

German Business Clamors For Peace

There was in many quarters a tendency to take too seriously the stage-managed strikes and riots in Germany a few days ago, but on the other hand we do not take sufficient account of a very real pressure for peace that is being exerted every day upon the German government. This is the pressure of German commerce, the pressure of practically all German business, great and small, with the exception of the munition business. German captains of industry see ruin facing them, individually and collectively, and they doubt if their children's children will live long enough to see the day when trade position of Germany is restored to what it was the year before the war. On this account the threat of the United Chambers of Commerce to boycott Germany after the war, the hint from President Wilson that if the German people continued after the war "to live under ambitious and intriguing masters . . . it might become impossible to admit them to the free economic intercourse which must inevitably spring out of the other partnerships of a real peace," and the general idea that the Entente Powers may boycott Germany after the war are calculated to destroy in commercial and industrial Germany any desire for continuing the fight.

Threat from Wilson

The warning on this point contained in President Wilson's message to Congress on December 4, and strongly reiterated by him on January 8, seems to have been generally noted. Thoughts have dwelt rather on the fact that the President has held out the olive branch to Germany, but this was conditional upon her getting rid of the Hohenzollerns. With the Hohenzollerns must go the whole Junker and military caste, and the doctrine of Deutschland ueber alles must go by the board. If this was to end in a German defeat, which nevertheless does not destroy the German military caste, then Germany has nothing to look forward to but a boycott from the Allies. She will be compelled to trade with Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria and to a less extent with powers that are now neutral. Barred from the western hemisphere and from the British Empire, the mighty trade of Germany will shrink year by year. There will be emigration by wholesale, and in another generation Germany will have declined from the rank of the first-class powers.

All Owing to Britain

Just how important a factor in German commercial prosperity was her free access to British countries is admitted in a remarkable letter written by Herr Ballin to Privy Councillor von Rhenau. Ballin is called the uncrowned king of Hamburg, head of the great transatlantic shipping companies, banker, organizer, a man who holds in Germany a position analogous to that held in the United States by the late James J. Hill. He sent his letter for the purpose of strengthening the peace party, and in the course of it he said: "I realize as never before that all the increase in our wealth, all the success which attended our enterprises in the years before the war were owing to our commercial intercourse with the British Empire. Her home ports, her dominions, and colonies were freely opened to our shippers and traders. Sometimes I wondered at this generosity and even stigmatized it as folly. Can you imagine for one moment that the former relations will be restored? You all say we must beat England. All I say is that whether we beat her or she beats us, the consequences will be the same—disaster to our overseas trade if Britain so wills it."

Even Victory Cannot Help

"We may in the event of victory impose all sorts of conditions, securing us most-favored nation treatment, and free entry into British ports everywhere. No sane man can believe that even those conditions will help us much. With a hostile British Empire, hopelessly alienated, how are we to procure the raw material which this empire alone can supply? You surely do not believe in the silly assertion that after the war these British markets for raw material will be open to us. What a prospect! I almost despair when I think how different it might all have been. You will remember how I went to Berlin to endeavor to stay the authorities from embarking on the fatal policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. I pointed out to them how it would inevitably draw America into the conflict. They pooh-poohed me, smiled at America and scorned her threat. Do they smile now? Let me tell you that in my opinion the entry of the United States into this struggle has spelt absolute disaster to us."

No More "Made in Germany."

A peace that will cut off Germany from the sources of raw material which were the foundations of her commercial prosperity will be a defeat, no matter what the military situation may be, and men like Ballin are looking now rather to what will happen in the years after the war than to how the war will end. An economic boycott would spell disaster for them; but even if, when the peace terms are drawn up, and Germany should be restored to some footing as she was before the war in the markets of the Entente Powers, there will remain the sentiment of the peoples now at war with her to be reckoned with. Who will buy articles labeled "Made in Germany"? This sentiment is not likely to be dissipated in a generation, and there will also be the natural desire on the part of one ally to deal with another ally, irrespective of any intention of boycotting German goods. German commercial leaders, in short, cannot conceive of any end of the war that will save what they have labored to build up, and therefore the only end that they are in favor of is the end that comes soonest, be it in victory or defeat.

BROKE AWAY MANY TIMES

George Franklin Godfrey Again Arrested in Belleville—Wanted at Richmond Hill

George Franklin Godfrey, who has broken away five times from his captors at the Boy's Industrial

School at Toronto, has again been taken prisoner. He is only 19 years of age but has a bad record for theft. Recently he broke away from Langstaff Jail Farm and he is accused of stealing at or near Richmond Hill. Last night Constable Ellis arrested him at a relative's home in Belleville. Godfrey was first committed from the local police court. He will be taken to Richmond Hill today by a constable to face a charge.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Gathered by Our Exchange Editor and Condensed Down to Make Spicy Reading.

PASSENGER SERVICE IN WEST FURTHER RESTRICTED

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—It is now assumed that there will be a further reduction in passenger train service in the West, the Canadian Press is officially advised. The matter is under consideration by the administrative sub-committee of the Canadian Railway Association for national defense. The question of train mileage has resolved itself into one of fuel. From present indications it is altogether probable that coal from the United States for Canadian use will be far short of previous years. In order to conserve fuel and have some on hand to handle the fall crop further reduction of passenger trains becomes imperative, especially on the Canadian Pacific, it is learned. There is a feeling on the American side that the Canadian railways last year were given their full supply of fuel, and in consequence the railways of Canada feel that unless every disposition on the part of the people of Canada is shown to be willing to make some sacrifices it will be most difficult for eastern Canadian railways to secure an adequate supply for the future, and without American coal it would be difficult and almost impossible for roads in the East to operate.

IMPORTANT REFORMS COMING FOR ONTARIO

Toronto, Feb. 12.—It is understood that within the next few days two progressive steps will be taken by the Ontario Government affecting civil service reform and the purchase of all government supplies. The provincial treasurer, the Hon. T. W. McGarry, has under consideration the introduction of a bill providing for the appointment of a purchasing agent for all government supplies, while the Hon. I. B. Lucas, attorney-general, will introduce a measure making provision for certain reforms in the public service, especially of the civil servants.

KAISER'S MESSAGE GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—Emperor William's decree in which he thanks those who addressed congratulatory messages to him on his recent birthday is published in the Berlin Reichs Anzeiger. In it the Emperor, according to the summary telegraphed from Berlin, dwells upon "the relations of confidence between the crown and the people. He twenty-six years of peace efforts, and the progress of the German people." The Emperor recalls with gratitude "the proudest days of German history at the outbreak of the war" and Germany's subsequent "world historical successes" and he lauds the "self-sacrificing perseverance the enormous labor and the achievements of the people at home by which with God's help, the nation may look forward to a good peace."

CHINESE RESTAURANTS CLOSED

Woodstock, Feb. 10.—In celebration of the Chinese New Year, and also to assist in the conservation of fuel, the Chinese restaurants here were closed today. The local Chinese laundries are also living up to the fuel controller's orders, and will remain closed till Tuesday morning. All local places of business and factories obeyed Controller Magrath's orders. On Saturday the theatres and rinks did a big business.

TUSCANIA SANK IN ATTEMPT TO REACH IRISH COAST

London, Feb. 12.—The Sunday Times today says it is firmly established that the Tuscania sank while an attempt was being made to tow her toward the Irish coast. The fact that no submarine attack was made either on her or on the towing boats is regarded as confirming the belief that the submarine was destroyed by the conveying warships.

AMERICAN JEWS FEED PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM

New York, Feb. 12.—The population of Jerusalem was saved from starvation by the generosity of the American Jews. It was asserted here tonight by Judge Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, a leader in the Zionist movement. He said that the first credits of \$400,000 granted to Jerusalem enabled the Anglo-Palestine Bank there to re-open

and begin constructive work. It was also announced that the Jewish trade unions of this city would adhere to their pledge and give up their holiday on Washington's birthday and would contribute their earnings of that day to the American Jewish Relief Committee. It was stated that 75,000 members of the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union alone would forego their holiday.

STEALS SUIT OF CLOTHES

Deloro.—Last Thursday a man who gave his name as H. H. Duquette, appeared before Magistrate B. C. Hubbell on a charge of stealing a suit of clothes, the property of Harold Bartlett, an employee at Deloro. It appears the accused had been loaned the suit a few days previously and when he was leaving Deloro he put it on again. He was arrested at Spring Brook and brought back to Marmora for a preliminary hearing. After taking the evidence the magistrate committed him to Belleville jail to await trial.

COAL SCARCITY IN KINGSTON

Kingston, Feb. 12.—Mayor Hughes and Fuel Controller Nickle are conferring with the Board of Education relative to the closing of the schools to help out the fuel situation. The schools have on hand 40,000 lbs of hard coal and 135 tons of soft. The fuel controller has filled 1300 orders for coal in quarter and half-ton lots, and the supply is going fast and not likely to last many more days. The different militia units are using an immense amount of fuel and have been given strict orders to curtail their supply.

WILL PUT CATTLE ON THE FREE LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Following an meeting of the Cabinet Council tonight it was stated that the proposed order-in-council placing cattle on the free list would apply for twelve months. The order-in-council has not yet been signed by the Governor-General and is therefore not yet officially passed. Details, it is announced, will not be available until then.

STEAL TO PREVENT FREEZING

Toronto.—Admitting that she told her boy to steal coal, because she and her baby were freezing to death, the mother of Jimmie Ranger, who with Willie Nalmsmith, was up in the county police court yesterday, was severely reprimanded by Major Brunton. The two boys were charged with stealing coal from a coal dealer, named Lasselle, at Mount Dennis. They were let off on suspended sentence, but were warned if they did not go to work they would be either sent to the Mercer Institute or flogged.

BOYCOTT ONTARIO

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Le Franc Parleur, a French weekly of this city favors the boycott of Ontario, and claims that whereas the Province of Quebec sells Ontario boot and shoes, corsets and some tobacco, Ontario inundates this province with cigars, farming implements, threshing machines, stoves, etc., and adds, with reference to a boycott, these words: "Indeed this is the most formidable cry which we could throw into the face of fanatical Ontario, for they already feel the contractions of their pockets, and commercial and industrial Ontario is becoming uneasy. The fanatics are not in the majority, but they are the most noisy. The people are in need of being shaken up, and to be able to do anything we must use the best means at our disposal, which is the boycott."

JOKE UNAPPRECIATED

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—The artist who designed the paper money of the denomination of 50 pfennings, which is now being distributed in several rural towns of Prussia has been arrested at Neberlahnstein, on the charge of holding up the Fatherland to ridicule. His offence lay, according to the Maasbode of Rotterdam, in the ornamentation on the margin of the bills.

CAPT. J. J. GRAHAM APPOINTED INSPECTOR

Napanee.—Through the munificence of the executors of the estate of the late Reuben D. Schermerhorn, the Public Library Board will be enabled to carry out some much needed improvements in the accommodation at the Library. The board room will be converted into a stockroom and will be connected by double glass doors with the reading room, and the present entrance to the board room will be closed. Members will be permitted to select for themselves the books they require to take from the shelves in the new stock room. In order to complete the necessary alterations the Library will be closed from this Friday evening until Monday, 18th inst.

letters. "A tender memory and a fond hope." Over a design of three turnips, he wrote "This is how the Germans live."

SHOW AT MIDNIGHT

Perth.—The company presenting the play "Bringing Up Father" was billed for Perth Monday night. The storm and cold weather delayed their train eight hours and in place of arriving in Perth at three o'clock they did not reach here until eleven at night. An audience that filled the theatre gathered at the usual hour and more or less patiently waited until the show went on. It was two o'clock in the morning when it was over.

"SARAH BERNHARDT" LOST

Oshkosh, Wis., Feb. 11.—Gustave Kingler, proprietor of a tea and coffee store, advertised for a cashier. "Your name?" he inquired of the first applicant, a dazzling blonde. "Sarah Bernhardt," she replied. Sarah was installed back of the cashier's cage, and all that morning she presided over the money drawer. At noon Kingler went out to lunch. When he returned, Sarah was gone. So were the contents of the cash register.

FORD BUILDING SUB-CHASERS

Washington, Feb. 11.—The keel of the first of the super-submarine chasers being constructed at the Ford motor plant at Detroit was laid yesterday. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced. It is expected that one of the vessels will be finished every day as soon as operations are in full swing.

MILD WEATHER IN WEST

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—The weather in the prairie provinces during the last two days has been exceptionally mild and probes point to a continuation of the mild spell for a day or so at least. After six weeks of steady cold, Winnipeg is basking in a temperature of twenty degrees above zero with sunshine and little wind. At Moose Jaw and Swift Current the temperature went above freezing during the last twenty-four hours, and the weather report quite mild weather. Zero weather is reported from the head of the lakes.

MORE ENTHUSIASTIC THAN VOLUNTEERS

That Military District No. 3, of which Kingston is the headquarters, is obeying the Military Service Act beyond all expectations and that the men drafted are giving the most satisfactory service possible, is the gist of a statement by Major-General Hemming in Ottawa. The officer commanding this district is precluded from giving information for publication as to the number of those who have not reported for service but he intimated that the number of those who had failed to report was very small and also stated that the drafted men were giving just as good satisfaction as volunteers. In fact, it was his opinion that in many instances these new soldiers were much more enthusiastic than those who had voluntarily enlisted for service.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Health Hints

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM

Muscular Rheumatism is a painful disorder of the voluntary ligaments, and usually follows cold and exposure. It is possibly not always the muscles, but the sensory nerves of the muscles, that are affected, as the pain is often of a strictly neuralgic type. The location of the pain gives different names to the attacks: Jumbago attacks the loin muscles; "stiff neck" describes itself and then again the muscles of the ribs and about the head may be the seat of the pain.

As a rule the trouble is entirely local and lasts from a few hours to a few days—occasionally longer. Patients often fear that they have serious lung or kidney trouble the first time they have an attack.

Rest is important, and a thorough cleansing of the bowels. Simple food plenty of water to drink and hot baths are required. The Turkish steam baths, hot packs, fomentations, electric light baths and electricity are the best treatments for this ailment. Forays plasters of all kinds are popular remedies for lumbago. They do no harm, but neither are they of any use. Laxative foods, and especially fruits, are better than any drugs or plasters.

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