

BALFOUR SEES NO HOPE FOR PEACE

Von Hertling's Speech Has No Favorable Echo Among Allies in Europe.

MILITARISM BIG OBSTACLE

Official and Diplomatic France Regards Chancellor's Address to Reichstag as Distinctly War Utterance.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Foreign Secretary Balfour, replying today to the speech of Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, regarding the doctrine of the balance of power, said that until German militarism had become a thing of the past and there was in existence a hall, or court, armed with executive powers making the weak as safe as the strong, it would never be possible to ignore the principles underlying the struggle for the balance of power.

Mr. Balfour told the House of Commons, which he was addressing, that he was unable to find in Von Hertling's speech any basis for fruitful conversation or hope for peace. The chancellor's attitude concerning Belgium, said Mr. Balfour, was completely unsatisfactory and his lip service to President Wilson's propositions was not exemplified in German practices. He continued:

"I am convinced that I should be doing an injury to the cause of peace if I encouraged the idea that there is any use in beginning these verbal negotiations until something like a general agreement is apparent in the distance and until the statesmen of all the countries see their way to that broad settlement, which, I am in hope, will bring peace to this sorry troubled world."

Replying to a question, Mr. Balfour said that the final fate of the Russian provinces occupied by the Germans and of Roumania and Armenia must ultimately be decided at the peace conference.

Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, referring to the Von Hertling speech, said:

"It would be foolish to enter into negotiations unless there was a reasonable prospect of success. We do not desire to repeat the experiment of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations."

British Public Unresponsive.

As far as the British public is concerned, the mild words of Count von Hertling, concerning Germany's pacific intentions and his partial acceptance of President Wilson's basis for lasting world peace, fall upon almost deaf ears. A few weeks, even a few days ago, their reception would have been different, but German speech is judged here by German standards.

All details of the new war against helpless Russia and German statements of their stock in trade—the idea that Germany is waging a war of self-defense.

The British press is virtually unanimous in the belief that the whole current situation has been cleverly arranged and plotted with a view to bringing Eastern and Central Europe under German domination and for the vital immediate purpose of getting food from the Ukraine.

Press More Warlike.

The most important newspapers which lean toward peace negotiations, notably the Westminster Gazette and the Manchester Guardian, seem to have undergone a change of outlook as the result of the events of the past week.

The Daily News today, although condemning the speech of Count von Hertling, argues that the "entente" and not Germany is the real obstacle to peace, because the allies have not jointly formulated war aims, says in effect that no hope can be drawn from the Chancellor's speech.

Wilson's Words Misread.

"Count von Hertling has failed to understand President Wilson's speeches," this official said. "He has interpreted them as if they had been written by himself. The offer made to Belgium to state her terms is only for the purpose of influencing public opinion in the United States, which Germany knows is fighting for no other purpose than to redress the wrongs committed against Belgium."

"As the treatment of Belgium was the most flagrant and initial wrong perpetrated by Germany, the Chancellor thinks that by restoring a semblance of liberty in Belgium, he will thereby separate America and Great Britain from the Latin allies."

"By stimulating peace talk among the allied countries, Von Hertling hopes that one among them may be brought to sit at a conference similar to that at Brest-Litovsk. The voice is that of Von Hertling, but it is the hand of Von Hindenburg."

The Imperial Chancellor, it was added, also wishes to minimize the unfavorable impression abroad and at home that the military leaders rule Germany and to create a feeling that the military has been relegated to a secondary position and that Germany was now willing to meet the allies in the diplomatic and political field.

"The official concluded: 'It seems to be a treacherous move on the part of Von Hertling to secure a respite in the West and give the military leaders sufficient time to consolidate the ephemeral success in Russia.'"

A Belgian diplomatic official told the Associated Press that Belgium probably would not deign to respond to Von Hertling's brutal and undiplomatic request. He said:

"Dignified silence is the best reply to the undignified and thoroughly German proposal. This is the second time that Germany has offered openly a separate peace to Belgium."

"Once before, in 1914, after the fall of Liege, a similar proposal met with an emphatic rebuff from the Belgian government and if any reply is vouchsafed by the Belgian government now it will be equally as emphatic. It is Belgium's unalterable decision to remain staunch to its allies, friends and protectors."

The French press generally considers Chancellor von Hertling's speech as simply a continuation of Germany's efforts to create differences between the entente allies.

"Von Hertling talks hypocritically about peace," says the Petit Journal.

"The speech is a monument of hypocrisy," La Libre Belgique adds.

Marcel Sembat, in L'Heur, finds the Chancellor's tone changed and attributes the modification to the influence of President Wilson's message.

"That the Chancellor finds it opportune to rally publicly to President Wilson's principles," he says, "indicates that the President's message must have moved German opinion profoundly."

CENSUS BILL IS READY

COLLECTION OF STATISTICS WILL BE LARGER THAN EVER.

Census May Extend to Show Nationality of Persons in America Born in Foreign Countries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A bill providing for the 1920 census will be reported in a few days by the House census committee. It became known yesterday that the organization for the collection of the statistics will be larger than ever. Supervisors and enumerators of population and agriculture will probably number between 35,000 and 36,000, and for manufactures, mines and quarries, under separate supervision, there will be 1500 employees in the field, with 1000 to 5000 clerks and other employees in the census office.

The bill is expected to follow recommendations of a special committee appointed by the director of the census, which suggested that the Philippines not included in the 12th census, should not be included in the 14th, and that a census of the Virgin Islands is now in progress and another one is unnecessary in 1920. In Guam, Samoa and the Panama Canal Zone a special census can readily be taken at small cost if the census orders in the committee reported.

The committee also recommended that the census extend to show the nationality of mother tongue of all persons in this country born in foreign countries and nationality or foreign tongue of foreign-born parents.

It suggested that population enumeration be based on January 1, 1920, instead of April 15, as in the past; that there be a biennial census of the products of manufactures, industries, and that the census of animals slaughtered be dispensed with as an approximately accurate conclusions regarding meat and hide production can be reached from other sources.

GUARD RECRUITS WANTED

Company B Needs 25 Men to Bring Unit to Full Strength.

Twenty-five recruits are needed by Company B, of the Multnomah Guard, to bring the unit up to its full strength of 100 men. The company was originally organized as the Elks' company, but lost this identity, while retaining its membership, when the Guard was mustered into service.

Applications for enlistment will be received on Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, at company headquarters at the Armory. Company B is officered by experienced men and has a top sergeant who knows the service. It was answered every call for service in duty along the waterfront.

The new recruits will be fully equipped with the regulation olive drab uniforms, recently issued, and service rifles.

YAMHILL CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Candidates Appear for Various County Offices.

MCMINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.) County Judge W. W. Nichol, who was appointed by Governor Withycombe to fill the unexpired term of the late County Judge J. B. Dodson, has announced his candidacy for re-election. State Representative W. W. Langer, of Lafayette, also will be a candidate for County Judge. County Clerk C. R. Wilson will be a candidate to succeed himself. County Treasurer Miss Alice Adams will ask for re-election, as also will Sheriff W. G. Henderson.

Assessor Martin Miller and School Superintendent S. S. Dunagan are holdovers and are not concerned about the 1918 campaign.

STOPS TOBACCO HABIT.

Elder's Sanitarium, located at 513 Main street, St. Joseph, Mo., has published a booklet showing the deadly effect of tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days at home. As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.

Poulsen Liquor Case in Court.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.) Nels C. Jensen, steward; Paul Winiers, pantryman, and Axel Skoglund, fireman on the steam schooner Johan Poulsen, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Carnay today on charges of bringing liquor into the state. Jensen waived examination and was held to the Federal grand jury with bonds at \$1000. The other two were asked for a hearing, which will take place Friday afternoon.

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INVASION ASSAILED BY SCHEIDEMANN

Socialist Leader Repudiates Policy of Germany Toward Russia.

REAL PEACE IS DEMANDED

Recent Strikes Attributed to Food Troubles and Delay of Reforms, Wallraf Blames Leftists From France.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 27.—In the debate on Chancellor von Hertling's speech, Philipp Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, said:

"We fought for the defense of the fatherland against barbarism and against the entente's plans of conquest. We did not, however, fight for the dismemberment of Russia, or the subjugation of Belgium. The government's policy towards Russia is not ours."

"True, the Bolsheviks played into the hands of all disintegrating tendencies in Russia, but we do not desire a peace with the entente like that which is being concluded with Russia. The government must remain ready for real peace by understanding."

"The independence of Belgium must be secured and the Flemings and Walloons must settle their differences among themselves. We do not desire the humiliation of the enemy or peace by force."

Discussing the recent strikes, Herr Scheidemann said that they were to be attributed to food difficulties, uneasiness over the machinations of politicians and delay in the franchise reform.

There were no traitorous objects, he declared, for at the time there was an abundance of munitions on hand, and the coal scarcity necessitated holiday shifts. The strike was a demonstration in favor of peace, freedom and bread.

Herr Wallraf, Minister of the Interior, declared that the strike had been incited by leaflets issued by French, British and American propaganda societies, which continually reached the troops on the western front.

SENTENCE IS MAXIMUM

ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL BRINGS YEAR IN JAIL, \$1000 FINE.

J. W. Cook Convicted of Trying to Extort Money from Millionaire Mayor of Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—One year at hard labor in the chain gang and a fine of \$1000—the maximum penalty for a misdemeanor—was the sentence imposed in the county court here today upon J. W. Cook, a real estate agent, indicted jointly with Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, wife of H. H. Hirsch, an insurance man, for attempt to blackmail Aaa G. Candler, Atlanta's 67-year-old multimillionaire mayor, for \$500,000. Mrs. Hirsch will be placed on trial Friday.

The jury deliberated less than half an hour and the trial consumed not quite eight hours. Before noon the state had virtually completed its case through the testimony of Mr. Candler and Forest Adair, who acted as Candler's agent in dealing with Cook and Mrs. Hirsch.

Cook told the jury that he at no time sought to procure any money from Mayor Candler, and that the two conferences he had with Forest Adair were at the latter's solicitation. He told of seeing Mrs. Hirsch go to the mayor's office on two occasions and of watching through the letter-slot in the door. He said he once saw him in a compromising position and that while he was at the door Mrs. Hirsch rushed over and opened it. He saw a garment on the floor, which he picked up. He displayed to the jury what he said was the same garment.

Mayor Candler told of meeting Mrs. Hirsch in connection with charity work and of her visiting his office to discuss such work. He said he never had made any improper advances to her and that on her last visit, after she had removed her coat and hat while he was investigating her statement that a man was looking in the window, he started to go to another office in the same building and met Cook outside the door.

Adair told of a conference with Mrs. Hirsch February 12, at which Aaa G. Candler, Jr. was present. Mrs. Hirsch, he asserted, asked for \$500,000 for herself and \$5000 to pay her husband's debts.

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BOMB FOUND IN SHIPYARD

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The bomb was placed under a compressor machine in one of the buildings by a stranger, who escaped after beating a guard, who discovered him. The man struck the guard over the head with a club.

The guard was dazed, but started his search, which resulted in discovering a suspicious-looking object under the machine. He hurled it as far as he could and the bomb exploded when it struck, tearing the floor and breaking about 30 windows.

The attempt to damage the machinery evidently was intended to delay work about to begin on ships for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

CHILD HAS SEDITION FEVER

Sixteen-Year-Old Miss Is Expelled From School at San Francisco.

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SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Thomas Mulhall, Deputy United States Marshal, said today that the Federal investigation of the alleged confession of Fritz Hagerman that he and five others set fire to the Red River Lumber Company plant at Westwood, Cal., and committed acts of sabotage had practically "proved an alibi" for Hagerman, regarding his incriminating statements. Mulhall said steps probably would be taken to hold Hagerman as an enemy alien.

AYER, Mass., Feb. 27.—Ninety-eight Germans and Austrians have been discharged from the National Army at Camp Devens as the result of orders from the War Department to eliminate all enemy aliens from all cantonments.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 27.—Miss Augusta Minne Deckman and the Rev. B. Henry Leemann, charged with having attempted to smuggle a note to Ernst A. Leybold, an enemy alien confined in the war prison barracks at Fort Douglas, were held for further investigation by the Federal grand jury yesterday.

Miss Deckman's bond was fixed at \$10,000 and that of Leemann at \$5000. Both of the prisoners were remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and are lodged in the county jail. The Federal grand jury will convene some time in April.

Miss Deckman admitted having written the note which was found in the possession of Leemann and which the latter gave up on demand of Major E. S. West, executive officer in charge of the prison compound, but she denied that it was written with any ulterior purpose.

BRITISH REPULSE RAIDS

ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE IN VICINITY OF YPRES, SAYS REPORT.

Germans Claim Destruction of 15 Enemy Airplanes Tuesday and Three Captive Balloons.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—"Hostile raids were repulsed during the night northwest of St. Quentin in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and east of Vermelles," says today's War Office report. "The artillery was active on both sides early today northeast and east of Ypres."

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The official communication issued by the War Office tonight reads:

"Artillery actions, occasionally violent, occurred in the region of the Butte du Mesnil and on the left bank of the Meuse."

"On February 25 three German airplanes were brought down by our pilots. Our bombing escadrilles dropped 4500 kilos of explosives, notably on railroad stations at Metz-Sablons and Wamerville."

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—(British Admiralty by Wireless Press.)—After a great many violent duels in the air on the western front on Tuesday, says today's War Office statement, the Germans brought down 15 enemy airplanes and three captive balloons.

The text of the official war statement follows:

"On Tuesday a few Belgian prisoners were captured. During the evening the artillery activity revived on the Flanders front, on both sides of the Scarpe in the Champagne and on the east bank of the Meuse."

"A great many violent duels took place in the air and attacks by English aircraft against our balloons on the Oise and Aisne sectors broke down. Yesterday we brought down 15 enemy airplanes and three captive balloons. Captain Ritt von Tuttnach won his 24th victory in the air. Flight Private Kaffner brought down two captive balloons."

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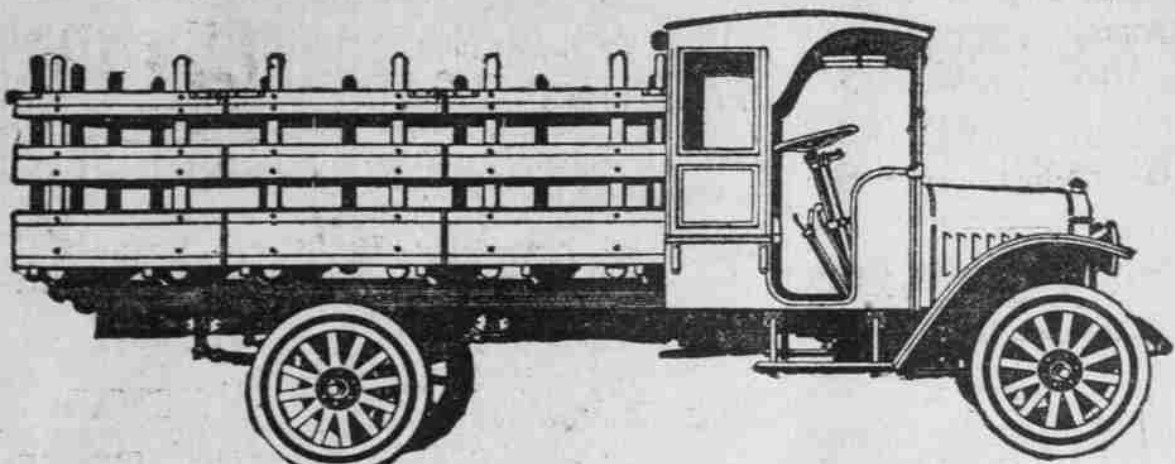
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