

REICHSTAG SPEECH LEAVES SITUATION QUITE UNCHANGED

Washington Officials See Little Alteration From Former Stand.

VAGUE AND CONFUSING

Remarks Aim at Strengthening Hands of German Militarist Party.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Count von Hertling's speech in the Reichstag yesterday, continuing the discussion of the war aims of the belligerents, has not changed the situation in the opinion of high officials here. Instead of marking an advance toward peace, it is regarded rather as deliberately calculated to strengthen the hands of the German militarist party by endeavoring to convince the German proletariat of the impracticability of the president's aims as disclosed in his last address to congress on Feb. 11.

While stating his readiness to accept the president's four fundamental principles, for a basis of peace, the German chancellor dismissed them as idealistic and unworkable by insisting that they must depend for their application upon the realization of conditions which cannot be made. In the official view his treatment of the subject was ironical and designed for very different ends than the advancement of peace.

There will be no immediate formal comment upon this latest contribution to the debate on war aims and peace aspirations. Experience has taught officials that important qualifications have to be found usually in the full text of the speeches of the spokesmen of the central powers.

Attention was directed by officials to President Wilson's former characterization of the German chancellor's utterances as "very vague and confusing," and it was said that the president's comment had a peculiarly apt application to the speech of yesterday, in which von Hertling signified his fundamental agreement with President Wilson's four principles.

ATKINS' INQUEST IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Superintendent of Western Hospital Pro-
duces Card of Admission Describ-
ing Patient's Injuries.

The inquest into the death of Henry Atkins, which was continued last evening at the morgue before Coroner Dr. C. W. Graham, was again adjourned until Thursday evening.

At last night's hearing H. C. Tomlin, superintendent of the Western Hospital, produced the card of admission on which the corpse described the injuries of the dead man as contusion of the eye lid, small cut on the forehead, and the nail of the right index finger almost torn off. He was asked if a case of this description was generally fatal, and he replied that it should be. His further statement that an operation was ordered for 10:45 at night on Feb. 8, and the chart showed he was returned to the room at 12:45, and he was pronounced dead at 2:30 in the morning. Asked as to his opinion of Dr. Cohen, he said that Dr. Cohen was a regular intern sent by the university.

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