

PERIL TO BERLIN

Widespread Counter-Revolutionary Moves Realized by Government

BOLSHEVISM REJECTED

Foreign Office Denies Destruction of Documents Showing Blame for War

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Berlin, Dec. 1 (Delayed).—The Government and its organs, Vorwarts and Die Freiheit as well as all the Democratic papers, rejoice at the result of the deliberations of the United Berlin Soldiers' Councils, which, by 30 to 2, voted for the earliest possible national convention.

This is celebrated as an overwhelming victory for law and order over Bolshevism.

The men now having Germany's fate in hand don't show their eyes to the lurking danger of a counter-revolution, of which there is abundant evidence.

Only yesterday State Secretary Strobel, at a large meeting of the new Fatherland party league, felt compelled to warn the people that the reactionaries were at work again.

He said he would not yet draw the veil from their machinations, but he threatened a certain few of the generous at the front with the wrath of the revolution and all it meant if they continued passive resistance and active intrigue.

Hindenburg Sounds Warning
In connection with this warning a telegram by the highest command (Hindenburg) to the commander of the Eighteenth Army Corps at Frankfurt-am-Main, has a special significance.

After the delegates of the individual States to the Empire conference in Berlin have declared that until the nation has assembled the Workers and Soldiers' Councils are regarded as the representatives of the people.

On the other hand the People's Commissioners are requested to instruct the Workers and Soldiers' Councils to conform with military demands from the armies as necessary for a safe homeward march and to desist from any interference with it, since it is impossible to draw a straight line between the rights and duties of both parties.

Police Heads Were Intriguing
Even in Berlin reaction begins to be felt. It was announced that Police Colonel Frohlich, head of the old uniformed force, and his assistant, both taken over from the old regime, had retired.

The Government has good reason carefully to watch its many elements and it may be taken for granted that if they are busy in Berlin, they are certainly not asleep in the strongholds of Junkerism—Pomerania, East and West Prussia.

On the other hand, the suspicions against the Foreign Office are, in many quarters, thought to be quite unfounded. Even the deputy, who is not his friend, Karl Gatusky, acquits him of the accusation of having winked at the destruction of certain documents by issuing the following statement:

"Since I have been in charge at the Foreign Office hardly a day has passed without some excited people invading my room and announcing that there are mysterious men in the archives of the Foreign Office destroying all the documents pertaining to our history. When I asked these people to lead me to the scene of action and point out the guilty men,

SUGGESTS MAYOR BE NONPARTISAN

James M. Dohan Cites Clarke Act as Charter Model

CENTRALIZED POWER

Names of Democrats Offered to City Solicitor as Advisers on Revision

A suggestion that the city charter be revised to provide for the election of mayors on a non-partisan ticket is embodied in a letter to City Solicitor Connelly from James M. Dohan, counsel for the Democratic City Committee.

Mr. Dohan cites the Clarke act under which the second-class cities of Pittsburgh and Scranton now elect mayors on a non-partisan ticket as an example of how the proposal operates.

"The city is now and has been for years, a Republican stronghold," he writes the City Solicitor.

"Its present scheme of municipal government is based upon sound Republican policy, the policy of centralization, yet many prominent Republicans object to the main features of our charter because of that very fact.

"The remedy, to my mind, is obvious. Elect a Mayor on a non-partisan ticket, following a non-partisan primary. The Clarke act, for the government of other cities in our great Commonwealth, has proved successful in operation.

Mr. Dohan also calls attention to the fact that a revision of the charter must be submitted to the electorate and that thousands of city voters now in the army would be barred from the right of franchise because an act of August 1, 1864, prohibits soldiers in the service from voting for civic, municipal or school or division officers in the city of Philadelphia.

A rearrangement of ward boundaries, or ward representation on the basis of population and the shortening term of the mayor with the provision that he can be re-elected at least once, are suggestions which he offers for the consideration of Mr. Connelly and his charter revision committee.

In conclusion he asks that "Democrats of the stamp of B. Gordon Bromley, Theodore F. Jenks, James Gray Gordon, Henry Budd, Michael J. Ryan, Charles P. Donnelly, Edgar W. Lank, Joseph P. McCullon, Emanuel Furch, J. Washington Logan, George W. Norris, Walter George Smith and Eugene C. Bonnell be invited to take part in your conference."

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NORTHCLIFFE'S PAPER ATTACKS LLOYD GEORGE

Daily Mail Says Premier Cannot Keep Majority Election Will Give. Urges Change of Policy and "New Blood"—Publisher Wants Peace Seat, One View

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Lord Northcliffe in effect says to Lloyd George: "You have made a bad bargain by the way you are bound hand and foot for five years to Tory Junkers. If you will rely on me I will get you out of your difficulties."

For some time past minor organs of the Northcliffe press have been coquetting with labor, and the Mail is running daily a labor news column. That is a superficial aspect of a development which is thrown the political world into turmoil. Guesses as to what is going on below the surface are various. One is that Northcliffe wants to be one of the British delegates to the peace conference. The other need not be detailed.

The coalition has not been easy in its mind for a week or two past. The country generally and recent developments in the campaign have created a strong impression that the Government decided upon the election chiefly from political motives.

Lord Northcliffe in the Daily Mail says that the result has been that Lloyd George has lost the support apparently of every daily paper that was anxious to help him with the single exception of one morning journal for which £1,500,000 was paid by some of his personal supporters on the eve of election.

From unbusiness, the feeling in coalition circles today developed into panicky symptoms, not, of course, owing to a fear of not obtaining a majority, but owing to a conviction that its tenure of office, once peace is made, will be either precarious or short, unless Northcliffe gets his way and gets it quickly. There might be little ground for such a conviction if public sentiment had been in favor of the election at this time, or if the coalition party managers had made a square deal which would not have completely alienated both liberalism and labor.

SHIPYARD NEWS

CAMOFLEURS HERE THROW OUT CHESTS

Pennsylvania Shipyard Force Claims Record for Disguising War-Emergency Vessels

The Pennsylvania shipyard camofleurs are getting increased chest measurements.

They boast of the honor of having camouflaged the first and last ship built on the Delaware River for war emergency purposes.

The first ship on which the paint-shop artists applied their gaudy colors was the John M. Connelly, a 700-ton tanker which was launched November 10, 1917.

The last vessel so decorated to deceive the eye, before the armistice was signed was the Indianapolis, a 12,500-ton cargo carrier launched July 4, of this year.

According to the paint-shop workers of the Pennsylvania yard at Gloucester the finishing touches were put on the Indianapolis on November 11, the big day when the glorious news arrived.

The paint shop in the Gloucester yard is in charge of Harry Epling, foreman. Virtually all the deceptive lining placed on the ships was done by G. V. Ancker, and the fields between were colored by the brush-welders of the paint shop.

But the general supervision of the camoflage work fell on the shoulders of G. King, of the camoflage department of the United States shipping board.

Clarence Cox, of the Harlan yard, salvaged a good deal from the company, and after hours of half-soling and mending, he returned to the Harlan yard, a few of Wilmington's traffic cops of the main thoroughfares now ready to be used to take the "gals" up to concert pitch before he gets through, the title cannot be expected to hear it "glaze" a gasoline obligate or something of the sort.

"Hotel" Worn in back to the Harlan restaurant, the bachelor quarters, the offices and the Harlan town site.

Every time the Harlan band goes "trotting" about town its members are the recipients of numerous salutes. The boys in khaki often mistake them for engines of something, according to the bandman.

And the Recording Angel has another one on his list. Elmer Cox, who is now passing around Havanna among his "buddy" ship-owners and gawkers of the Harlan yard, Elmer won a surfacetite or something equally nice. At the same time, the title cannot be expected to hear it "glaze" a gasoline obligate or something of the sort.

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SHIPYARD HAS OWN LAUNDRY

Merchants' Company Starts Falls When Private Service Fails

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If you would have a thing done right do it yourself.

This theory resulted in the Merchants' shipyard at Harlan installing a laundry of its own for the workers.

Considerable difficulty was met in having private laundries care for the wash, particularly after the influenza epidemic started.

Fear of disease prevented the laundries from accepting the Merchants' yard wash, notwithstanding the fact that they were assured by health and sanitation officers that there was no danger, as all clothing and linen were disinfected before leaving the plant.

The need for clothing, clean bedding, towels, etc., became serious. Then it was decided to have a yard laundry. The idea was proposed by Dr. A. H. Stewart, of the health and sanitation department. About three weeks ago the institution was started and is now open for business. It is a modern laundry, located in an extension of the power plant, and is

fully equipped with modern cleaning machinery. It will serve the hospital, the restaurant, the bachelor quarters, the offices and the Harlan town site.

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