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CANADIANS MUST KEEP THEIR HEADS

Montreal, Jan. 13.—"If the Canadian people will only keep their heads during the present year, and during the period of re-absorption into civil life of the returned soldiers, there will be no hardships for the latter nor for the men and women who have lost their employment in munition works owing to the cessation of the war."

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SOME INSIDE FACTS ABOUT CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

An Interesting Article by Maximilian Harden —
The All Highest Could not be Told Anything Unpleasant—Was Kept in Ignorance of the Real Situation — Demands for Peace Were Made by Gen. Ludendorff.

Maximilian Harden writes in Die Zukunft:

"In order to maintain the monarchy and militarism, and under all circumstances to preserve the splendor of the army, everything appeared permissible, even a campaign against the moral and spiritual forces of the world. But when it became apparent that all might was not mighty enough to prevent the turn of fortune's wheel there was not the smallest way out of the dilemma for these men whose gospel was might."

"The man who stood at the head of the Empire had been kept in his artificial world according to the three centuries' old court prescription: 'Don't tell his majesty anything unpleasant. He needs the sun.'"

"Albert Ballin had fallen from grace in the very first months of the war because he had sought to open the eyes of the All-Serenest, the ever-joyous, Ballin at that time recommended a dignified understanding with the enemies. A frightful scene ensued, and the Kaiser struck with a lady's fan at the cheek of Ballin. The Kaiser's intimates, Plessen & Co., never forgave Ballin for his intrusion. Nevertheless he tried again and again to help the Kaiser and serve his country, though in vain."

"Ballin and I Worked Out Needs of Hour"

"But last August, the Ludendorff party turned to Ballin and begged him to illuminate the All-Highest as to the real situation of which the Kaiser was in ignorance. This was in August after our divisions had been overrun, when the clock already pointed to 12. There was at that time a Chancellor, a Government, a Highest Leadership. Nevertheless, one considered it necessary to appeal to Ballin, because no official had the nerve to expose himself to Imperial displeasure."

"At that time, Ballin and I sat together for a long time, and I worked out the needs of the hour to the best of my ability, after which Ballin went to Wilhelmshoehe. He did not succeed however, in talking to the Kaiser alone. The Kaiser was afraid of hearing the

truth under four eyes, and brought the chief of his Civil Cabinet, von Berg, into the conversation. The latter took good care that the conversation did not get too deep. The psychological moment had been missed."

"Gen. Ludendorff now had Admiral von Hintze come and demanded of him that he make peace at once. This was promised, but after weeks nothing tangible even started. It was the same story, and, in its effects, tragic play as in the time before the March offensive, when not even an unequivocal declaration in regard to Belgium, and no honest departure from the mad road of the Brest Peace could be obtained. No one dared to loosen the bandage from the eyes of the head of the Nation."

Loss of Morale in September

"In September, the number of German deserters increased, and showed ever clearer that the morale force of the army was impaired. The demand of the highest leadership to beg for an immediate armistice surprised the Reichstag and the Nation like a storm. The sudden lightning frightened two worlds, which hardly still touched one another, the military and the civilian. The military world was frightened out of its madness of belief in certain triumph, out of the madness nourished by false news, by a ruthlessly lying propaganda."

"How was the army and navy to have guessed that the armistice was demanded by the highest leadership? The plea for an armistice seemed to the army and navy to be the product of bourgeois-Social Democratic weakness, and they determined to defend themselves against such a disgraceful ending of the war. Out of this will be borne the plan to have the fleet go out surprise the English, and if necessary go down with honor. In that case it was hoped the war fever at home would once more burn up."

"The sailors were told that a practice run was contemplated. The first suspicion of the sailors was aroused because many older officers, notably married ones were given a furlough. Then from the pantries the ships' stew

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ards overheard conversations which confirmed their suspicions.

"Whereupon the resolve was taken not to act against the will of the people's Government which was seeking peace, not die for a lost cause. Everything for defence but nothing for attack."

Warships Had to Return to Port

"The squadrons actually did sail as far as the mine barriers but then first one fire went out and then another. The squadrons had to turn around; they went out again and had to return again. The sailors now obtained control without much opposition from the officers. They steered into other Hausa ports whence sparks from the upflaming torch of revolution were scattered far inland."

"The legend regarding the large number of officers murdered is happily false. The hour of greatest confusion and danger for the future of our republic was overcome through the shrewd, energetic strong intervention of the Social Democratic Reichstag member Noske, who knew how to preserve calm and order and the dignity of the revolution in masterly fashion. "When however the news of the revolt in Bavaria came, and the impending collapse of the military monarchy was becoming obvious in earthquake shocks, the revolution flamed up on the water front again."

"But in Berlin the system of lying and intriguing continued. The people were not allowed to learn the truth. Wild rumors leaked through. In a hundred offices sat censors forbidding the publication of the news of what was happening elsewhere; while all preparations were made in Berlin to cope with the revolution."

"A plan was already worked out to the smallest detail for becoming masters of a revolutionary capital. One who went through the streets of Berlin on the evening of Nov. 8 sensed what was doing."

Prince Max Prevented Fighting

"The credit belong to Prince Max that there was no street fighting. If, in the course of that evening he had not been persuaded to enforce the resignation of Gen. von Linsingen, the Commander-in-chief in the Marks, who with almost touching naiveness, had "forbidden" the revolution by placard the morning of German freedom would have arisen out of a stream of blood."

"The revolution was a German one a very orderly, very quiet, very decent revolution. It was so almost everywhere throughout the Empire. Splendid and laudable it was that none of the men who long had enjoyed the highest privileges and sat on thrones had a hair of their heads hurt."

"And I must say, the fact that the All Highest at once beat it for foreign parts, and beat the deserters trail as Highest War Lord before the conclusion of peace, must open the eyes of even those who still believed in their idol. Who scared him away? Nobody among the people or in the army bears any part of the blame that the Kaiser slipped out of the back door to Holland and that, thereby, every soldier, every official, was released from his oath of loyalty."

"Neither life nor limb of any of the German princes was threatened and the fact that the First Prince of the Federation, the King of Prussia, fled from the field over the border, will never be forgiven by the most devoted officer and partizan."

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Supreme Court held today that the Reed "Bone-dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, even when intended for personal use.

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