

SIAG IS STROCKEN. DISARMING GERMANY

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SERIOUS PROBLEM FACED

Inside Information Reveals Central Power Has 18,000 Guns and Huge Lot of Ammunition.

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BERLIN, via Copenhagen, May 8.—(Special cable)—Germany's disarmament continues to be a grave problem.

The military terms of the peace treaty have not been lived up to in letter or spirit. Many articles of the military clauses have been violated either by exceeding the time limits or the quantitative specifications.

Nevertheless, the progress of the work and the general disarmament situation must be regarded as satisfactory in view of the titanic magnitude of the task and the infinite difficulties and troubles arising.

The control commission has a superman's job on its hands. Enforcing the disarmament of Germany is a task which is a problem as enforcing prohibition in America.

The most important phase of the problem concerns the artillery. Once stripped of artillery and munitions, Germany will cease to be a serious menace. All the rest does not matter much.

The Germans have officially reported the existence of 12,000 field guns, 2,500 heavy guns, 217 anti-aircraft guns, 3258 mine throwers and 15,500,000 rounds of artillery ammunition.

Small odd lots of guns scattered throughout the country in different parts of Germany. The control commission, however, knows of the existence of virtually all the German artillery material.

The correspondents' inside information is that the correct figures covering artillery of all kinds and calibers, whereas the treaty allows for only 288 guns in addition to the normal armament of fortified works on Germany's eastern-southern frontiers.

Plans for destroying or rendering useless nearly 18,000 guns have struck three snags. First, on the sheer physical limitations. There are not enough available oxyhydrogen torches, which are absolutely essential in rendering guns useless, to make good on the sweep of Germany's illicit artillery.

Second, disarmament is delayed by the controversy between the allies and Germany as to the disposal of the destroyed or scrapped cannons and war material generally.

The raw material value of the scrap metal which will run into billions of marks. The French in particular are insisting that the guns and war material, after being destroyed or rendered useless, belong to the allies.

The Germans just as strongly are maintaining that all this valuable junk belongs to Germany, arguing the excess of guns and war material must be surrendered merely for the purpose of being destroyed or rendered useless.

Disarmament will not proceed smoothly until this ownership controversy is settled. This matter is peculiarly delicate and troublesome because Germany's contention is not without merit.

Picked Guns Are Wanted. The third snag to disarmament is that German military authorities are making a barefaced and desperate attempt to save the flower of the artillery park, about 3500 picked guns of small and large caliber, by trying to ring them in as armament for frontiers on the eastern and southern frontiers which Germany is permitted to keep under the peace treaty.

The German military men are trying to put one over on the allies on a technicality by giving an elastic interpretation to article 177. The German military contention, a beautiful and clever piece of sophistry, is that fourteen novelties are not defined solely by guns mounted in the forts, but that large numbers of batteries played in a wide girdle zone around fortresses form part of the armament.

Accordingly, 2800-odd guns, including many of the heaviest caliber, are allowed to be retained in the zone of the forts. The German argument is that this technically would mean that Germany would keep enough modern artillery for 40 divisions, with about 4,000,000 rounds of ammunition, not specifically provided by the treaty and patently a violation of the treaty spirit.

POWER MONOPOLY DENIED California-Oregon Company Developing Plant of Compco Co. Klamath Falls, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—One hundred men in the employ of the California-Oregon Power company are constructing an additional plant on the Keno power site near here.

The Keno company was recently sold by Kerns Bros., its founders, to Dr. Parker, who, it is generally believed, has leased or sold the system to the California-Oregon Power company, giving them a monopoly in the local field.

Despite the collaborating construction work, George J. Walton, local California-Oregon company manager, denies the merger, and asserts that his company is developing the Keno property in order that the competing power will be in a position to supply power to the California-Oregon Power company in case of interrupted transmission.

PROFITEERING IS CHARGED (Continued From First Page.) per, republican, Kansas, in response to one of inquiry from the senator. Mr. Hoover said the government was primarily responsible for the present situation through the failure to purchase the Cuban crop.

"The present sugar position is due simply to bad business administration," said Mr. Hoover. "Last September the administration had bought the Cuban sugar crop at 6 1/2 cents a pound for raw sugar. This would have given 15-cent sugar to our consumers. As the result of failure to act . . . we are subject to unparalleled speculation and profiteering. The increase in price is imposing an additional tax on our people of about 40 per cent per annum."

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So said Ira Nelson Morris, United States minister at Stockholm, today. Mr. Morris, who has just arrived in Paris, added:

"It is a matter of common knowledge that Swedish manufacturers are building locomotives for Russia and that these engines will be delivered as soon as the resumption of trade intercourse is sanctioned by the entente powers."

Minister Morris said he could not define exactly what Sweden's attitude toward trade with Russia will be if the United States should authorize American concerns to enter Russian markets regardless of the European powers' views.

"For obvious reasons," he remarked, "Sweden's commerce with Germany has fallen to such an extent that there is a strong desire to see Sweden's surplus manufactured products go to the soviet, which are able and willing to pay in gold or platinum. To the best of my belief the Moscow government has between three and six hundred million rubles gold." (A ruble is worth 50 cents normally.)

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