

GERMANY AGAIN FACING SERIOUS HOME PROBLEMS

National Minister of Finance
Threatens to Resign; Railway
Men Voice Complaints.

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Berlin, Dec. 9.—(Delayed.)—Germany is again in a veritable witches' cauldron of political and economic troubles from which all kinds of dangers, including reports of strikes and rumors of the fall of the cabinet, are bubbling.

The national minister of finance threatens to resign if the reichstag proceeds with its plan of granting the demands of the civil service responsible over his act.

He declares the budget for Germany cannot stand further raises in employees' pay.

The railway men's unions, with their center at Essen, have telegraphed the reichstag and government that the lack of sufficient food makes it impossible for them to keep up the regular service.

The employees of the postal service have notified the minister of posts that unless their demands are granted, a strike is inevitable.

Furthermore, reports from Munich, Bavaria, tell of the danger of a new radical coup there. Radical papers of Berlin, on the other hand, print reports of an impending reactionary coup in Bavaria.

The creation of a joint Socialist and radical state government in Saxony is causing much worry in governmental circles here, as its success will surely be followed by attempts on the part of the other German states to radicalize their governments.

In Dresden, a Communist deputy, in a recent speech to the Saxon parliament, announced the coming of "death" to the bourgeois society and the social organization.

He then demanded a dictatorship of the proletariat operating through an unrestricted soviet system.

VANDERLIP IS PLEASED WITH BRITISH ACT

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action "would start an avalanche and that all other European nations would quickly follow her lead."

"Of course this would give the British the inside track and every day lost means great sums to American manufacturers, laborers and all classes," he said.

"The fact that the first British ship sailed for Odessa would indicate that Great Britain first contemplated opening the vast stores of oil, furs and grains which clear through that port. Why, there are \$50,000,000 worth of furs alone back of that region. The United States cannot afford to wait until March 4 to resume trade relations with Russia. This is the one country that the Soviets really want to deal with. But if they can't take up commercial intercourse with us again, they naturally have got to turn to European countries."

RUSSIA WILL NOT BEG

"Premier Lenin made it very emphatic to me that Russia is not going to come begging to America's doorstep."

While pointing to the fact that the cable report was confirmed and came in a roundabout way from Constantinople, he told the reporter of a significant incident that occurred in London just before he sailed for New York.

"A representative of the Daily Mail called me up and said he understood I had been in conference with Lloyd George," he said. "I told him I had not."

"There is no use camouflaging. You know and we know everybody else knows that the trade relations agreement has been signed with Russia."

Vanderlip said he was officially informed in Great Britain that every step in the negotiations between the British and Russia over Russian trade relations was reported to Washington through Ambassador Davis, but that Downing street never even received an acknowledgment.

60 YEAR AGREEMENT

Vanderlip said his agreement would not become operative until the American state department had authorized resumption of trade relations with Russia. His agreement provided for 60 years.

Other than stating that his concession will not be worked under the soviet system, Vanderlip refused to discuss the details of the agreement he signed with the soviet government.

Relative to the riches of the petroleum and coal deposits, he said his company would be able to furnish oil for the Western part of the United States and Canada, and that coal was so plentiful and accessible it could be delivered in San Francisco for \$4 a ton.

The fisheries, he said, were almost virgin.

Vanderlip met M. Krassin, Bolshevik trade representative, in Copenhagen and through him arranged a conference with Premier Lenin and other Russian officials in Moscow. He was in the soviet capital 60 days, interviewing more than 50 soviet representatives.

PRESENT LEADERS LOVED

Regarding conditions in Russia, he predicted that Bolshevism and Communism soon would die out and be succeeded by a typical republican form of government. "The present leaders will be retained, however, because 'they have won the confidence and love of the people,'" he said.

Reports of counter-revolutions, the "red terror" and atrocities, he characterized as propaganda, saying that while he was in Moscow "it was as quiet as a June day on the banks of the Wabash."

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FLASHES FROM JOURNAL WIRES

BERKELEY.—(I. N. S.)—William Barrett Jordan, steamer fitter, and Paul Burlingame, 25, son of the Rev. George E. Burlingame, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of San Francisco, confessed, according to the police, to the holdup of a streetcar here Tuesday morning.

LOS ANGELES.—(I. N. S.)—The activities of an alleged smuggling ring of Chinese smugglers, headed by prominent Chinese merchants of San Francisco, were revealed today when Jules Bonel, said to be the son of a wealthy French rancher of Aguilar, Colo., was sentenced as an operative of the ring.

NEW YORK.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. John M. Hartman of Minneapolis, whose husband was arrested here on a charge of embezzling \$54,000 from the Hartman Furniture & Carpet company of that city, is also held here at the request of Minneapolis police authorities.

WASHINGTON.—(I. N. S.)—The house rules committee today approved a rule providing for the prompt consideration in the house of the smoot senate resolution looking toward the reorganization of the government departments.

NEW YORK.—(I. N. S.)—A third wife of Lawrence A. Schaeffer, promoter, under arrest charged with bigamy, was found in Philadelphia today. The police were seeking 17 others in different parts of the country.

WASHINGTON.—(I. N. S.)—Samuel D. Nicholson, Republican senator-elect from Colorado, who will succeed Senator Charles S. Thomas, Democrat, of that state in the new senate, made his first appearance on the senate floor today.

NEW YORK.—(I. N. S.)—The Clothing Manufacturers' association today accepted the recent ultimatum of the newly amalgamated clothing workers' union and determined to fight the union to a finish.

WASHINGTON.—(I. N. S.)—Conferences between the federal reserve board and the state department relative to lifting of financial restrictions on trade with Russia have not been completed.

PARIS.—(U. P.)—The French foreign office announced today that a telegram had been dispatched from Athens inviting King Constantine to return.

NORTH YAKIMA.—(U. P.)—The Yakima Valley Dairymen's association in a resolution passed while in session here asks merchants and consumers to refrain from the use and sale of butter substitutes.

may he ever learned of the various

alleged revolutions, murders and assassinations in Russia was by assiduously reading certain New York newspapers," Vanderlip said.

Vanderlip declared what he believed to be the failure of the American people and government to realize the significance of Japan's activities in Siberia.

"The Japanese are now holding or claiming the entire Pacific coast region of that country," he said. "When you realize that she produces only 2,000,000 barrels of oil of the 15,000,000 annual output of Asia, you will understand why she is so desperately anxious to get and keep Siberia."

Vanderlip said that Japanese forces even occupied a part of the territory covered by his concession, but that the Russians were gradually driving them out. Asked if he thought there was any possibility of serious trouble between Japan and the United States, he replied, "Not a chance in the world."

He declared that Japan was not in a position to fight any big power. Referring again to Russian conditions, Vanderlip said:

"There seem to be plenty of men in the United States who have never been within a thousand miles of Russia, yet they state emphatically that the Bolsheviks rule Russia by a dictatorship. I haven't any use for the soviet form of government, but the fact is there is absolute freedom of thought and speech there—infinite more so than in America. So far as Lenin is concerned, he has to fight to retain his leadership the same as Lloyd George or any other premier."

"Fully two-thirds of the soviet officials are men who were exiled to Siberia under the czarist regime. Many of the others held governmental offices under the czar. I met only three Jews holding high positions. They were Trotsky, who is really an executive genius, Litvinoff and Kamanineff."

Vanderlip said that when he arrived in London three weeks ago, although the newspapers sought to belittle his venture, he was approached by scores of big manufacturers, oil dealers, and even members of parliament, all of whom wanted to invest in the concession.

House to Inquire Into Paris Expense

Washington, Dec. 11.—Expenditure of \$1,651,191 by American delegates to the peace conference as shown in the report filed with congress by President Wilson will be investigated by the house of representatives, it was learned today.

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To Soviet Ports, Says Mes-
sage From Constantinople.

London, Dec. 11.—(U. P.)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople today declared that Great Britain has already resumed trade with soviet Russia. According to the dispatch, the British naval base here has authorized merchant ships to go to Russian ports and two are now en route to Odessa.

LOS ANGELES.—(U. P.)—With a piece of bone about the size of a new pencil removed from his shin and grafted on his spinal column, 13-year-old Cleo Hibbs is expected to leave a hospital a healthy boy.

CASPER, Wyo.—(I. N. S.)—Frank T. Frawley, postal inspector, is in charge of Casper's postoffice following an investigation that is said to have disclosed a shortage approximating \$5000.

SPRINGFIELD.—(I. N. S.)—Five men, charged with conspiracy to wreck the Illinois Central Diamond Special train near here some weeks ago, were acquitted in the circuit court here today.

ATHENS.—(U. P.)—The French minister has handed a note to Premier Rhalis stating that France will withdraw its credits to Greece in the event King Constantine is restored to the throne.

PARIS.—(I. N. S.)—Ex-Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is in agony and her death is expected hourly, says a dispatch from Doorn.

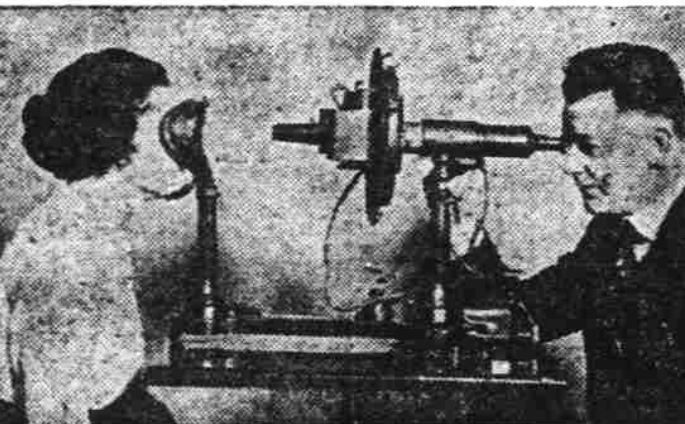
LONDON.—(I. N. S.)—The Greek community in Constantinople has demanded of the patriarch of the Greek orthodox church in the Turkish capital that he ex-communicate Constantine if the latter returns to Greece.

WASHINGTON.—(I. N. S.)—Samuel Gompers today urged Senator Phelan of California to oppose any amendments to the Chinese exclusion act which might permit the introduction of Chinese labor into Hawaii.

Eight Hit by Automobiles

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Eight persons were struck by automobiles during the wind and rain storm last night and this morning. One is dead. The wind attained a velocity of 44 miles an hour.

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