

GERMANY ABOUT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO STATES

U. S. AMBASSADOR TELLS AMERICANS TO LEAVE AUSTRIA

SHOULD LONDON REFUSE \$22,500 TO KEEP ONE EXPANDING INDUSTRY AND SPEND \$100,000 FOR NEW ONE?

The question of whether the Hunt Mills are to remain in London still hangs in the balance.

It may be taken for granted that the Hunts do not wish to leave London. They are an old London family, with London traditions and London associations. They have developed their business in this city, although, as is often the case, their local trade has not been as extensive as it might have been.

The Hunts have asked the city to purchase their present property for the sum of \$22,500, with \$5,000 cash and the balance to be taken out in power for the big new mill. The city would get about five acres in land, the present mill premises, the power development and certain other minor considerations.

MEANS A 1,000-BAR REL FLOUR MILL.

The purchase would mean that the Hunt people would immediately construct a mill double their present capacity, 500 barrels a day—employ more hands and begin an expansion which would in the natural course of events mean the largest flour mills in this district.

The utilities manager has not been inclined to favor the purchase up to the present time. The power rights are not regarded by the manager, Mr. Buchanan, as representing a serious increase in power, although it is admitted that 100 horsepower could be developed. It is also realized that some land desirable for hydro extension purposes is in sight. But up to the present there has been no getting down to brass tacks on the subject. Mr. Buchanan reported as an engineer, and did only his duty. As a matter of fact, the problem should be one for the industrial department and the council, rather than the utilities commission.

PAY \$100,000 FOR ANOTHER MILL?

But—and here comes to be where London's peculiar inconsistency comes in—the city, or some influential men in the city, are talking of having a \$100,000 elevator constructed out of city funds at Port Stanley, so that another milling concern may be brought to the city!

It is inevitable that the old fable of the dog and the bone should come to mind when one considers the case of the Hunt Mills, which we have in our industrial "jaws," and the shadow (which let it be hoped will prove to be a reality) of a coming industry.

It may be highly desirable to secure a grain elevator at Port Stanley after the facts are known. It may mean that a big new industry would be secured for the city. But it would be a large price to pay—perhaps not too large—as compared with what must be considered a fairly reasonable business deal as proposed by the Hunts.

Are we ready to pay \$100,000 for a new industry, while we decline to double the capacity of a present concern and secure at least a doubled return in men employed and business transacted for the return of a big mill, a water power and five acres of land, priced at \$17,500.

REPRESENTS BIG VALUE.

Draycott must know that the Hunt property represents a greater value to them as a going concern than the sum of money asked for its purchase. The assessment is \$112,750, which is a very high value. In this growing country there are certain to be readjustments become necessary. Expansion is the order of the time. Municipalities that are alive industrially are awake to the needs of the time. The younger communities are very much alive to their opportunities. They work while others sleep, and as a result the Hunt concern has been literally blessed with enticing offers to go elsewhere.

London cannot afford to lose industries. Yet, if industries are able to become stronger and to secure greater impetus by accepting the offers of other cities, can they be blamed for leaving? One might as well say that no man has a right to leave one occupation for another with a higher salary.

BEST KIND OF GROWTH.

London has lost industries in the past. It is true that we have gained many new ones, but the best growth has come through the careful nurturing of the ones we now have. The Hunt Mills bid fair to become among the largest in Canada. Some cities are built around a flour trade. At one time Rochester, an inland city, was the greatest flour producer in the country. Conditions will tend to improve London's position as the home of a great mill as lake trade is developed.

While The Advertiser is not committed to accepting the Hunt offer without serious consideration, it is strongly in favor of doing everything reasonable to retain this important and growing concern. Are we to spend \$100,000 to get one new mill, while we refuse to buy a property for a small amount and let a London concern that has now come to its time for development slip through our fingers? There are some who think the \$22,500 might well be looted off the cost of the new hydro building, some \$125,000.

PHILADELPHIA SAILS WITH MANY AMERICANS ABOARD

New York, Feb. 15.—The Associated Press this morning carries the following telegram:

Liverpool, Feb. 15.—The Philadelphia, a first American liner to leave Europe for Germany's declaration of war, sailed from Liverpool yesterday afternoon. She carried 95 passengers of all classes, of whom 38 were Americans. Dr. Henry van Dyke, formerly United States minister to Holland, had originally intended sail on the Philadelphia, but decided earlier in the week to postpone his departure until Saturday.

The Philadelphia was unarmed, carrying neither a mounted nor an unmounted gun. In addition to her passengers she carried a general cargo of that is known as express freight and two tons of dispatches from the American embassy in London for the state department, in Washington. A good-natured crowd bid farewell from the Philadelphia's docks to anxious friends of the ship left the dock. There were comparatively few British passengers aboard.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—LOCAL SNOW.

Toronto, Feb. 16—8 a.m.

Forecast.

Fresh to strong westerly wind; local snowfalls today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures.

Toronto 42 40 Fair

Calgary 35 33 Cloudy

Edmonton 28 26 Cloudy

Winnipeg 26 24 Cloudy

St. Paul 26 24 Snow

St. Louis 26 24 Cloudy

Chicago 26 24 Cloudy

Indianapolis 26 24 Cloudy

St. Petersburg 18 16 Foggy

Other Point 18 16 Foggy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was over Tennessee yesterday is now off the Nova Scotia coast.

Pressure is also low over Ontario and the Western Provinces, and the weather rather unsettled throughout the Dominion.

VAST ARMY OF WOMEN TO AD HINDENBURG'S FINAL SMASH

Millions of Them To Form Huge Industrial Organization.

NATION IS HARD PRESSED

But the Whole Empire Is Concentrating on Last Drive.

[By CARL W. ACKERMAN.]

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

With Ambassador Gerard, Paris, Feb. 15.—Germany is undernourished. Food and economic conditions throughout the country are steadily growing worse. There is no doubt that the food distribution plan, and the empire's transportation problems are increasing.

But Field Marshal von Hindenburg's plans go forward just the same. The Hindenburg army is coldly calculated in the German mind alone. Under his plan the whole nation is concentrating to strengthen the army.

Vast Army of Women.

A million women, commanded by women officers, are projected to form a vast industrial organization, working for the fatherland and replacing men needed for the army. Therefore, Germany's efforts in 1917 may be expected to exceed any heretofore made, because they will be the nation's final attempt. The whole empire is at work for this year's struggle.

Want Pay in Food.

Americans who left Berlin with Ambassador Gerard were deluged with thousands of requests for food from their families. Every man able to bear arms must give his family to live in food, not money.

The police are powerless to stop most of this graft, because it is the influence of the great industrialists and financiers. But the graft does not stop with the industrialists. Friends of the military command, and food cards are stolen.

Hindenburg's Hopes.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg does not count the food and transportation difficulties of the people. He believes in a military victory. And he is hoping to achieve this victory this year before it is necessary again to face the Socialists and other peace advocates.

Mobilization of the women workers is but one step. The women's activities will take them right up to the firing lines. Every man able to bear arms must give his family to live in food, not money.

Already civilian mobilization has reached into the public schools. Students of the high schools are drilling to take the places of men and street cleaners, while farmers have pledged their sons and daughters for agricultural work during the planting and harvesting seasons.

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MIDDLESEX BOYS IN THE KILT



Signal Section, 135th Battalion, transferred to the 134th Battalion, and wearing the kilt. The names are: Top Row, Left to Right—F. R. Morston, M. D. Macpherson, W. R. S. Henderson, Standing—F. Aiken, R. Bryson, V. K. Annett, H. G. Thompson, A. J. Huddleston, J. A. MacArthur, C. D. Bramall, Sitting—R. A. C. Crowder, L. P. Malone, E. N. Graham, K. C. Stewart, Lying Down—H. E. McAlpine, J. M. Colling.

Ronald Gray

We sorrow not for your brave heart. You saw your duty, and you did your part. Our grief is for ourselves and for your kin. 'Tis we and they who lose 'tis you who win.

You gave your life the land you loved to save. And though your body now lies in the grave, Your soul, your soul will live in the day dawn. We'll speak, when pointing graveside in the way, The words, "Well done," from Him you served as Lord.

Sleep, still and peaceful, now your task is done. Your words do follow you, for as years run. We'll speak, when pointing graveside in the way, With pride to such brave souls as Ronald Gray.

February 16, 1917. —THE OLD UN—

SITUATION ALMOST UNBEARABLE IS THE OPINION AT WASHINGTON, BUT WILSON KEEPS BRAKES ON

[Special to The Advertiser.] Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Apparently the administration is finding it harder and harder to keep the brakes on in the face of what is to all intents and purposes a condition of war. Only a grim determination to hold back, doggedly persisted in, has enabled the White House to remain passive under a succession of goads and pin pricks. The situation is likely to become more and more unbearable. It is hard to understand the excuse given for the inaction of the administration. The ground that it may involve serious consequences to Americans in the control of the central powers is a weak one. The whole thing is a farce. The administration is finding it harder and harder to keep the brakes on in the face of what is to all intents and purposes a condition of war.

NO CONTRABAND ON AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

Affidavits Show the Law Was Carrying Laths.

Cagliari, Sardinia, Feb. 15.—Via Paris, Feb. 15.—According to an affidavit made by Capt. McDonough of the American schooner Lynan M. Law, sunk off the coast of Sardinia by a submarine on February 12, the submarine ordered the schooner to halt, which she did immediately.

The submarine, Capt. McDonough's affidavit continues, approached the Lynan M. Law, and ordered the schooner to halt, which she did immediately. The submarine then fired a shot which struck the schooner, causing her to sink.

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U. S. BREAK WITH VIENNA CLOSE AT HAND, BUT GERMANY MAKES CONCESSIONS TO U. S. AS A RESULT OF WASHINGTON'S FIRM STAND

EXTRA U. S. BREAKS WITH DUAL MONARCHY

London, Feb. 16.—The negotiations between American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, and the Austro-Hungarian Government have been broken off, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Copenhagen today.

FIERCE BATTLE IN ABYSSINIA: CIVIL WAR ON

Allies Force Menelik's Successor To Vacate the Throne.

London, Feb. 15.—Correspondence of the Associated Press from Addis Ababa says that the Emperor Menelik has been having a stormy time since the death of Emperor Menelik. In the past few months the Emperor has been deposed, civil war has broken out, and several battles have been fought between the Emperor's forces and the forces of the Emperor's enemies.

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Paris Despatch Says U.S. Citizens Have Been Warned To Leave Austria--Unofficial Cable Says American Sailors Released and Belgium Order Modified.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave that country.

NO INSTRUCTIONS SENT.

Washington, Feb. 16.—State department officials discussing the report from Paris that Americans had been warned from Washington to leave Austria, said no instructions to this effect had been sent to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. They considered it probable that Ambassador Penfield might have taken such action on his own initiative.

Officials say they still hope that a break with Austria may be avoided, but admit that all recent indications are to the contrary.

CONCESSIONS TO UNITED STATES.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Unofficial advice that Germany has released the 72 American seamen held prisoner when brought in by the prize ship Yarrowdale, reached officials today just as a peremptory demand was about to be made on the Berlin Government for the freeing of the Americans. A note embodying this demand had been prepared and approved by President Wilson, but if official confirmation of Germany's reported action is received, it is probable the communication will not be dispatched.

The news probably caused a slight relaxation of tension over German-American relations. Some gratification was apparent among officials also because of word that the German Government has modified its orders which would have compelled retirement from Belgium of American relief workers.

Other Serious Problems. Many serious problems yet remain, however, and were to be discussed at today's cabinet meeting. Prominent among these was the congestion of freight at Atlantic ports caused by suspension of sailings by merchant vessels. This condition was embarrassing to the limited railroad embargoes on freight shipments to those ports, imposed by railroads yesterday.

Wilson's Next Move. The president is deliberating slowly the next move of the United States, but many administration officials believe that his appeal to Congress for authority to use further means to protect American lives and property now is only a matter of days. Even if this act should be delayed longer, no doubt is felt that the president will make an address on the international situation within the three weeks remaining in the congressional session.

NEW BRITISH LOAN WILL SOAR BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS

Last-Minute Rush Assures a Large Total.

A VAST SUM IS NEEDED

Old London Completely Placarded With Appeals for Subscriptions.

London, Feb. 15.—A tremendous effort was made today to secure a large subscription to the new British loan, the last day for subscriptions to the British war loan, to bring in every available shilling. The last-minute rush, so characteristic of British financiers, was expected to result in a very large total for the day as the capstone for the huge gatherings of the last month.

A Greeting to the Loan. Although no figures have been made public and none will be available for some weeks, there seems to be no question in financial circles that the loan will be a success almost beyond the most sanguine expectations. How large a total is necessary to make the loan a success is a question to which no definite answer is available. The national accounts indicate £500,000,000 new money is needed to insure a clean slate for the Government on entering the next financial year on April 1. The Government expects to obtain no more than £100,000,000 from the sale of war bonds, and a considerable distance through the new financial year.

Placarded With Appeals. The last day of the loan effort found London placarded with appeals from end to end. Suburban banks have been kept open well into the evening to accommodate customers desirous of investing, while the war loan counters of the postoffice, brokerage houses and insurance offices have been flooded with large and small applications.

The large amount of money taken off the market yesterday and today was disclosed by a sharp rise in daily and weekly loans to 84 per cent. None of the big banks has yet announced the amount which it will subscribe. These institutions have been granting loans to customers, and until the transactions are completed they will not be able to state the amount of funds at their disposal for investment.

The staff of the Bank of England has been working day and night for the last fortnight, and will continue to do so for at least another fortnight longer before it will be possible to give even an approximate figure of the amount of new money subscribed or of the total of conversions.

Each chief rode at the head of his men, and as he approached the emperor, he was dismounted, drew his sword and danced about her, shouting the words of his song. The emperor, who was seated on a throne, looked on with a smile. The emperor's forces have been defeated in several battles, and the Emperor has been forced to flee the capital. The Emperor's enemies have taken control of the capital, and the Emperor's forces have been driven out of the capital.

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