

Thinks Kaiser Will Abdicate

Paris, March 24.—The abdication of the German Emperor is forecasted by the former German magistrate who wrote the celebrated book "J Accuse," in an interview published in Oeuvre. He says:

"The Kaiser is obsessed by the thought that he is responsible for the war, a thought which poisons his whole existence. He feels that he is menaced by three enemies at home, without counting those abroad: First is the Crown Prince, the real author of the war; second is the junker party—Germanists—you cannot imagine the smouldering hatred of the Emperor for those whom he believes to be maniacs who are driving him into an abyss; third are the people, not the

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Socialist party, but the people who are starving, and who, he feels, are growing in number and rising little by little against those who organized the war.

"The people he fears most are the anti-militarist and Prussian Liberal Republicans who want the Reichstag to be based on universal suffrage. That is why Wilhelm is anxious to convince the nation that he did not want war. All his protestations are made to appease the Liberals and his famished and rained subjects whose murmuring are growing stronger. He wants to continue popular at any price, and that is why he spoke the first word of peace. His failure to initiate peace negotiations was a great disappointment. To try again would be to admit and proclaim to the whole world, but above all to the German people, which he fears most, Germany's real situation. If the Allies solemnly declared, as they did with Napoleon in 1815, that they would refuse to treat for peace with the Hohenzollerns it would be a knockout blow. Our German people who still believe in him would abandon him, for peace at any price will soon be the unanimous and hidden thought of

tortured Germany.

"What resource is left to him but a dramatic abdication in order to retain the sympathies of the German people and save the political future of Prussia. He will say: 'I sacrifice myself to make peace. Without me there are responsible only those who desired a savage war and the complete destruction of Germany; those who took at the beginning my son as their party leader and forced me to mobilize, a measure I hated to take.'"

London, March 24.—The German Emperor and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg were denounced in the Reichstag by the Socialist deputy Kunert as the originators of the war, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. The incident occurred on Thursday during a debate on the public health estimates.

Vice-Chancellor Helferrich, referring to Herr Kunert's remarks, declared that a German who spoke in the same breath of Russian and German conditions insulted his fatherland.

The Socialist deputy retorted, amid Socialist applause, "Because I compared German reactionaries with Russian revolutionists you say I insulted the fatherland. I should be proud if such progress were made in our country as has been made in the Russian empire."

Charges Against Court Clique

Petrograd, March 22.—The Russian Voha, in a long unsigned article, exposes what it terms the treason of the court clique, and alleges that Tsarskoe-Selo was a "nest of German spies." The paper says that a special committee has been appointed to investigate the "crimes of former ministers during the last Bachechanian nightmare years of dynasty on which Rasputin put the final touches." The article says, in part:

"The first crime was treason and espionage and had its nest in the palace. The court was partly and chiefly German, and the pitiful role of Sturmer in his efforts to draw Russia toward a separate peace was known everywhere. The press of our allies accused Russia of giving Germany military secrets.

"Alexeif Khvostoff, who was dismissed as Minister of the Interior because he aimed to divorce Nicholas and Alexandra and kill Rasputin, declared to friends that he has documents showing the connection between the court and Berlin, and that Rasputin was surrounded by German spies, who were sending out military secrets easily learned from the drunken monk. Khvostoff, himself one of

the hand of dark forces, did nothing to hinder the treason at Tsarskoe-Selo.

"We know from the letter of Gen. Guchkoff, Minister of War, to Gen. Alexieff, that Sturmer and Belieff refused England's offer to give half a million rifles to the Russian army. Similar facts have been collected by the Defense Committee of the Duma. We know the consequences of General Soukhomlinoff's doing when he was only Governor of Kazan and when he surrounded himself with spies. His nearest friend was the commander of the Austrian spy organization. Our military secret service knew but could do nothing. The result of his treason was a Russian defeat costing millions of lives. What are we to do now? Allow Nicholas to live in beautiful Lavadia, among the flowers he was so fond of and among the conditions of freedom he always denied to others? Allow him to do this so that he may organize other dark

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forces for the re-establishment of the Romanoff's?"

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London, March 22.—All the members of the former Russian dynasty have placed themselves at the disposition of the provisional government, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Grand Duke Cyril has resigned his command of the Naval Guards.

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Germany Has Made Herself an Outlaw

London, March 24.—The promulgation of the new Allied doctrine against Germany is demanded by Carlyon Wilfroy Bellairs, Unionist member for Maidstone, in a resolution laid on the table of the House of Commons for debate next week.

The resolution provides that "in view of the murders and the shocking violations of international law on the high seas by the German government this House, recognizing that Germany has placed herself in the position of an outlaw, declares that the time has come to enforce the new European doctrine that no supplies may come out or go into Germany or her allies, that prize court procedure was devised to meet conditions of civilized warfare which do not exist, that consequently, supplies for neutral European countries must now be rationed on the basis of an entire cessation of their trade with Germany."

America and the War

(St. John Globe)
Canadian aid to the United States in organizing for war is one of the possibilities of an American decision to join the Entente. Sir Herbert B. Ames, who organized the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and Amelius Jarvis, the Toronto banker-yachtsman, who organized the Canadian Naval Reserve, are to visit Washington and other American cities next week to give interested parties the benefit of their experience and advice. If it becomes necessary to organize an expeditionary force, Canadians who have had war experience are very likely to be asked to lend practical assistance. American participation in the war should prove an important factor in bringing about a better understanding between the Canadian and American people. Definitely aligning the country with one group of belligerents, will also dispel feelings created by the happenings of the past three years. The Boston Advertiser says: "At the present time the American people are not popular in the world outside. We are not popular with the peoples of the Entente. Since the war began we shouldered on the Entente the whole work of protecting our commerce and our rights on the high seas. In return we have traded on the necessities of the Entente for money and for all sorts of supplies and they have been wired to the ears in debt, while we have grown fat and prosperous from their plunderings. For general tonnage to come the peoples of the Entente will be taxed to the limit, to pay us. Is it any wonder that

they regard us as selfish, mean-spirited, greedy? Why should they feel friendly?"

As for Germany, every issue of the German press contains their hatred of and their contempt for the United States. We are now on the verge of war with Germany, but what seems serious enough to Americans is regarded in Germany as merely a case of greedy Yankee taking advantage of Germany's situation to do what we should never have done in any other circumstances.

So far as Germany is concerned, war could not possibly produce worse conditions. At this moment every American ship sighted at sea is a target of German attack. Already twenty-five have been attacked and more than two hundred Americans killed. The war has actually begun so far as Germany is concerned, and it only remains for the American Congress to decide whether or not the fighting is to be all on one side.

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