

HARDEN COINSELERS HELP FOR RUSSIA

Attempt to Overthrow Soviets
Thought Mistake.

CREDITS AMONG NEEDS

Three Good Harvests and Rational
Exploitation Necessary to
Make Nation Solvent.

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BERLIN, Aug. 13.—(Special Cable.)

Only one who has listened to a quarrel about the property in one room as the dying man's groans come through the half open door of the next can wholly grasp what this week has meant to the old world. In the front parlor the allied supreme council has hurried along its disputes, while in an obscure back room the feeble voice of diseased Russia was audible only to those who listened attentively.

Europe's chiefs act as if Russia already was dead, but when she revives again Poland, while perhaps keeping her autonomy, will not be able to hold sovereignty over the immense territories now claimed by her. When Russia revives there will be no possibility of restoring Turkish rule in Europe and France no longer will be able to continue her policy of uncontrolled favoritism to Poland. Such a policy inevitably would drive Russia into an alliance with Germany, many against the French republic.

For 27 years an alliance with the Russian empire was the basis of the French foreign policy. Now she patronizes Poland and Turkey, the oldest and bitterest enemies of the Russian people, refusing to heed the melancholy and angry question:

"Do you French really believe that I am dead?"

Death Held Impossible.

A nation of 140,000,000 cannot die. The terrible crisis the Russian people are now experiencing is the last of it. If the world will acknowledge its duty of solidarity in distress, the Russian people have often had to starve under their czars. In a country of great landed estates, where 80 per cent of the land is owned by a few, the ground, there were only six acres for each peasant. After normal harvest the peasants starved for the third of the food for proper nourishment. The state was obliged to appropriate \$75,000,000 to feed the peasants, but at the same time exported quantities of meat, fur, eggs, fash and sugar. The bounties and subsidies given to encourage exports made Russian sugar cheaper and more plentiful in London than in Moscow.

When the bolsheviks came, they gave the land to the peasants, but they took away the strongest men for the army. Since then they have delivered all their produce above the bare necessities, paying them in paper rubles. The peasants have lost their rubles, and the state has lost its rubles. The peasants have no more, hence they cultivate only sufficient land for their family and animals.

Communication Is Stabilized.

Last summer nearly all sections had less than half the food necessary for adults and children. Since then there have been two crop failures. Abundance and fairs are scarcely obtainable and anyone can imagine what has happened since the harvesting sun shriveled the harvest, leaving 20,000,000 literally without bread.

As I have already pointed out in these dispatches, military communism in Russia has been stabilized and the peasants are allowed to trade their excess products. Heretofore, however, the soviets sent as many men into the factories as could be spared. The result was laziness and the ruin and robbery of business. It was impossible to exact intensive work and absolute honesty from men long underfed. Many sought work, while others speculated in the market.

Industry In Private Hands.

Only the great industries in Russia are working now directly for the state and remain nationalized. Unproductive ones have been abandoned and small ones have been leased to corporations. Thus state controlled industry has been largely restored to private enterprise.

The state is abandoning free electricity and of the railways. The transportation, which resulted in enormous waste. Hundreds of thousands of returned war prisoners, while relating their sufferings, nevertheless have changed the minds of many of the Russian people by their stories of how other people live. Today the Russians long for systematic labor and modern technical equipment. Even the military and naval machinery which formerly they called engines of the devil. But everything is lacking—even seed for the next sowing. Even the fireless industries, such as delicately colored carpets, headwork, table cloths, shawls, lacquer boxes, brushes and tapestries are stopped on account of the lack of materials. The only exports possible now are fur and wood.

To import the barest essentials Russia needs enough credits. But after three good harvests and a rational exploitation of her inexhaustible resources, she would be solvent again.

But international aid must not make the mistake of endeavoring to overthrow the soviets or even to displace Lenin, who is dearly loved by the people and whose suppression would throw the country into terrible civil war with pogroms and anarchy reigning.

The reports of Lenin's declining popularity and of his difficulties with Trotsky are inventions. The overworked man, who is now taking a vacation near Moscow, is deeply attached to Trotsky and has named hundreds of villages for him.

Only international intercourse can save Russia. Do not, therefore, quarrel over Turkey, Upper Silesia, war criminals and sanctions notice that the invalid is rising from the couch? Russia is ready to recognize the czar's debts. Russia can become France's ally and bulwark against the remilitarization of Germany.

The great problems in the Pacific cannot be solved without taking Russia into account. Therefore, the duty of statesmen on their pilgrimage to Paris and to Washington is to help Russia to recover.

ALLIES MAY LIFT LID

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represented to outline ways and means whereby a reduction in occupation costs might be devised.

The French premier in a long speech, indulged in some sarcastic utterances regarding Lord Curzon's

reference to German national sentiment. He opposed strongly disavowance of occupation of three Ruhr cities.

"The French government," declared Mr. Briand, "has no intention whatsoever of hurting Germany's national sentiment or maintaining occupation of the Ruhr cities indefinitely. But there also is the national sentiment of France to be taken into account."

Occupation of Duisburg, Ruhrort and Düsseldorf was decided jointly by France, England, Italy and Belgium because of repeated failures of the German government to fulfill its obligations under the Versailles treaty.

Fall Is Held Possible.

He was convinced the Wirth government now was making all efforts to live up to the undertakings entered upon by the London ultimatum, but added:

"The Wirth government may fall; another with more reactionaries tendencies may be formed, and another crisis reached between France and Germany."

The matter, however, was not so pressing, Mr. Briand concluded, that it might not be postponed until the next meeting of the council. All the delegations agreed to this suggestion. Marshal Foch's military committee, after it had been decided to maintain military control in Germany, was entrusted with the task of deciding how such control was to be exercised, whether by commissions on the spot as now is the case or otherwise.

The pending American legislation alluded to in the foregoing dispatch apparently is the bill giving Secretary of the Treasury Mellon wide authority in the matter of refunding foreign loans. American claims against Austria amount to \$24,000,000.

POLES AND GERMANS TO ACT

Problem of Uncertainty in Silesia Is to Be Tackled.

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BERLIN, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Disputed with the supreme council for failing to take a decision as to whether the fate of Upper Silesia should be decided by the League of Nations, the Poles and Germans have decided to settle the problem by a meeting to decide how they can ameliorate the intolerable condition of uncertainty in which they live.

Both sides show a conciliatory spirit. Neither expects the final decision on the problem for months. The meeting is to be held in a hall which has dragged on without decision for nearly a year. Practically every newspaper in Berlin considers the handing over of the Upper Silesia problem to the league of nations as the first step toward inviting Germany into the league.

GERMAN EDITOR COMING

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN TO VISIT UNITED STATES.

Publisher to Make Lecture Tour Speaking on Problems Now Confronting Europe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Maximilian Harden, the German editor and publicist, will pay his first visit to the United States next month. He is booked on the George Washington, sailing September 17. Mr. Harden is well known here through his writings. He has induced efforts for reduction of armaments. Mr. Harden will make a lecture tour under the management of Les Keesick, speaking on such subjects as "The Political Future of Europe" and "The Industrial Future of Europe."

His paper in Berlin, Die Zukunft, was suppressed in 1917 because Harden proclaimed the United States and declared American participation in the war meant freedom for the world. In 1917 his newspaper's "round table" exposures precipitated a scandal involving some of the Kaiser's intimate friends.

Following the ex-Kaiser's flight and the establishment of the republic, Harden resumed publication of his paper and he has been just as outspoken in criticizing republican mistakes as he was in attacks on German militarism.

RAILROAD PEOPLE PICNIC

Fourteen Coaches Carry Big Crowd to Salem for Outing.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—More than 1000 employees of the Southern Pacific company assembled at the state fair grounds here today, where they enjoyed their annual picnic. The programme included athletic sports, games, musicals, stunts, a band concert and a basketball game. An orchestra from Portland furnished music for dancing.

A special train from Portland carried 14 coaches loaded with picnicers, while others came from Roseburg and other sections of the state. The visitors left for their homes late tonight. The committee in charge said the picnic was one of the most successful ever held by the Southern Pacific employees.

31 SIBERIAN DEAD DOCK

Bodies of American Soldiers Arrive in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., Aug. 13.—The bodies of 31 dead American soldiers who died in service in Siberia arrived in Manila today aboard the army transport Merritt. Some of the bodies, it was said, will be sent on to the United States, while others will be buried here.

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HIGHTOWER ACCUSED OF SLAYING PRIEST

Baker Declared Murderer of
Father Heslin.

GIRL BROUGHT INTO CASE

Feeling Against Accused Said to Be
Running High in San Mateo
and Violence Feared.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—William A. Hightower, itinerant baker,

was charged today with the murder of Rev. Patrick Heslin, Colma priest. The complaint was signed by Constable Landini of San Mateo county, where the body was found in a shallow grave on the ocean shore by a party led by Hightower.

Rev. Mr. Heslin was buried today with impressive rites. Thousands attended the services.

A very important link in Hightower's story was broken, the police said, by the denial of Doris Shirley, waitress that she had accompanied him on an automobile trip to San Jose on the night of August 2, three hours before the priest disappeared.

Doris Shirley came from Fresno today, where she was being sought by the police, and she was being sought to add her story to that told by Hightower.

"I met Hightower in Salt Lake City and we came here together," she told today. In the late afternoon of August 2 he had accompanied her to a restaurant, but soon left her, and she did not see him again until after midnight, she said.

Handwriting in Evidence.

Carl Eischenchmel, police department handwriting expert, found close similarity in samples of Hightower's handwriting and the postscript of a letter demanding \$5000 ransom for the priest's return. "I have no hesitation in saying the handwriting is the same," Eischenchmel declared.

From a pawnshop where they were left by Hightower, a belt, holster and three .45-caliber revolver cartridges were recovered today.

The revolver, which fitted the holster, was sold to an unidentified man on Union Square park, San Francisco. Hightower told the police, on August 3, which was the day following the priest's disappearance. The police drew a link between the revolver and the bullet found in Rev. Mr. Heslin's body.

At the end of today's inquiry the police announced that Hightower, who was charged with the murder, was held incommunicado pending resumption of the inquiry.

Feeling Running High.

It has not been decided whether Hightower shall remain in San Francisco or be taken to San Mateo county, where the charge of murder awaits him. Isidor Golden, assistant district attorney, San Francisco, said that he had been asked to exercise removal of Hightower. There have been whisperings that violence might be attempted in San Mateo county, where feeling against Hightower is running high, Golden said.

The prisoner, at first smiling and confident, has become haggard and worn, answering questions reluctantly, and at times even refusing to answer at all.

PRICE FORECAST DENIED

Better Farm Quotations Challenged by Growers' Manager.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—The purpose of the statement issued last night at the White House forecasting better agricultural prices because of effective and proposed reductions in export grain freight rates, was challenged today by Clyde M. Reed of Kansas, manager of the western grain committee, representative of 20 grain-growing states. The committee will appear before the interstate commerce commission beginning Monday to urge reduction in grain rates in the west.

The price of grain is expected to be simply a matter of adjustment to preserve the grain traffic to certain roads. It will not result in actual reduction of freight rates to the producer on export grain.

SCENIC CONFAB TO OPEN

State-Wide Conference in Conservation of Natural Wonders Called.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 13.—Washington state's first state-wide conference on conservation of scenic resources, to be held under the joint

management of the state and the National Park Service, will open today at the White House.

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COTTAGE GROVE IS LIKED

Visitors Plan Permanent Homes in Lane County City.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Other sections of the country are going to lose some of their population. Residents from there continue their visits to Cottage Grove.

Frank Kammerer of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who has been employed for a week in the Mount View neighborhood, plans to cancel the remainder of his contemplated motorcycle trip to California and Minnesota and to remain here.

Mrs. Minnie Kuester of Hutchinson, Or., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. McCarthy, she intends making this her permanent place of residence.

Charles H. Wright of Mattoon, Ill., recently a guest with the family of his brother, J. A. Wright, said Cottage Grove suited him the best of all and left here intending to close out his eastern interests and return.

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