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By Karl H. von Wiegand Berlin, May 13 .- The German supreme army command made a move

early in 1918 to depose the kaiser by the constitutional means of declaring him mentally incompetent, because he, was endangering the outcome of the war through his sheer incapacity to reach a decision in vital moments.

This sensational revelation was made to me by Colonel Max Bauer, who was a member of the general staff and right hand man of Ludendorff, and who is credited with the organization of the Kapp Luettwitz coup of last March, for which he is being sought by the government on a warrant.

Colonel Bauer preceded his statement with the assertion that in the general staff his own position was often made difficult because he was looked upon as a Democrat, whereas now he is accused of being an arch-reactionary. WANTED KAISER DEPOSED

"In January, 1918," said Bauer, "I told Ludendorff that the kaiser must be deposed or else we would lose the war. I urged him to take steps for the elimination of the kaiser.

Leading German medical authorities, Colonel Bauer averred, were subsequently won over to the conviction that the kalser was irresponsible and were ready to give their authoritative support

to an official opinion to that effect. Thus the path was clear for constitutionally deposing the emperor, but the plan was shattered on Hindenburg's mmovable opposition. coup.

The incident is part of the revelations of the inner secrets of the German high command which Colonel Bauer is reciting in a book soon to appear.

"I was in a highly important position within the general staff from the beginning to the end of the war," said Bauer. "I had peculiarly confidential relations with each chief-Moltke, Fal-kenhayne, Hindenburg and Ludendorff. I saw much of the kaiser, the crown prince and of the men around the kaiser.

HIGH COMMAND WEAK Among the false conceptions in ogue," added Bauer, "is the popular vogue," fiction that the high command was absolutely dictator of Germany's political as well as military policy during the war. I will give documentary proof that we could not even dictate the military pollcy, much less the political conduct of the government.

We were only one of eight advisory organizations around the kaiser. Instead of dictating, the general staff was often on its knees begging for a decision that was vitak

'Sometimes we had to wait weeks for an answer to important requests. The kalser procrastinated. He could not be induced to make a decision. He lost time, which is so vital a factor in war. and at times he did not grant us what

we imperatively needed. "It finally reached a stage where I saw what the outcome would be if something were not done. I then went to Lu-dendorff and told him the kaiser must go. Things might be different had he tead of 10 months

tive and the foreign city. Recently the Chinese cabinet held a meeting and sent Chinese cabinet held a meeting and sent a note to Japan saying that China would stand neutral in the present Russo-Japanese conflict. The Japanese are censoring the news from Vladivo-stok severely and are attempting to be-little the gravity of the situation there. It is admitted, however, that while quiet prevails in Vladivostok isolated groups of Russians have attacked the Japanese at interior places. It is con-sidered here that the Japanese will soon become so entangled that it will be dif-ficult for them to extricate themselves. ficult for them to extricate themselves. Japan's Siberian policy is strongly criti-cized by the Japanese newspapers, the majority of which consider that it is

main bridge between the na

for the Japanese to withdraw.

Kapp May Remain Refugee in Sweden If Germany Permits

By Hal O'Flaherty Special Cable to The Journal and the Chicago Dafly News. (Copyright, 1920, by Chicago Daily News Co...) Stockholm, Sweden, May 13 .- Unless the German government makes a demand for the extradition of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, leader of the recent revolt in Berlin, the Swedish government will probably allow him to remain here as a political fugitive. Since his sensational arrival by airplane from Warnemunde. Dr. Kapp has been under police guard.

but has been given every possible con-adderation in view of his predicament. Being a fugitive from Germany he could not secure a passport nor openly seek permission to travel toward Sweden by the sea route. He therefore took the easiest way and secured the services of Eleutenant Juterbook, an aviator, who helped him during the brief days of his rule in Berlin and made a flight through

extremely stormy weather to Malmoe police guard Dr. Kapp takes Under long walks and visits prominent cafes. He apparently enjoys even the restricted freedom of his Swedish refuge. He refuss to talk on any phase of the recent

Trotzky Directing Fight Against Poles

London, May 13 .- Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevist war minister, has gone to the Polish fighting front to assume direction of the soviets' campaign of defense against the Poles, says a dispatch from Ambrose Lambert, staff correspondent



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"Regrettable as it is for me to make these revelations, it is necessary to refute the charges of alleged dictatorial powers on the part of the high general

Siberians Distrust Japan's Promise to Leave Vladivostok

By William H. Glies

Brecial Cable to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1920, by Chicago Daily News Co..) Peking, China, May 13.—According to information received here the Russo-Japanese situation in Siberia is grow-ing more seriou daily. Russians of all classes are enraged at the taking over by the Japanese of various strategical points, this being considered an attempt on the part of Japan to hold Vladivo-stok just as it now holds Tsingtao. The Russians do not believe that Japan in-Russians do not believe that Japan in-tends to evacuate Siberia despite the official declarations to the contrary. The present situation is the climax to Ja-pan's policy which has been and is most irritating to the Siberians. Though the Chinese are supposed to control Harbin, the Japanese have taken

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