

WHAT INFLUENCE HAS U. S. HAD ON GERMAN REVOLT?

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Washington, March 16.—Plenty of theory but not much fact. That's the most that can be said thus far concerning Washington's opinion of the new German revolution.

Where the wish is father to the thought, the upheaval in Germany is regarded naturally as confirmation and justification of the large variety of opinions expressed on capitol hill during the last 12 months of treaty discussion.

Wilson defenders say it proves that the president was right when he said that chaos would come to Europe if America withheld her hand from the enforcement of the peace treaty's obligations; former President Taft, not exactly a Wilson apologist, but a staunch friend of the treaty and League of Nations, says the same thing.

MILITARISTS LOVE POWER

But the irreconcilable opponents of the treaty and league call the German revolution an internal affair, entirely divorced both in cause and effect from the peace treaty.

Information thus far available at the department of state would seem to bear out this view to a certain extent. The revolution does not appear on the face of official cables received to have been motivated by the desire of monarchists and reactionaries to get back into power, something that was inevitable, no matter what happened outside of Germany.

No party that once held power, whether imperial, republican, democratic or autocratic, is ever content to stay outside the gates of the treasure house as long as there is a chance to get on the inside.

CHANGE OF OPINION

But while friends of the treaty indicate that this German trouble never would have happened if the League of Nations had been set up, implacable foes of the pact say it is a direct consequence of the "cruel and harsh terms of peace imposed upon Germany," which is the way Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, himself a former secretary of state, expressed it several months ago, only to be denounced immediately as a pro-German.

But recent expressions and comments from Great Britain have indicated that the sober second thought of the peace makers has been one of apprehension that they may have imposed upon the vanquished for terms of peace which made it impossible for him to earn the money to pay his indemnity.

ARMIES ARE NOT READY

Indeed, not a few people here look upon the German revolution as the skillful ploy of the wealthy classes in Germany, who would bear the greatest burden of the indemnity, to get out from under. Already the new Berlin government has set itself up as a judge of what terms of the treaty it will fulfill—those that seem "just and reasonable."

This is a virtual hint of nullification, and is admitted as having a disquieting effect here. For, truth is, the associated powers are not in a position immediately to make Germany pay. America has about 15,000 troops on the Rhine; England has not many more. France has scarcely 100,000. In different parts of Germany are many hundreds of thousands of troops, large numbers of whom are mobilized.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE

But Germany is without munitions, and military opinion here seems to doubt that she is courting fresh trouble with the allies on the Rhine. It is rather an analogy to the situation in Russia when the Bolsheviks agreed to the treaty of Brest Litovsk and assumed an attitude of passive resistance to the enforcement of its terms.

It would cost the allies a good deal to enforce peace upon Germany, and the

PROHIBITION AGENTS VISIT PORTLAND



Special prohibition field agents visit officials who are directing enforcement of national prohibition act in Oregon. From left—Federal Prohibition Inspector Fred B. Curry, Federal Prohibition Supervisor for Oregon Johnson S. Smith, Federal prohibition Agent J. E. Flanders and S. F. Rutter of San Francisco and J. P. Marstella of Washington, D. C., special prohibition field agents touring the Pacific coast.

government of the latter probably knows it. America's army has gone home across the Atlantic. The British army has gone to the far ends of the earth. The French army is demobilized. Only economic pressure can make Germany behave and she thinks the pressure of the peace terms is worse than any that could possibly be done to her if she threw up her hands in despair and declined to carry out the terms of the treaty.

LABOR FOR LENIENCY

There is reason to believe that Germany did hope for the influence of the United States, coupled with that of Great Britain to effect the terms which France was so instrumental in imposing upon her. Moreover, the election pledges of Lloyd George to "make Germany pay," have now been superseded by a strong labor sentiment which openly advocates a revision of the terms of the peace with Germany.

Many of the financial people in our government think the key to the whole business lies in Russia. They say the associated powers have made a grave mistake in hesitating to open Russia to trade.

POLICY NOT FIXED

This would have furnished markets for manufacturers from Germany, France, Great Britain and others in Europe. America is stocked up with enough of her manufactures not to want to buy much from Europe. Allied policy has wavered and hesitated for a year. Europe says America is to blame for holding out. America says Europe should have gotten back to work sooner without depending so much on financial aid from the United States. And the struggle between the Socialists and monarchists in Berlin is the proverbial confederation while the Kerensky of the outer world fiddle their own particular national airs.

One Wheat Farmer Only One Attending Pendleton Meeting

Pendleton, March 15.—Only one delegate, Herbert Egbert of The Dalles, appeared here Monday for the scheduled meeting of the 20 Oregon wheat farmers, appointed recently to consider the cooperative plan of marketing wheat, proposed by the Washington Wheat Marketing association. No reason was advanced for the failure of the committeemen to gather for the meeting. Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland was named chairman of the committee on investigation and the first meeting was called for February 7. This was postponed and the date set for March 15. It was reported last month that the investigators favored a complete divorce from the Washington promoters but were willing to consider a non-profit marketing organization of their own fashioning. Farmers in Umatilla county, for the most part, have shown little desire to change from their old methods of marketing their product.

Bootlegger Thanks Revenue Officers For Their Kindness

Sherry wine and real whiskey—two sackfuls—were confiscated by internal revenue officers Monday night when they visited the home of S. S. Walker, 104 East thirteenth street. "You come with us, but your wife can stay home," they told Walker, who is colored. "You sure are kind to me," he said, as they put him in the patrol wagon. He is charged with violating the national prohibition act.

Man Who Escaped From Asylum May Die From Exposure

Klamath Falls, March 15.—After escaping twice from officers of the state insane asylum by jumping from the train between here and Weed, Cal., Robert Ryan, 26 years old, was recaptured Monday at Eureka, Calif., and being brought here in a critical condition from exposure. He wandered two days after his first escape. He probably will die of pneumonia.

Marriage Licenses
Vancouver, Wash., March 15.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: Charles A. Sherman, 32, and Lydia E. Hill, 32, Portland; Enoch S. Califf, 38, and Eva Noto, 22, Portland; Joseph A. Jacques Jr., 24, and Opal M. Langenberg, 24, Portland; M. C. Christin, 29, and Alta McCallum, 21, Vancouver.

Fire Destroys Church
Montreal, Que., March 15.—(U. N. S.)—St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Buckingham, Que., was destroyed by fire Monday with \$150,000 loss.

Five Boys Fugitive From State School

Salem, March 15.—Five boys, Clarence Bland, 14; Edward Nunn, 17; Aoy Nunn, 15; Rollins Morrison, 18, and

Harry Miller, 16, escaped from the state training school here Sunday night, according to Superintendent Gilbert of the institution. Miller and Morrison were committed to the state school from Portland, the Nunn brothers are from Grant county and Bland is from Bend. Two other boys who escaped earlier in the week, James Taylor, 18, and Garland Brooks, 20, are also still at large.

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DRY NATION HAS COME TO STAY, OFFICIALS SAY

National prohibition has been accepted among substantial folk, and is here to stay, believe S. F. Rutter of San Francisco and J. P. Marstella of Washington, D. C., special prohibition field supervisors, who left Monday night for San Francisco after spending several days here quietly looking over prohibition enforcement methods.

"Our work is to learn just what evidence prosecutors deem necessary to convict prohibition violators, and accordingly organize and advise federal prohibition enforcement officers," explained Marstella.

Judges everywhere along the Pacific coast seem inclined to administer the law properly, the prohibition officers declare. Especially pleased are they with the fines and sentences given offenders in Oregon and Washington, they said.

They believe the Pacific Northwest has become accustomed to prohibition, having had state laws before the national prohibition act went into effect. California, though, is practically just entering a dry regime, and many citizens don't like it a bit, they say.

Rutter and Marstella are covering Washington, Oregon, California, Ne-

vada and Arizona, states included in this prohibition enforcement zone. While here they conferred with the federal prohibition supervisor for Oregon, Johnson S. Smith; J. E. Flanders, federal prohibition agent, and Fred B. Curry, federal prohibition inspector. Both are veterans of the internal revenue force.

Aged Man Admits Guilt of Stealing Chickens; Is Fined

For stealing 23 chickens from the coop of Henry Hiller, 1847 Albina avenue, March 7, Thomas Paulsen, aged 68 years, was fined \$50 in police court Monday. Paulsen pleaded guilty to taking the chickens and selling them to a wholesale house on Front street.

He was arrested by Inspector Hill, whose chicken coop was also robbed of seven fowls. It was with a determination to round up a thief that Hill went forth on the morning that Mrs. Hill notified him their chickens were gone. He found Paulsen and Hiller's chickens, but his own chickens are still among the missing.

Two Bound Over
Harry Gardner and Eugene Kelly, who, the police say, have confessed to robbing 11 local homes and stores, were held to answer to the grand jury this morning by Municipal Judge Rossman under \$2000 bonds. They waived a hearing in the lower court.

Clark Out of Senatorial Race
Washington, March 16.—(U. P.)—Champ Clark definitely announced this afternoon that he would not be a candidate for the Missouri senatorship.

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