

EXCLUSIVE CABLES RELATE STIRRING HAPPENINGS OF WAR FRONTS AND FOREIGN CAPITALS

GERMANY'S ALLIES
LOOK OVER SPOILS

Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey
and Austria Have Con-
flicting Interests

BRITISH PAPER CRITICAL

Vienna Peace Offers
Refused Without Con-
sulting U. S. or Russia

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

London, May 9.—The signing of peace between Rumania and the Central Powers has brought into prominence rumors of serious negotiations between Germany and her allies regarding the settlement of eastern Europe. The situation is very obscure.

Your correspondent learns from a confidential source that Bulgaria is not only annoyed that she is not to receive Dobruja, while Germany thinks she has done so little in the war that she deserves nothing.

It is known, however, that Bulgarian troops to strengthen her position in the west, but she is content to keep them in cantonments along the Salonica front without sending them in any other field of war.

Then Bulgaria and Turkey are on bad terms over territorial questions. They have traditional loathing, based on religious, racial and historical grounds, and Turkey, under the pressure of Russia in the Caucasus, is now disposed to look upon Bulgarian aspirations much more favorably than a year ago.

Consequently Bulgaria claims the Adrianople-Sofia railway which would give her access to the Aegean, are being steadily resented by the Porte.

Yeridman Long Dissatisfied

When the suggestion that Rumania is not to get Besarabia has not pleased Bulgaria. She has no wish to see her neighbor strengthened, and she regards the suggestion as almost treason to herself.

The suggestion of "Cain" negotiations in the policy of his allies, it is now known, is of considerable standing, and at least one year ago he was drawn strongly to the aid of Vienna in its efforts to open negotiations with the Entente.

The Manchester Guardian today states that Kaiser Charles's famous letter to the French Government was followed by a demand in which he expressed confidence that he could induce Germany to accept peace and offered to make a separate armistice with the Entente. Bulgaria, he is reported to have agreed with him.

It was followed in May last year by an attempt by Kerensky to get the Allies to make peace, but they refused in June 3.

On June 3, M. Ribot, then French Premier, announced that the international Socialist movement for the international Socialist movement.

All this time negotiations with the Entente were in progress. They were apparently in July, much against the liking of Lloyd George and the insistence of Baron Sonnino President Poincare.

United States Not Consulted
In July the German Government, via the Dutch and Bernese, invited peace discussions. These overtures were rejected by the French, Italian and British Governments without consulting the United States, though Belgium and Rumania were informed.

About the same time Austria tried to bring to Berlin peace negotiations through Bavaria-Armann conversations. These seem to have lingered on till the end of the year. (Count Revier's Austrian attacks at Bern, began peace negotiations with a distant ally, Major Armand, of the French intelligence department, in August, 1917.)

The enemy overtures offer a possibility of peace," says the Manchester Guardian. "Our Paris correspondent says that Emperor Charles proposed complete restoration of Belgium, of Alsace-Lorraine to France and the evacuation of occupied territory. On such terms he and Bulgaria were prepared, if necessary, to break with Germany. The German proposal is said to have included Alsace-Lorraine to France, and Trieste and Trentino for Italy, to be balanced by a free hand in the Balkans.

Ribot's Reason for Refusal
M. Ribot justified the rejection of the Emperor's offer on the ground that he had to choose between that and continuing with Italy. M. Poincare, on the other hand, is asserted to have been against a negotiated peace on such terms, and to have demanded the evacuation of the Rhine in addition to Alsace-Lorraine. One may recall here Edward Carson's extraordinary declaration of the same kind at the time, and said to have invited Emperor Charles to compensate himself for ceding Trentino and Trieste to Italy by giving Alsace to Germany.

It is much for the substance of the peace and counter-proposals in the course of the negotiations, and of the manner in which they were conducted, to say that the whole matter was disposed of without consulting the American and Russian Governments, or partners in the war; that the secret even from most of the members of the British and French cabinets, and that, of course, the opinion of public opinion was as unconsulted as that of certain of the members and ministers. In this connection it is necessary to point out that on Monday Mr. Balfour was in Vienna when the Austrian peace offer was made.

BRITISH FLIERS TAKE CAPTURED BOCHE PLANE TO REAR



JAMES GORDON BENNETT VERY ILL IN FRANCE

Publisher's Condition Causes Serious Anxiety Among Friends

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Paris, May 9.—James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, is ill at his place near Nice. His condition is causing anxiety among his friends in Paris.

Mr. Bennett's estate is at Beaulieu, on the Riviera, between Nice and Menton. Mr. Bennett was born in 1841. He married the Baroness de Neuter in 1914.

Official British War Photograph
Only the body of the German machine remained after it fell in combat with a British airman on the Flanders front. Other British airmen are enjoying the trip to the rear with the captured trophy.

AMERICA MORE THAN
MAKES UP FOR RUSSIA

French Senator Declares
Allies' Gain Is Tremendous.
Urges Closer Unity

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Paris, May 9.—M. Henry Berenger, of the French Senate, tells his countrymen not to try to balance the coming of America into the war with the defection of Russia, saying that there is no basis of comparison with Russia out and America in. The net gain for the Allies is tremendous, he asserts.

"Have we sufficiently realized," he asks, "that no comparison of the importance of these countries is to be established? The defection of Russia embarrassed us momentarily, but at the same time it freed us from a great burden. We furnished to Russia money, shells, powder, cannon, even rifles."

"America, on the contrary, brings us what we gave to Russia. America furnishes us money, munitions, grain and all the prime essentials of armament and food. She sends hundreds of thousands of soldiers to fight and die with our soldiers. The United States will go to Berlin, if necessary, to save the world."

M. Berenger adds a warning: "The only problem now for America as to France," he says, "is not to spoil the great sacrifices by stultifying organization. If our ports are too insufficient for American cargoes, let them immediately remove all obstacles to enlarging the ports and increasing transportation."

"If America is too new at war to possess enough military chiefs of units or enough general staff officers capable of utilizing the army, let us immediately furnish officers and staffs, that we may have between the American and French troops the amalgamation indispensable to victory."

MONARCHY IN FINLAND
SURE, LONDON LEARNS

Duke of Mecklenburg, Uncle of German Crown Prince, Slated for King

London, May 9.—According to dispatches from Stockholm there seems little doubt that a monarchy will be proclaimed for Finland, and that the German candidate, Duke Adolf Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, uncle of the crown prince of Germany, will be king. A spirit of reaction has spread throughout the country. It is added, and the Finnish constitution, which was the most democratic in Europe, is to be remodeled on more or less autocratic lines. The Socialists and Democrats are under the ban for having favored the rebellion.

The natural reaction against all who with the aid of Russian Bolsheviki soldiers caused a reign of terror and anarchy, it is declared, is telling against those who still cling to principles of democratic freedom and who would vote for a republic.

Finland is still far from being completely pacified. Desultory fighting with the rebels continues at many points.

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BRITISH BLUNDER SEEN
IN MAHON'S REMOVAL

Sinn Fein and Anti-Conscriptionists Will Gain Recruits Through Action

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Dublin, May 9.—The Government, I am afraid, committed themselves to another grave blunder in their dealings with Ireland. When I heard yesterday that they had decided to supersede Sir Bryan Mahon in the Irish command I scoffed at the humor. Today the suppression is spoken of as an accomplished fact, and the name of Sir Bryan's successor is even mentioned in quarters which are above and beyond the uncertainties of mere rumor.

If my information is correct, and I have no doubt myself that it is, the Government is making a very great mistake and one that will not lose anything in disastrous consequence from the circumstance that it will be associated with Clarendon and the covenanting antecedents of Sir Henry Wilson, chief of the imperial staff, and the rigid Presbyterian of Lord Milner, who certainly has no more friends in Ireland than he has in England.

It is difficult to guess at Mahon's qualifications for his post, if he is suspected of a desire to see home rule in operation before conscription is applied, then he is only suspected in common with Lord French, the new Lord Lieutenant, and it is notorious that the new chief secretary is irreversibly committed to the same precedent.

If the report which I reproduce is well founded, the greatest possible stimulus will be given to the Sinn Fein and the anti-conscription movement throughout the country.

SPY SEIZED AT FRONT
IS GERMAN-AMERICAN

Traitor and Teuton Accomplice, Wearing U. S. Uniforms, Caught Inside Lines

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London, May 9.—The first German-American to be caught spying on the United States troops has been taken within the American lines.

Behind the characterization of traitor to his country contained in the report of his arrest in the statement he added a German prisoner to escape. Both men donned American officers' uniforms and entered the line from the rear in the late afternoon.

They said they were studying the ground between the lines with a view to using tanks and asked to be allowed to cross the lines. The officer to whom they made the request soon discovered the ruse and ordered them escorted to the rear. There it was found one of the men was a German and that the German-American was his accomplice.

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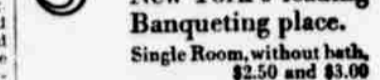
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UKRAINE EVENTS
NEARING CLIMAX

German Plans Shown in
Appointment of Russian
Octoberist Ministry
NAMED BY NEW HETMAN

WARNS NOT TO CREDIT
TEUTON PEACE RUMORS

Reports Declared "Feelers" to
Test Out Pacifist Sentiment
Among Allies

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Amsterdam, May 9 (Dispatch to the London Morning Post). For some time German agents in Holland have been busily engaged in spreading reports privately to the effect that Germany was inclined to conclude peace. It is beyond all doubt that the German people are longing for peace, being convinced, in spite of all the assurances of the Pan-Germans and the boasting allegations of the military and Junker parties, that the Central Powers will never be able to gain the victory.

Moreover, well-informed political and military circles in Berlin and Vienna are well aware, as I have been repeatedly informed, that the military power of the United States cannot be underestimated and that it will steadily increase.

In these circumstances, the world will not be astonished to learn that the Central Powers are striving to the utmost of their ability to secure peace on the best terms obtainable. Some reports which are being circulated purport to give Germany's peace proposals in detail, but I have good reason to believe that these reports are spread merely with the object of ascertaining the sentiment in pacifist circles in Entente countries and of helping the pacifists to embarrass their Governments.

Germany is also endeavoring, by means of intrigues, to cause discontent with the war in England and France and to bring about the downfall of the Governments of Lloyd George and Clemenceau. For these reasons, such attention should not be paid either to apparently favorable peace terms proposed or purporting to be proposed by Germany or to the German rumors about preliminary peace deliberations in Bern between representatives

of the German and French Governments.

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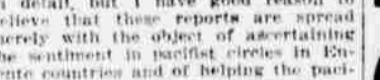
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