

## BALTIC LEAGUE PLANNED IN LINE OF MUTUAL NEED

Organization Believed Only Solution to Keep Baltic States Free From Soviet's Rule.

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Dorpat, Livonia, Jan. 9.—(Via Helingsfors, Finland, Jan. 14.)—The Baltic situation is growing more tangled daily. It has long been hoped to avert that danger by organizing the Baltic states into a league strong enough for defense but not for aggression. Individual claims have up to this time blocked the way to such a compact. Latvia has been disposed to make a condition of her cooperation that Lettish soldiers, which is now part of soviet Russia, should be included in her territory, while Finland put in a similar claim with respect to Karelia, which is now within Tehalivsky's northern government.

**MAY FORM LEAGUE**  
Now another attempt is to be made to form a Baltic league at the Helingsfors conference, beginning January 15. The political conditions under which this conference is to be held are more adverse than those associated with the previous attempts. Estonia is negotiating separately with soviet Russia and the other Baltic states, even if they had previously agreed upon the desirability of coming to terms with the Bolsheviks, now denounce Estonia as the country which has broken the ring of hostility around soviet Russia.

Still another feature of the situation is that Latvia and Poland have just started a new offensive against the Bolsheviks—a proceeding hardly in accord with the Estonian policy of reconciliation. Indeed, the French consul in Riga publicly suggested the desirability of cancelling the Estonian invitation to the Helingsfors conference. Moreover the Latvian newspapers have started recently an aggressive campaign against Estonia, while the frontier dispute between those states is becoming more critical daily.

On the other hand, two facts are to be noted: The Lettish Red Cross mission has crossed the frontier and is on its way to Moscow. No doubt exists here that the mission's purpose is to discuss larger questions than the proposed exchange of prisoners. Secondly, Latvia, is emphatic in declaring that she has no aggressive design against soviet Russia, but is merely concerned in freeing Latvia—a region limited to three countries in the province of Vitebsk.

**PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT**  
Further, it is to be noted that Poland attained the limit of her largest ambitions when she reached the River Beresina and would only be endangering her position by embarking on a vague Russian adventure. Her capture of Dvinsk is susceptible, however, of the explanation that she may wish to cede it to Lithuania in exchange for a Lithuanian renunciation of any claim to Vilna. Yet this hypothesis seems incompatible with the continuation of friendly relations between Latvia and Lithuania, for with the latter in possession of Dvinsk, how could the former hold Latvia, a land of which Dvinsk is the capital? Nor in this connection is it out of place to point out that in Latvia, while the Lettish are the largest group they are not in an absolute majority.

It is also deserving of notice that while the Lettish in Latvia are largely landless farm hands the Lettish in Latvia are farmers. These two classes cannot fail to take opposing views of the new agrarian policy of nationalization prevailing in the Baltic country. However, the consideration outweighing all others with Latvian statesmen is that with Courland, and a freed Latvia incorporated Latvia will have a population of 3,000,000 thus yielding precedence only to Finland and taking second place among the Baltic states.

The Bolsheviks are willing to allow the destiny of Latvia to be settled on the principle of self-determination. But they also point out that Dvinsk is the important junction of the Moscow, Warsaw and Petrograd-Warsaw railways, and is deemed to be essential to the integrity of soviet Russia.

Thus the Baltic reveals the cross-currents of an involved situation. Before it can speak as a unity a common policy must be adopted. It remains to be seen which policy will gain the upper hand—efforts at reconciliation or force.

## Letts Rejoice Over Victories Won From Enemies on Border

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Riga, Livonia, Jan. 11.—(Via Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 12.)—The enthusiasm of the Lettish newspapers and people over the astonishing success of the young Latvian army is inspiring. I well remember that early morning last autumn when the few thousand poorly clothed and inadequately armed Lettish soldiers, weakened after three days of incessant and violent bombardment, seemed lost before the splendidly equipped army of Colonel Avaloff-Bermond, which outnumbered that of the Letts six to one. To his 150 guns the Letts had only six and to 30 machine guns only 12.

The Letts in Riga suddenly became dependent over the situation on the other side of the Dvina and began to evacuate the city. But 2000 men made a determined stand and prevented Colonel Avaloff-Bermond from crossing the Dvina. The next day a process, great and simple, but always fascinating to observe, began. The troops who withdrew on the previous day again took up their position and were joined by thousands of new volunteers. In fact an army determined to defeat the invaders was created in those days of national danger.

"How can these Avaloff-Bermond soldiers succeed," said some of the Lettish soldiers at the moment of gravest danger for Riga, "when they have no just cause?"

These were prophetic words which were to become true a few weeks later. Now the Lettish army is having another and still more striking success against the Red army and the very time of the greatest Bolshevik successes on the other fronts. One is tempted to explain the Lettish success by showing that Latvia is the weak spot on the Red front and by other facts. Allowance may also be made for the surprise attack, by Polish assistance and so on, yet the fact remains that the Reds have suffered a defeat at the hands of the little Lettish army while themselves defeating the much heavier armies of Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin.

The smashing of Colonel Avaloff-Bermond, the speedy fall of Dvinsk, the panic-stricken retreat of the Reds before the Lettish army and the striking failure of the Reds to take Narva, despite their great superiority in numbers and equipment over the Estonians, conclusively demonstrate that the armies fighting in Eastern Europe are strong only when fighting for a just cause. The statesmen in this corner of the world are now thoroughly conscious of that fact. That is why even at the very height of their enthusiasm the Lettish leaders with whom I spoke today were emphatic in their declaration that the sole objective of the Latvian offensive was to free their own country.

They had no intention, they said, of invading Russia or to take part in any new Russian adventure. In fact, most of the Letts were pleased by this passage in a speech made by the French Colonel Depate of the so-called French division of the Lettish army: "You are not asked to free 11 of Russia. It is not your task."

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The newspapers expressed great elation over resumption of foreign trade. "Those heretofore regarding the soviet as merely a passing phase in Russian government," the communique said, "now appreciate the fact soviet power is established firmly and that it has accomplished a great advance towards reconstruction which will forever change the physiognomy of our social order."

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## GERMANY'S FAMINE AIDED BY FROSTS

Food Supplies Freeze and Rations Are Curtailed; Supply of Potatoes, Food of Poor, Gone.

By Karl H. von Wiegand  
Berlin, Jan. 19.—Hunger in tens of thousands of German stomachs is gnawing at the foundations of the German republic. The food outlook in Germany for the next six months was described to me as extremely dark by the minister of national economy, Robert Schmidt, in an exclusive interview today. The meat situation is critical, while the potato shortage threatens to become catastrophic.

A vast portion of the lower classes, for whom potatoes are the main food staple, have been unable to obtain a single potato since before Christmas. Herr Schmidt pointed out to me that the taking away of portions of German territory under the treaty, has hit Germany's stomach hard.

"For example," said he, "the province of Posen alone supplied 6 per cent of the potatoes consumed by the nation, and potatoes are sorely needed, especially in the larger cities."

"Of the potato supply that was left to us, the unusually severe early winter has frozen the greater part."

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