

HARDEN PLEADS FOR DEWIGHTED GERMANS

Masses Still in Darkness as to War Responsibility.

PURGATORY AN ESSENTIAL

Spiritual Cleansing and Guidance Real Needs of Teutons; Admission to League is Urged.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN. Copyright by the New York World. Published by arrangement with BERLIN, June 8.—(Special cable.)—And still there is no sign of national excitement, although the negotiations on the conditions of peace have entered the decisive phase.

These rage daily, branding the Versailles proposals as the work of deceivers, breakers of the faith and blackmailers, and swear regretfully, in the tones of stricken hawkers selling out the contents of their pushcarts, that the German counter proposal offers the maximum beyond which the government in no circumstances will go.

But the manufacture of public opinion is not so easy as the vanity of dreams. Never has any one committed suicide because he read in the papers that he had died, and seldom has national anger raged because it was hidden to do so.

Self-Preservation First. In such a time, which appears to be ending in world destruction among the masses, every one thinks only of himself and quietude and national pleasure.

The German nation still does not know what has happened or what has provoked against itself such tremendous anger. It still believes, more firmly than gospel, in the plot and surprise attack of which they suppose Germany was the innocent victim.

Guilt Not Yet Admitted. The possibility is not recognized of letting the few neutrals still remaining in Europe—who undoubtedly would decline any part in a dangerous joint judgment on a quarrel between 32 against four world powers, including the greatest and strongest.

Only "the hunger blockade" is considered to be barbarous and in violation of international law. That is what the government says, even in its latest notes. It says, too, that Germany "voluntarily made itself defenseless because it sought a peace of justice, and therefore it was not really beaten, in a military sense."

From all this there has resulted a distorted picture of the reality. The belief remains widespread that Germany waged a defensive war with unparalleled success against superior forces that Germany was never beaten, but only gradually weakened by the hunger blockade and demoralized by the Russian propaganda and millions of rebelling and other soldiers decided to accept as a basis for peace the 14 points, which formerly had been rejected as not to be discussed and now appear to us as harmless and without danger to us.

The masses believe Germany voluntarily discarded its armaments, and is now to be cheated, deceived and forced to comply with the most atrocious conditions ever imposed upon a nation, which must annihilate all hope of Germany's resurrection.

Why Were Rules Discarded? One hears this daily everywhere. The astonished stranger who hears it may ask: "Why, then, did you make a revolution that could be justified only before the court of common sense? Your revolution was born of the conviction of the wretchedness of the old system of government whose inhumanity and practices of lying and deception brought upon you the hate of the whole world, in spite of all your national manifestations of strength."

One who lives here with scenes wide awake will in the pause following the above question, which may be answered only by shrugs on its sides, realize the grotesque humor of the situation. Such humor might proceed from the horror of a vision of a Poe, or from a revolution which overturns the seemingly rock-firm Kaiser throne, lets more than two dozen deeply-rooted dynasties disappear, as if over night, without leaving a trace; tears down all the declining stucco from Germany's facade, appears completely to demilitarize the country, brings to the helm the party of the most radical socialists—and after all that the forces of the new government are mobilized for the defense of the old regime against international accusations, and every day it is professed

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON FIND RECREATION AT FRENCH RACES.



America's chief executive and Mrs. Wilson, who is wearing a new and charming creation, obtaining relaxation from league of nations problems at horse races.

that the formerly imperial Germany never wanted the war, did not begin it, and conducted it in the exercise of nobler morality than was attained by its enemies.

Such a happening the sun never before saw anywhere. Why does our sun see it? Because the gentlemen who are ruling today are the same who four years ago approved, glorified and participated in everything the old imperial government did, and pledged themselves to their parties that Germany was in the right; and if the actions of these persons were now shown to have been false and the product of lies, might well fear to lose their following at this time and who might not again be able to raise themselves or their party to power, in any period that can be foreseen.

Blame Must Be Shared. For this reason they champion everything said, ordered and done in the empire since 1914, as if it had been their own work. As collaborators they must also share in the blame, if guilt is fixed or confessed. The law should make ineligible for five years for election to parliament all persons who voted for the war credits after January, 1915, for such men cannot today judge with impartiality which the earnest hour demands and all are too easily misled to see their wisest course in respect to matters they helped to decide.

Free Plebiscite Urged. Let there be free plebiscites among the peoples who, according to the entente will, should choose to which nation they will belong, with quick admission to the league of nations, and let these equal concessions be extended to German peoples. Such concessions would go far toward restoring confidence to the league, living in the monotony of machinery, so also can confidence alone close the gates of the Janus temple.

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HUNGARIAN REDS AND CZECHS IN CONFLICT

Fierce Fight on Between Budapest and Vienna.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS GAINING

Strength and Success of Forces in Roumania Attributed to Presence of German Officers.

VIENNA, June 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Severe fighting is in progress between Budapest and Vienna north of the Danube between the Czech-Slovaks and Hungarian communist forces. The Hungarians have crossed the River Neutra and are threatening Pressburg. The position of the Czechs in Slovakia also is more serious, as the Hungarian communists have been stirring up the Slovaks against the Czechs.

LONDON, June 8.—Armed peasants, who revolted against the Hungarian communist government and Hungarian troops have been engaged in heavy fighting in western Hungary which resulted in the defeat of the peasants, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Budapest.

VIENNA, June 8.—A serious revolt against the bolshevik regime is reported from western Hungary. It is said to have been started by a Huzsar regiment. Counter revolutionary movements are reported from other parts of the country by farmers and members of the working class refusing to recognize bolshevism.

HEPPNER DANCE HUMMER

ELKS' FUNCTION FOR SALVATION ARMY REAL THING.

Frontier Methods of Raising Cash Prove Highly Sufficient in Charity Drive.

HEPPNER, Or., June 8.—(Special.)—To raise Morrow county's quota of \$1500 for the Salvation Army, Heppner Elks last evening put on a 49 dance and carnival in the fair pavilion that was second only to the far-famed Pendleton round-up.

Several hundred people thronged the big pavilion until a late hour and every known frontier method of separating the unwary from his or her money was employed. Mayor Vaughan was boss bartender and helped sling "auds" and "firewater." Kick deleted, Postmaster Richardson dealt "em from the little tin box at faro layout. Dave McAtee wore his finger nails off raking in the money at the roulette wheel.

SECRETARY MAY UPHOLD PROJECT.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 8.—(Special.)—That Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane will uphold the California-Oregon Power company in constructing a dam across the head of Link river at Klamath Falls, in spite of the protests of some of the water users of the Klamath project, is apparent in the reply to the Klamath Irrigation district directors just received.

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