

GERMANY SEEMS DETERMINED TO KEEP BIG GUNS

Trying to Evade Terms of the Versailles Peace Pact.

CLAIM THEY ARE NEEDED IN EAST

Slav Menace Made Basis of Plea for Refusal to Carry Out Terms.

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Berlin, Jan. 3.—Germany is making a determined effort to retain a supply of artillery—heavy cannon and field guns—considerably in excess of the limits contemplated by the Versailles military specifications of the Versailles treaty. She uses as a cover the clauses of the peace treaty permitting her to retain the fortresses in eastern and southern Germany in the event in which they were when the treaty came into effect.

The allied specialists understand that this German normal armament, but found the fortresses, such as Koenigsberg and Kustrin, equipped during the war with a large amount of supplementary artillery beyond their peacetime equipment. As a continuation to last summer's correspondence in which the Entente tried to force Germany to surrender the extra armament, the foreign office has just dispatched a note to the Council of Ambassadors insisting upon retaining the present armament of the fortresses.

Plea Fear of Invasion.

The German argument is based on the possibility of a Bolshevik or Polish invasion. The note declares that Germany cannot venture to weaken her eastern fortresses at a moment when it is impossible to predict what next spring will bring forth in the troubled east. The same fortresses clauses also gave the German war office occasion to put in a claim to retain hundreds of the fortresses, in addition to the field artillery permitted the standing army under the peace treaty. The Germans based their demand on the argument, derived from experience at Verdun, Antwerp, Liege and elsewhere, that the fortresses require, in addition to fixed artillery, a large amount of light guns to protect those which otherwise would become the easiest prey for a besieged force.

The international commission of control is ready to admit the justice of this contention, but not when it involves virtually doubling the number of field guns which Germany is permitted to retain.

Adjustment of the number of guns with which the war office would like to equip the fortresses to the maximum limit, which the Entente experts are willing to grant, has been a source of protracted wrangling and an exchange of notes. It is understood that among the artillery which Germany may perhaps slip through under cover of this provision, are ten batteries of heavy field artillery, the existence of which has been notified to the Entente representatives, but which at late reports, has not yet been ordered destroyed.

Oppose Home Guards.

While one branch of the inter-allied control commission under General Bingham, of Great Britain, is laboring with this problem of artillery, another section under General Nollet, of France, is gunning for formations such as the security police and the Bavarian home guards, which, it is contended, are capable of being used as infantry reserves for the regular army in case of war and must therefore be disbanded. The Germans met the earlier demands for dissolution of the security police by merely changing the name of the organization and depriving it of its artillery and part of its machine guns and rifles. The new Entente note just presented does not accept this reorganization of the police and it will result, perhaps, in another change of name. But the federal government will fight its hardest to retain the force intact as a striking force against the German Bolsheviks, contending, and rightly, that the ordinary police are helpless against armed troops.

The case is different in the controversy over the Bavarian home guards. The federal government would be quite willing to jettison this force and the "Ordnung" or vigilance committee, which, though loudly protesting their loyalty to the constitution, manifest this virtue only in activities against the radical left and would be highly undependable should a revolutionary movement come from a revolutionary direction. The government has not ventured to take steps to comply with the Spa agreement in the face of the determined attitude of the reactionary Bavarian government.

Threaten Enforcement.

General Nollet, according to fairly authenticated reports, took this view of the situation when reporting to the Council of Ambassadors on the home guards problem. He told the ambassadors that he believed it quite impossible to errudge the matter by negotiation and that it would be necessary to meet the Bavarian pressure by a stronger pressure from the Entente side to force the federal government to move. He declared these Bavarian self-defense organizations, not the regular cabinet, were the real government in Bavaria and disposed of an army capable of overthrowing the existing order in Germany.

If the Entente governments take General Nollet's view of the necessity of strong measures to secure the disbandment of these Bavarian and other Prussian organizations, the federal government will be treading on most dangerous ground in its effort to avoid trouble with the powers that be in Bavaria.

Mrs. T. D. DeBelle and infant son, of Ottawa, are visiting Mrs. DeBelle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, at St. John's.

VENIZELISTS OFFER TO BURY THE HATCHET

Ex-Premier Requests Followers to Work With Royalists for United Greece.

LEADERS ARE TRUE PATRIOTS

Political Opponents Fear Public Reaction from Enthusiasm Over King's Return.

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Athens, Jan. 3.—The adherents of ex-President Venizelos have received word from him not to cause opposition to the Constantinian party, but to endeavor to promote the unity of the country while the king follows his announced policy of vigorously continuing the war against the Turks in Thrace and Asia Minor for enforcement of the Serrae treaty. This statement of the policy of the Venizelist party, which has 150 members in Parliament, was given to your correspondent today in an interview with one of the leaders, Deputy Constantine Melas.

"If the government asks war credits to carry on the Greek nationalist programme, our party will vote them willingly," he said. "We are patriotic Greeks. We do not intend to use obstructionist tactics and split the country, now that the dreams of centuries are being realized." He does not expect any internal trouble to develop in Greece, though the enthusiasm which the king's return aroused among the people—which he declared was "most extreme"—is causing him grave misgivings.

Emotional Reaction Feared.

"Such a pitch of emotion is not a good thing for Greece or for the king himself," he explained. "It is likely to be followed by a reaction just as extreme, for the people have been led to expect more than any man can give them. Since Constantine's birth, people have been encouraged to believe that, according to old prophecy, a king of that name would lead the Greeks back to Constantinople. This is one reason for Constantine's great popularity, and if he does not fulfill it, the public is likely to turn against him. This would mean trouble, which we are anxious to avoid. He was reminded in his father's testament that he would rule over a southern people, who change their opinions quickly."

The portrait in the city hall of M. Melas, who is a former president of the City Council, has been torn down and mutilated by partisans of the present mayor, Georges Tachias, but Melas said the persecution of Venizelos was not the general policy of the government, but confined to personal feuds. He denied reports that they are now forbidden to have pictures of Venizelos and said that six Venizelist papers still are being published in Athens. He paid a tribute to Premier Rallis, who, he said, is doing all he can to restrain his more bitter followers and already had protected several Venizelists from reprisals.

Royalists Began Persecution.

"The royalists began persecutions in 1916, and when we came into power I must admit there were some black guards who took revenge. But later the reprisals are becoming less and less, for the people are opposed to them. Western people, in judging the Greeks, should remember that we have been free from the Turkish yoke for less than a century. My grandfather was a slave, and westerners should remember that Greece has been at war almost continuously for the last eight years, during which time whole families have been wiped out."

He expressed a warm appreciation of the American minister, Mr. Casper, whom he termed "a personality in Athens, beloved by Greeks of all parties," and whom the Greeks are hoping to retain as head of the proposed American College in Athens. Melas formerly was aide-de-camp to the crown prince, but now is an ardent Venizelist republican.

Mule Kicked Dynamite Lad Carried in Pocket; Everybody's Gone Away!

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 3.—Frank Pelone, a stable boy, yesterday found a stick of dynamite and put it in his pocket. Later, while working in the stable, he was kicked by a mule. The dynamite exploded, blowing him to pieces and destroying the stable.

BEAVERS MUST DIE.

Odgers, Jan. 3.—The colony of 20 beavers which have ruined hundreds of square yards of foliage and scores of young trees along the river bank at Bowass Park have been sentenced to death. Harry M. Price, one of the best known trappers in the Northwest, has been granted a special permit by the provincial government to exterminate the busy little animals.

BERNARD TANSEY DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Bernard Tansey died at his residence, 10 Belmont street, at 2 o'clock this morning, after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Tansey was 66 years of age. He was born in Ireland and came to Montreal when this city had only 24,000. His birthday was on January 1 last.

VANDOVER REVELS FATAL.
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3.—Frank Vandover was killed and many persons were victims of automobile accidents during the New Year's celebrations Friday night and Saturday morning.

ACCEPT O. B. U. AMENDMENTS.
Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—The 500 delegates of the One Big Union have voted overwhelmingly in favor of suggested changes in the constitution as adopted tentatively at the O. B. U. convention in Port Arthur last fall.



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