

# THE KAISER PREPARING ANOTHER PEACE HOAX

**A Subtle and Cunning Move May Soon Be Expected on the Part of Germany--Russia to be Used by the Huns as a Means to Peace--Promises Will be as Worthless as Scraps of Paper.**

(Phillip Simms of the United Press) The Kaiser and his fellow conspirators are at this moment preparing to launch against the Allies the subtlest, but at the same time most powerful blow since the original one struck in the summer of 1914.

The fall of Riga marked the beginning of the downward swing. The collapse of Russia leaves the way clear. Only by the cleverest work on the part of the remainder of the Allies can the blow be parried, for it is now practically certain that what Wilhelm II. and his junkers aim at is nothing less than enlisting by a crafty stroke, the public opinion in Allied nations to bring about what they desire. And what they desire, in one word, is peace. Such is the meaning of the Russian debacle.

On its face the proposition appears not only supremely impudent, but impossible. In reality it may be very simple. The intellectuals in Russia feared this thing before the Czar Nicolas abdicated his throne. For a moment it seemed that the new democracy might ward off the danger. Then chaos came and opened wide the door, leaving the great Empire—or Republic—absolutely at the mercy of her enemies and incidentally brought to the Allies as a whole the greatest danger they have had to face since the start of the war.

Apostle of Peace  
Before Christmas the Kaiser is al-

most sure to pose again as the one great Apostle of Peace. He will try to bring about the end of the war at the expense of Russia, and the Balkans. Of that I am convinced after what I heard in Russia and amongst Scandinavian neutrals. His offer of peace will be the cunningest piece of Machiavellism that was ever put forth to trap less wary souls.

The next few weeks will see Prussia reaping in Russia the harvest for which she has been preparing intensively for years and more especially since 1914. This country of 170,000,000 people is now threatened with complete open subjugation to her southern neighbor of 70,000,000 who has had her in more or less secret subjugation for scores of years. When the Kaiser has Russia just where he wants her, his peace bid will come.

## The Kaiser's Pose

The bid to be expected will fall upon the world about like this:

"What an awful, awful thing, this war," the Kaiser will say. "I have never wanted it. From the very first it has made my heart bleed to see the flower of the world's youth march away to battle, to become mere cannon fodder. Why, oh, why, can't we get together and stop all this slaughter? I grieve for the French and the British and Italians who have died in this horrible war. And poor Belgium and Serbia and Rumania. How deeply I pity them."

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In short the Kaiser is likely to offer to yield—on paper and apparently—practically everything England, and France, Italy, America and the rest are fighting for in order to put an end to a war which slowly, but surely, is strangling the life out of the Central Empires. He is likely to put his peace proposals in such a pious and sanctimonious light that the great public of the world may be, for a time, absolutely taken in.

He is counting on the public failing to recognize that Germany has Bulgaria and Turkey absolutely under her thumb; that Austria has become a vassal state; that Germany will demand all her colonies back in return for getting out of France and Belgium. Such a peace would mean that Ser-

bia and Rumania would come out of the war entirely at the mercy of the Central Powers. Any treaties signed by the present German Government would not be worth the paper upon which they were written, and "a world made safe for Democracy" and all such phrases would still be as sounding brass. And last of all, Russia is under the German thumb. Summed up, Germany would come out of the war mightier than ever, her prestige higher. When she threatened the world would tremble. Her navy would be intact and a new merchant fleet added to what is left of the old would place her far ahead of all other countries in the sea-borne trade.

The Kaiser is counting on the present Russia situation to pave the way for him to yield on the Western front yet make a big coup in the East. This subtle blow must be watched for and countered. The peace-at-any price and war-wearies in Allied countries have given him his cue. It is up to the public rather more than the Government to frustrate him.

## BECOMING A NATIONAL HABIT.

Their needles rapidly clicked away at the dark blue mufflers as the knitters discussed ways and means, swapped experiences and methods of conservation.

"Of course," said the hostess, "one desires to help her country in such times as these, but when one has always practiced the habit of thrift, the game is not exciting, even in war time. And think of it. Just common mousetrap cheese has gone up to 40 cents! It's outrageous!"

Doris, the six-year-old daughter of the hostess, had joined the knitters unobserved and was enjoying to the utmost a stick of taffy. During a brief lull in the conversation the silence was abruptly broken by the little girl, who announced in a triumphant voice:

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# Canadian Railways Co-operate For National Defence

As a result of suggestions made by the Government that during the period of the war, there should be closer co-operation between the railways in Canada, an association has been formed by these railways corresponding to the United States War Board in the United States, with the object of securing greater co-operation not only between the railways themselves but also between the railways and the public.

Although Canada need fear no comparison with other countries as to the speed and efficiency with which munitions, equipment, foodstuffs and men have been moved to the front, it was realized that a still more intensive effort might help to speed up such movements and no private interest has been allowed to stand in the way of public benefit. It is expected that through heavier loading of cars, elimination of unnecessary train service, the co-operative use of all facilities, etc., to the best advantage, the country's needs may best be served. Much can be done to achieve these results through closer co-operation between the public and the railways.

Very shortly after Great Britain became involved in the war, the British Government sent for the General Managers of all the railways and made arrangements by which the railways would be guaranteed the same dividends and a proper depreciation for the period of the war as they were before, and advised the General Managers to form a council amongst themselves to conduct the railways as one; in other words, to eliminate competition and devote the railways to essential transportation solely.

When the United States came into the great war, the executives of the various railroads met and arranged amongst themselves to form a committee to operate the railroads as one, so as to get the full value of their transportation facilities and eliminate competition. The Canadian Government, having on several occasions expressed a wish that there should be closer co-operation between the railways of Canada an Executive Committee was formed, consisting of the presidents of the following roads:

Canadian Pacific, Lord Shaghnessy, K.C.V.O.  
Grand Trunk, Howard G. Kelley, Canadian Northern, Sir Wm. Mackenzie.  
American Lines in Canada, Alfred Smith.  
By their direction, a subsequent meeting was held in Montreal, on 23rd October, at which the private and government roads operating in Canada were represented, and an Administrative Committee was formed, consisting of:  
U. E. Gillen, Grand Trunk, Chairman.  
C. A. Hayes, Canadian Government Railways.  
D. B. Hanna, Canadian Northern.  
E. D. Bronner, Michigan Central.  
F. F. Backus, Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo.  
J. H. Walsh, Quebec Central.  
Sir George Bury, Canadian Pacific.  
A resolution has been adopted by all the railways in Canada that, realizing the national need of co-ordinating all industrial activities toward the prosecution of the war, and desiring further co-operation with each other to render the most efficient possible service to the national cause, do hereby agree to establish for the period of the war an organization to be known as the Canadian Railway Association for National Defence, which shall have general authority to formulate in detail, and from time to time, a policy of operation of all or any of the railways, which policy when it is accepted by such organization shall be accepted and made effective by the several managements of the individual railway companies.

The Canadian Railway Association for National Defence determined to open an office in Montreal at once, and appointed a Secretary.

A Car Service Committee, consisting of the following, has been named:  
W. A. Kingsland, Canadian Northern.  
W. N. Rippey, Canadian Government Railways.  
A. E. Locke, T. H. & B. Railway.  
J. E. Duval, Grand Trunk.  
A. Hatton, Canadian Pacific.  
W. A. Griffin, T. & N. O. Railway.

Sub-committees reporting to the Administrative Committee, will be established in each province, and these will be added to from time to time.



# The National Interest

In their enthusiasm to serve Canada, a number of men in Class One—bachelors and widowers without children (not otherwise excepted) who were 20 years old on the 13th October, 1917, and whose 34th birthday did not occur before January 1st, 1917—will desire to report for service, when in fact it is in the national interest that such men should continue in their habitual occupations.

The purpose of the Military Service Act is to select the authorized 100,000 reinforcements in such a way that the industries essential in the national interest will not be handicapped unnecessarily. With this in view, the privilege is extended to employers to claim exemption for men referred to in the first paragraph.

This course obviates the possibility of requiring that men be returned to civilian employment after months of military training—a waste of time and money for all concerned.

The grounds upon which exemption may be claimed, of special interest to employers, are:

- (A) That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged.
- (B) That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he wishes to be engaged and for which he has special qualifications.
- (C) That it is expedient in the national interest that, instead of being employed in Military Service, he should continue to be educated or trained for any work for which he is then being educated and trained.

## The Employer's Statement

Where an employer claims exemption for an employee on the ground that it is expedient in the national interest that the man should continue in the work in which he is habitually engaged, he should prepare for the tribunal a statement and a schedule as follows:

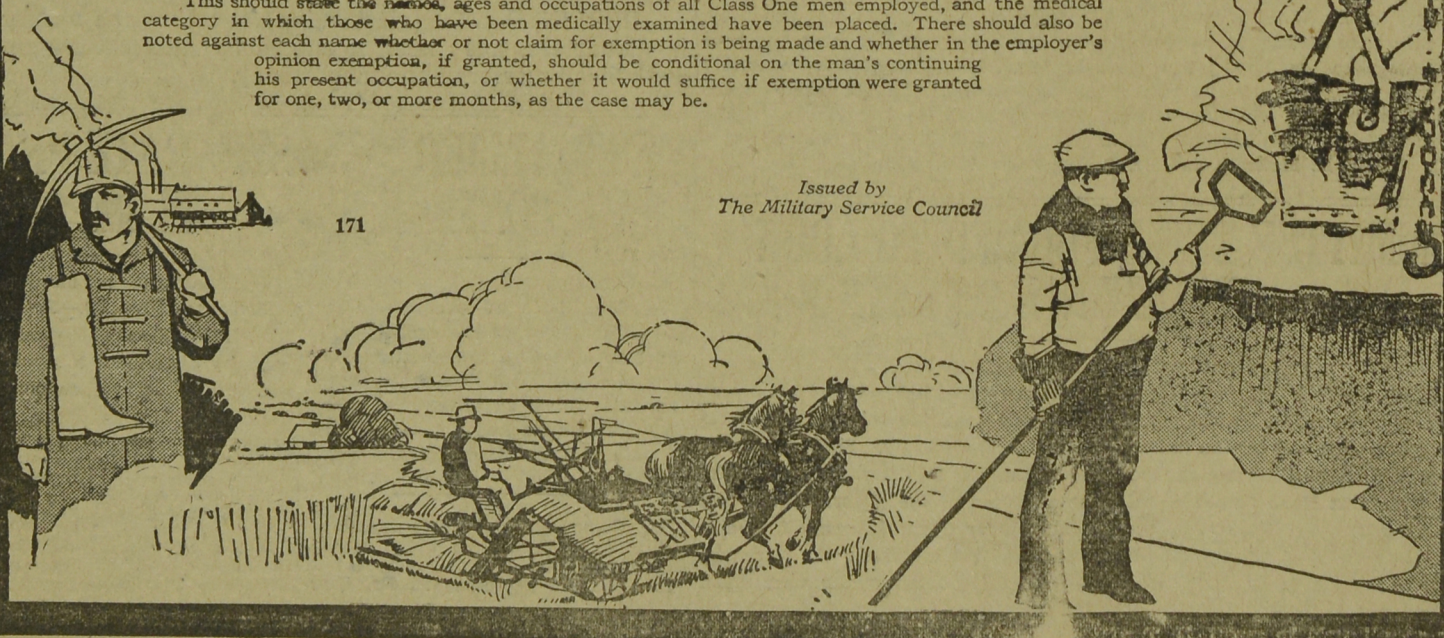
Total number of employees, grouping them according to their respective occupations and qualifications, and stating the number in each group. Indicate the possibility or otherwise of replacing the labour of Class One men with the labour of those not in the statutory class called up; also the extent to which the withdrawal of men in the statutory class would affect the business, the reasons for considering that the carrying on of the business is in the national interest; and such other facts and circumstances as may appear to be relevant.

## The Employer's Schedule

This should state the names, ages and occupations of all Class One men employed, and the medical category in which those who have been medically examined have been placed. There should also be noted against each name whether or not claim for exemption is being made and whether in the employer's opinion exemption, if granted, should be conditional on the man's continuing his present occupation, or whether it would suffice if exemption was granted for one, two, or more months, as the case may be.

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