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LONDON, Nov. 28 .- The entente allies have decided to demand that Holland surrender the former emperor of Germany to justice, according to the Daily Express.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION BREAKING IN GERMANY; SOCIALIST LEADER DECLARES IT IN FULL SWING; DISSOLUTION OF SOLDIERS COUNCIL ATTEMPTED

LONDON, Nov. 28 .- At a Berlin meeting of the soldiers' and work men's council, Herr Barth, secretary for social policy in the Ebert ministry, declared + that a counter-revolution was in full swing, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph.



Mooney Refuses To Take Leniency GOVERNOR HINTS THAT **Prefers Glorious Death To Living** Grave, He Says from Cell of Doom

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Nov. 28 .- Thomas J. Mooney issued the following statement tonight: "Governor Stephens, it is my life you are dealing with. I demand you revoke your commutation of my death sentence to a living death. I prefer a glorious death at the hands of my traducers to a living grave.

"I am innocent. I demand a new and fair trial, or my unconditional liberty through a pardon. If I were guilty of the crime for which I have been unjustly convicted, hanging would be too good for me. Then, why commute my sentence to life?

"Labor everywhere, I say to you tonight, as I said the night the chamber of commerce jury returned a death penalty verdict against me, that my hope, as well as the hope of Billings, Nolan, Weinberg and Mrs. Mooney was in the solidarity of organized labor. I shall never depart from that statement.

"Workers, it has been my privilege to choose the dishonorable route in this case. That same offer has been made to every one of the defendants. I would rather hang a thousand times than do as much as even entertain a dishonorable thought. I mean by this that we were to be framed to tell a certain story, the same as all the perjurers were framed against us.

"I refuse to accept the commutation. I now appeal to you again to act, and the sooner the better."



GERMAN SPIES PLACED SAN FRANCISCO BOMB

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 28-The sentence of Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to be hanged December 13 in connection with the deaths of ten persons from a bomb explosion in San Francisco Preparedness day, July 22, 1916, was commuted by Governor W. D. Stephens today to imprisonment for life.

In giving the announcement of the governor's decision to the Associated Press, his private secretary, Martin Madsen, said that the commutation was signed early this evening, but that further than the written statement there would be no comment.

The statement reviews the case fully and quotes in their entirety the two messages from President Woodrow Wilson, in which the action now taken by the governor was suggested. The commutation, says the governor, reduces the case to the status of that of Warren K. Billings.

"I refuse to recognize this case as in any fashion representing a clash between capital and labor," he adds, and he characterizes as

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Russian Bolshevik troops on Tuesday captured Pskov, 160 miles south-

