

Deep Gloom In Hamburg

Great German Port Dead as
Result of War.

"No other place in Germany has been hit so hard by the war as Hamburg," writes an English woman just returned from the big German port after many years' residence there, in a recent issue of The London Daily Mail. "No other community sighs so anxiously for peace. There is no more talk of 'victory.' 'Give us food, and then we'll hang out the flags,' is what they are saying to-day.

"To the thousands of English people who knew Hamburg in its gay, prosperous, well-fed days in Alster city would present a sad and sorry sight to-day. There is no sign whatever of its former prosperity. The harbor is dead. The vast business of export and shipping on which thousands of Hamburg families depended is at a standstill. They have had to make heavy drafts on savings and invested capital. The two great hotels, once the city's pride the Esplanade and the Atlantic, are prac-

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tically shut and bankrupt, they depended on the patronage of wealthy visitors, especially Americans and English. Cafe life ceased many months ago. You can get no coffee that is drinkable—the so-called 'substitutes' are vile and there has been no tea for a long time.

The Hamburg goose was a once-famed national dish. A goose, when it can be had, now costs \$25 or \$30; in the old days a fine one cost \$1.50 to \$2.25. There is no lack of money but money is worthless because only in rare instances can one buy anything with it. There were never so few fat men and women in Germany. 'Potbellies' have disappeared. Everybody in Hamburg is and looks underfed.

"Hamburg depended to an enormous extent on English trade and good-will for its prosperity; and though the Hamburgers at first prayed that Gott would strafe Eng-

land, they are beginning now to think of the future. They hope England will forgive and forget, and help the port to regain some of its greatness. You will hear a good many Hamburgers say they know now that it was not England who made the war. They are beginning to blame Berlin. The Kaiser is not nearly so popular on the Elbe as he once was. I do not think there would be much cheering for him to-day if he rode around the Alster with his friend, Herr Ballin. Hamburg soldiers are very bitter when they come home. You hear a good deal of talk, attributed to them, about 'freeing' Hamburg from the rest of Germany when the war is over. They want to be 'like England.'

"Yet, it Hamburg is a sample of the rest of Germany, I do not think that even such hardships as I have described are going to make the country stop fighting. They know things are going badly, but they have not yet abandoned faith that, somehow or other, they will win."

Assassins of Serb Rulers Meet Fate

Corfu, Island of Corfu, July 10.—Fate has at last fallen on that band of military regicides who, about fifteen years ago, broke into the royal palace at Belgrade at night and assassinated King Alexander and the Serbian and the Serbian Queen Draga. Three high officers recently have been shot after military court martial. Three more are awaiting death sentence, seven officers, including a general, have received life sentences and about thirty officers have received sentences of from one to five years.

But while the outside world was shocked, the band of assassins enjoyed at home a certain immunity and even glory for having rid the country of a dissolute ruler and his plebeian gypsy queen, for the name of Draga had been well known in the concert halls of Emulo before she had the luck to win a King and crown. The plain people of Serbia, who are simple and honest, revolted at the crime. But the army clique, which carried out the murders, carried the upper classes with them and by terrorizing and intrigue became one of the dominant forces of Serbia.

King Peter felt the incubus of this murder clique through the early years of his reign. He abhorred the crime and had nothing to do with it. And yet the return of his family dynasty to power and his kingship, after years of waiting in exile, were dependent to some extent on the work of this army clique. While condemning their action, the King tolerated them, the policy being to draw a veil over the crime and let it be for-

gotten. As a result little has been heard of the crime in recent years. England sent back her Minister and the Balkan wars gave Peter a firm hold on his people.

MURDER CLIQUE ACTIVE.

All this time, however, the murder clique had been working. It was so powerful in the army councils that all officers who disapproved the crime were—retired from active service and placed in the reserve. This went on for years, with the murder clique occupying the chief commands and all others excluded from service or advancement.

But all this changed about a year ago, when the vigorous young Prince Alexander became Regent, owing to the age of King Peter and his infirmity from his terrible exposure in the exodus before the German-Bulgarian invasion of Serbia. One of Alexander's first acts was to restore to active service the great number of officers retired and disqualified by the murder clique. He declared that all army appointments and advancements would be impartial, without regard to the old line drawn between cliques.

The regicide element deeply resented this action. They appealed to Alexander, even suggesting that his royal power resulted from their act. When Alexander was firm the clique revived their watchword of the former murder. "Union or death." This time their designs were aimed at the Prince Regent, and a plot to assassinate him was to be carried out on August 23, 1916. Fortunately the plot was discovered, and wholesale arrests followed of all those officers who so long had enjoyed immunity and power by reason of the murder of Alexander and Draga.

HIGH OFFICERS IN NET

More than forty high officers were gathered in the net. Their trial by military court martial has been proceeding for months. Those condemned to death include Colonels Dmitrivitch, Milanovitch, Tontzovitch, Lazitch, Lieutenant Colonel Vesnitch and Commander Valovitch. General Popovitch heads the list of those condemned to life imprisonment. The others are colonels and captains who have been high in power until now. In the list are most of the band who carried out the murder of Alexander and Queen Draga fifteen years ago.

And thus after years of waiting the European war has brought changes resulting in retribution for the murder clique responsible for the historic extinction of the Abranovitch dynasty.

Advance to China of 10,000,000 Yen

Pekin, Aug. 8. (Delayec).—A group of Japanese bankers has completed an agreement to advance China 10,000,000 yen, with the understanding that the Allies may participate if they desire. This advance is part of a 100,000,000 yen loan which will probably be secured by the surplus revenue on the salt monopoly, the terms of which are to be agreed upon by the Allies. The loan temporarily relieves the financial pressure on the Pekin government.

The health of Alexander F. Kerensky is a matter of grave concern to his friends and associates. His health was none too good when he took office.

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Germans Show Fear of Defeat

Captured Officers Tell of Serious
Situation—Admit Loss
of Man Power

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Aug. 6.—German officers captured in the battle in Flanders have discussed quite freely to the military situation as it affects the Fatherland. Germany's loss in man-power they admit to be serious.

The interesting information has been volunteered by these prisoners that the entire class of 1918 recruits is now in the field in its entirety, and, what is more significant, it is said, that small elements of the 1919 class, already are at the front, although it is claimed they are serving only as volunteers. This is the first time that any German officer has admitted that any men of the 1919 class were on the battlefield.

The whole trend of the statements made by these captured officers is that they are beginning to fear that they may lose the war. More depressing than anything else is the fear that there may be another winter campaign.

RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP CONQUESTS.

Peace without annexation or indemnity is indorsed by all the officers who have discussed the question, but most of them have indicated that they favor the annexation of Eastern Belgium and a part of the coast of Flanders, if such a thing could possibly be done.

The men are highly intelligent. An officer who has made a study of economic matters said the war already was costing the Fatherland 10,000,000,000 marks annually in interest charges. He appeared to be deeply impressed by the gravity of the situation.

Almost without exception the German officers still maintain that Germany is innocent of causing the war and say there is "all manner of documentary evidence to prove it."

Discussing the present battle, the German officer says that the British gas shell bombardment on the two nights preceding the opening of the infantry charges was most effective, and that the Germans suffered heavily.

BRITISH GAS VERY EFFECTIVE

The Guard Fusiliers were heavily gassed Sunday and Monday night. Sunday night they were still in their supporting positions, but the following night, preceding the battle, they were in the process of carrying out a relief movement. The men wore gas helmets, but the gas clouds from the British penetrated the helmets and large numbers of the troops were overcome.

A German division which was being held in support on the back line crossing the Ypres-Menin road also suffered severely. So disastrous was the effect of the gas at this point that at least one battalion which was being rushed up to the relief of the men in the front lines never reached its objective.

It is the irony of fate that it was in this section of the front that the Germans early in the war for the first time in history inaugurated the use of gas shells.

Sheep Breeding In New Brunswick

New Brunswick farmers are beginning to appreciate the possibilities existing in this Province for sheep breeding. Hundreds of inquiries are being received at the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture for information on this subject. Very many of those men contemplate making a start this fall and very many of them in starting are laying their foundation with pure bred stock. This is as a should be. Start small but start right. Some may not be able to buy anything but a pure bred ram and some common

owes. This means that the ram must be a good one or else the lambs will suffer. A sturdy, blocky active masculine ram means a good bunch of hearty lambs next spring.

To those men who are engaging in this business for the first time, as well as those who are about to go into the business on a larger scale we wish to state that the Department of Agriculture is at your service. We will be pleased to aid you in any way possible. The beginner should start in a small way unless he has had previous experience. Sheep seldom do well on low wet land. Unless you have a dry upland pasture you will have trouble sooner or later. Select the same breed of stock that your neighbor has. Do not select a new breed because you will have to be continually importing rams, but if you have the same breed as your neighbor you can "swap" rams. This is the cheaper way. Our local supply of pure bred rams and ewes is being rapidly exhausted. If you have not already purchased you had better book your order soon. Deal with reliable people and whenever possible make a personal selection. Book your orders early. Address all Livestock communications to THOMAS HETHERINGTON, Department of Agriculture, Fredericton, N.B.

Germany Reported Short of Fodder

Copenhagen, Aug. 8.—A shortage in fodder has compelled the Germans to undertake a sweeping slaughter of some stocks of cattle. German buyers in Denmark, who last week cut prices 15 per cent, according to a despatch to day from the interior, discontinuing purchase altogether until the surplus at home is utilized. This has brought about another reduction in the price of meat in Denmark, and it is said that further cuts will follow. A decreased price for meat, also, will be helped by the action of the Danish meat bureau, which, finding a number of butchers charging prices involving an excessive profit, has withdrawn from the offenders the bounty derived from the fund accumulated from the export tax on meat and applied to reducing the price to Danish consumers.



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New York paper. Some of the pacifists, conscientious objectors and slackers of foreign birth who so loudly proclaim their preference to spending a year in jail rather than obey the draft may discover when they leave jail that a recent law permit the deportation of certain undesirable individuals.

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