GERMANY ASKS PEACE

New Chapter in Russian History in the Making; Await Final Decision

Petrograd, Dec. 11, via London, Dec. 12. — The swift procession of political events which has been making a new chapter in Russian history has come to a temporary halt awaiting the final decision of the government. The present situation is as follows:

"A majority of both parliamentary chambers, for the first time in their existence, present a united front against the government and a series of extraordinary sensational accusations against the present cabinet and disclosures of government inefficiency and corrupt influences have been crystallized into the more dignified shape of a demand for a ministry which can be supported by the legislative bodies and the public opinion of the nation.

Both chambers are firm in their insistance upon not merely a changed personnel in the ministry, but the final elimination of those "dark forces" which formed the topic of so many impossible utterances in the Duma and the imperial council. It is impossible to go closely into detail but the present upheaval can be understood in outline as a tremendously patriotic protest against the efforts of the German party and all other influences which have attempted it to a successful conclusion of the war.

The next move will undoubtedly be made by the government. In the meantime appeals to Russia for a "responsible ministry" are heard everywhere and the newspapers print long articles anticipating the new regime which is regarded as inevitable.

Legal Notices

In the Estate of Frank F. Miller Deceased.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been duly granted by the Register of Wills of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, upon the Estate of Frank F. Miller, late of Great Bend, Kansas, deceased, to Maude M. Snyder, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. All persons who are indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay, and all persons who have legal claims against the same are required to make the same known without delay to the undersigned.

MAUDE M. SNYDER,
Or Administratrix.
BEIDLEMAN & HULL, Attorneys,
Kunkel Building,
Harrisburg, Pa.

In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania — In Bankruptcy, No. 3290 — In the Matter of Joseph H. Benfer, Bankrupt.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

THE undersigned Trustee will expose at public sale, in front of the Court House, Harrisburg, Pa., on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1917, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain lot or piece of land, situate in the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the south side of Sweetbrier avenue, now Zarker street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, at line of other property, now or late, of Joseph Benfer; thence by the line of said property south 70 feet to the center of a 4-foot wide private alley; thence by the center of said private alley west 80 feet to line of lot, now or formerly, of M. B. Tate, which line is now at or near the center of a private alley extending from Cestnut street to Sweetbrier avenue, now Zarker street, 2½ feet of the property hereby conveyed having been dedicated to the use of said alley; thence by said line, formerly the lot of M. B. Tate, north 70 feet to Sweetbrier avenue, now Zarker street; and thence by Zarker street east 80 feet to place of beginning. Having thereon erected six two-story brick houses, Nos. 1601, 1603, 1605, 1607, 1609 and 1611 Zarker street.

The above described real estate will be sold free and clear of all liens and incumbrances.

TERMS—10 per cent. on the day of sale; 15 per cent. upon the confirmation of said sale by the Court, and the balance upon delivery of the deed therefor.

AL. K. THOMAS,
Trustee.

In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania — In Bankruptcy, No. 2910 — In the Matter of Joseph H. Benfer, Bankrupt.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Trustee will expose at public sale, in front of the Court House, at Lewistown, Pa., on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1916, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

All those certain 2 lots of ground, situate on the north side of Woodland Avenue, in Derry Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, bounded on the south by Woodland Avenue, on the east by lot of William Russ, on the north by a 15 feet wide alley, and on the west by lot No. 6, conveyed by deed dated November 25, 1914, to Wendell Fackler by William Russ and wife; being known as lots numbered 4 and 5, in Block No. 47, in Highland Park, in Plan of lots laid out by Robert U. Jacob July, 1901, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Mifflin County, in Plot Book No. 1, page 10, upon each of which two said lots is erected a complete double frame dwelling house, thus making four houses, numbered by house numbers 17, 18, 19 and 20, said house numbers running from Sixth to Fifth street.

The above described real estate will be sold free and clear of all encumbrances.

TERMS—10 per cent. on day of sale, and balance thereof on confirmation by the Court.

AL. K. THOMAS,
Trustee.

In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania — In Bankruptcy, No. 3290 — In the Matter of John Stapf, Bankrupt.

THE undersigned Trustee will expose at public sale, in front of the Court House, Harrisburg, Pa., on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1916, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain lot of ground in the City of Harrisburg, County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the corner of lot No. 5 (now Mary Hentzman) on Thirteenth Street; thence along Thirteenth Street 14 feet, more or less, to Albert Avenue; thence along said avenue 84 feet, more or less, to a private 4 feet alley; thence along said private alley 21 feet, more or less, to lot of Mary Hentzman; thence along said lot 85 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. Having thereon erected a two-and-one-half-story brick house, No. 510 South Thirteenth Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

The above described real estate will be sold free and clear of all encumbrances.

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WILSON TO PROMPTLY TRANSMIT PROPOSALS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—News that Germany and her allies were about to enter on peace negotiations was immediately sent to President Wilson. Speaking for the President, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but could make no comment, at least until it was learned what reception the proposal received from the entente allies.

The State Department received its first intimation of Germany's proposal through the Associated Press dispatches, from which officials assumed that the offices of the neutrals addressed are asked only to transmit the proposals. This would be done so far as the United States is concerned promptly on receipt of the official dispatches in Washington. They will be forwarded to all the entente countries where the United States represents the central powers diplomatically.

United States May Comment

Whether the United States would accompany the transmission with any comment or suggestion, it was indicated, depends entirely upon the nature of the proposal and whether it is considered likely of consideration. If the offer is deemed one on which all sides might negotiate, the United States probably would urge that it be taken up.

In transmitting the proposals, it was officially stated, the United States probably would follow the practice which has been invariable so far in acting as the medium of communication between the hostile governments and would not make them public. The terms would, of course, be known to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, who would examine them to determine whether they should be accompanied by any word from the United States.

Congress Discusses News

The news was practically the only topic of discussion among the members of Congress as they assembled for the day's session. A regular Cabinet meeting was scheduled for this afternoon at the White House and there was no doubt it would be discussed there. The foreign embassies and legations received their first information of the event through Associated Press dispatches. On every hand the discussion turned to what had moved Germany and her allies to make their proposals at this time. Although for many weeks there have been persistent and officially denied reports that some peace proposal was about to be made by President Wilson, there was no open indication that the central powers themselves were about to make one. Generally the announcement was a distinct surprise throughout diplomatic circles.

Terms Acceptable to British Allies

The prevailing opinion was that the Germanic allies had brought out their peace offer at this time with the expectation of making terms which might be acceptable to the allies of England and in effect might possibly cause the British government to yield to the pressure of the nations fighting with her. In this connection the recent crisis in Russia, in which the duma interfered to prevent the negotiations on a separate peace with Germany, was recalled as an indication of what the German foreign office might be looking forward to in peace negotiations. It has been generally acknowledged in entente circles that efforts would be made by Germany to conclude peace separately with her enemies, but so far all the entente nations have reiterated their intention to adhere to their agreement made early in the war not to make a separate peace.

The United States represents Austria and Germany in Belgium, France, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Serbia and Rumania; represents Turkey in France, Great Britain and Japan; has taken over Bulgarian interests nowhere, and does not represent any of the belligerent governments in Italy, Portugal or Montenegro.

ENGLAND IS WARNED OF ANY PREMATURE PEACE

London, Dec. 12. — Arthur Henderson, minister of pensions in the first public speech to be made by any of the new ministers, warned the country against a premature peace. Speaking at Clapham, Mr. Henderson said:

"The war has gone on too long for some people in this country. It is possible in view of the military situation that we may become war-weary. I want to warn everyone of the danger of premature peace. I am as strongly for peace as anybody can be, but peace must place us without doubt beyond the recurrence of the present catastrophe. By all means let our American friends and any other neutral do what they can to form a league of nations which would bind themselves together to lay down principles of arbitration and I will go with them but not now. To talk peace with all the most unscrupulous military armies against us will be a step toward having to fight the whole thing over again."

PEACE TERMS PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW KINGDOMS

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necessary the Fall after that.

Want Showdown

Another of the objects, it is explained by German diplomats, is to force a "showdown" and establish whether the entente allies are willing to make peace or whether it is their intention to crush Germany and dismember her. Germany, they say, is convinced of the ability and strength of her enemies to continue the war on its present or even greater scale for ten years, if necessary, and is no less confident of her own ability to do so.

Among the entente diplomats here, Germany's offer was pronounced to be of double purpose and unlikely of acceptance. The first purpose, the ally representatives declare, is to affect the world opinion of neutrals and place upon the entente powers the responsibility for continuing the war in the face of offers for peace. The second, they declare, is for the internal effect in Germany, and to give evidence to the people that the government was ready to end the war but was forced to continue by her enemies.

The peace offer, the ally diplomats also say, has been timed to follow the military victory which culminated in the fall of Bucharest, which in itself is relied upon to convince the people that they should lack no confidence in the ability of the government to continue the war, if peace offers are declined.

RUMANIANS ARE MANEUVERING FOR BETTER POSITION

Under Steady Teutonic Pressure Retreat to Buzeu River

The Teutonic advance in Eastern Wallachia is continuing with the Rumanians apparently maneuvering their forces as best they can under the steady pressure with a view to taking up a defensive line along the Buzeu river near the southern boundary of their northern province of Moldavia. Petrograd reports the failure of Teutonic attacks along the Moldavian frontier and in certain Wallachian sectors, notably northeast of Ploechti, where the Austro-German forces are pressing towards the Buzeu.

Franco-Belgian Line Active

New activity has been developed by the Germans on the Franco-Belgian front. They attacked last evening on the edge of Des Loges wood, south of the Somme sector, but according to Paris were checked and driven out of portions of advanced positions which they had occupied.

The British Foreign Office under the new foreign secretary, A. J. Balfour, is occupying itself with the Greek problem, regarding which announcement was made yesterday that steps were being taken in an effort to reach a very radical solution.

Constantine Plays For Time So Germans Can Send Relieving Force

London, Dec. 12. — An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times says that Count Reventlow, the well-known German military critic, says that King Constantine now only desires to gain time to enable the Germans to concentrate a relieving force. The count is quoted as adding that it is uncertain if the Greek supplies will last long enough to permit the Germans to come to their assistance.

Austrians Make Official Statement on Peace Offer

London, Dec. 12.—An official Austrian statement, referring to the peace offer, says:

"When in the summer of 1914 the patience of Austria-Hungary was exhausted by a series of systematically continued and ever-increasing provocations and menaces, and the monarchy, after almost fifty years of unbroken peace, found itself compelled to draw the sword, this weighty decision was animated neither by aggressive purposes nor by designs of conquest, but solely by the bitter necessity of self-defense."

PASSENGERS ARE TAKEN OFF ARMY VESSEL ASHORE

Sumner Goes Aground on New Jersey Coast in Heavy Fog

New York, Dec. 12. — The women and children among the 232 passengers on the United States army transport, Sumner, aground on the New Jersey coast off Barnegat, have all been taken off, according to a message received here to-day from Captain Webber of the transport.

The coast guard cutter Mohawk has arrived at the Sumner's position—the first of the rescuing vessels to reach her.

Arrangements have been made by Colonel John M. Carson, depot quartermaster for the army transport service here, to bring the passengers to this city during the day.

The Sumner lies apparently not in a dangerous position. The weather was foggy but the ground swell was only light and moderate. The vessel, which was proceeding from the canal zone for New York, struck late last night and sent out wireless calls for help.

The persons rescued were taken ashore in life boats.

West Shore Water Company Replies to Charges

The Riverton Consolidated Water Company which has been under fire for sometime at the hands of organizations and residents of the West Shore, who charge that impure water is being supplied and that the service is inadequate to-day replied to the charges through a paid advertisement.

The company in its notice states that the water is filtered, and that it has passed tests of the State Health Department every week. The company also claims that the three reservoirs are enclosed by wire fence. The pressure in the different towns is explained. The company states that in order to supply its 2,200 consumers, there have been 50 miles of pipe lines laid and the rates charged for water service are fair and equitable.

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HOLLWEG TELLS OF PEACE OVERTURES

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same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce the German western front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

Now Have Complete Security

"The situation was serious," the chancelor continued. "But with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security which not only is complete but still more so than ever before. The western front stands. Not only does it stand, but in spite of the Rumanian campaign it is fitted out with larger reserves of men and material than it had been formerly. The most effective precautions have been taken against all Italian diversions. And while on the Somme and on the Carso the drumfire resounded while the Russians launched troops against the eastern frontier of Transylvania, Field Marshal von Hindenburg captured the whole of Western Wallachia and the hostile capital of Bucharest, leading with unparalleled genius the troops that in competition with all the allies made possible what hitherto was considered impossible

Military Operations Progress

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations progress. By strokes of the sword at the same time firm foundations for our economic needs have been laid. Great stocks of gain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Rumania. Their transport was begun. In spite of scarcity we could have lived on our own supplies, but now our own safety is beyond question.

"To these great events on land," the Chancellor continued, "heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The specter of famine, which our enemies intended to appear before us, now pursues them without mercy. When after the termination of the first year of the war the Emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said: 'Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination.'

"Neither our Emperor nor our nation ever changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fashioned these facts as firm as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weariness of his enemy, then he was deceived."

"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversaries imagined, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources. That is the German empire, which is firmly and faithfully united with its brothers in arms, who have been tested in battle under the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags. Not confused by asseverations we progressed with firm decision, and we thus continue our progress, always ready to defend ourselves and fight for our nation's success, for its free future and always ready to stretch out our hand for peace.

"Our strength has not made our ears deaf to our responsibility before God, before our own nation and before humanity. The declarations formerly made by us concerning our readiness for peace were evaded by our adversaries. Now we have advanced one step further in this direction.

"On August 1, 1914, the Emperor had personally to take the gravest decision which ever fell to the lot of a German—the order for mobilization—which he was compelled to give as a result of the Russian mobilization. During these long and earnest years of the war the Emperor has been moved by a single thought. How peace could be restored to safeguard Germany after this struggle in which she has fought victoriously.

"Nobody can testify better to this than I, who bears the responsibility for all actions of the government. In a deep moral and religious sense of duty towards his nation and beyond it, towards humanity, the Emperor now considers that the moment has come for official action towards peace.

"His Majesty therefore in complete harmony and in common with our allies, decided to propose to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations. This morning I transmitted a note to this effect to all the hostile powers, through the representatives of those powers which are watching over our interests and rights in the hostile states. I asked the representatives of Spain, the United States and Switzerland to forward that note.

"The same procedure has been adopted to-day in Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Other neutral states and His Holiness, the Pope, have been similarly informed."

Bethlehem Steel and Other War Issues Drop on News of Peace Deal

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market became immediately unsettled today on the receipt of the news of the Teutonic peace proposals. Munitions and shares of other companies which have profited by the war were most affected, Bethlehem Steel dropping 26 points.

United States Steel fell 3 points and other prominent industrials yielded as much.

Trading became feverishly active on the decline and urgent liquidation was evident.

The selling embraced practically every issue in that class of specialties which have been strongest and most active recently.

Chicago Wheat Drops Eight Cents; Lard Jumps

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade on receipt of the news of the proposals for peace of Germany and her allies broke more than 8 cents. May wheat sold last night at 175½. Within fifteen minutes after the opening to-day the price touched 166½.

The extreme drop was to 166½ for the May delivery, a loss of 8⅝ cents as compared with yesterday's finish. At this point buyers took hold with vigor and a rally to 168¼ for May ensued.

May corn dropped to 90⅛ cents, a loss of 2⅛ compared with closing prices of yesterday. May oats similarly sold off 1⅞ cents to 54 cents.

January lard, the index of the provision market, after selling at 15.60 advanced to 15.90 on the peace proposals.

New French Government Will Make Appearance in Public Wednesday

Paris, Dec. 12. — Premier Briand, speaking to a group of reporters last night, said:

"There is nothing absolutely positive as yet, but you can announce that the new government will in all probability appear in the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday."

Some of the deputies are not satisfied with the plan of a concentrated ministry and desire to condemn Parliament. Deputy Georges Bonnefous has introduced a bill for the creation of a parliamentary committee of national defense which will continue for the duration of the war. This committee would consist of thiry delegates elected by the deputies and forty elected by the Senate. The committee would meet weekly to consider information relative to the military, diplomatic and economic conduct of the war as communicated by the government. The Chamber and the Senate would hold a brief session not more than once a month in which to transact necessary business and ratify the decisions of the committee.

STOPS COTTON DECLINE

New York, Dec. 12.—The announcement of German peace proposals served to stop the decline in the cotton market here this morning, prices advancing from the opening of 18.18 for May to 18.50, or about $3.50 a bale above the low level of yesterday afternoon.

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France Will Kick Joffre Upstairs to Get New Blood Into Their Army

Paris, Dec. 12. — Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, commander-in-chief of the Allied armies in the west, hero of the battle of the Marne, master strategist and savior of France, is to be "kicked upstairs."

France considers that Joffre has done more for his country than even Joan of Arc, but that he has given of his best and must make way for new blood, for fresh ideas, and for greater energy. Nothing proves the determination of the French to win the war more than their decision to shelve their idol. They are housecleaning, because they want to get on with the war. The people no longer care for personalities; victory is the only thing that counts.

It is possible that Joffre will be made chief of the Allied War Council, where his ripe experience will be of the greatest value, although he will be shorn of actual power.

Who is to succeed him is something to be decided probably this week. The choice appears to be General Petain, the defender of Verdun. General Nivelle, who is the hero of the terrible fighting around Forts Douamont and Vaux, had previously been mentioned. General Petain is little known outside the French army.

Because of Illness, New Cabinet Will Not Announce Policy Until Thursday

London, Dec. 12. — The absence through illness of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, the principal figures in the late ministerial crisis and the decision of the cabinet to postpone until Thursday its statement of policy robbed to-day's session of the House of Commons of the interest which usually attaches to the first meeting of a new government with Parliament. However, a large number of members returned to London for the session. The attitude of those whose position remained in doubt was indicated by the seats they took, either behind the cabinet or with the opposition forces.

Meanwhile the new ministers are mastering their departments which most of them took over yesterday. A. J. Balfour, however, delayed his transfer until this morning when he assumed charge of the foreign office. For the moment the foreign ministry is occupied with the problem of dealing with the Athens government.

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