

LLOYD GEORGE IS BLAMED FOR ALL OF BRITAIN'S ILLS

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London, April 27. — Regret that Great Britain ever abandoned her "splendid isolation" to become inextricably embroiled in mid-European alliances is becoming more pronounced every day in certain official circles here.

Statesmen, versed in the old diplomacy, who hailed the League of Nations a year ago as the beginning of a new order of things, are beginning to express the opinion that Lloyd George and his followers have mortgaged the nation to a foreign policy that can bring no reward but trouble.

They cite the state of Turkish affairs, the Adriatic question, Russia, Arabia and the Franco-German dispute over the occupation of Frankfurt and other Rhenish towns. The growing disregard for Great Britain's greatness by continental nations is blamed on the "muddle through" policy ascribed to the coalition government. The opponents of the obligations thus assumed sigh for the old "isolation" under which the word of the British empire was not taken so lightly by her friends across the channel.

Followers of former Prime Minister Herbert Asquith say that Lloyd George went to Paris in the first place with nothing more serious on his mind than the knowledge of how easy it would be

to inflame popular passions by references to the Kaiser and Germany. Yet they archly point out that the Kaiser has yet to hang, the German debt has yet to be paid and even the war criminals have yet to be tried.

"GENTLEMAN" NEEDED

The old charge of being "a mere political opportunist" is once more ringing in the ears of Lloyd George. Asquith's friends accusing him of committing the nation to a policy which is distinctly un-British. In the long run, they warn him, this policy is bound to be repudiated almost entirely by the verdict of the whole nation. They have concluded that America, repudiated President Wilson, and by the same process they expect the British voters to disavow the international obligations taken by an impulsive premier.

This element is beginning to emphasize the shade of difference between a "British statesman" and a "Welsh politician," whatever that difference may be, contending that the former type would have carried the nation's commission with more dignity and would have held aloof from the "impracticable" effort to wring compensation from Germany. Such a one would have supported France and Belgium in their just claims. It is contended, and would have supported President Wilson as a mere referee between them and Germany as regards territorial rearrangements.

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Such a man thus would have started Europe well on her way back to political and economic stability by this time, it is held by the liberals. He would have signed no territorial guarantees requiring elaborate and expensive enforcement expeditions.

From these lost dreams of what might have been it is a shock for the Asquithians to awaken to the actualities which comprise, in their opinion, heavy, one-sided obligations toward the continent, from which it will be difficult to withdraw with dignity and honor—loaded onto the nation by an "exceedingly clever, but fatally magnetic prime minister."

Great Britain might have made possible a league of nations which would

have functioned merely as a referee in disputes between nations with the idea of averting wars. Instead of which, these dissentients believe, Great Britain got into a scramble for the spoils of war, to the everlasting discredit of her representative, himself a conspicuous participant.

German Gives Note Of Warning Against French Aggressions

By John Grandenz

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Berlin, April 27.—A German cabinet member, Johan Giesbert, minister of posts, today voiced a threat of a war of vengeance against France if she persists in a policy of dismembering Germany.

"France will be sorry some day," he said, "that she ever started or furthered the separatist movement in Southern Germany and the Rhineland. In a leader of the Christian labor union element and of the Centrist left wing. 'I am looking for more earthquakes in Germany and elsewhere, but as hope is all there is left to us, let us hope we may survive,' he said. 'If we in Germany can only last until the harvest, we will be through the thickets, but here I must again repeat what America hears every day, perhaps with little pleasure. 'America must help.'"

Polish Red Cross Workers Are Safe

Paris, April 27. — (U. N. S.)—Two American Red Cross workers in Poland, Miss Mary Suchewska of Buffalo, N. Y., and Lieutenant J. W. B. Evans of Beaumont, today are safe, after a hazardous flight amid ice floes down the Dwina river with a raft loaded with orphan refugees, according to advices reaching Red Cross headquarters here today. All members of the party narrowly escaped drowning.

ITALIAN NOBLES IN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PREMIERS

By Camillo Cimarosa

San Remo, April 26.—(Night)—Italians took advantage of a concert in honor of visiting allied delegations tonight to stage a demonstration in favor of awarding Fiume to Italy.

All the allied leaders who had been attending the sessions of the council of premiers, which closed at 8 p. m., were in the audience. When the orchestra struck up the Italian national anthem, the Italians, led by members of the nobility who are wintering on the Riviera, rose and, turning toward Prime Minister Lloyd George and Premier Millerand, shouted:

"Long live Fiume and the Adriatic! We fought for them, but with 500,000 Italians dead, you gave a whole empire to Greece who murdered your soldiers in the streets of Athens."

Lloyd George and Millerand only smiled resignedly. There was bitter feeling in Italian circles over the failure of the council to settle the Adriatic dispute at the session just closed. It was the more intense in view of the concession granted Greece in the Smyrna district of Turkish Asia Minor.

The council completed its reply to President Wilson's Armenian note, but announced the text would not be made public until it had been received in Washington.

It was learned semi-officially the council virtually decided to assign Italy a large economic "zone of influence" in

Anatolia, bordering on the Greek zone which surrounds Smyrna. The territory is rich in natural resources. Italy also would reserve three-fourths of the Heraclea Eregli, midway between Komieh and Adana coal fields.

Havrovsk Attacked by Bolsheviks
Tokio, April 22.—(Delayed).—(U. P.)—Strong Bolshevik forces are bombarding Havrovsk, according to a communique issued by the Japanese war office today. Bombardment from airplanes flying over the city has badly damaged railroad lines north of Nikolai, the official report said.

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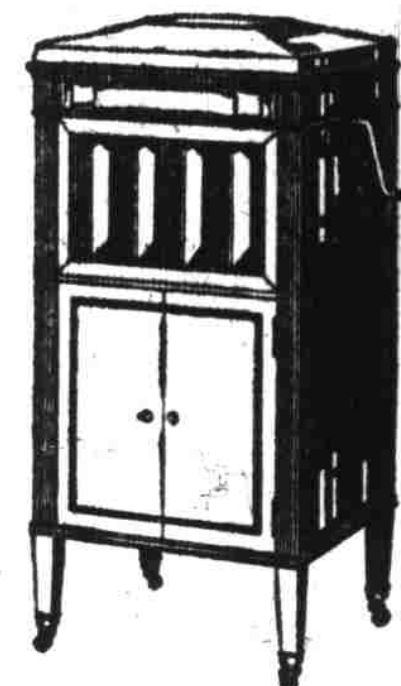
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