

GERMANY UNABLE TO RESUME WAR

No Danger of Foe Reopening Hostilities, Declares Correspondent

ARMY IS NONEXISTENT

Allies Can Control Situation by Withholding Food Which Is Badly Needed

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Paris, Dec. 12.

What has most struck me since my arrival in Paris Saturday night from occupied Germany is the recurrence of the same question: "Well, is it really finished? Is there any chance of the boche beginning again?"

I have heard it once, I have heard it fifty times, frequently from Americans or British, and on the lips of French people almost without exception.

At first it seemed frankly ridiculous that such an idea could be entertained, but the constant repetition of it demanded attention.

Whatever may be the reasons from which the query may arise, I can answer it with certainty, based not only on an investigation of all shades of civil and military opinion in occupied Germany, but on nine months' close association with the French in the conduct of military operations from the time of the spring disasters to the end of the victorious campaign.

There is no danger whatever of Germany reopening hostilities.

To begin with, an attempt is utterly hopeless from a military standpoint. Even a Prussian captain of a shock division with whom I talked admitted readily that the French army alone could smash them without difficulty.

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The German army as a fighting force is nonexistent. A great many soldiers have returned home with or without leave, and the immensely complex machinery of transport and supply needed for modern war is shattered beyond repair.

ONCE BRILLIANT VIENNA HAS BECOME A SPECTRAL CITY

Left Stranded by Collapse of Empire, New German-Austrian State Cannot Support It—People Are Slowly Dying of Starvation

By HAROLD WILLIAMS

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Vienna, Dec. 12.

VIENNA, formerly one of the most brilliant capitals in Europe, is now a spectral city. From being the capital of a powerful monarchy it is reduced to the position of the capital of a small German-Austrian republic.

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SEE AGREEMENT ON SEA FREEDOM

Britain Now Expects to Find Wilson's Views Not Antagonistic

MORE LIGHT RECEIVED

Whole Proposition Depends on Success of League of Nations Plan

Wireless to the Evening Public Ledger

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London, Dec. 12.

The Daily Express understands that when President Wilson's proposals on the subject of the freedom of the seas are definitely laid before the Allied peace delegates' table it will be found that they are in no way so antagonistic to British interests as has been generally supposed.

"Informal conversations," says the Express, "have been in progress some time, with the result that the British Government is in possession of concrete suggestions which are more understandable than the rather hazy wording of the famous clause two of the fourteen points."

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TWO GENERALS SHOT BY RUSSIAN SOVIET

Russki and Dimitrieff, of the Army, and Former Cabinet Officer Slain

By the Associated Press

Stockholm, Dec. 12.

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HAS FAITH IN WILSON

New Swiss President Believes He Stands for Right and Justice

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 12.—(Havas)—Gustave Ador, the newly elected president of Switzerland, in an interview with a correspondent of the Journal, declared that he believed that the visit of President Wilson to Europe was a guarantee that the future society of nations would be based on right, justice and a respect for the popular will.

The Swiss democracy, he added, believed it had a strong friend in President Wilson. The Swiss people are deeply grateful to the American President for his sympathies toward them.

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GERMANY PAYS ROYALTY

Kaiser's Family Still Receives Funds From Government

By the Associated Press

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—The German imperial revenues for December, it is reported from Berlin, have been paid to all the former royal personages remaining in Germany, who are entitled to them.

The Vossische Zeitung says that the former German Emperor has authorized Eitel Frederick, his second son, to represent him in all matters concerning the former imperial house.

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BRITISH OCCUPY BONN

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RUSSIAN GOLD IN PARIS

\$60,000,000 Indemnity Paid Germans Is Deposited by Allies

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—Gold received from Russia by the Germans, amounting to more than \$60,000,000, has arrived in Paris and been deposited in the Bank of France, according to an official statement from the French ministry of finance.

The money is credited to the common account of the Allies, in conformity with the terms of the armistice.

WANT TO STAY WITH DUTCH

Burgomasters of Limburg Province Assure Queen of Allegiance

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—The people living in the southern part of the Dutch province of Limburg are excited by repeated references in Belgian and French newspapers to a possible severance of a part of that province from Holland.

Forty-nine burgomasters in that region have telegraphed to Queen Wilhelmina expressing their indignation and assuring her of their firm allegiance.

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