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INTERNAL TROUBLES AGAIN ARE SERIOUS IN GERMANY

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Conferences of Military and Political Leaders Now Taking Place in Berlin in Attempt to Reach Some Agreement on War Aims—All Signs Point to the Triumph of the Militarists.

London, Jan. 14.—According to telegrams from Berlin today, Count Von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, is ill and will probably resign shortly, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam.

Some ten days ago there was a similar report from Berlin where the statement that Count Von Hertling was indisposed was coupled with a rumor in political circles that there was an intrigue in progress to induce him to resign on the ground of ill health in order to make way for Prince Von Buelow as occupant of the chancellorship. Chancellor Von Hertling shortly afterwards, however, appeared before the Reichstag main committee to make a statement regarding the negotiations with Russia and it has been stated in Berlin advices that he would again appear before the Reichstag this week to reply to Lloyd George and President Wilson.

London, Jan. 14.—Reading between the lines in the German newspapers, it becomes apparent that the conferences of military and political leaders now taking place at Berlin are regarded as an effort to obtain some sort of an agreement among the German parties as to war aims. At present all signs point to the triumph of the militarists, although it is evident the opposing forces are making a strong fight.

The Munich Post says: "A death struggle is now proceeding between the Reichstag peace majority and the military annexationist party. We do not know which side the government will support and Egyptian darkness enshrouds the nation's peace aims."

Dr. Von Bodman, the minister of finance of Baden, Dr. Von Bodman, said in the lower house on Saturday: "The Reichstag resolution is no longer valid because it was based on the supposition that the desire for peace would be shared by our opponents. That is disproved by the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson. Peace now must be guided strictly by Germany's interests."

The present Prussian regime is deeply hated by the people, for it has been the most repulsive type of rule that any people have ever had to bear. "I warn you that the people will at length come to their senses and this war will prove a graveyard of German militarism."

Speaking at a Socialist meeting at Lielshof, Herr Severing, a former member of the Reichstag, said: "A majority of the German people would not shed a single tear over the resignation of Hindenburg. Ludendorff or any general who opposes peace by understanding. The German people will pay homage to the man who does most in the cause of peace."

which she handles her man power in the months to come, everything depends. "At sea we must be supreme; in the air we must win supremacy, and on land we must do the best we can to fill the gap Russia has made until America can take her place. And all the time we have to keep our vital industries going."

Enemy Advantages. While the enemy possessed the advantages of an interior position, with a good railway situation, continued the minister, they possessed no corresponding advantage in stability and solidarity of public opinion. Discussing the age question, he said that the Germans were using boys of eighteen on the Russian front and that Austria has raised the limit to fifty-five years. Analyzing the enemy's strength, he declared that the Germans would be able to withdraw 950,000 men from the eastern front and the Austrians would be able to release enough to make the total 1,600,000.

Sir Auckland assured the House that the Entente Allies at the present time in numbers and morale were on equal terms with the forces of the enemy at present opposed to them, and with the necessary reinforcements, which would be found during the year, could face any additional forces which the enemy could bring. When the full force of America came into play, a superior would be established, which would be the sure herald of complete and final victory.

The Naval Personnel. The naval personnel, said the minister, had expanded during the war from 150,000 to 400,000. The army today had more than 4,000,000 men on the rolls. The combined air service had increased from 2,000 to 125,000. The total enrollment in the armed forces had been 7,500,000. England had contributed 4,530,000; Scotland, 820,000; Wales, 280,000; Ireland, 170,000; the dominions and colonies, 900,000. The remaining 1,000,000 composed of native fighting troops, labor corps, carriers and similar workers were from India, Africa and other dependencies.

The minister declared that it would be necessary to raise in this country at once from 420,000 to 450,000 men from civil life as an absolute minimum. He added that the government had decided not to introduce conscription in Ireland for the present, nor change the military age limit in Great Britain and the colonies.

Must Share Burden. The government could not give preferential treatment to any organization, many young men in scientific industries, he said, had acted as though they

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Brompton Paper, active to about the same extent as Brazilian, held at 4 1/2, a decline of 1/2 from the last sale. The closing quotation was unchanged from Saturday at 4 1/2. There was very little to the rest of the trading in stocks. The Steel stocks continued heavy, being under a depressing influence of some weakness in United States Steel; but offerings were nominal and the market for these issues tended to dry up rather than develop selling pressure as New York prices declined. Dominion Iron sold off 1/2 to 6 1/2 and Steel of Canada was unchanged at 5 1/4. Canada Steamship Company similarly tended to dullness rather than weakness. At 41 the price was off 1/4 for the day, but the closing bid at 41 was unchanged from Saturday. Small lots of the third war loan sold at 83, the highest price in some time. The floating supply of the various issues appears small, but buyers are cautious about raising bids. Total business for day: Shares, 828; bonds, \$6,400.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, N.S., Jan. 14.—Stratford reports are being made to save the life of the Italian Natali Neri, who is sentenced to be executed tomorrow morning. The members of the county council in session here have wired a petition to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa asking that the sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

Mr. W. G. Tait, foreman of the jury, and on behalf of the jury, has sent a telegram to the Governor-General asking that the sentence of death passed on Neri be commuted to life imprisonment.

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Following the ceremonies of installation an enjoyable literary and musical programme was carried out. Black's orchestra rendered several pleasing selections. Solos by Miss Watters and Percy Critchank were received with appreciation, and two humorous sketches given in a very entertaining way by Miss Springer solicited generous applause. An address was given by the grand chancellor, R. B. Slipp. Refreshments were served, after which the National Anthem was sung, bringing to a close one of the most successful sessions of the St. John Lodge has had for some time.

The following officers were elected last night at the meeting of the Royal Arcanum, St. John Council No. 1331, in their rooms, Market building: George D. Martin, regent and representative to the