

KAISER MUST GO, DUMA CHIEF SAYS

Vice President Calls Wilhelm's and Hollweg's Congratulations Hypocritical

"REPLY WITH BAYONET"

PETROGRAD, April 2.—"We cannot shake hands with the German people until they rid themselves of the cursed Hohenzollerns," declared Vice President Shobelev, of the Duma, in a speech delivered today to a patriotic mass-meeting outside the Duma building. In the crowd were members of the Workers' and the Soldiers' Council, with hundreds of plain citizens.

"Kaiser Wilhelm and Chancellor Hollweg are the most redoubtable enemies to Russian liberties," Shobelev declared. "To their hypocritical greetings to the Russian revolutionists we can only reply with the bayonet."

Grand Duke Nicholas, formerly commander-in-chief of Russia's army, arrived at his estate at Alkpa, Crimea, today, accompanied by two government commissioners. He will go into retirement there.

President Rodzianko, of the Duma, in addressing a group of supporters of woman suffrage, told them the equal franchise would be submitted to the constituent assembly. He personally, he said, favored such a move.

The entire Cabinet of new Russia was at the front today in conference with Chief of Staff General Alexieff, of the army, now commander-in-chief, according to dispatches received from Mobilieff, Minister of War. Gutschok had been at the front for several days, but his colleagues did not arrive until today.

The Ministers were accompanied by attaches of various Petrograd embassies and the deputations of the people. Their arrival at Mobilieff met with a tremendous ovation. The townspeople had a band at the railroad station and cheered the leaders vigorously. The whole assemblage sang the "Marseillaise."

AMSTERDAM, April 2.—"Almost a peace offer," is the way the Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts today viewed the interview recently granted by Foreign Minister Czernin, of Austria-Hungary. According to German dispatches today nearly all German newspapers approve Czernin's sentiments; the Entente can conclude honorable peace at any time and that the Central Powers' peace offer is still open.

The Vorwaerts expressed the belief that the departure of American Ambassador Peurfield is connected in some way with the Czernin interview and supports the theory of a peace offer.

The Muenchener Neuste Nachrichten editorially emphasized today that the Central Powers "are ready at any time to enter into any practical course leading to an honorable and lasting peace."

CHAIN-STORE COMBINE PLANS BETTER SERVICE

Nearly \$5,000,000 Capital Is Merged in Mammoth Grocery Trade

"COURTESY FIRST" SLOGAN

Consummation of the big merger of chain retail grocery stores into the American Stores Company is announced today by Chandler & Co., incorporated, the banking firm which originated and engineered the deal.

The new company will have a capitalization for the present of \$3,000,000 first preferred, \$1,500,000 second preferred and \$2,964,000 par shares of common stock. Associated in the transaction with Chandler & Co. are Counsellman & Co., of Chicago.

The new company owns a controlling interest in the common stock of the Acme Company and is to acquire outright the properties, assets and good will of four other chain concerns. These are the Bell Company, the Dunlap Company, Childs Grocery, Company and Robinson & Crawford, the senior partner in which, Samuel Robinson, will be president of the new corporation.

The companies taken over operate at present 1223 retail stores in the metropolitan zone of Philadelphia, cater to more than 1,000,000 customers and did more than \$50,000,000 in business last year.

Public necessity in regard to the food problem is given as the reason for the merger. Rising food costs have made imperative economies in the distribution of food, which will be more easily accomplished under the system of the new company. Delivery service, instead of going to five different stores, will be short distance of one, will, of course, be sent out through a central system.

Newspaper advertising instead of the present method of distributing circulars and such other house-to-house work will be reformed instituted by the American Stores Company. This is regarded as of importance in view of the fact that campaigners for clean streets have labeled this a nuisance that must be done away with.

The cost of bread will remain the same under the new company, which will manufacture the staff of life in its own plants. The combined bakeries will have a total output of 2,000,000 loaves a week. Stores of the company will be so situated that three blocks will be the maximum any housewife will have to go to market.

"Courtesy First" will be the slogan of the new company, according to Mr. Robinson. This, he said today, would materially increase the amount of business in the stores of the American Stores Company.

"As the chain store in the past has been a boon to the people of Philadelphia," said Mr. Robinson, "and all of the many other places in which this modern and effective system of food distribution has been established, so through the formation of a single company to combine the present five chains the public will enjoy an even larger measure of benefit."

BOY GNAWS GOLF BALL; DEEDS

Accid in Core Kills Spring Lake Man's Child

SPRING LAKE, N. J., April 2.—Stanley E. Newman, six years old, is dead at his home here from acid poisoning. He was rushed to the Ann May Memorial Hospital after he had chewed the cover of a golf ball and the acid within had run down his throat. Doctors Garrison and Strong, of the hospital staff, operated immediately, but he died soon after admittance. His father, Archibald Newman, is employed by the Spring Lake Golf and Country Club. The child found the ball while playing on the links, tore the outside cover off and put the composition interior in his mouth.

JEW DECLARES FOR ALL

Issue Statement in Support of Oscar Straus's Letter to Ambassadors

NEW YORK, April 2.—A declaration signed by sixty-eight Jewish citizens, in support of the letter which Oscar Straus recently wrote to the British and French Ambassadors at Washington, which he contended that a majority of Jews of the United States sympathize with the cause of the Allies, has been issued under the caption, "A Declaration by American Jews."

The declaration was signed, among others, by Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen, Louis Edward Levy and Oscar Loeb, of Philadelphia.



BUSINESS SCIENCE CHIEFS

Walter Lee Rosenberger, vice president of the Business Science Club (upper), and Dr. H. Evert Kendig, its secretary, were the first to act on the EVENING LEDGER's idea for a big patriotic meeting in Independence Square, and they threw the influence of that organization behind the movement.

BOSTON WOMAN WOULD RAISE CAVALRY REGIMENT

Former Wellesley Student Believes Feminine Fighters Equal Men in Nerve and Courage

BOSTON, April 2.—A cavalry regiment of women has been suggested to the military authorities by Miss Marion Weston Cottle, a former student at Wellesley and the Boston University law school, now a member of the Massachusetts bar.

Miss Cottle wants to enlist, and believes that she could raise a cavalry regiment among the housewives of greater Boston. She applied at a recruiting station and found that clerical work seemed to be the only opportunity for women in the service. When asked if she thought women would have the nerve actually to kill, Miss Cottle said:

"Surely. During the French revolution the women proved that a life meant nothing more to them when principle was involved than it did to men. It does not seem a case of feminism to me, but of individualism. Some of our nurses and women doctors display all the nerve and courage of the much-flaunted men."

MEETING EVOLVED TO BUSINESS FROM EVENING LEDGER EDITORIAL

BUSINESS MEN'S QUICK AID

Increased Participation of Committees Effected Marvellous Demonstration

At the men who did much to bring the tremendous success of Saturday's patriotic meeting in Independence Square, it was said today at 325 Cherry in the office of Dr. H. Evert Kendig, secretary of the Business Science Club.

Dr. Kendig himself; the vice president, Walter Lee Rosenberger, and the secretary, Dr. H. Evert Kendig, were the big meeting's organizers.

Rosenberger read the editorial in the EVENING LEDGER of Thursday, March 29, which urged a great patriotic demonstration in the Square—and became enthusiastic. He rushed over to Doctor Kendig's office from his own at 325 Cherry, and a French building, and said to him:

"Here's the very thing; here's the key; here's the thing we ought to help."

Dr. Kendig caught the enthusiasm and brought it up at our luncheon and meeting of the next day when the Business Science Club members met at their weekly luncheon at the Adelphi Hotel. Mr. Rosenberger proposed a resolution to the effect that Dr. Kendig's editorial suggestion should be carried out.

The committee was named to do the work, Dr. Rosenberger being the chairman and Dr. Kendig secretary.

Dr. Rosenberger was to be in some opposition ahead of the meeting, but did not want it after President Wilson addressed Congress.

But the committee went blithely ahead. The resolutions as presented by Mr. Rosenberger and passed were sent to the Mayor, who invited to a luncheon at the Poor People's Club the next day—Saturday.

That meeting did the trick. The Business Science Club had gathered representatives from many business organizations; they also had George Wentworth Carr and Thomas Robins from the Home Defense League. The Mayor came, too. On motion of Mr. Rosenberger he was elected chairman of the meeting, and when he spoke he announced his whole-hearted sympathy with the idea of the Independence Square meeting, and from then on success was assured.

The Business Science Club's committee stepped nominally aside to let the Home Defense League take full charge, but most of its committees remained on the job.

Mayor Smith named a general committee to do the work, and Mr. Rosenberger was again appointed chairman and Dr. Kendig secretary. They, with Mr. Robins and Frederick G. Jones, of the original Business Science Club committee, did the major portion of arranging for the meeting from that time on. True, they had a number of aids on the committee, but the chief labor fell on them.

All the Business Science Club men who started the ball-rolling after the EVENING LEDGER editorial was printed and who worked unceasingly until the meeting began Saturday, said that without the help of Mr. Rosenberger their task would have been almost impossible.

Mr. Rosenberger and Dr. Kendig said they that the work Mr. Robins did and the influence he was able to exert were the chief individual contributions to the great success of the meeting.

When the Business Science Club holds its annual luncheon Friday, the regular program, it is expected, will be less than in a plot of self-congratulation over an idea quickly taken up and perfectly carried out.

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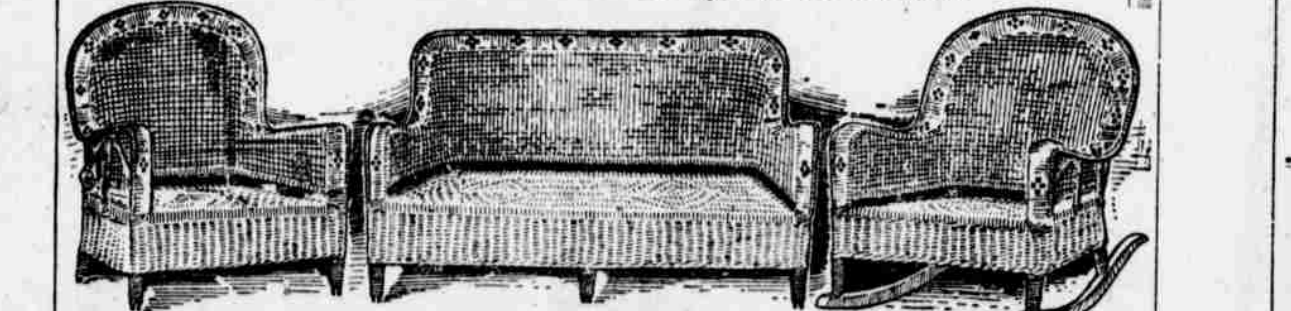
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