

RUSSIA AGAIN URGES UNITED STATES THAT TREATY BE RENEWED

Petrograd Surprised that Negotiations for Commerce Pact Have Not Started.

NOT TO BUY OF GERMANY

Asserts That America is Only Other Nation Fitted to Supply Needs of Russia.

Petrograd, Nov. 14 (by mail to New York).—The failure of the United States to enter into immediate negotiations for a new trade treaty with Russia is causing considerable surprise in Petrograd.

When more than a month ago officials here understood that preliminary steps would be taken by the United States to sound the Russian foreign office on the subject of trade relations and ascertain whether proposals pointing toward the formulation of a new treaty would be welcome, the minister of foreign affairs took the view that Russia stood ready to receive such proposals, and that they would be received in the most friendly spirit by the Russian government, which was anxious to reopen, or, more properly, to extend, the commercial relations with America.

In the foreign office here it was taken for granted that this would be the preface to immediate action by the United States. According to information from the foreign office, the terms of the new treaty have not been discussed, but it was suggested that these would be most favorable to the United States.

"As evidence of our good faith," said M. Sazonoff, minister of foreign affairs, "we already are allowing America the commercial privileges enjoyed by those countries whose treaties with us contain the most-favored-nation clause. America has here an unparalleled opportunity. Russia offers a wide field for the production of products—machinery, medical apparatus, electrical supplies, etc.—in which America specializes.

Field Lost to Germany.
"The field is lost to Germany. Russia herself cannot hope at once to develop the resources and technical skill necessary to supply these necessities. France and England can help, but they have not the same qualifications as America, which is especially adapted to supplying the Russian market.

"We, therefore, are awaiting with great interest the action of the United States. Until these are made, our attitude cannot be more than one of friendly receptivity. Meanwhile, however, there is no reason why American exports to Russia should not be increased without waiting for the treaty to crystallize.

"It will come eventually, we hope; but it is not now essential as a basis for trading. Without the formal signing of a treaty, we are willing to offer every reasonable concession and encouragement to American merchants. The American exports to this country could be increased tenfold. If the magnitude of the present opportunity was realized in America, there would be no hesitation.

It is pretty well agreed in Russia that whatever the results of the war, the German monopoly of commercial and technical activity is ended, and at the same time it is realized that Russia herself is incapable of furnishing the agricultural machinery and equipment for one-sixth of the habitable globe.

Business Men Favor Plan.
Russian business men argue that France is primarily an agricultural and banking people, that England produces a high grade of articles, which Russia does not require, and that England is too conservative to adapt herself to new or unusual requirements. Thus, by a process of elimination, the consensus of opinion is that America is the country which must step into the breach left by the Germans.

This conclusion is further strengthened by the analogy between America and Russian territory and variety of climate. That is to say, the kind of machinery required by conditions in America is similar to that needed by Russia.

This agitation has not been without results. Recently a Russian-American company has been organized in Petrograd to stimulate commerce between the two countries, and from America there has come a list of articles which could be supplied. These tally exactly with the articles of which Russia is in immediate need.

Has Son in Hood River. Boston, Mass., Nov. 23.—J. Arthur Beebe, a retired wool merchant, was dead of heart failure here today. The only survivor of the family is Charles Beebe, who lives at Hood River, Or.

THE BATTLE LINE IN WESTERN EUROPE TODAY



WHAT WILL WILSON DO FOR A SUMMER WHITE HOUSE IN '15?

Lease on Cornish, N. H., Place Among the Pines Will Expire Next Year.

By Burton K. Standish.
(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 23.—What to do for a summer White House next year is a problem which President Wilson must soon face. His lease on the Harkness House in the Cornish, N. H., expires this year, and whether he will see fit to renew it is a secret which he alone shares. His closest friends believe he will select some other place. Moreover, in various sections of the country there are movements afoot to erect or select a permanent summer White House.

As far as President Wilson is concerned the problem of getting such a place causes him little concern. But next year, with only a short session of Congress in sight, he may have more opportunity than heretofore for vacating. This season he has been able to take only a piecemeal vacation. On these occasions he has elected to go to Harkness House, where his family has sojourned for several months. And the trips have done him good, brief though they were.

Monticello Can Be Bought.
The latest proposal for a summer White House is "Monticello," Thomas Jefferson's old home in Virginia. Representative Levy's willingness to sell this place to the government for \$500,000 dollars has suggested the idea that it would make an excellent spot for presidents to sojourn in their off moments. Perhaps the chief advantage of such a scheme would be the accessibility of the place from Washington. In times when the president was not here, it could be a mecca for tourists—as it has been under private ownership.

Another suggestion for a summer residence of the presidents is the construction of a home at Mount Weather, Va. A government reservation, only a short distance from the capital, this spot would be ideal either as a summer home, or as week end vacation place. The president there need not feel that he is "off the job," for the nearness to Washington would make it possible for him to get back to the capital on the shortest notice.

Estimates by backers of Mount Weather show that a permanent summer White House could be constructed there at comparatively small cost.

While Mount Weather is south of the Mason and Dixie line, the heat of a southern summer is unknown there. The government has a weather observation station on this reservation, and its officials say that it is cool and pleasant throughout the heated term. The view from this eminence is scarce-

ly to be surpassed throughout the country.

Still another elaborate plan for a mansion to house presidents in their vacation periods is the offer of private individuals to construct at Mount Falcon, Colo., an elaborate home. Pictures drawn from architects' tentative plans show this as almost a castle—fit for a mediæval baron or king, but almost too ornate for a Democratic president.

While Denver's public spirited citizens are seeing that the Mount Falcon scheme gets the widest publicity, friends of President Wilson here consider the idea fantastic. The chief argument against this scheme is that it is too far from the base of operations. Four days would be consumed in traveling each way.

Thus far the seashore resorts have made no bid for attention, but in the minds of many here the president has a preference for the mountains for a vacation spot, although as a Jerseyite he cannot fail to appreciate the joys of life by the shore playgrounds.

At any rate, while solicitous people throughout the country are trying to pick President Wilson's vacation place for him next summer, he is merely considering it incidentally. Later he will give it more serious thought, if he finds that the coming summer offers him the chance of a long and much-needed rest.

JEW IN JERUSALEM DECLARED TO BE ON VERGE OF STARVATION

Income From Tourists and Funds Received From European Countries Cut Off.

BIG FUND TO BE RAISED

Chicago Hebrews Have Started to Secure \$1,000,000 for Relief Purposes.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 28.—Chicago has become the center of a world wide campaign by the Jews to raise \$1,000,000 for the relief of the 100,000 members of their race who are starving in Jerusalem, and for the aid of other European war sufferers. With their income from tourists and the funds they have been receiving from the Jews of European countries cut off by the war, the inhabitants of the city famed in Biblical history, two-thirds of whom are Jews, are in the direst need. The commonest necessities of life are lacking.

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dent of the Independent Order of B'nai Brith, a Jewish social organization. The call for contributions from the funds of North America first came from Copenhagen, Denmark, where the presence of so many Russian refugees taxed the resources of the organization beyond its strength.

Plan to Have Charge.
In the United States and Canada there are 400 lodges of the B'nai Brith with more than 30,000 members. The contributions will be in charge of Mr. Kraus and the various funds will be distributed to the nations designated by the contributors.

"The B'nai Brith is organized in all European countries except Russia," said Mr. Kraus, "and when war was declared hospitals were opened by the nation in which they were located. Thus we have a hospital maintained in London, while the handsome club-houses of the organization in Berlin, Vienna and Prague have also been turned into hospitals."

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"The money we collect will be carefully sent to the nation designated by the contributing lodges. For instance, funds from Canada will go to England, and money from our Russian lodges will go to Russia. We have no lodges in Russia, as the government does not permit them. The Jewish assistance to Jerusalem, where thousands of Jews are starving to death, is the Holy Land is full of religious enthusiasts who have gone there with the avowed intention of dying in that land. These people were supported by the charity of European religious enthusiasts. This support has now become impossible and we have received many letters telling of the pitiful situation, especially in Jerusalem. One letter from there told us no bank would handle a foreign currency draft and that American paper money was selling for 75 cents on the dollar."

Would Aid the Refugees.
"Hospitals which are caring for the wounded soldiers are not in great need of financial help, even where those institutions have been equipped and maintained by private organizations, as the governments will aid materially. Our greatest care is to send assistance to the refugees—Belgians driven out of their country, Poles driven out of Lemberg into German Austria, and the Jews of Jerusalem. As the Jews of the United States have already contributed heavily to the Red Cross fund, none of this money will be used for that purpose."