

BOLSHEVSKI PLANS FASHIONED IN DARK

Agent of Trotsky Now in Secret Conference With Hun Socialist at Stockholm.

'TRAITOR' IS NOW TRUSTED

Swedish Paper Exposes and Denounces Affair—Intermediary at Meeting, Once Russian, Is Now German Subject.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15.—While the Bolshevik government at Petrograd is proclaiming its intention of conducting all negotiations openly and in a friendly spirit to all monarchies, including Germany, Philip Scheidemann, the German majority Socialist leader and strong supporter of his government, is holding secret conferences at Stockholm with the newly appointed "workmen and soldiers' government" plenipotentiary and German representative, Leon Trotsky, also known as Orloffsky.

Her Scheidemann arrived here last Sunday and went to a room which had been engaged for him by a former Russian subject named Parvus, now a German subject. The secret of his presence here and of his conferences with Trotsky was kept so well that it was only learned today.

Parvus Once Held Trait. A further interesting light is thrown on the situation by the fact that Trotsky, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, whose Stockholm representative is now working through Parvus as intermediary, denounced the same Parvus in a paper he conducted in Paris, as a traitor. The Social Democrats, which publishes a long expose of the affair, declares that when the Dutch-Swedish conference was endeavoring to bring about a general democratic peace the Leninists did their utmost to oppose it.

"But now, when it is a question of a separate peace," says the paper, "with every possibility of an imperialistic peace at Russia's cost first of all, and then at the cost of the whole western democracy, this 'traitor' is invited to Stockholm by the Bolsheviks as the plenipotentiary of the proletariat." The Social Democrats recalls the German minority Socialists' recent attacks on the efforts of the majority Socialists to represent the German government as desiring an honorable and democratic peace with the right of all nations to decide their own destiny, and says with reference to the present Bolshevik secret conference with Scheidemann:

Moral Bankruptcy Alleged.

"This manner of conjuring two political parties with such radically different principles is inconceivable except on the assumption of moral bankruptcy on at least one side and after what the last weeks have taught us concerning the Bolshevik methods, it is not difficult to see where such bankruptcy already exists."

Parvus, who acted as intermediary between Scheidemann and Trotsky, poses as a majority Socialist and enjoys the German government's confidence to such an extent that he was among the men mentioned at the time of the last of Finance. He was born a Russian subject, but left Russia some years ago. He made millions through grain and coal deals in Germany and became a German subject shortly after the outbreak of the war.

SLAV-HUN PEACE IS PROMISED

Treaty Now Being Formulated, According to Official Report.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement received here today. At yesterday's session of the Russian and German plenipotentiaries, discussion of the proposed treaty was postponed until today.

The German announcement follows: "On the part of both sides the conditions and draft of a treaty were finally formulated in the plenary sitting Friday. As, however, the Russian delegates desired to obtain supplementary instructions on some points from their government, the general discussions were postponed until Saturday."

WAR FOG ENVELOPS RUSSIA

Situation in Southern Part of Country Is Conjectural.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Press dispatches from Petrograd throw little light on the military situation in Southern Russia. The official statements issued in Petrograd are confusing and there are various reports regarding General Kaledin and General Korniloff, whose present whereabouts and fortunes are not known definitely. "The fog of war has settled down over all Russia," says the Petrograd correspondent of the Post, "although very little actual warfare has developed."

The people of Petrograd are said to be more interested in the attitude of the Bolsheviks toward the constituent assembly than in the Russo-German negotiations or civil war in the south. The Bolsheviks are still represented as being determined to prevent the constituent assembly from taking on any complexion except a reflection of their own views, but there apparently is a sharp disagreement among the leaders as to the methods, and angry discussions are reported to have occurred.

All advised agreed that force is the only law in Russia today and the strongest force for the moment is wielded by the Bolsheviks, under the guidance of Lenin and Trotsky, are said to have established a despotic regime, against which many of the Bolsheviks are murmuring.

According to the Post's correspondent, virtually every newspaper in Russia has been suppressed except those favorable to or controlled by the Bolsheviks. The banks continue to be closed. The Railway Men's Union, hitherto more or less neutral, is now being brought under Bolshevik influence. "On the other hand, signs of good discipline are not wanting," the dispatch to the Post continues. The same correspondent points to

supposed indications of the intention to restore the monarchy. Lenin, he says, is "an invisible mystery, inaccessible and closely guarded," having given up making speeches and now shunning publicity. Trotsky, on the other hand, speaks frequently and is very accessible.

BOLSHEVSKI CLAIM MAJORITY

Elections to Constituent Assembly Assure Party Dominance.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Petrograd Bolshevik sources claim that the results of the election to the constituent assembly in the fifth and twelfth armies and in the army in Finland give the Bolsheviks an overwhelming majority. The next strongest vote, it is asserted, was in favor of the revolutionary Socialists.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in a speech delivered in Petrograd today, reviewing the work of the administration, said it was impossible to reform the social construction of Russia in a month.

"But we already have introduced a measure giving land to the peasants," Trotsky continued, "and are preparing the machinery for controlling the expansion of production. We have taken steps toward peace on a general and democratic basis."

"The services of American engineers have been offered us for the reorganization of the railways, and motor lorries have been tendered for the transport of food."

"The German government opened peace pour paroles with us because the discontent of its masses forced it to this step."

Trotsky then referred to the movement of Generals Kaledin and Dutoff and to the steps that had been taken to crush it. "The officials who worked for the Czar," Trotsky added, "are unwilling to work with the people. But we will show them that he who will not work shall not eat."

Trotsky concluded his address as follows: "Strength and power cannot come from above in a single month. It is formed from below by a continuous and implacable struggle."

According to one version of German separate peace terms reached at Petrograd from Stockholm, Russia must forever abandon her influence in the Balkans, while Germany shall have the right to export manufactures into Russia for 15 years without customs duty.

Germany and Austria have made concessional rights to Russia, beginning the day of the signing of a peace treaty and running for 40 years.

MEANS TRIAL NEAR END

ARGUMENTS ARE CONCLUDED AND CASE GOES TO JURY.

Jurors, After Deliberating Two Hours and Failing to Reach Agreement, Go to Bed.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 15.—The case of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was given to the jury tonight. Argument of counsel, which began three days ago, was concluded, and Superior Judge Cline immediately began his charge to the jury. Two hours was required for the court to review the evidence and instruct the jurors. E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, concluded his final argument for the defense this morning and was followed by L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, who made the closing address for the state.

The jury will not return a verdict tonight, Sheriff Caldwell reports, that the jurors went to bed at 10 o'clock after deliberating only two hours.

Pomona Grange to Meet.

The Multnomah District Pomona Grange will meet at the hall of the Columbia Grange, near Corbett, at 10:30 Wednesday morning, December 19. Food Administrator Newell will address the meeting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and County Commissioner Holman will speak on county affairs. J. J. Johnson, master of the grange, will preside, and Mrs. Mary E. Palmer will have charge of the program.

An organization has been formed in Pittsburg to combine churches in small communities and thus put them on a paying basis.

"ALLIES' MORALE IS SPLENDID"—HOUSE

People Are Determined to Win War, Declares Head of American Mission.

CONFERENCE IS SUCCESS

"Everyone Worked Well, Hard and Cordially, and Inter-Allied Council Brought Things to Focus," Commissioner Says.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—What the American mission was sent to accomplish in the inter-allied war conference in Paris "has been successfully and satisfactorily done," was the message brought to the American people by Colonel E. M. House, head of the mission, who returned to the United States today with four of his colleagues.

The return of the party was void of ostentation. Colonel House announced that the mission's reports already had been dispatched by special messenger to the State Department at Washington. These reports, which included that of Colonel House, will be presented to President Wilson.

He said he would go to Washington Monday. "In England and France the influence of the United States is paramount," said Colonel House. "In both countries the morale is splendid—the best I have observed in any of my three trips abroad since the beginning of the war."

People Determined to Win. "You mean the morale of the fighting forces?" Colonel House was asked. "No, I mean the morale of the men in uniform and the people as a whole," he replied. "Their determination to win, without thought of the cost, is admirable."

Through the elimination of speech-making and entertainment, both of a public and private nature, Colonel House said, the inter-allied war conference accomplished its full purposes at three sittings. At their termination, he said, the supreme war council, an outgrowth of these deliberations, completed its work in four weeks' time, two weeks being spent in London and two weeks in Paris.

The Prime Ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy and Colonel House, together with their military aides, were the only ones participating in the supreme war council. The others who had taken part in the first conference were assigned to membership on various committees, and thus everyone had a specific task to accomplish. These committees dealt with food, embargo, finance and other subjects.

"The council brought things to a focus. Up to that time there was no coordination, and things were not going

on very well," said the Colonel. "Everyone worked well, hard and cordially."

In reply to questions as to what the council decided to do with reference to various military matters, Colonel House said the deliberations were concerned primarily with the economic situation. He declared what had been decided upon with reference to this situation would not mean the introduction of any measures "radically different" from those now operative in the United States.

COLONEL HOUSE IS LAUDED

Lloyd George Is Pleased With Work of American Mission.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—When a corre-

spondent of The Associated Press called on Premier Lloyd George with the news of the arrival in America of the House mission, the Premier authorized the following statement:

"I am very glad to learn of the return of the first great American mission to Europe. I say first because I hope it will be the prelude to many more, for the experience we have gained on this occasion has brought home to me even more strongly than before the paramount importance of ever closer and more constant association between the United States, the free democracies of Europe and the nations of the British Commonwealth, not only in the prosecution of the war, but in the future."

"The mission which has thus successfully terminated its labors was, so

far as we are concerned, an unqualified success. It did not receive a great deal of advertising at the time, because Colonel House was rightly insistent that it was to be, first and last, a business affair."

Warehouseman Is Acquitted.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of the State vs. J. Paul Satterlee, of this city, returned a verdict of not guilty. Satterlee was charged with the larceny of hides and dead wool. He conducts the farmers' warehouse of this city and was accused by S. Daniels of improperly gaining possession of pelts and wool left for Mr. Daniels by E. A. Terwilliger, of Merrill.

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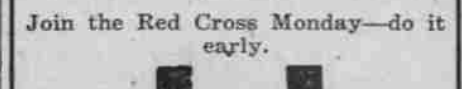
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Billy Whiskers, special at 35c Horsman's Dolls priced at 69c Horsman's Sammy Dolls \$1.50 Mamma Dolls priced at only 39c Kewpie Dolls priced 25c to 50c Mike Dogs priced at 15c to 50c

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\$4.65 for Women's Fancy Silk Umbrellas. Styles with pretty colored border and the latest handles.

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