

TEMPTING BRIBES MADE AS WELL AS WARM THREATS

Kaiser Would Lure Italy into a War Pact.

CONCESSIONS MADE

PROVINCE OF TRENTO OFFERED—CHANGE EASTERN BOUNDARY.

"Treat Italy Worse Than England if Not Friendly to Us," Says Von Buelow—Proposals Made to Italian Government.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The Idea Nazionale, published in the interests of the nationalist party, to-day publishes a forecast of German proposals to Italy which reads as follows:

Before the end of February Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador to Italy, will present to the Italian government a concrete proposal for Italian participation in the war on the side of Germany. This consists of the cession by Austria of the province of Trent and the rectification of the Eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Isongo river. In addition Germany will pledge herself to conclude a new treaty with Italy which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests.

"In exchange Italy is to take part at once in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the British from Egypt, which will return under the dominion of the sultan of Turkey. In addition the Italian fleet will attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

Continuing, the Idea Nazionale says that Prince Von Buelow, referring to Trieste, made this statement:

"It is impossible to give Trieste to Italy because this seaport is the lung not of Austria, but of Germany."

At the conclusion of one of the conversations with the Italian statesmen Prince Von Buelow, according to this newspaper, made use of this phrase: "Either Italy will be friendly towards us, or we will treat her worse than we are treating England."

CONVICTIONS IN TRIESTE

Sympathy With Italy Often Means Death.

Berne, Feb. 16.—A private message from Trieste says the situation there is daily becoming serious. Anyone manifesting the slightest sympathy with Italy is immediately charged with high treason and death sentences are a daily occurrence.

The new government just appointed is obliged to have all official documents countersigned by two officers in the general staff, one being German, the other Austrian.

John T. Vosper's Death.

Campbellford, Ont., Feb. 16.—The death occurred here Friday of John T. Vosper, for thirty-one years editor and proprietor of the Campbellford Herald. The late Mr. Vosper was born in England, but had lived in Canada from childhood. In 1873 he founded the Herald and remained proprietor until 1904, when he sold the business to G. A. Kingston. The deceased was an ardent temperance worker. He was tax collector in Campbellford for several years.

J. E. E. Letellier one of the Quebec harbor commissioners, claimed \$10,000 from the Montreal Star, for an alleged slanderous report. \$100 damages was granted.

Justice Archibald was sworn in Saturday as chief justice of the supreme court of Quebec, and is succeeded on the bench by F. S. Maclean, K.C., Montreal.



P. BARK, Russian finance minister, who says that the allies' markets are closed to Germany forever.

CAN'T PANIC BAZARLAND.

Egyptian Populace Have Perfect Faith In Britain.

Cairo, Feb. 16.—During the past week or two, and particularly when fighting was proceeding beyond the Suez Canal, excellent opportunity has been afforded to note the attitude of the Egyptian population toward the Germanized Turkish empire and toward England. Cairo is the city of tall tales and in its bazaars rumors start easily and flourish with extraordinary rapidity. It was in this soil that the Germans endeavored, as all the world now knows, to plant the seeds of intrigue, hoping to reap a harvest of disloyalty and rebellion.

During recent events it has been clearly shown how fruitless and expensive their efforts have been. Through rumors were spread through the bazaars last week that the Suez Canal had crossed the canal at Suez and Ismailia, the native population refused to be moved, but remained absolutely quiet, not giving the authorities a moment's anxiety. The people were convinced that the official communiques told them the truth as to the situation, and they thoroughly believed that the Turks suffered a severe defeat and that Egypt was absolutely safe from the invaders.

The policy of England in dealing fairly and openly with the people in contradistinction to the duplicity and muddle of the Turkish rulers has yielded excellent results in tranquility and perfect order has had inevitable but satisfactory reward.

The Egyptian press continues to express deep satisfaction that Egypt is so efficiently protected by England and that this enables the new sultan and government to devote attention even during the great world crisis to problems of domestic importance to the Nileland.

To Speak At Queen's.

Thomas Adams, distinguished town planning expert, will address the Political Science Club of Queen's, next Thursday afternoon, at five o'clock in the large English room, New Arts Building. Mr. Adams was for four and a half years one of the chief officials of the Local Government Board of Great Britain. He is at present attached to the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa. Town Planning, his theme, is a subject in which all citizens are deeply interested.

The naval service gives warning of mine-sweeping operations off Canadian ports.

RAGER TO MEET GERMANS.

Serbs Feel Flattered Kaiser's Troops Being Sent.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Prince George of Serbia, who has been in Italy recovering from wounds that have obliged him to use crutches, said today during the course of an interview on the war, that he was convinced that Austria, after the lesson it had received, would wait for some time before resuming hostilities against Serbia.

He pointed out also that climatic and geographical conditions were against Austria at the present moment and that it could not withdraw its forces from the eastern field of the war.

Prince George expressed the belief that the war would surely end in the triumph of the allies, but admitted that this would require enormous sacrifices, especially of men. Already the Serbian army had given a magnificent example of heroism, endurance and self-sacrifice.

"The news that German troops will be sent to help the Austrians against Serbia," said Prince George, "fills my country and fellow soldiers with pride, as they are anxious to be measured against those who consider themselves the first troops of Europe."

If the central empires thought that such news would cause depression in Serbia they are much mistaken; instead, Serbia is extremely flattered.

NOT BEFORE MARCH 15TH.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—It is hardly probable that the new stamp taxes, except those upon wines, will come into effect before March 15th, as it will be some time before the revenue bill passes through all its stages in the two houses. In the meantime postage rates are precisely the same as before. The government will give ample notice of the date upon which the new taxation measure will come into effect. War stamps will be prepared meanwhile and no doubt the banks will arrange to furnish books of cheques, the war stamp embossed thereon, following the custom in Great Britain.

WARRANTS OF SIX MILLIONS.

Only About Two and a Half Millions Spent, Mostly To Help Albertans.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Since the last session of parliament the government has had recourse to governor-general's warrants for expenditures not voted by parliament to the amount of \$6,000,000, of which, however, there has been spent but \$2,540,916. Most of the expenditure was for the purchase of seed grain and the relief of settlers in southern Alberta. For this purpose there was authorized \$2,750,000. The amount spent has been \$2,495,292. Other warrants were for the expenditure of \$100,000 on the intercolonial for the assistance of the families of twelve fishermen drowned in the storm off Gloucester, N.B., \$2,400, and for carrying out regulations for the inspection of Canadian potatoes going into the United States.

"Kodak films," at Gibson's.

War contracts to the value of about twenty-nine million dollars have been entered into by the militia department for the supplies for the Canadian forces.

"Buy Cough Syrups" at Gibson's.

The militia department will establish a number of overseas training depots for each arm and branch of the service, to provide reinforcements as required for expeditionary forces.

"Buy Listerine" at Gibson's.

The Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario will give Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie, Flora, \$1,800 for the death of her husband, who fell from a pole and was killed.

ONLY PRUSSIA CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY

Bavaria is Despondent—Baden Takes Very Pessimistic View of the Issue, While Saxony and Wurtemberg Are Dubious.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The Petite Parisien prints a long communication from a leading Dutch merchant, A. de Smit, describing a recent business trip of twenty-five days through Germany. The writer says that whereas he started with the opinion that the Teutonic power was likely to be victorious, he returned convinced that the allies will win and that the German cause is crumbling.

Prussia alone retains confidence, he says. The people expect to beat the Russians in February and the French before Easter, and that England will sign peace in July as a German colony.

Baden is much less confident. The people remarked: "If Hindenburg does not beat the Russians before the end of March and if Calais is not taken by Easter, we can make our wills."

Saxony and Wurtemberg are dubious and Bavaria is quite despondent. Munich being plunged into gloom. The people there complain that the Bavarians have been sacrificed everywhere, while the Prussians have frequently been kept on foot in the duty. They also charged that the Prussians kept army contracts for themselves, and, worst of all, the imperial government has threatened to tax beer.

Mr. Smit brought with him restaurant and dining menus showing that food was but little dearer throughout Germany. He thinks the danger of famine is slight, but says the lower classes are suffering from lack of employment.

Soldiers are still plentiful, he adds, but equipment is lacking. He concludes with the statement that he is positive that Germany is doomed to defeat before the allies' tenacity.

A GOOD PROPOSITION

A BUSINESS MAN WILL TAKE TO FARMING.

Admiral N. Sharpe of Violet Has Purchased Large Tract of Land in This Vicinity and Will Stock Same With Ayrshire and Holstein Cattle.

Admiral N. Sharpe, of Violet, near Napanee, recently purchased 2,000 acres of land between Chaffey's Locks and the Opplenon Club which he is going to convert into a large farm upon which he expects to raise cattle. Upon the land which is situated in Storrington, Bedford and South Crosby townships is a waterfall having a drop of fifteen feet with force enough to furnish hydro-electric power for the farm. Mr. Sharpe is going to install a generator for which will generate electricity to all parts of the farm. There are also two houses on the property. Men are busy now erecting a saw mill wherein will be cut sufficient timber to erect a bungalow on a portion of land which was once an island and which is also part of the property. In this Mr. Sharpe will reside.

The property is densely wooded there being only about 400 acres of workable land.

Mr. Sharpe's favorite breeds of cattle with which he will stock the farm are Ayrshire and Holsteins. The cream from the milk of these animals will be shipped to Toronto where he has contracted with a leading firm in that city for the disposal of same.

Mr. Sharpe recently purchased miles of wire fence which will be used in enclosing part of the farm. He has also purchased a milking machine which will milk eight cows at one time.

Mr. Sharpe has had a wonderful rapid rise in life. When only a youth, (he is now about 33 years of age), he left his home in Violet and went to Winnipeg, Man., where he purchased a house which was partially finished. With the assistance of others he finished completing the house and sold it at a handsome profit. From that time on good fortune accompanied him. He made considerable money following up this scheme and some time later opened up the first moving picture concern in Winnipeg. This, too, was a great success. He sold it, cleaning up a tidy sum, on the deal. He followed up the moving picture show business in numerous places purchasing concerns which were not paying satisfactorily and by shrewd business ability he converted them, in every instance, into good paying investments. He would then dispose of them to good advantage. At one time he was proprietor of the Casino theatre at Montreal. Last year he was in Rio de Janeiro where he attempted to purchase a large moving picture concern, but the owners attempted to hold him up, so to speak. While he was in Kingston negotiating for the purchase of Kingston's leading theatre he got next to the purchasing of the 2,000 acres of land.

He feels that he can make the farm deal a paying investment and with his apparent business ability his success is assured. Dairymen in this section will welcome Mr. Sharpe to this district. His scheme will no doubt give an added impetus to the dairying interest of this country.

The above mentioned real-estate deal was handled by the J. K. Carroll agency, this city.

POISONED OATS.

London, Ont., Feb. 16.—The militia authorities, to-day, are investigating a sensational story to the effect that a car of oats, shipped in for the Mounted rifles horses, was poisoned by German sympathizers. It is stated that the poisoning was accidentally discovered when an employee who took home a pail full of the oats that had fallen out of the car and fed them to chickens which all died.

Kaiser To Give Blessing.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—Kaiser Wilhelm will give his blessing to the German submarines as they take to the sea on their mission of "starving out" England. The Kaiser will go to Cuxhaven. The German naval base on February 18th when Von Tirpitz's new policy is launched.

WAR BULLETINS

Winston Churchill announced that Britain had lost sixty-three ships to date. The British navy could terminate the war tomorrow but the nation doesn't care to do so. British supplies are being sent to the front. The German ambassador at Washington has announced the German intention of broad-casting mines all around Britain.

The British have lost three more men killed in action and one died of wounds.

Two German submarine workshops in Belgium wrecked by British aeroplanes.

Russian ranks have reformed and the Germans are once more in retirement in East Prussia.

Britain has given notice that the British navy must now tightly close the German ports and cut off the food supply.

FIGURES FINE ON TEETONS.

French Publicist Puts Possible Indemnity at \$34,000,000,000.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Jean Finot, in his Revue, arrives at a total of \$34,000,000,000 as the final bill the allies will have to render to Germany, Austria and Turkey in case the latter are defeated after a year's warfare.

Taking Paul Leroy Beaulieu's estimate of \$10,000,000,000 as the direct outlay of all the belligerents for four months of hostilities, and assuming that the war will last a year, M. Finot figures over \$14,000,000,000 as the direct expenditure of the allies alone.

To the sums already expended must be added the value of property destroyed by the invasion. This, he thinks, cannot fall below the amount expended by the maintenance of the armies, and then arrives at a total of nearly \$30,000,000,000.

To this should still be added, he thinks, the value of the lives lost in the conflict. Taking the French tribunal's valuation and supposing ten per cent. of the full strength of the allied armies to be killed, he believes that this item would be over \$4,000,000,000.

He says that if the allies are victorious they will probably find Austria and Turkey incapable of contributing much toward the liquidation, and that Germany alone will have to foot the bill. He believes she is capable of doing so, since in 1913 the German economist estimated the fortune of the empire at \$20,000,000,000, including land values, buildings, securities, and other personal property, and property of the state.

The Germans pay to the government only \$12 a head, while the French pay over \$18, and the equalization of the public debt would, therefore, produce \$400,000,000 a year. To this, he says, will be added \$250,000,000 as a result of the reduction of armaments. From such sources may be obtained the interest on \$20,000,000, and the rest, M. Finot believes, will be met by the provisional exploitation of state monopolies.

Will They Endure It?

Montreal Star. What of the neutral nations? Some of them may starve—such as Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Others of them will find their trade and commerce paralyzed, such as the United States and all South America. Occasionally, their own ships may be torpedoed at mid-night as they thread the dangers of the "war zone," and their own people precipitated into the hopeless abyss of the vacant ocean. If they will tamely endure this, they will endure anything.

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