

# Peace Terms Intended to Turn Germans Into Race of Helots, Says Johann Giesberts

## 'GERMANY WON'T SIGN,' DECLARES PEACE DELEGATE

Will Not Resist Allies Who Can Invade Germany and Do as They Please With the People.

### PREDICTS RUSSIAN ALLIANCE

Allies Driving Germany Into Arms of Bolsheviki, He Says; Passive Attitude Is Favored.

By Ben Hecht  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
Berlin, Germany, May 15.—(Delayed)—Johann Giesberts, one of the six German peace delegates who returned from Versailles to Berlin, said today: "We will not sign the peace terms as they stand. They are impossible. We have no intention of signing such a peace for Germany as the entente offers now. If the entente refuses to change the terms we will end the negotiations and return to Berlin."  
"And then?" I asked.  
"The future is immaterial," answered Giesberts. "If the entente desires it can march into Germany. If the French desire they can kill 10,000,000 of us. If England wishes it can starve what remains of us out of existence. Such eventualities are more to be desired than the fate of Germany under the peace offered by the allies."  
**WOULD ENSLAVE GERMANS**  
"What do you most object to in the terms?"  
"The terms themselves," said Giesberts. "The whole peace treaty has been made with such a refinement of diabolic malignity that it would reduce the Germans to slaves of the world and helots for all time if it was signed. The treaty proposes to make Germany unable to feed more than half its population by depriving it of its resources. With its resources it ran its factories. With the money made from the factories Germany bought food for some 30,000,000 people from the outside world. The terms taking away our resources and demanding on top of that indemnities which we could only pay if we utilized every inch of our resources are a venemous absurdity. Germany was prepared to pay but the rapaciousness of the entente and the merciless determination of the French to exterminate Germany's future have ruined any possibility of real peace and real payment."

**WILL NOT FIGHT**  
"Will Germany offer the entente armies armed resistance if they march in?"  
"No," said Herr Giesberts. "Militarism is dead. We will not fight. The entente will find that it cannot repeat what it calls the 'Crime of Belgium' and be hailed as Knights of Democracy at the same time."  
I asked several questions, endeavoring to find out what the German plans were. Herr Giesberts parried most of these questions but finally said:  
"The situation forces Germany to look forward to an alliance with the only nation not in a conspiracy to exterminate it—Russia. An alliance with Russia is one of the immediate possibilities if the entente does not humanize or at least make practical its peace terms. Speaking of humanity, tell me how does America reconcile its humanitarian and

democratic ideals with this obvious effort to enslave 70,000,000 people in such a manner as a people were never enslaved before since Rome conquered Carthage?"  
I replied that I did not know. Giesberts then spoke of his visit in Versailles. "On the whole," he said, "the French were more curious than bitter toward us. One woman in the street threw a nut at me and cried, 'Here, you Boche, I bet you are hungry.' The officials without exception were cool, reserved, and correct."  
I asked Herr Giesberts if he knew that officers were taking a poll of the soldiers in the new government troops, inquiring how many of them were ready to return to the west front. He replied that he had heard nothing of it and that any move by the military clique for the resumption of the war was bound to fail. Herr Giesberts is one of the leaders of the strong center party. He returns to Versailles in a day.

**PEOPLE ARE PARADING**  
On the way from his office I collided with a second huge anti-peace terms demonstration on Koenig Platz. I watched 5000 school children carrying flags and singing the "Watch on the Rhine" and "Deutschland Uber Alles" march by. Following them came about 50,000 men and women singing and cheering. At intervals the procession bore placards protesting against the "enslaving peace" and calling upon the government not to sign it.

**British Annihilate Bolshevik Warship**  
London, May 20.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Helingsford Monday reported that three British cruisers engaged five Bolshevik warships off the harbor of Puumala in the Gulf of Finland, sinking one, most of the crew being lost. The British warships are reported to have encountered the Russians after the latter had bombarded the ports of Puumala, Krahna and Jagorka.

**Polish-Ukrainian Armistice Idea Falls**  
Paris, May 20.—Attempts to conclude an armistice between the Poles and Ukrainians have proved unsuccessful. Premier Paderewski of Poland will return to Paris this week.

**Ukrainians Protest Against Invasion of Their Land by Poles**  
Stockholm, Sweden, May 20.—I learn that the chief of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission here has delivered to Herr Hellner, the Swedish foreign minister, the following protest against the Polish invasion of the non-Bolshevist region of the Ukraine:  
"In my note of May 7 I had the honor of drawing your esteemed government's attention to the menace of the Polish attack on the Ukraine during the latter's campaign against Bolshevism because this attack is a voluntary act on Poland's part against which the entente powers have not protested, simply because they are in ignorance of it. But now I have received information from the Ukrainian minister in Berlin that at an audience with the inter-allied mission there, headed by General Duro, the latter declared that the entente powers had not forbidden General Haller of the Polish army to throw his troops against the Ukraine instead of against the Bolsheviki. As this conflicts with President Wilson's telegram about the cessation of hostilities between the Poles and Ukrainians, I consider it my duty again to approach your excellency with the request that the attention of the entente be called to the situation and that the Poles be asked not to march against Ukraine. Our country is not in a position to fight on two fronts against the Bolsheviki and the Poles simultaneously, especially as the latter receive the entente support. The advance of the Bolsheviki into the Ukraine, which is the only land where Bolshevism does not have some roots among the people, threatens Europe in general and Poland in particular."  
"On this account I have the honor to ask your excellency to bring to the knowledge of your esteemed government the urgent request of the Ukrainian people's republic that the Poles may be forbidden to march against the Ukrainians. This applies especially to General

Haller's divisions. I have the honor to justify their pretensions by serious arguments. The protocols of the Vienna and Berlin congresses are extremely valuable collections.  
"It is impossible to understand why these precedents have not been followed. The present crisis and also the prodigious loss of time would have been avoided if, then, the five and then the four have preferred not only to discuss in secret but to leave no trace of their deliberations. They have not had any secretaries to record them. They have talked interminably. They have broached and agitated all questions without putting anything on paper. They resume on one day what they had settled the day before. They protest against language attributed to them on the outside. As nothing is written they can deny everything and begin everything over again."  
"After four months of negotiations one can count on the fingers of one hand the written declarations which have emanated from them. They have been afraid to let their opinions and arguments be known. One would say that they were conspiring. We foresee the results of this method when the four installed themselves on Sinal. They thought they would be able to extricate themselves from difficulties by surrounding themselves with clouds. On the contrary this is just the time to emerge into daylight. Having noted the conflicting views between themselves they should have confined themselves to formulating and justifying their opinions in writing. The most untenable arguments would thus have been swept aside. Even though no agreements were reached material for arbitration would have been prepared."  
"The four months which have gone by have served only to confuse questions instead of clarifying them. The representatives of the allied and the associated powers had from November 11 to January 18 to study the conference program and prepare their conversations. On January 18 each delegation should have placed its memorandum and supplementary documents on the conference table. The questions could then have been examined one after another, a careful record of each meeting being kept. The delegates would have had intervals between the sessions for the indispensable confidential conversations. But once in meeting they should have assumed responsibility for their words and formulated declarations destined to be recorded in the protocol. Oppositions would thus, have been revealed. It is true, but they were inevitable. They have not been attenuated by dissimulating them. On the contrary public outbreaks have been provoked."  
"In the present state of things neither parliaments nor peoples have authentic documents at their disposition. They have to content themselves with the verbal declarations of their government ministers. There is not even material for a yellow book. This creates an atmosphere charged with electricity whence a storm may burst at any moment."

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## AUGUST GAUVAIS FEARS TOO MUCH SECRECY EXISTS

Not Scrap of Paper Which Registers Expression of Opinions of Any Delegate to Conference.  
By Paul Scott Mowrer  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
Paris, May 20.—That the present conference is not only the most secret but probably the most hushy peace assembly ever held is the affirmation of Auguste Gauvais in the Journal des Debats. This veteran journalist and student of diplomatic procedure writes:  
"It is an unheard of thing which posterity will hardly be able to believe that the peace conference has kept no record of its meetings except in the public sessions where nothing has been discussed. Since January 18, the date of the solemn opening, not one of its members has been able to have his opinions registered which it was his mission to express. At the congress of Vienna, the congress of Berlin and the conferences at The Hague as well as all other known conferences protocols have been drawn, sometimes even voluminous, in which could be found the substance of the opinions, suggestions, propositions and counter propositions of the various states. It was not a stenographic record as in a parliament but everything essential was written down, each member of the assembly having the right moreover to correct or modify the text of his declarations. This traditional procedure was consecrated by long experience. It enabled each government to explain its viewpoint, make its objections, support or oppose various

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The mystery of the sheep killing parrots is further elucidated by Godfrey Turner, who writes from the New Zealand convalescent camp at Hororochu, Essex. He says that the kea is the bird under indictment for sheep killing.  
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ground will let you get right up to it and will play with a button on a string or with the corner of a handkerchief. They have no sense and will stand when their mates are killed.  
"We are used to the imported pest, and to the fading out of our native birds. The kea is home reared and more terrible than any emigrant. It is spreading swiftly. Thirty-five years ago the parrot was only in the high country of Otago, and the mountain shepherds of the Hawkdun had a legend of a bird which killed a sheep. Twenty-five years ago it was seen on St. James and St. Helens, but was unknown on the plains or on hill station 40 miles away. Today it has been seen in Blenheim; it ventures to the plains and flies shrieking over Hanmer springs. At one point by the public road between Culverden and Hanmer, it slew 70 sheep in a night. Where I was working in 1917, it killed seven Corriedale rams—the strongest sheep in the world—between the dusk and dawn, within 100 yards of the homestead windows. We believe that it kills more sheep than the snow—that it has caused the losses we have put down to the weather in past years."  
"Today we do not know male kea from female. We do not know whether they are birds of the night or day. They kill at any time. I have heard them in heavy bush and seen them among rock peaks and above ice. No nests has ever been found. We do not know when or how they breed, as we have not seen any young birds that we know of. So things stood 18 months ago."  
Mr. Turner goes on to say that "high taxes, high price of stores and material, high wages and uncertain labor market are all against the wool grower. The kea may well prove the deciding factor."

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