

## POLITICAL PLOTTERS MAKE STOCKHOLM OPERATING POINT

Agents From Many European Countries Gather to Formulate Villainous Schemes, Intrigues.

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Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 20.—Political intrigue, occasionally of such villainous character that it verges upon the unbelievable, but more often as harmless as the plotting along the Mexican border, has held all Scandinavia in its grip since the armistice was signed. During the war these Scandinavian countries were overrun with spies of every belligerent nation and the tendency to float propaganda and hatch political coups has survived and been furthered by the aspirations of the Baltic provinces.

The activity of the agents of a dozen different countries seems to center in Stockholm, but there is plenty of propaganda work in both Norway and Denmark. The proximity of Stockholm to Russia has made it a rendezvous of many interesting characters. Their ingenuity is manifested most frequently in the form of propaganda. It is very similar to what President Wilson termed an "insidious lobby." Russians who have chestnuts to rake out of the red fire of bolshevism watch with eager eyes all who come from across the gulf, seeking in every way to discover what turn events will take and what possibility there may be of returning to the vast and undeveloped resources of the east. Others merely have decided views upon the right of self-determination for the small nations and spend their time in Stockholm wondering what will be done in Paris, meantime preparing colored maps and pamphlets showing, for instance, what proportion of the population in the Aland islands is Finnish and what Swedish. Self-determination seems to feed upon pamphlets.

**GERMANS ALSO ACTIVE**  
From the south comes a stream of German agents, bent upon influencing the different factions in the struggle for prestige in the east when normal conditions are restored. Against this latter class are pitted the agents of France and England, both having interests that must not be allowed to suffer through lack of attention. Altogether, it is a motley gathering, brilliant in its way and making Stockholm gayer than ever before in its history. A lovelier setting for international politics could not be found all the world, for Stockholm has reached a stage of luxury not to be found in any other place. The hotels are overflowing with life, music and gaiety, so much in contrast to the capitals in countries that have suffered through the war.

Women, some of considerable social importance, have been involved in these plots. Only recently the Swedish police took into custody the ringleaders of a small group of agents whose main purpose was to reinstate a monarchy in Russia, to accomplish which they set themselves to the gentle task of murdering bolshevist agents who had the temerity to come out of Russia. Very little of the work of the intriguers appears on the surface, but in the tearooms and lounges of any hotel in Stockholm may be seen little groups of men whom one could imagine as capable of any sort of counter-revolutionary work. They talk in guarded undertones and glance suspiciously at any guest who happens to walk past them. The air is vibrant with whispers and muttered phrases in strange tongues. The visitor making his first appearance in this land of "Hush! Hush!" is immediately warned to avoid any argument upon bolshevism or communism.

**SWEDS AGAINST BOLSHEVISM**  
Generally speaking, the Swedes are against bolshevism. They are sound, substantial people, with a great love for their country and a desire to see it prosper, and are strongly opposed to changing their government for sovietism or communism. They feel perfectly safe even in the face of the bolshevist propaganda, which certainly must be seeping into the country through Finland. But there are many people who have interests in Russia who become extremely heated when telling of the horrors of bolshevism. I talked with an American who has reason, no doubt, to hate the bolshevist, but I had no idea any one could hate so thoroughly. He even bated and denounced two newspaper correspondents who had written articles about the bolsheviki and expressed a strong desire to catch them in some part of Russia where he could point them out to the anti-bolsheviki. It was plain from his remarks that life was just as cheap on one side as on the other.

I also talked with an estimable woman who has just returned from Petrograd, where she had been working. She drew a very sad picture of the life in what was once a prosperous city, and declared that the people who remained there this winter would be eating grass for their Christmas dinner. Her desire is to organize a relief expedition and take food and clothing to Russia.

**Peace Ratified by Bulgarian Assembly**  
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## POOR SUFFERING IN VIENNA BECAUSE OF HIGH FOOD PRICES

By A. R. Decker  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
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Vienna, Austria, Jan. 18.—(Via Paris, France, Jan. 20)—Vienna is on the verge of a panic because the bread rations are about to be cut far below the present minute quota. Meats have attained the highest price since the beginning of the war. Owing to the fuel situation, street cars are practically useless. The gas is too poor to cook food with and the city is menaced with darkness. The poor have become poorer and even high wages do not suffice to keep them alive.

**FOREIGNERS HAVE ADVANTAGE**  
Only foreigners can purchase in Vienna. Nobody wants crowns, because

practically nothing can be bought with them. A Czech bought a suit of clothes here, paying in opal, butter and sugar, and the tailor was highly pleased. The low exchange has caused a buying campaign to which the Vienna shopkeepers respond by hiding the best articles in storerooms to await better times.

"Lack of fuel has resulted in the destruction of the fine forests in the suburbs, the guards looking the other way when women hack down noble trees. The people are beginning to burn their furniture."

**OUTSIDE CONDITIONS BETTER**  
Though Vienna is starving, freezing and suffering from an industrial collapse, Austria outside the capital surely has nearly enough food, plenty of wood, some coal, good factories and skilled workmen. The truth is that Austria as a country is at war with Vienna, the feeling of hostility beginning with the debacle of November, 1918. The revolution was caused rather by the war leaders abandoning their posts than by genuine political conversion. The provinces of Salzburg, Tyrol, Styria, Carinthia, Vorarlberg and Upper Austria under strong leadership set up almost separate governments, each developing a grievance against Lower Austria and Vienna.

The indications are that the soldier-at-arms (soldiers' council), the arbiters (workers' council) and the coalition government will soon disappear and perhaps not without violence.

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