

KAISER'S ABDICATION RUMORED

German Internal Situation Grows More Acute; Franchise Reforms Discussed

Unconfirmed Rumors of Abdication of Kaiser in Favor of Son, Prince Joachim

German Emperor Reported to Have Quit Throne

Abdicated in Favor of His Son Prince Joachim, Say Unconfirmed Rumors From Many Centres; Situation Waxes More Ominous Within the German Empire

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 13.—A dispatch to The Morning Post from Amsterdam says that rumors current that Emperor William has abdicated in favor of his son Prince Joachim, are unconfirmed and must be taken with all reserve.

Anzeiger Suspended

Copenhagen, July 14.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger has been suppressed indefinitely by the military authorities. The reason is not given, but presumably it is on account of an attack on Austro-Hungary in connection with the statement by Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, who has come out for peace without annexation.

Generals Confer

London, July 14.—A dispatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says it is officially reported from Berlin that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, and General Ludendorff, who have been summoned to Berlin by Emperor William, arrived in the capital yesterday morning. The Tageblatt learns they had a long conference with the Crown Prince and later were received by the Emperor.

Hollweg's Resignation

Paris, July 14.—The report that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has resigned is being circulated in Switzerland, according to a Havas dispatch from Basel, which says advices to that effect have reached there from Berlin. The dispatch adds that the report has not been confirmed.

The Situation

Copenhagen, July 14.—According to Berlin newspapers, the Crown Prince, in interviews Thursday with Reichstag party leaders, including Herr David and other Socialists, interested himself chiefly in obtaining from the deputies their views on the person and policy of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. He quizzed each deputy privately, encouraging all of them to express freely their views on Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Individual audiences lasted more than half an hour each. The Crown Prince is reported to have said he was doing this in accordance with the wish of Emperor William, who had suggested that he form his own opinion of the chancellor's policy, through interviews with party leaders.

The morning papers appear to have had no intimation of the impending strike of reichstag deputies and the emperor's summons to Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff. They devote their columns to a discussion of the Prussian franchise reforms and the paradox that a crisis originating in the demand for Liberal reforms and the proclamation of a moderate peace program should have made possible the supplanting of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg by Prince von Guelow. Von Guelow by comparison is almost a radical and is an avowed believer in annexationist peace.

The Tageblatt opposes Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's retirement vigorously, while other papers are lukewarm or openly hostile to the present chancellor.

The Socialists' organ, Vorwaerts, assumes that the royal instructions will ensure the passage of the Prussian reform bill in the shape prescribed by the king. Other papers are optimistic. They believe the Con-

servatives quite capable of disobeying the sovereign and again frustrating reform.

Baron von Zedlitz, the free Conservative leader, says in The Morgenpost, that unless outside circumstances, notably the outcome of the war, affects the decision, it may be assumed that the majorities in both houses of the Prussian parliament will oppose equal suffrage and pass half way measure. He suggests that the government and the reformers will find it advisable to accept a half loaf rather than risk grave internal conflicts with the outcome doubtful.

The Bourse Gazette, National Liberal, says that not even a majority of the party can be counted upon to support equal suffrage in Prussia. The Tageblatt and other papers assume that a thorough reorganization of the house, perhaps by packing it with new peers, is necessary before the equal franchise bill will pass the upper house.

The Conservatives and members of the Clerical Centre party in the diet have started playing for delay and have abandoned their previous demand for a session of the diet before autumn. They profess to believe that it is impossible for the government to submit the bill before October.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Courier Leased Wire
Paris, July 14.—Amatole De Monticelli, secretary of sea transport, and merchant marine, a new office which has just been created, has appointed an advisory committee consisting of O. J. Del Plaz, a director of the French steamship line, and M. Philippart, of the Messageries Maritimes, and three other directors of the principal French lines. They will be consulted on all questions concerning the management and chartering of ships and methods for increasing the tonnage.

TRAINING CAMP

By Courier Leased Wire
Wakefield, Mass., July 14.—Canadian army officers, who have seen active service in France, assisted today in the opening of a training camp here for officers of the National Guard in this state not yet in federal service. During the ten days that they are here the officers will be instructed in trench digging, construction of wire entanglements, use of hand grenades, sapping and mining.

Driven to cover through the activities of the police and Federal authorities, the Socialists of Philadelphia, who have been active in opposition to conscription declare that their flight against the national army law will continue with equal zeal, but will be waged by them in secret.

Five thousand New York saloons have abolished the free lunch, cut down beer glasses, and added a nickel to the price of imported drinks.

REPUBLICANS PRESS HARD UPON PEKING

Firing On Chinese Capital Reported To Have Ceased Thursday

NO NEWS FROM CITY

Republicans Reported Gain in In Latest Word Received

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 14.—A dispatch to the Times from Peking, dated Thursday says that firing on the capital ceased after nine hours bombardment. The damage is unimportant.

A Tien Tsin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, filed on Thursday, says that "most regrettable fighting" occurred in Peking. Communication between the city and the outer world, except by foreign military means has been suspended temporarily. The last message to reach Tien Tsin indicated hard fighting was proceeding to the advantage of the Republicans.

Republics Restored

Washington, July 14.—The occupation of Peking by the Republican forces, following the surrender at Fung Tai Thursday of the Monarchist army of 10,000 men, indicates the complete restoration of the republic, the Chinese legation here declared today.

Prior to the battle of Fung Tai, the Manchus were urged to lay down their arms, but General Chang Hsun refused. The engagement, starting early Thursday morning, resulted in a decisive victory for the Republican troops, dispatches to the legation announce.

Resignation of Cancellor, Von Bethmann Hollweg, Accepted, According to Wolff Bureau; Roumanian Situation Serious, a Cabinet Crisis Impending There Also

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, July 14.—The Wolff News Bureau of Germany, circulates without accepting any responsibility for it, a statement by The Tagelische Rundschau that the resignation of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, has been accepted.

Centrists Support

Copenhagen, July 14.—According to a dispatch from Berlin to The Berlingske Tidende, the new peace formula put forward by the Liberals is being supported by a great part of the Centrist party. All parties have summoned their members to Berlin as soon as possible.

Cabinet Crisis

Jassy, Roumania, July 6.—(Delayed).—A cabinet crisis is confronting the Roumanian Government. Four Conservative ministers have refused further to cooperate with Premier Bratiano and they also demand that two more Conservatives be admitted to the cabinet. They likewise insist that M. Bratiano resign and that Take Jonesou, minister without portfolio, be appointed to succeed him.

Drastic Measures

Berlin, Thursday, July 12.—(via London, July 14)—If the Prussian diet fails to meet conditions set forth in Emperor William's decree for electoral reforms, it is not unlikely drastic measures will be adopted to overcome the obstructionists. The lower chamber might be dissolved. In the case of the House of Lords it would be necessary to augment its membership by a wholesale creation of new peers for the purpose of procuring the desired majority.

French National Fete

Paris, July 14.—France to-day celebrated its national fete with fervor and quiet joy unknown in many years. The Russian revolution makes national fete, they who believe us are the Americans bringing us their meaning of the great epoch which dawned in American in 1776, culminated in France in 1789 in a great revolution whose spirit after over a century is about to have its full fruition in the destruction of the

last Bastille of absolutism by the forces of allied democracy.

"It is a pity," says Paul Deschanel, president of the Chamber of deputies, in a message to The Journal, that the Germans cannot see our national fete, they who believe us are the Americans bringing us their meaning of the great epoch which dawned in American in 1776, culminated in France in 1789 in a great revolution whose spirit after over a century is about to have its full fruition in the destruction of the

"In the month of April, notwithstanding magnificent results we did not realize our hopes. Since then a noble leader, who has had nothing but success in this war, a great infantryman, a wise, upright and clear mind has been put at the head of our armies. Already the Russians are fulfilling their pledges and here are the Americans bringing us their powerful support not only in money, airplanes and ships, but in men and munitions.

"America's intervention, while a decisive verdict on the justice of our cause, is a sure guarantee of victory. It makes it more than ever our duty to hold on.

In the detachment guarding the colors of the 106th infantry in today's review, was a white-bearded sergeant, wearing a medal of 1870 and the war cross with several stars and palms. His name is Le Mahtager. He was in the United States in 1870, but returned to fight for his country. Returning to America after the war, he went to Los Angeles, where he made his fortune. He heard the call of duty again in 1914, and left for France with his

July 14 is City of Paris Day, as well as the national holiday, and funds were collected for the city's work on behalf of its prisoners of war by sale in the streets of small flags, medals and other souvenirs.

wife and four daughters. Notwithstanding his sixty-four years, he enlisted, has fought for three years and has been wounded. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and is understood to be the oldest man in the ranks of the French army.

Paris wept and cheered at the sight of the battle-torn flags brought from the front and carried through the streets to-day. There were 124 of them, each standard of some regiment or battalion remarkable for valor and suffering. With each flag marched 30 men picked from the regiment—men who had been through inferno of endurance and assaults, most of them recovered from wounds, each of them exceptional, among so many brave men for the deeds done. The Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Military Medal or the War Cross swung from ribbons above each flag, for they were flags from regiments and battalions which have been decorated in their entirety. There were extraordinary scenes along every part of the route. The crowds cheered frantically, but thousands of men and women, too deeply moved to raise their voices, gave way to tears.

Reforms a Move Towards Peace

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, July 14.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following cablegram from Arthur S. Draper, under London date:

"The Kaiser's decree ordering the drafting of a bill giving equal franchise to Prussia may mean the settlement of the present political crisis, but further developments are expected.

To-day I obtained the view of Lord Robert Cecil on the German situation.

"I am inclined to agree with those who say it is a chancellor-made crisis," he began. "Probably the people have begun to learn that frightfulness cost dearly, and in order to fight the junkies, etc. advocates of frightfulness, the chancellor enlists the support of Erzberger.

"What has frightfulness cost Germany? I venture to say that her greatest failure has been the submarine. If she had stopped torpedoing I doubt whether the United States would be her enemy now; I doubt whether she would have lost her

great markets in South America. No one who knows the submarine figures, fears for a moment that Germany will win the war by the submarine.

"She has sunk ships indiscriminately, neutral and belligerent. She has alienated her friends among the European neutrals to the point where doubt exists whether ten per cent of their population would now support her.

"Her air raids on England make it more difficult for her to come to peace. You know how furious the phlegmatic Englishman has been over the killing of civilians, women and children, how he has been worked up to the point of white heat by this form of frightfulness.

"If the chancellor is a man of intelligence—and he is—he knows all this and probably he wants to find a way out.

"In Lloyd George's Glasgow speech he said that the allies could make a better peace with a democratized Germany and possibly this was taken to heart by Prussian leaders."

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE EX-KING'S CLUB

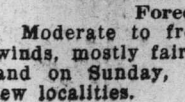


—New York Tribune

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, July 14.—Pressure is now increasing over the continent especially in the western provinces and southern states. Showers have occurred again locally from Alberta to Newfoundland, but on the whole the weather in Canada has been fair and warm.

Forecasts. Moderate to fresh south to west winds, mostly fair and warm to-day and on Sunday, but showers in a few localities.



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