

# BOLSHEVIKI LACK APPRECIATION OF VIEWPOINT OF U. S.

Statement Shows, Trotsky and Supporters Believe They Are Internationally at Bay.

## STATESMANSHIP IS NEEDED

Immediate Work by Western Leaders Necessary to Prevent Permanent Antagonism.

By J. W. T. Mason  
New York, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Leon Trotsky's remarkable statement to the United Press on Russia's foreign relations shows that the Bolshevik government believes it is internationally at bay, struggling for its own ideals of extreme democracy against a world of enemies.

To help Russia at this time, it is primarily necessary to know the Russian government's point of view. Trotsky has now supplied it. He is wrong about America's reasons for being in the war; but America has been wrong about the character of the Bolshevik leaders. America saw the mistake first; the Bolsheviks have not yet realized theirs.

**Bolsheviks Winning Support**  
Trotsky's vehement denunciation of the western democracies reveals the nervous tremor and wailing offensive of a wounded animal fighting for its life against the pack. Trotsky shows that Russia thinks it has been stabbed by its democratic allies for their own benefit. The news cannot have penetrated Russia that the Bolsheviks are winning American opinion to their side by the highest test of all—the test of results.

Trotsky's plea that the Allies join the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, as proof of their sincerity, cannot be accepted. The western nations see more clearly than do the Bolsheviks that the German militarists would become dominant if their demand for a secret conference were granted.

**Work for Western Statesmen**  
Trotsky's present power over the people of the central empires is due very largely to the absence of allied statesmen from Brest-Litovsk. The isolation of the Bolsheviks has permitted the Teutonic masses to believe there is no trick for any nation's undoing concealed in Trotsky's new kind of democracy.  
It is practically certain that if Trotsky measured his words more carefully than he has done in his statement to the United Press there would be no internal disturbances at this time in Austria-Hungary and Germany. Trotsky's open diplomacy must be understood anew. It would be a catastrophe if the old western spirit of democracy arising in the east were to become permanently antagonistic. There is immediate work here for western statesmanship.

### TROTSKY'S VIEWS ON WAR AIMS SET FORTH

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onomy to the nationalities within the dual monarchy but not their independence, thus hoping to divorce the dual monarchy from the central alliance.  
"Mr. Wilson's latest formula was dictated primarily by the important fact that America does not seek territorial aggrandizement but is strengthening preparation for her own imperialism. The problem of the American class is to obtain the weakening of both im-

## BOLSHEVIK MINISTER



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*Leon Trotsky*

Leon Trotsky, foreign minister of the Bolshevik government of Russia, who says American and British aims in the war are too imperialistic to suit him.

perialistic sides in the European conflict in order to make American capitalism the heir of European capitalism. That is why the praise bestowed upon us by Mr. Wilson, when only two weeks before the American and entente press called us German agents, has not called out from our side the enthusiastic response expected.

"At any rate we believe if Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George really sought a quick peace, through their latest formula, they should have shown it by consenting to join in general peace negotiations.

"Only by such participation could they have knocked out of the hands of the German government the main weapon by which it maintains internal discipline.

"The refusal of the entente to join in negotiations enabled the German government to show its workmen that America, France and England desire Germany and therefore Germany must fight to the end.

"On the other hand, the participation of all the warring lands in the negotiations would have created such a peace sentiment among the peoples that it would have made impossible a renewal of war after the long welcomed armistice and would have forced a negotiated, democratic peace.  
"Any attempt to renew the war after negotiations would undoubtedly result in the overthrow of all the governments. That is why the entente fought shy of our invitation to join the general peace negotiations.  
"They hope still to crush the central empires and they do not desire to sacrifice their own imperialistic ambitions."  
At this point I asked:  
"But isn't President Wilson's latest formula, despite the refusal to join in general negotiations, a step forward?"  
"Inasmuch as the other warring coun-

tries refused to join in general peace negotiations, their formulas have no real value and are mere scraps of paper," replied Trotsky. "They may be reduced to practically nothing by the fact that their attitude gives the German imperialists carte blanche to satisfy their appetites at Russia's expense and then seek a compromise agreement with their other enemies."  
"Mr. Lloyd George, in one of his recent speeches, practically expressed this thought by a threat against Russia.  
"Therefore, we regard the German demands given us at Brest-Litovsk as coming directly from Germany, but silently approved by the governments of the entente."

"What effect would the entrance of the entente to the negotiations at the present moment have?" I asked.

"If the allies should announce their willingness to join in negotiations for the purpose of establishing a general, democratic peace, it would immediately call out a colossal response from Austria and Germany," Trotsky replied, continuing:  
"We are conducting our negotiations so as to enable the entente to join at any moment."

I then asked:  
"Will Russia conclude an annexationist, imperialistic peace, should the allies fail to join in the negotiations, the European workers not respond to Russia's call for help and the central empires seek to force their imperialistic demands?"  
The foreign minister replied:  
"In that case we will act in accordance with the interests of revolutionary Russia."  
He refused to elucidate his answer.

Thereupon I asked:  
"How will this attitude of the allies regarding the latest Russian actions

against Roumania influence your policy?"  
"The attitude of the allied ambassadors at Petrograd is not able to influence the situation," he replied, "as we are unconcerned because, with Roumania shooting up our troops and seizing our provinces, we and she virtually are in a state of war."  
Despite his repeated refusal to see newspaper men since his return from Brest-Litovsk, I succeeded in reaching the foreign minister after the passage of numerous armed guards. His office is located in a remote corner of the top floor of the gloomy, huge, yellowish Smolny Institute.  
Trotsky was manifestly overworked and nervous. He consented to the interview only after being assured of the interest of the American people in the fate of the Russian revolution and the liberty of the Russian people.  
Throughout the interview, he maintained his usual tone of revolutionary pride and his fond hope that the democracies and peoples of the world ultimately will come to the aid of Russia in her desperate struggle to achieve a democratic peace and reach the road of peaceful development.

### TROTSKY INFLUENCED, IT IS BELIEVED, BY UNFAVORABLE WORDS

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today read the Brest-Litovsk interview with Leon Trotsky, replying to the Wilson-Lloyd George war aims speeches.

While no reply was forthcoming from either the White House or the state department, it is likely possible the president may, in the near future, take occasion to answer certain points brought out by Trotsky.

It is obvious, officials declared, that Trotsky has not yet appreciated that this country is trying in the fullest measure to help in Russia. His reply was received with bitterness in some high official quarters. It was pointed out that Trotsky's vision had been blurred by unfavorable press comment in this country and England, despite the fact that the American government has never countenanced such an attitude. The interview emphasizes, it was added, that Lloyd George committed a blunder in his speech, virtually stating that Russia's future was her own concern, now that she has undertaken separate peace with Germany.  
It was largely to counteract the influence of this statement that President Wilson shortly afterward addressed congress, declaring this country is determined to help Russia, whatever she does.

Entente diplomats, upon reading the interview, declared Trotsky's interpretation of the Wilson-Lloyd George addresses "is the inevitable result of the distorted Bolshevik perspective, which is based upon an attitude of distrust."  
At the Russian embassy it was held to be evidence that Trotsky has suffered from loss of tact as a result of anger brought on by refusal of the allied governments to recognize him, the attitude of Finland and Roumania and the stinging action of Germany in meeting his peace offers with demands for added territory.

**California Attorney Is Convicted**  
San Francisco, Feb. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Arthur Crane, San Francisco attorney, who has been on trial for using the mails to defraud, was found guilty by a jury in Federal Judge Dooling's court Thursday afternoon. Crane was accused of claiming to possess "Christ power" in healing the sick and bringing success to his subscribers.  
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**Woman Spy Suspect Ends Life**  
Bristol, S. D., Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Jeanie Anderson, who said she was a German spy, today shot and killed herself in a hotel to avoid being held for investigation. Authorities think the war and approaching motherhood unbalanced her mind. Her parents and husband are believed to live in Sioux Falls.

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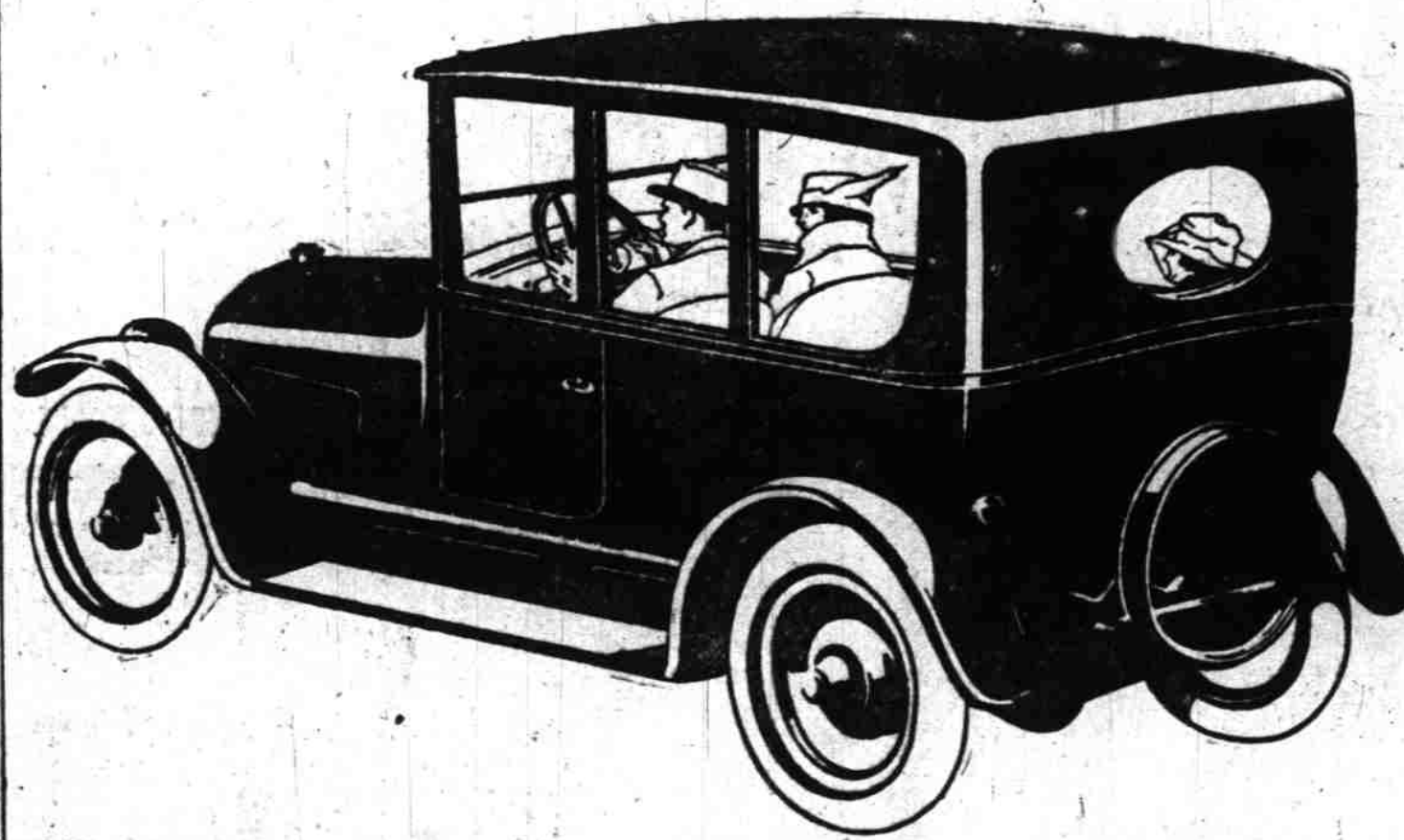
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