EASTERN BALTIC STATES UNITED IN SELF-DEFENSE

Finland, Esthonia, Latvia and Poland Will Present One Front to Enemies in Interior Russia.

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Helsingfors, Finland, Jan. 26.—The four Baltic states of Finland, Esthonia, Poland and Latvia, have reached a final and definite agreement upon a military and economic alliance in the conference here, overcoming the dispute between Lithuania and Poland over Vilna by excluding Lithuania from the alliance. The character of the alliance is purely defensive.

All are bound to maintain their frontiers against the Bolsheviki, but not to carry warfare into Bolshevist territory, except at their own risk; that is to say, Poland is free to continue the offensive to the south and east, but cannot expect the others to help her.

PREPARE FOR TRADE

The economic provisions involve the immediate restoration of trade between the four states, the rapid rebuilding of telephone and telegraph communications, through express trains from Reval to Warsaw, the installation of wireless plants and the broadening of the freight traffic. The alliance takes the form of separate resolutions approved by the delegates which will be submitted to the various parliaments for ratifications. Following the ratifications commissions will be formed from representatives of the four states to facilitate the enforcement of the provisions.

While all the delegates express full approval of the work done here they look with anxiety upon the Lithuanian question, for now that that state has been excluded it is almost a dead certainty that she will ally herself either with the Bolsheviki or the Germans—probably the former. Throughout the entire conference the Poles maintained a cool attitude toward the Lithuanians, offering them two solutions, both of which were refused. First, the Poles agreed to leave Vilna free but in control of a commission from states not involved until the people had a chance to hold a plebiscite. When this failed to meet approval they offered to leave the question open for a later decision, allowing Lithuania to become a part of the Polish state, continue in the conference and accept a share in the alliance.

Poland maintained the attitude that Lithuania could not assert ethnographical or historical reasons for a separate existence or for the possession of Vilna as the capital city. The Poles asserted that Lithuania is inhabited most extensively by white Russians, then by Poles, and, finally, by Lithuanians.

LITHUANIANS REFUSE

These last, therefore, should give up their aspirations for self-determination and either come under the Polish or white Russian governments. These conditions naturally were not acceptable as the present Lithuanian government hopes to get better terms from Lenin with recognition of her national entity.

This impasse finally forced the other states to exclude Lithuania and proceed without her, in the firm belief that it did not matter whether she cast her lot with the Bolsheviki or the Germans, as she was already cut off and unable to make trouble. For a time this problem threatened to bring the conference to an unsuccessful end.

Having disposed of this matter, the delegates proceeded to reach an agreement between the four remaining states. It was thought that some pressure might be brought to bear upon Esthonia to curtail her negotiations with the soviets, but this failed to develop. She is free to continue the Dorpat discussions and perhaps reach actual peace terms without even being hindered by Poland's military operations. This really constitutes the most important phase of the entire Helsingfors conference, for in Esthonia's negotiations with the Bolsheviki there is a plain indication of the trend of affairs throughout middle Europe.

ALL FEAR BOLSHEVISTS

All countries know that they must eventually come to terms with some government inside of Russia. They all dislike Bolshevism equally because it holds its potential threat against organized government no matter what guise it assumes and what steps are taken to modify the soviet rule.

The Esthonian delegates believe confidently that they gave the lead to the Paris council in bringing about the recent decision to raise the economic blockade. They see the other Baltic states swinging to their point of view that it is better to treat with the Bolsheviki to get something approaching normal conditions and then let the unsound and impractical ideas of sovietism and communism die a natural death. Without exception the Baltic states have a certain percentage of their people infected with communistic ideas but in every case it is a small minority which is properly suppressed by the classes believing in the right of private ownership.

Reopening trade relations with the Bolsheviki involves grave risk of spreading communistic doctrines into the surrounding countries, but these states feel certain their better elements are strong enough to control the outbreaks.

ONLY FOR DEFENSE

In arranging the military alliance the various states considered first the possibility of an offensive against Bolshevism. They agreed that this would be impossible without the aid of the great powers and this left them only one road to security—that through a defensive alliance. They feel secure against invasion because they know that Trotzky and Lenin failed to carry the warfare into Esthonia or Latvia. Finland maintains an extremely strong position with an excellent army backed by a large white guard ready for instant action in case the Bolsheviki should begin a movement across the frontier. Poland has already extended her lines so far into Bolshevist territory that she feels secure. Thus with closer trade relationships established all four countries are willing to let the Bolsheviki evolve their governmental ideas resume trade and even advance a tentative peace offer but the four must be continually prepared to aid each other should the need arise.

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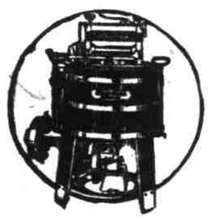

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