Ministerial Conference Gathers at Stockholm to Discuss the Scandinavian Issues

NEUTRAL NATIONS MUST TAKE SHARE OF WAR BURDENS

Help for Baltic Provinces Discussed by Swedes, Danes and Norwegians; Hoover Gives Hint

FARMERS ARE WAXING RICH

Altruism Not Practiced Toward Their Brethren in Cities, Where War Prices Pinch.

By Bassett Digby

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Stockholm, Sweden, June 7.—A Scandinavian ministerial conference has begun here in King Gustaf's castle to make the most momentous foreign political decisions hitherto emanating from a group of Scandinavian statesmen. Among those in attendance are the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish prime and foreign ministers. The Norwegian and Danish delegations are staying at the palace as the king's guests. Though no communique has yet specified the program or agenda and though naturally extreme secrecy is observed concerning the views exchanged, I learn through diplomatic channels that a stand will be taken on the League of Nations problem after considering reports on the attitude of Holland, Switzerland and Spain.

WILL FRAME POLICY

Sweden and Norway will define the nature of their aspirations in Spitzbergen so that no friction between them will subsequently arise when they meet other nations to arrange the various spheres of influence there. The Russian outlook and the developments in Courland, Lithuania, Lettland and Esthonia will be discussed and a mutual Scandinavian policy in the East will be framed and outlined. Notes will be compared on the social unrest and means for minimizing it will be considered. A stand will be taken as to the relations with Finland and the possibilities of cementing her to the Scandinavian bloc.

Not the least interesting subject, I understand, is the feasibility of mutual Scandinavian action being taken to afford substantial and practical assistance to the distressed Southeast Baltic seaboard countries. They want food and grain seed badly in order bit by bit to stabilize their economic situation. Uncle Sam's broad shoulders are beginning to feel the enormous burden of looking after so many lands in distress. It is too heavy, and Mr. Hoover feels that Scandinavia is not carrying her weight in repairing the war's ravages in the Southeast Baltic regions. Intimations to that effect have recently been conveyed to the governments concerned.

FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS

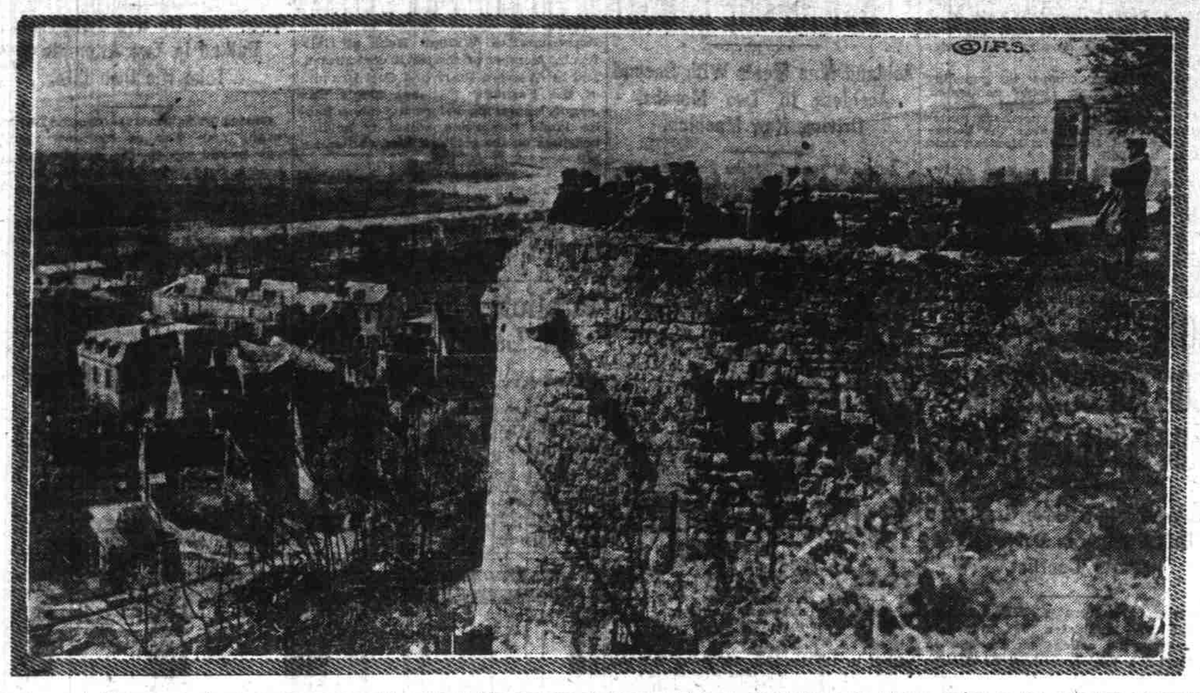
Though Scandinavian official and professional classes and persons dependent upon small fixed incomes from investments suffered and still suffer severely from the effects of the war it is undeniable that the farmers count it a godsend and today enjoy a prosperity undreamed of five years ago. Hitherto these farmers have not distinguished themselves for conspicuous altruism or their fraternally helpful attitude toward the hard hit city dwellers in their own lands. Far less have they shown any perceptible tendency toward holding out the helping hand to their famine stricken, war ravaged Southeast Baltic neighbors.

An unfavorable record could be compiled of their callousness toward the cities. A recent case was that of the action of a Swedish rural district which day after day milked its cows but poured the milk down a drain rather than send it to the children of Stockholm, for they wanted a higher price than they had successfully obtained. Scandinavian farmers without doubt possess superfluities that could be spared and which many Swedes, Norwegians and Danes with a social conscience think ought to be spared to help out the destitute Southeast Baltic neighbors struggling for the wherewithal to get their devastated farms into going order again. The governments are now seeing what can be done to come into line with the United States in relief work of this kind.

Paderewski Says Britain Threatened

London, June 7.—Premier Paderewski of Poland is authority for the statement that England threatend to alter the western frontier of Poland in favor of Germany unless the Polish offensive in East Galicia is halted, said a Central News dispatch from Cracow Friday. Poland was promised a large slice of East Prussian territory for a corridor to the port of Danzig. M. Paderewski is now in Paris.

CONGRESSMEN VISIT BATTLE FIELDS WHERE BOYS MADE HISTORY



Members of the congressional party on the old walls of the chateau at Chateau-Thierry, overlooking the Marne valley in the direction of Paris. It was here that our brave boys made history.

ARMY ACTIVITY ON BIG INCREASE WITHIN GERMANY

Railroad Line to Osnabruck Is Closed to All Except Military Traffic, So Officials Learn.

By Junius B. Wood

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Coblenz, Germany, June 7.—Signs of a resumption of military activity in Germany greater than at any other time since the armistice was signed have been detected in recent days. A careful scanning of German country newspapers by a corps of translators organized by Colonel Richard I. Williams, head of the Third army intelligence section, while not showing a general wave of enlistments indicates a noticeable increase over last week. The general tone of the German press is that the counter proposal to the terms of peace offers "righteous democratic peace terms" and more cannot be offered. Some of the Pan-Germanist newspapers declare that the counter proposals make more concessions than are required.

The great railroad line from Berlin to Osnabruck and Munster is reported to be closed to all except military traffic. The "iron" marine brigade has been transferred from Berlin to Kiel whence it came in March. The Lubowitz group of Noske's army is also reported to be moving. Despite the former indications of preparations for a withdrawal from the Ruhr district the closing of the railroad to civilian traffic clears the way for troop movements westward.

"Beyond question the German war ministry now has in full progress preparations for the disposition of German troops in the event that the treaty is not signed," says an intelligence report of the American army of occupation. "Previous evidence indicated a general policy to withdraw troops from the Rhine without opposing an allied advance while opposing the Polish advance in the east. However, the evidence is still insufficient to justify such a conclusion."

Notices have been printed in the Cassel district preparatory to being sent out at once calling to the colors men up to the age of 35 years. The guard, cavalry and schuetzen (rifle) corps in Berlin with a strength of between 20,000 and 30,000 men is being increased.

Wilson Expected Home by July 1

Paris, June 7. — An apparently well founded report as to President Wilson's plans is that he expects to return to the United States in time to confer with his cabinet before July 1. The president is said to be greatly concerned over the news of the bomb plots in America.

Dead Heroes Remembered

A. E. F. Graves Decorated

By Junius B. Wood

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Coblenz, Germany, May 29. — (Delayed.)—The attention of the expedition is being given to the graves of the fallen comrades who are in the thoughts of thousands of Americans with loved ones buried on foreign soil. Today not a single grave fails to receive attention no matter what country it lies in. Those at home may possibly be interested in an extract from a letter written by Miss Natalie V. Scott of New Orleans, a Red Cross worker, in response to the request of an officer to visit the grave of a man buried at Beauvais at the time when the First division was fighting at Cantigny. It reads:

"I went to see our boys' little cemetery on the hill today. It is a beautiful place and is fairly ablaze with flowers. The white crosses with the names can hardly be seen on account of the vines which twine over them. All sorts of sweetly solemn thoughts went through my head—that the memories of those heroes were blossoming like the flowers, sweet, fragrant flowers, rarely bright in color and rarely luxuriant because the fine men were calling through the flowers and the air seemed vibrant with their personalities as the scene was brilliant with the color of the blossoms. I wish that the mothers who suffered so much might have the sweet solace of seeing the place. I felt that the link between them and all America with their courage will be so magnificent that it recognizes nothing as a sacrifice when over the graves of this sacred spot one's consciousness merges into the glorious national spirit of America. 'Let us join the choir invisible of those immortal souls who live again. The world is brighter by their presence.' Just as the flowers in which these souls live again brighten the material world so their spirits live again in a world made brighter by the ideas of the civilization which they died to sustain."

Y. M. C. A. AND KOLCHAK GOVERNMENT REACH AN AMICABLE AGREEMENT

Association Will Withdraw Entirely From Russian Army to Aid Civilians in Siberia.

By Paul R. Wright

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Omsk, Russia, May 28, via Pekin, June 6. — The Young Men's Christian association and the Kolchak government has reached an amicable agreement by which the association withdraws entirely from the Russian army to work with civilians in Siberian cities and also in Russian towns when the way is opened. Undoubtedly the association is the victim of anti-American propagandists, including Japanese and others, and some of the secretaries seem to have lacked tact and adaptability, thus giving their enemies an easier mark.

The shortage in all kinds of goods is acute. The shelves in the Siberian stores are almost bare and in the recovered Russian cities it is still worse. Clothes, shoes and canned fruits are held at especially prohibitive prices. Japanese materials rule. American goods not being on the market. The Americans here have woolens and furs, but need light summer garments, as the days are 24 hours long and the weather is oppressively hot.

Magazines reaching here tell of Americans who approve of bolshevism "without violence." This is absurd. There is no such thing, and even Russian social democrats who defend violence when it is needed, turn from bolshevism for using violence on all occasions and when it is not needed. It is so far impossible to see any compromise between American ideals and bolshevism. It is a finish fight. This is a poor time for benevolently muddled thinking.

The military situation is more favorable. Ufa is believed to be safe, though it was endangered for many days.

Hun General Talks Of Dark Days Ahead

Sopenhagen, June 7.—At a review of German troops in front of the police station in Berlin, General von Luttwitz addressed the soldiers, expressing the hope that "their morale would be maintained for the serious days to come," said a dispatch from Berlin today. The officer declared that the troops should defend the government.

Towers, Plane Chief, Is Ordered to Paris

Washington, June 7. — Commander John H. Towers of the navy transatlantic seaplanes, Friday was detached from his command upon recommendation of Admiral Benson, as navy representative with the peace commission. Towers will report at the conference.

Ambassador Morris' Memorial Day Talk Is Very Impressive

By A. W. Curtis

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Kobe, Japan, May 31 (Delayed).—The visit here yesterday of Ambassador Roland S. Morris to deliver an address on Memorial day not only delighted the American residents, but impressed the members of the allied nationalities. The celebration was under the auspices of the American association, and all American graves in the old and new cemeteries were decorated. The principal ceremony was in the old cemetery in the afternoon. The Japanese authorities made excellent arrangements to insure easy approach during the celebration. Consul Robert Frazer acted as chairman, and Dr. Newton, dean of the Kwansei gakuin (school) of the Southern Methodist mission, offered the invocation.

After the national hymns of America, France, England and Japan had been played by the orchestra, the hymns "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" were sung by the entire audience. Then came the most able, stirring and inspiring address ever delivered here by Ambassador Morris, who showed his power as an orator. On Thursday night Mr. Morris, and also former Ambassador Horace Porter, were guests of the American residents of Kobe at a banquet in the Oriental hotel. It was a memorable gathering of more than 100 persons, and the program included speeches by Morris and Porter.

Sanction of Senate Given Vocation Bill

Washington, June 7.—Senator Kenyon's bill providing for vocational training and rehabilitation for discharged soldiers, sailors and marines was passed by the senate Friday.

ESTHONIAN THRUST INTO RUSSIA JUST LONG SHOT GAMBLE

Only Possible Hope of Success Is Inducing Wholesale Desertions From Bolshevik Army.

FAILURE SPELLS DISASTER

Food May Be Used as Bait to Attract Reds, Some of Whom Are Said to Have Deserted Already.

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Stockholm, Sweden, June 7. — Leon Trotzky is massing an enormous number of troops to meet the thrust from Esthonia. Passenger traffic on all the railways leading from central Russia has been stopped to let troop trains pass. The initial success of the Esthonian thrust was due to surprise and the speedy landing of a force put ashore under the guns of entente warships on the west coast of Luga bay.

No British, French, American, Italian or Belgian troops are in the ranks of the advancing army, the spearhead of which is a Russian force under Colonel Balakhanov. The unexpectedness of the thrust is demonstrated by the fact that even the American minister, Ira Nelson Morris, did not know 10 days ago that it was pending.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

The advance is two-headed. The southern column has been hurrying eastward along the Jamburg-Gatchina railway. It is now only a few kilometers outside of Gatchina and is beginning to turn north on a beeline for Petrograd. Its path, however, is barred by the strong hill forts at Krasnoe Selo, on which the Bolsheviki are reported to be falling back. The northern column is trying to envelop the Krasnya Gorka fortress and cut it off from the Oranienbaum coast road to Petrograd.

Within 50 miles of the present front Trotzky is believed to have massed at least fifteen soldiers to each one of the advancing anti-Bolshevist force. This anti-Bolshevist thrust is a "snowball" movement pure and simple. There is no pretense the present force can reach, take and hold Petrograd by its own exertions. Everything depends upon the calculation that as it advances Trotzky's troops will mutiny and desert and that a large proportion of the prisoners captured will be found to be anti-Bolshevist in sentiment and will readily side with the allies.

SHIPS MAY BE USED

Unless the Kronstadt forces also surrender it is likely that the entente battleships will have to be brought into action against them. If the "snowball" succeeds in attracting more and more troops as it advances we shall in all probability send in food ships. In that case it is a gamble whether the knowledge of the presence of plenty of food will induce the rest of the Red army to mutiny against Trotzky or whether the largely superior number of troops at Trotzky's disposition, if they are not needed for parrying the Kolchak and northern thrusts, will possess a sufficiently good morale to be thrown against Petrograd.

ALL BIG GAMBLE

If the "snowball" meanwhile fails to increase the numbers of the advancing army, disaster to it is almost inevitable. Diplomatic and lay experts here are following the Russian operations with the keenest interest. While expressing themselves hopeful as to the outcome, they say it is impossible to predict whether success will come or not. Dispatches from Esthonia say that already at many points Trotzky's troops have gone over to the advancing anti-Bolshevist force and are cooperating enthusiastically with it.

Union of Austrians To Germans Blocked

By John F. Bass

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Paris, June 7.—The treaty of peace has the following to say of Austrian independence:

"Section 6, article 80. Germany acknowledges and will fully respect the independence of Austria within the frontiers established by the present treaty as inalienable except by consent of the executive council of the League of Nations."

It requires a unanimous vote of the council to act.

A vocational school for its employes has been established in an Idaho mine 14,000 feet underground.

WOMAN ANARCHIST IS FOILING EUROPE

Swiss Nip Red Plot but Superagent Slips Through Fingers When the Trail Is Hot.

Geneva, June 7.—"The golden ghost," super agent of anarchism, who is spreading nihilist propaganda not only throughout Europe but in America, is Madame Balabova, so nicknamed because she is always plentifully supplied with gold and always disappears when affairs become too hot.

This is one of the revelations at the trial of anarchists at Zurich, showing elaborate plans for simultaneous uprisings in Europe and the United States, which might have succeeded but for the quick action of the Swiss authorities who nipped them in the bud by arresting 28 arch conspirators.

Rostelli, an Italian, boasted at the trial that his American "comrades" have been more successful than he and his crew in Europe, because those in America are already "at work." Another prisoner said:

"The Russian revolution was our greatest hope, but when the German Socialists refused to join their Russian comrades, preferring loyalty to the German empire, then we decreed the revolutions in Germany and Austria."

Duke of Devonshire Lets Out Crerar

Ottawa, Ont., June 7.—The Duke of Devonshire, governor general of Canada, Friday accepted the resignation of Minister of Agriculture T. G. Crerar, who quit as a protest because the budget introduced yesterday did not provide for further reductions in the tariff. He will take with him a dozen supporters of the union government in Western Canada, but it is unlikely that his resignation will defeat the administration.

Ex-Premier's Mail Opened

London, June 7.—(U. P.)—During his recent visit to Spain, ex-Premier H. H. Asquith had to suffer the indignity of having his mail examined by the British censor. Protests to the war office failed to secure remedy or apology.

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Will a Slaughter of Jews Be Next European Horror?

While the sporadic persecutions and massacres of Jews in Russia, Poland, Roumania, and the Ukraine, already reported, are disturbing in themselves, they are but scattered sparks compared to the conflagration some observers foresee. Thus William G. Shepherd, in a Paris dispatch to the New York *Evening Post* says that not only leading Jews in France but even notable Russian authorities, including Kerensky, "admit the possibility that the next Russian horror will consist of attacks on Jews." In the course of a dispatch from Paris a correspondent to the New York *Day*, a Jewish paper, says regarding the massacres in the Ukraine that "the purpose is apparently to exterminate the entire Jewish population."

Regarding the reported persecution of Jews in Poland, Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, of New York, declares that that country "is now at the bar of the world's judgment, for the world has to choose between Turkish atrocities in Armenia, German atrocities in Belgium, and Polish atrocities in Poland."

Poles in New York, and the new Polish Premier Paderewski, deny that pogroms have occurred in Poland, and characterize these charges as anti-Polish and Pro-German propaganda. To substantiate these denials the Polish Information Bureau cites Dr. Vernon Kellogg, recently returned to New York from Poland, who in an interview published in the New York Times stated that while "there were constant rumors of difficulties of one kind and another between the Jews and the Poles," he did not find evidence of any widespread massacres.

American readers will be interested in this striking article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for June 7th which presents various angles on a very menacing situation. Other important news-articles are:

Will the United States Accept Mandate to Rule Turkey?

The Startling Possibilities Which Such an Acceptance Presents and Public Opinion Upon the Subject From All Quarters

Harry Hawker, the Britisher Who Took Chances Like a Yank
"Danger" of a Greater Poland
Reviling and Defending the Stage
Canada's Refuge for Sea-Birds
Oil From Burs
Jugo-Slavs in the United States
Belgium's Claim on the River Scheldt
German Music as a Deformed Ideal

Will Suffrage Be Ratified by the U. S. Legislatures?
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