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**AN EXCITING SCENE IN
THE RUSSIAN DUMA**

Deputy, in War Discussion, Shouts "Long Live Britain" and Whole House Rises and Cheers—British Ambassador Center of Applause—Russia's Answer to the German Propaganda for Separate Peace Agreement

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—The Russian parliament resumed its sitting on Tuesday. Throughout the country the opening session was eagerly awaited, as a number of questions have arisen which urgently require discussion, and it was hoped the duma would be able to throw light on the present complicated political situation. In both houses strong, interesting speeches were made, and there were dramatic incidents which conditions of telegraphing prevent by describing in full.

One thing is clear: The Germans will find no ground for satisfaction in Tuesday's speeches. Both houses were emphatic in declaring the necessity of fighting the war to a victorious finish.

State Criminals.
The very severe criticism levelled against the government was to remove these causes which prevent the nation devoting all its energies to the successful prosecution of the war. One of the principal speakers of the Right characterized those men who advocated the idea of a separate peace as state criminals.

The duma gave a most effective reply to the malicious rumors recently circulated by pro-Germans against England. When Rodsianko, in his speech, expressed gratitude and loyalty to the allies, one deputy cried: "Long live Britain, and a tremendous ovation was given to Sir George Buchanan, the British ambassador. The whole house rose and cheered.

In a declaration of the progressive bloc, composed of a majority of the duma, a special passage was devoted to the services of England to the common cause.

In the main theme of the speeches was the necessity of a change of system which would bring the government in closer touch with public opinion. The most moderate criticism of the government was that made by Nationalist Leader Balashev, who emphasized the lack of plan and unity on the part of the government.

Conflict of Authority
"The constant change of personnel," he said, "the publication of ill-considered and inconsistent measures, insufficient use of local government organs, and wholly impermissible conflict of authority have created a situation very dangerous for further work behind the fighting line, and extremely favorable to a display of predatory instincts."

In a very weighty declaration the Progressive bloc pointed out that the action of the government during the last year created serious impediment to a successful prosecution of the struggle.

The leader of the Constitutional Democrats, M. Illukoff, made a remarkable and very powerful speech which was listened to with the closest attention by the whole duma.

Is Significant.
Of particular interest were those passages in which he criticized the tendencies of Russian diplomacy during the last three months. His speech is not published in the report of the duma sitting. Things were said Tuesday that cannot be forgotten, or lightly passed over, and the further development of the relations between the government and the duma is a matter of highest interest, not only to Russia, but to all the allies.

THE FOOD QUESTION

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Progressive party in the duma has withdrawn from the bloc, the famous six-party combination which for some time past has constituted the majority in the Russian parliament, according to a despatch to the Times from Petrograd. The reason given for the secession of the Progressives, who are about forty in number, is that the leaders of the bloc refused to include in their declaration at the opening of the duma a direct demand for parliamentary government. The despatch continues: "Nevertheless, the bloc's declaration was an emphatic document which protested against the Russian government for ignoring the duma. It concluded with the statement: 'In the interests of victory the present government must give place to men united by a single mind and ready to act with the support of the duma and to carry out the duma's programme.' The declaration says that there has been utter disorder in dealing with the food question."

All Russia, it says, is suffering, not from lack of food, but from inefficient organization of the supply. Public bodies are discouraged, from lending their aid and the press is gagged.

"Touching foreign relations, the declaration says: 'Mutual confidence between the allies, so priceless for the attainment of the ideals for which we are fighting, is being frittered away under the new direction of foreign affairs.'"

**To Pray Daily For
England**

Walls in London Covered With Huge Official Posters

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A London despatch under yesterday's date, published in the Sun this morning, says: "Londoners were surprised this morning to observe walls all over the city covered with huge official posters exhorting Englishmen to pray daily for their country, for their soldiers and sailors. Admiral Beatty's words are displayed prominently: 'Until a religious revival takes place at home, so long will the war continue.'"

They are followed by General Sir William Robertson's message: "A serious determination on the part of the nation to seek Divine help would undoubtedly furnish valuable help to our soldiers and sailors."

The poster ends with the following words, printed in large type: "Will you join those who every day at noon, and at family prayers at home, pray for our country, our sailors and soldiers?"

**"Man Who Mended
the Boiler," Dies**

Daring Deed in Nile Expedition is Recalled.

LONDON.—Sir Henry Benbow, late Chief Inspector of Naval Machinery, who has died suddenly at Osborne House, Eastbourne, aged seventy-eight, was known from a daring deed which he performed in the Nile Expedition of 1884-5, as "the man who mended the boiler."

The *Saffia*, commanded by Lord Beresford, during a hot fight had her boiler disabled by a shot from Fort Wad Habeshi, and Sir Henry, then chief engineer, under heavy fire from the enemy repaired the boiler sufficiently for the vessel to be taken out of danger.

For this feat he was specially mentioned in despatches, and in Parliament, thanked by Lord Wolseley, received the Egyptian medal and the Khedive's bronze star, and was specially promoted.

SAY BOOTS WILL BE \$20 A PAIR.

BOSTON, Nov. 28.—Boots and shoes will retail at \$20 to \$30 a pair in the not far distant future, according to the prediction of leading leather and shoe manufacturers and retailers of Greater Boston.

"The public has not yet begun to pay the advanced price for shoes," is the sum total of their sentiments. High leather shoes will soon pass, and cloth tops will soon be all the rage, they say.

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**Berlin Has No
Part in Present
Talk of Peace**

Little Interest Evidenced in Wilson Rumor—Attitude Towards U.S. Ambassador Changing—Agreement to Prevent Further Wars Favored

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The German public regards skeptically so far as immediate action is concerned, Washington reports via Switzerland and London, that President Wilson may soon take some kind of steps for peace. The government itself is having nothing to do with the peace talk, nor is the army. The army is concentrating its efforts towards winning.

A general attitude toward American Ambassador Gerard is changing. He will probably find himself more popular when he returns than he was six months ago. There is a seemingly well-founded report here, that before Gerard departed, officials asked him to return, even in the event of President Wilson's defeat, and to remain as long as possible.

But as far as the general public is concerned, the reports of peace steps are causing universal discussion. The growth of sentiment for an international agreement to prevent other wars is evidenced by efforts of German newspapers to obtain from Isaac Wolf president of the American chamber of commerce, information and ideas as to the American League to Enforce Peace.

The newspaper Germania and its sister Conservative organ, the *Tages Zeitung*, both say that Wilson should make peace—but these views hardly represent public sentiment or the official viewpoint.

The Germania article declares that if Sir Edward Grey, for England; Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, for Germany, and President Wilson really want universal peace after the war, now is the time to get together.

With all this discussion of peace, Germany is a unit in casting aside any fears for defeat. Every one declares there is still "considerable punch" left—and the success of the Rumanian offensive and the German U-boat cruiser warfare is particularly cited.

**Britain Not Jealous
of the Ross Rifle**

London Spectator Says Words of Sir Sam Hughes Are Ridiculous

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Spectator and the Hughes resignation says:—"It is not for us to express any opinion as to his political actions, but there can be no doubt as far as he is concerned he did a great deal to stir the public opinion of Canada to make her people recognize the true nature of the struggle. Owing to his good work here we cannot help deeply regretting the words attributed to him just before his resignation. In this he apparently suggested that English officers had scrapped Canadian equipment, meaning no doubt the Ross rifle, out of jealousy, which is absurd. He also appears to have said he insisted upon Canadian soldiers being treated exclusively in Canadian hospitals because of the inexperience of British surgeons, which is even more ridiculous. The Spectator closes with an emphatic protest against segregation."

**Huns Have a New
Champion Pirate**

LONDON.—Germany has a new national hero—her champion U-boat captain. His name is Lieutenant-Commander Lothar von Arnauld de la Perriere, of U-35, who sprang into national prominence on the occasion of his visit to Cartagena, in Spain, in June last to deliver a letter from the Kaiser to King Alfonso.

The Emperor has just bestowed upon this German with a French name the Order Pour la Merite for having sunk with U-53 an alleged tonnage of 126 enemy ships with gross tonnage of 270,000.

The latest German papers are full of yarns of the U-boat's achievements and career. His booty is said to have included four guns captured from arm ed vessels, while it is claimed that he has weathered seventeen "hard fights, partly by submarine traps." Altogether he is acclaimed as the survivor of "one hundred battles," covering the period of the past nine months.

INDIA RELEASES WHEAT
LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Indian government has sanctioned the exportation to England, France and Italy, in November, December and January of 400,000 tons of wheat.

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