

NO PROSPECT OF EUROPEAN WAR

Count Witte Says Peace Is Assured For Years.

RUSSIA AVOIDS CONFLICT.

Former Premier Reviews Conditions of That Country and Declares They Are In Transition, Pointing to Advance. Says Other Powers Also Aim at International Quiet and Friendliness.

A review of conditions in Russia and the prospects for a European war was recently written by Count Sergius Witte, former premier of Russia. He says that his country is on the way to conservative constitutionalism, brought about by the better understanding of the manifesto of 1905.

As for the international situation, Count Witte says Russia for one does not desire war. She needs peace too badly. He says this situation exists in every other European nation where economic welfare is at stake. The next war, he says, will be for colonial conquests.

His review, translated from the Russian by Herman Bernstein, follows:

"Russia is at present in a state of transition. We have neither real constitutionalism nor real absolutism. In our political life there are many features which may be called abnormal. These have been called forth by the fact that at the moment Russia was made happy by the throne in the gracious manifesto of Oct. 17, 1905, proclaiming a new constitutional regime, neither the liberal nor the conservative parties were able to penetrate properly the new order of things.

"The liberal parties did not understand the psychological moment; they did not occupy themselves with practical politics in a constitutional spirit, but immediately endeavored to secure a parliamentary form of government which the manifesto of Oct. 17 did not have in view and which did not respond to the actual needs of Russia at that time.

"The mistake of the liberals, the blunder of the liberal parties, consisted in the fact that by their actions they drifted far away from the correct conception of the logic of history. They failed to realize that history knows no leaps and bounds. Like nature, history does not allow such leaps and bounds to go unpenalized.

"As for the international situation, I am fully convinced that Russia does not want any war. On the contrary, Russia is very sincerely striving toward a policy of peace in international affairs. The country lived through a painful war several years ago, and even if that war had ended successfully for Russia she would have needed the rest which every victor needs.

"Russia is now especially in need of rest, and consequently she is in need of peace during this period of transition when she is elaborating and strengthening her new form of government.

"Not a single European power could desire war in principle when it takes into consideration the terrible consequences to which such a war would lead. Every war is a risk, even to the power that is sure of victory. There is no country whose economic welfare would not be affected even by a successful war. This explains the pacific inclination of the European powers.

"There is no reason to fear a great European war in the near future. Such danger threatens us only in the far east and particularly in those countries which are outside the pale of European and American civilization. Evidently the great powers are bent on dividing among themselves all the lands outside of Europe which have not yet been occupied.

"The French have taken Tunis and Morocco, England has taken Egypt, Italy has taken Tripoli, Germany has taken Kongo, etc. Austria has annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina. The great problems of today will be solved by the division of the lands outside of Europe, and therefore the only circumstance which may call forth a war between some of the great powers is a conflict of interests in the far east.

"The next war will be a war for colonial conquests. All other questions having a direct relation to Europe will be only motives for a universal war; but, on the other hand, the general opposition to war and the consciousness of the responsibilities for the consequences of such a war to all participants are the only guarantees of peace. Herein lies the inner logic of history.

"The representative of peaceful industry is replacing war. The enormous preparations for war and the terrible power of the European armies and navies guarantee the calm and confidence which we need so badly. The fear inspired by these powers is the best security of the peaceful equilibrium of Europe.

"He who is able to understand all this sees clearly the inner logic of history."

WANT WHITE HOUSE RENAMED

One Set of Historians Claim Name is a British Slur.

A heated discussion is raging before the Columbia Historical Society of Washington over the common use of the title "White House" for the residence of the president of the United States. One set of delvers into history declare that the title is one of contempt bestowed on the historic mansion by the victorious British shortly after they partially burned it in the war of 1812.

Others maintain that the name was given the building in honor of Mrs. Martha Washington, whose girlhood home on the York river in Virginia bore it. Already the society is divided into two camps and an embryonic movement to petition for the changing of the name of the building is bitterly opposed by the "pro-white housers," as they have been designated.

ARABIAN NIGHTS' TREASURE HOUSE

The Khazna at Constantinople Holds Priceless Jewels.

GOLD DIVANS SET WITH GEMS

Dr. Young, Permitted to Visit the Repository, Says There Were Precious Stones Enough in Sight to Buy the World's Largest Navy—New Testament Manuscripts in St. Sophia.

The Rev. Dr. Edward S. Young of Brooklyn, who visited the sultan's treasure house, gives a description of some of the contents that rivals an "Arabian Nights'" dream of wealth and tells what the fall of Constantinople might mean to the world at large.

"Constantinople's fall would mean," said he, "the opening up of unparalleled treasures of precious articles, archaeological stores and memorials of Christianity. By an trade of the sultan we were admitted to the Khazna and saw jewelry enough to buy, I suppose, the world's largest navy.

"There were enormous pearls and rubies and other gems believed to be the biggest known to man. A divan there taken by Selim I. from the shah of Persia is of beaten gold and set with thousands upon thousands of pearls, emeralds and rubies, while in the gallery of the same room is a divan incomparably more exquisite and priceless.

Muhrad's Jeweled Scabbard. "When Christian nations were asking for reimbursements of property lost to our missionary stations at the time of massacres of Armenians Abdul Hamid could have taken the scabbard of the scimitar of Muhrad IV. and paid the whole bill with the diamonds on it, and the relic would not have been missed from the piles of like riches in the Khazna.

"Who can guess the value to students of the monuments and tombs and other antiquities in the museum at Seraglio Point? Scholars have not yet been given free access to these, which appear to me the choicest finds of all the expeditions.

"There is nothing on earth fit to be mentioned alongside of the collection of sarcophagi you there gaze upon, the most gorgeous being spoken of as that of Alexander the Great.

"You read on the lid that rested above Emperor Tabnith of Sidon this inscription: 'If thou openest my coffin and disturbest me, mayest thou have no posterity among the living and no resting place among the dead!' Then you look inside the glass case behind and behold Tabnith's embalmed body.

Christian Antiquity in St. Sophia. "And what shall I say of the sacred remains of Christian antiquity to be found in the Church of St. Sophia, which was dedicated 1375 years ago the 26th of this December? Out of it passed the Christian congregation, the emperor and the dignitaries on May 28, 1453, the conqueror Mohammed II, then taking possession and holding the congregation captives.

"Will the students not find in its walls or cloisters or foundations one of the fifty manuscripts of the New Testament and Septuagint made by skillful calligraphists at the order of Constantine the Great? This Church of St. Sophia was the cathedral church of eastern Christendom—yes, of the whole of the then Christendom—and whatever was cherished most of Christian memorials was brought to its mighty inclosure.

"The fall of Constantinople would mean a new chance for the Bible to defeat the Koran. The Christians of the Holy Oriental Orthodox Apostolic Catholic Greek church (to translate its official title) comprise the majority of the soldiers in the ranks of the allies. The war is between Christians and Moslems, and the capitulation of the capital of Mohammedanism, seat of the sheik ul Islam, would lower the prestige of the false prophet throughout the regions where, taking the three continents, he has some 200,000 followers."

Ford's Theater to Be Razed. The old Ford theater building, in which President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in 1865, will be razed in the near future. The theater was taken over by the government after the shooting of President Lincoln and is now used for offices.

STOCK EXCHANGE TO BE REGULATED

Profits of Promoters to Be Made Public Is Plan.

MORGAN THINKS IDEA GOOD.

Pujo Probers of Alleged Money Trust Show How Speculation and Manipulation Could Be Killed—Interstate Commerce Laws to Be Used on Wall Street Affairs.

The questions asked by the Pujo committee's counsel clearly indicated the program of reform which the committee had in mind in its probe of the alleged money trust, in some cases positively enough to make it practically certain that they will be included in the committee's recommendations.

There was one reform of which there seemed to be no doubt of the committee's indorsement, and that was compulsory publicity in regard to promoter's profits on stock issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

J. Pierpont Morgan acknowledged on the witness stand that such a regulation would be beneficial, but he doubted the practicability of attempting to enforce it. He thought that such an attempt would result in the organization of another exchange.

The committee seemed certain also to make some recommendation looking to the curtailment or abolition of manipulations of the stock market.

Several suggestions have been made by the committee in the course of the hearing. One was that members of the New York Stock Exchange be prohibited from executing orders for important operators who are known to have manipulated the market. Another was that the exchange compel the actual delivery of the stock at the New York exchange clearing house.

From what has already developed, however, the indications are that the committee itself will not attempt to lay down any rules as to how manipulation shall be wiped out, but instead will impose the duty on the responsible authorities of the stock exchanges.

Will Use Interstate Commerce Law. It is known now that the committee expects to make reforms of this character possible through dealing with the New York Stock Exchange as an institution engaged in interstate commerce.

To compel the incorporation of the exchange and to forbid the transmission of quotations over the telegraph wires unless the exchange adopts certain reforms is apparently the scheme on which the committee is at present proceeding.

Counsel for the committee in the course of the hearings thus far has indicated also that the investigators are seeking some method of preventing the flow of money to Wall street during periods of stringency in the money market. The suggestion has been made on several occasions that the limitation of the interest to be charged for call loans might reach this condition, but obviously this would be a matter for state legislation.

Mr. Morgan was of the opinion that nothing could prevent the attraction of money to Wall street for speculative purposes so long as Wall street was willing to pay high rates. He contended that if the sources in this country were closed against Wall street by usury law the money for speculation would be obtained from Europe.

As to the practice of clearing houses the investigating committee also seems to have some pretty definite views.

It is practically certain they will recommend that the state and national banking authorities have the power to review the judgment of the clearing house in cases where a member declines to clear for a nonmember bank.

There is strong likelihood also that the committee will recommend the discontinuance of the charging of commissions on the collection on out of town checks and also that any bank that is absolutely solvent and whose condition is approved by the state or national banking authorities shall be admitted to full membership in the clearing house.

It was learned early that the committee planned to call some of the younger members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. and to question them in detail in regard to certain transactions. The committee in examining Mr. Morgan sought chiefly to obtain his general views, and it planned later to take up with Mr. Morgan's partners transactions on which it is seeking light.

Morgan Disarms Suspicion. The general impression in Washington, however, is that Mr. Morgan's frank and forceful testimony has been a blow to the money trust end of his inquiry and that the committee from now on will make little progress in trying to establish the existence of a monopoly of this character.

It is expected several witnesses will be called who charge that they have been discriminated against in their efforts to obtain capital for new enterprises. It is reported that the Tennessee Coal and Iron transaction, Arthur E. Stilwell's complaint in regard to the Kansas City Southern road, Bernard F. Baker's futile efforts to finance a steamship line in opposition to the Southern Pacific steamship interests and other cases will be taken up. The committee will not, however, allow itself to be made the dumping ground of a lot of complaints and grievances.

For Sale Large Dairy and Hay Farm

GOOD SUMMER RESORT.

The Buy-U-A-Home Realty Company has just listed one of the finest and best-known farms in Wayne county. It is located in the heart of the summer boarding business, in Wayne's highlands. The property consists of 325 acres and is well watered both by creeks and springs. A most beautiful natural lake, consisting of 15 acres, is one of the attractive sheets of water in Preston township. Ideal for the location of summer cottages. The farm is 2 1/2 miles from the Lakewood station on the Ontario & Western railroad, three miles from Poyntelle on the same road and two miles from Como. Of the 325 acres 275 are under good state of cultivation, consisting of meadows, plow ground and well-watered pasture fields. The balance are in maple, beech and birch timber. This farm is especially adapted to raising hay and for dairying.

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The barns are as follows: Horse barn 26x56 feet, with running water; hay barn 26x36, with two cow sheds attached 20x50 feet. One building with scales and wagon house with underground stable for cows. One good blacksmith and carriage shop, with second story for storage. Chicken houses, capacity for 200. Barn No. 4 situated near House No. 3, size 30x40 feet, two sheds for cattle, with good spring water. Two other hay barns, size 26x36 feet, and 18x20 feet.

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- 1. Knapp vs. Stinnard.
 - 2. Skinner vs. Dolsen.
 - 3. Kordman vs. Denlo et al.
 - 4. Conley vs. McKenna.
 - 5. Wilcox vs. Mumford.
 - 6. Hittinger vs. Erie R. R.
 - 7. Silvka vs. Kelsey.
 - 8. Honesdale Milling Co. vs. Kuhbach.
 - 9. Vetter vs. Columbian Protective Ass'n.
 - 10. Box vs. Columbian Protective Ass'n.
 - 11. Bregstein Bros. vs. Ridway.
 - 12. Jordan vs. Lake Lodore Imp. Co.
 - 13. Dexter vs. Blake.
- Second Week—
- 1. Sellick vs. DeBrun.
 - 2. Kreiger et al. vs. Salem Twp.
 - 3. Kreiger vs. Salem Twp.
 - 4. Wayne Concrete S. & C. Co. vs. Cortright.
 - 5. Cortright vs. Kreitner et al.
 - 6. Kreitner vs. Cortright.
 - 7. Tuthill vs. Erie R. R.
 - 8. Thomas vs. Norton Exrs.
 - 9. Gerety vs. Columbian Protective Ass'n.
 - 10. Congdon vs. Columbian Protective Ass'n.
 - 11. Grey et al. vs. Hudson et al.
 - 12. Wilcox vs. Hanes.
 - 13. Lawson vs. Weitzer.
- W. J. BARNES, Clerk.

MINUTE "MOVIES" OF THE NEWS RIGHT OFF THE REEL.

New York Swiss club held a banquet and nobody yodeled.

More baby carriages have been sold this year than ever before. Twenty-seven hunters and 15,000 deer were killed in New England this season.

Woman one hundred years old in British Columbia won several prizes for fancy work.

Emperor William of Germany has had a moving picture theater installed in his palace at Potsdam.

A fifteen-year-old boy has been sent to the Missouri State reformatory for six years for killing a cat.

The last word in cold storage atrocities comes from Tarrytown, where a hen lays her eggs in an icehouse.

It is not exactly a high cost of living note, but rattlesnake poison has increased in price from \$2 to \$5 an ounce.

The Rev. George W. Grinton of Fordham believes that wives are entitled to two nights of a week as much as is the cook.

Isaac S. Heller of New York spent three days at Hot Springs, Va., treating a toothbrush he had left in a Pullman car.

Not many records come from Ashtabala, O., but a young bride who has just applied for a divorce there has made one. She was married at 5:30 p. m., arrived home at 4:30 p. m., and separated from her husband at 5:30 p. m. all on the same day.

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First and final account of Charles A. McCarty, executor of the estate of Rose Sheeren, Honesdale.

First and final account of Mary Tierney, executrix of the estate of Bernard Tierney, Texas.

First and final account of J. G. Bronson, administrator of the estate of Cortland Brooks, South Canaan.

First and final account of Myrtle Swingle, administratrix of the estate of J. Lee Swingle, South Canaan.

First and final account of Frank Hauenstein, executor of the estate of Nancy Hauenstein, Mt. Pleasant.

Second and final account of Alonzo T. Searle, executor of the estate of Maria A. Humfeld, Preston.

E. C. Mumford, administrator of the estate of Fannie E. Brown, Damascus.

Third and final account of H. T. Wright and John Page Spencer, executors of estate of John Page, Mt. Pleasant township.

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