

MR. GEORGE GAIN TAKES PARLIAMENTS BY STORM AND SECURES CONFIDENCE VOTE

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"Revolutions on a great scale," declared the Premier, "always carry in their train confiscation of property, and I am sorry to say, without compensation. That is our experience, and the French revolution was accompanied by wholesale confiscation of land without compensation. Perhaps the conservation of France today is based on confiscation."
"In addition, there is another view of revolution and that is the obligation of pre-revolutionary obligations. But there is this difference—France created a system of peasant proprietary ownership without compensation, but she was not seeking credits from the world. Russia, with her reputation and confiscation, is going to the very people whose claims she refuses to pay and whose property she has confiscated, and she says: 'Lend me more.'"
"Although peace has been established in Europe, it is quite clear," continued the Premier, "that the war atmosphere has, to a certain extent, remained. While the conference was sitting troops were marching towards the frontier. There is an atmosphere in Europe of international suspicion of impending conflict."

Russia The Problem

"The problem naturally exciting the most controversy was that of Russia. There sat around that table the representatives of 34 nations. Over there sat the Russian delegation, representing more human poverty, wretchedness, desolation, hunger, pestilence, horror and despair than all the nations represented around that table. This is the first fact to realize, the other is that it is hopeless for Russia, whatever her Government, to be expected to extricate herself from the pit of equal misery without assistance of the other thirty nations."

Germany Still Powerful

Germany could not re-equip Russia economically, not having the capital, but that is not the case with armaments, as there is every natural resource in the one country, and complete technical skill in the other. It is necessary that we should look at all the possibilities of the situation and I hope the warning I have given today may not be quoted a few years hence.

Property Claim

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Russo-German Treaty

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undoubtedly by Germany. "I am not going to dwell," he added, "upon the silly forgeries of the military conventions, which take no account of the fact that here you have two of the greatest nations of the world, whether regarded in territory, population or resources, both of which favor, each of them, having done something which desecrated them with the other nations of the world, and each not quite received into the full society of nations. Peace was signed with normal equality, but there was a sense of the superior nation and the inferior nation of the war, that sits above the salt and the nation which sits beneath. These were fundamental facts in the present situation. These might be making reality in both cases. It was sort of society treatment to persons who had behaved discreditably. You felt that in the conference, and they felt it. There was a community of misfortune, a community of debasement, and a community of what they regarded as a punishment. There was a difficulty of getting on commissions. This discredit feels that he wants the society of good men, and this might result in a into a fierce friendship. What did that mean? Germany disarmed, and if necessary we could disarm her still more. You could take, do not say every gun away, but you could take most of them and you could render her perfectly impotent, but there is one thing you cannot do, and that is prevent the rearming of Russia if the nations are driven to despair."

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with the claims put forward by the Soviet Government for compensation for ruin wrought in the country in the war. They put forward a claim, I think the total \$5,000,000,000 for damages done in various parts of Russia. We had to tell them we could not acknowledge that claim under any circumstances, that historically it was an unsound proposition.

Reply Not Satisfactory

"The reply of the Russians was not wholly satisfactory, but the whole of the Powers concluded it was good enough to proceed with discussions. When you came to the question of Russia in the past there was no insuperable question of principle dividing the nations, but if you came to property the division was much more serious.

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Common Council Met in Committee

City Hall Elevator Cost More Than Amount Authorized — Other Matters Dealt With.

The report of the city engineer, showing that the cost of the installation of the elevator in city hall, had exceeded the amount of the authorized appropriation, \$15,000 for the purpose, by \$1,711.51, was submitted to the Common Council yesterday morning by Commissioner Thornton.

Further Light Thrown On Taxes Re Automobiles

Those in Agents' Hands at Midnight of 23rd Subject to New Levy.

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