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The Reported Acceptance by Russia of the Four Conditions.

If it be true, as is stated, in the correspondence which has reached us from Berlin and from Vienna, that the Cabinet of St. Petersburgh has announced its consent to accept the four conditions of the note of the 8th of August as a basis of negotiation, there can be no difficulty in penetrating the motive of such a communication at the present time. We have very little doubt that either at the recent interview of the Russian minister at Vienna with Count Buol, or through the Austrian Minister at St. Petersburg an intimation of this kind has actually been given, and the reports which have been circulated on this subject for the last few days were probably set on foot by Russian agents, in order to prepare the public for this step on the part of their Government.

If we could suppose that this overture on the part of the Emperor Nicholas proceeded from a sincere and deliberate intention to relinquish all the pretensions which have led to this war and to submit to the establishment of an entirely new order of things based on solid guarantees, in the relations of Russia with the Porte, in the Principalities, in the navigation of the Danube, and upon the Black Sea, we should undoubtedly hail with satisfaction a change in the policy of Russia calculated to lead to the termination of this sanguinary contest.

But we have not the slightest reason to believe that any such disposition exists on the part of the Russian Government, and the only object that we can discover in such a communication, if it has been made, is to afford fresh materials for that logomachy in which the casuists of Germany delight, and to paralyze as long as possible the military action of the Court of Vienna. This hypothetical acceptance of the four points has for some time past been regarded and described by the small fry of German diplomatists as the contingency which was to limit the independence and repress the activity of the leading Powers.

Great use has already been made of this manœuvre by the agents of Russia who profess to be acting in the name of two or three of the minor German Courts, and we are by no means surprised to find that the Russian Government is now endeavoring to avail it self of the same trick. One of the questions which has been put in various forms to Austria by the other German states caballing against her was whether, in the event of Russia's accepting the four points, she would bind herself to abstain from hostilities, and even throw her weight into the Western Powers. The Cabinet of Vienna positively refused to contract any such engagement, the effect of which must have been to tie her down to the system of neutrality by the mere acceptance of certain general propositions by Russia.

The tenor of the Russian communication in M. Drouyn de Lhuys's note of the 8th of August was necessarily indefinite, for, although they established the leading principles for which the Western Powers are contending, they did not define the application of those principles. That, it was felt, could only be done by the practical results of the war. The conditions were therefore open to great latitude of interpretation on both sides, and, moreover, it was expressly provided by France and England, and by Austria herself, that they were in no respect to be taken as a bar to any further claims or stipulations arising out of the progress of hostilities. They contained, in fact, the *minimum* of concession, without which no negotiation could be opened, but they left a wide margin for the circumstances and considerations which could not fail to arise in the present agitated condition of the East of Europe.

In expressing her readiness to accept these terms as the basis of negotiation, Russia gives no firm or precise guarantees to the other Powers, for everything depends on the meaning she consents to affix to those propositions. The world has not yet forgotten one memorable instance in the course of these negotiations, in which Russia announced her acceptance of the Vienna Note, but, as was afterwards shown by a despatch addressed to one of her own diplomatic agents, accepted that note in a sense hardly differing from the demands of Prince Menschikoff himself, and with reservations and perverted constructions of its meaning as far from its entire rejection by the very persons who framed the documents.

If, therefore, it be said that Russia is prepared to accept the four points contained in the note of the 8th August, we may fairly require to be told in clear language on what she accepts the abrogation of her former treaties with the Porte, the establishment of a joint protectorate in the Principalities instead of her former separate convention, the *bona fide* opening of the Danube, and the revision of the convention of 1841, with a view to the limitation of her maritime power in the Black Sea. The loose and obscure language in diplomatists are not unfrequently worn to hide their real meaning is only a screen for equivocation, and expressions on which the peace of mankind may hereafter depend cannot be too clear and peremptory.

The alleged acceptance of these propositions by Russia is, of course, not addressed either directly or indirectly to the Western States, but only to Austria, by whom alone they were originally communicated to St. Petersburg. Whatever may be the value of such a declaration, it is impossible to doubt that its principal, if not its sole object, is to prolong the state of neutrality which has thus far secured to Russia all that she could hope to obtain from the German powers, and, if possible, to divest that neutrality of the armed and menacing character it has assumed on the side of Austria. Like the evacuation of the principalities, three months ago, this apparent concession to the demands of Austria will counteract the tendency of the Court of Vienna, to a nearer connexion with the Western Powers; and it may serve at least to bring the sincerity of the Austrian Government to the test.

It is impossible that the Cabinet of Vienna can be dupe for a moment by such a pretext, and it cannot doubt that Count Buol, who has hitherto resisted and defeated an interminable series of Russian intrigues, is perfectly aware of the amount of confidence to be placed in an overture of this nature. If, therefore, this communication was regarded of sufficient importance at Vienna as the basis of any tangible negotiations for peace, we should infer that the Austrian Ministers, were after all,