries by two and made an allowance for three months' supplies and equipment. "In the Secretary's recommendations he classes the Continental Army as trained troops ready for immediate service. He virtually contends that the proposed Continental Army would be as

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effective as the veteran soldiers of the European countries, none of whom would have had less than two years' training. If, at the close of the European war, the country were called upon to resist an invasion from one of the great powers, the Secretary's policy would serve against a highly trained force of veteran troops citizens with little more military training than would be received at three business men's summer camps."

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