

SWEDEN LINES UP TO JOIN POWERS IN WORLD LEAGUE

Leaders Urge Sweden's Participation and Advise Country Not to Wait for America to Ratify.

By Hal O'Flaherty
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Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 27.—Commenting upon Premier Clemencau's invitation to Sweden to accede to the covenant of the League of Nations, Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish Socialist leader, declared today that the time had come for Sweden to announce its participation in an essentially European league.

"We should gain nothing either in friendship or esteem by keeping out," said Mr. Branting, "but by being in the league we shall be able to fulfill our natural function as neutrals, strongly supporting the aspirations set forth by men like Lord Robert Cecil, who is working for the speedy admittance even of the late enemy countries. The serious moment has arrived when the Swedish people must determine their position within the new world. Opinion would have been unanimously in favor of a speedy acceptance had the entry of the United States been an accomplished fact. It was expected when President Wilson concentrated his whole strength on that very point in the treaty."

But the United States abstaining, the league is deprived of an essential factor in its world-wide prestige, and further, its inner balance is deeply disturbed. The name of the league remains the same but the league itself is materially reduced. It is clear that the doubts raised at an earlier date are presenting themselves with greater force. However, we have not yet seen the final result of the long struggle in the United States senate where a decision may be reached to ratify the treaty with certain reservations applying to American internal affairs. It is doubtful if we can wait until America makes up her mind, as this may be deferred until after the presidential election. In that case we must act on the situation as we find it and take our place in a European league.

"Switzerland tried another means which appears certain of success, announcing adherence to the league pro-

vided she is allowed to hold a referendum and also provided five great powers become members. We have not yet seen the determining factors in the United States, but it seems to me that all is best in America must rise up against the humiliating program which will cause it to relapse into the narrow policy of allowing the incomparably mightiest power in the world to stand aside when efforts are being made to build up a new order of justice and allowing great and small nations to live and work peacefully together without permanent armaments or continuous threats of war."

ECHOES RESOUNDING

Commenting upon the ratification of the German peace treaty Mr. Branting said: "In Sweden where the echoes from Germany are still resounding, it is difficult to believe that the Versailles peace has established a new order of things. Its very faults and blunders regarding territorial questions fade into nothing when one contemplates what would have happened under the German peace with which General Ludendorff and his former master threatened the world."

"How very different," says Stockholm Tidningen in commenting on the ratification "is this peace from that of which we dreamed when the message of justice was proclaimed with such imperious authority during the last years of the war. When the war began it was decided that this meant the bankruptcy of Christendom. What else is this peace which is now confirmed? Does it signify the victory of Christ's teachings or the resurrection of ideals derived from those teachings which President Wilson proclaimed and which were instantaneously echoed back from millions of hearts? Force and autocracy predominate in this pact?"

Service Reorganized For Care of Yanks Killed During War

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Paris, France, Jan. 27.—The registration service which cares for the bodies of American soldiers killed in the war has been thoroughly reorganized on a permanent basis. Colonel Harry F. Rethers has been appointed chief mortuary officer for Europe, and has subdivided his work into three parts. The British zone, with headquarters in London, the French zone centered in Paris, the central European zone, including Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Italy, with headquarters at Coblenz. Final supervision over all, however, is concentrated in the Paris office.

Colonel Rethers' task at present is mainly one of maintenance and information. Nothing can be done about the removal of the bodies to the United States until the European governments give their consent to the undertaking.

HUNGARIANS ARE DEPRESSED OVER TERMS OF PEACE

Dismemberment of Country Is Feared as Result of Study First Reports of Treaty Settlement.

By A. R. Decker
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Vienna, Jan. 17 (by courier to Paris, Jan. 27).—Hungarians are disheartened over the conditions of peace. Until late last night the political clubs in Budapest, as I learn from telephone inquiries, discussed the reception of the Hungarian delegation in Paris. All the political clubs are downcast and the national pride and patriotism of the Hungarians are touched to the quick. All the points in the peace conditions are not yet known, so all the citizens are hoping for last minute concessions.

PEOPLE ARE DEPRESSED

No one believes that the entente intends to dismember Hungary to the extent that the first news seems to imply. No one believes that such injustice is possible and no one understands how cities like Temesvar in which there is scarcely a Roumanian can be given to Roumania.

Newspaper comment is very much depressed. One paper, the National News, prints the known conditions of peace and its comments within black mourning borders. All the papers unite in declaring that the conditions are unacceptable. In army circles the opinion is that "peace should not be signed."

Karl Hozzar, minister president of Hungary, sends me the following message: "Regarding the acceptance or refusal of the peace conditions the national assembly must decide."

TO BEAR BURDENS
"Until the official text is received I can make no comments, but I can repeat that Hungary with head erect will bear the blow of the peace conditions, knowing that a peace made by man may survive but nature will be the victor in the end."

This corresponds with Count Apponyi's statement that Hungary will not be foolish enough to fight her neighbors but will await the workings of natural conditions to bring justice. It is the opinion in Budapest that the changes in the frontiers will throw millions of Hun-

German Killings Needless Noske Used Machine Guns

By George Wille
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Berlin, Germany, Jan. 23.—(Via Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 27).—In the gray semi-darkness of the falling evening the graves of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg lay undisturbed in their secluded corner in Friedrichshagen. A scarlet ribbon connecting the two headstones was the only bright spot that caught the eye. No flower tributes and no wreaths were there to show that faithful friends of the revolutionary leaders lovingly remembered the anniversary of their death. An elderly couple stood silently before the graves, the man deferentially holding his hat in his hand. From a nearby playground high pitched voices of children laughing reached the quiet spot. No uniformed policemen or Noske guards were in sight.

This peaceful scene was typical of the whole of Berlin, where, instead of holding the announced impressive memorial services and demonstrations, the followers of Karl Liebknecht carefully kept themselves in the background. Doubtless this was the result of the slaughter which occurred Tuesday. By

turning machine guns on the masses, Minister of Defense Noske succeeded in at least temporarily cowering the revolutionary spirit. With the exception of a walkout of Spartacists and Independent Socialists in several industrial plants, nothing extraordinary marked the anniversary.

There is much dispute here as to whether Minister Noske was justified in using machine guns Tuesday. Some of the newspapers blame him for not having shut off all the streets leading to the Reichstag building, thus preventing the crowds from molesting the delegates and disturbing the national assembly. A British officer who witnessed the shooting told me that he was sure a score of London mounted policemen could have dispersed the crowds without firing a single shot. "Our police have handled situations during strikes which were much more difficult, and without killing a single person," he said.

A member of the American mission said he was convinced that American police would have called out the fire department and turned streams of cold water on the mob. There is little likelihood of a new outbreak of violence in the near future.

wide railway strike situation continued to improve today. There was every indication of an early defeat for the strikers. Many men were returning to their jobs and the government was sending them immediately into the most affected divisions. During the last 24 hours 10 additional automobile lines have been established in the region of Reggio Emilia.

Forty-five strikers have been sentenced to various terms for attempts to intimidate strikebreakers.

Italian Strike Weakening; Men Return By Camillo Cianfarra
Rome, Jan. 27.—(U. P.)—The nation-

COMMUNISTS SIDETRACK POLICE, THEN ORGANIZE TO SEIZE PRIVATE COIN

Bourgeois Group Is Ousted From Hall in Characteristic Bolshevik Manner as Police Sleep.

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Vienna, Austria, Jan. 23.—(Via Paris, France, Jan. 27).—Sunday morning Vienna communists surrounded a hall where a bourgeois group intended to hold a meeting to discuss "The Washerwoman and the Mental Worker." Communists invaded the hall through a shattered window and while heads were being broken in the courtyard below the invaders organized the meeting and appointed a chairman in the usual Bolshevik manner. The man chosen was a member of a workmen's council.

Speeches were made by notorious Vienna communists including Friedlander, who has been an active agitator for more than a year. A washerwoman addressed the crowd, saying among other things: "Events show that we are masters of the situation and do not need police." The leaders of the crowd were Jews. The assemblage dispersed after cheering for the dictatorship of the proletariat and calling for the seizure of private capital.

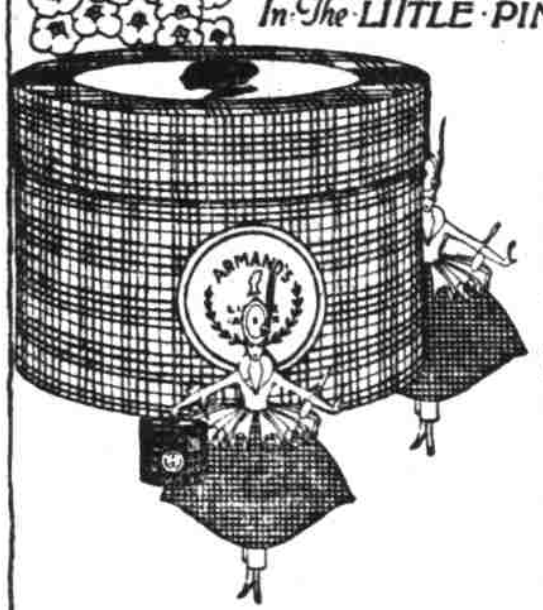
Singing revolutionary songs the mob marched to the boulevards where it dispersed upon seeing a cordon of police.

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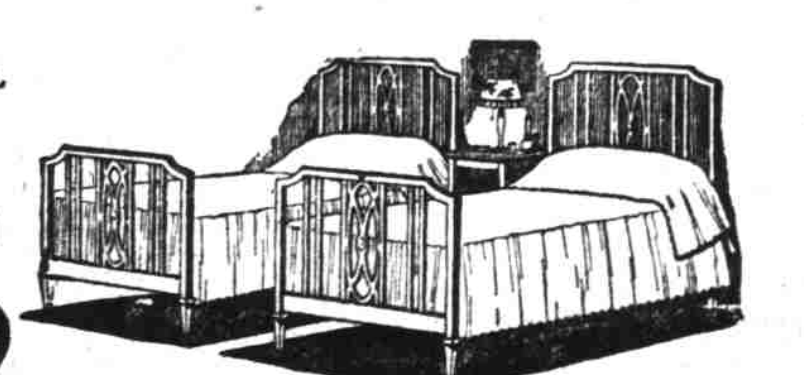
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