

KEY-TO CENTRAL EUROPE IS HELD

By Russia; No Peace is Possible Until This Question is Solved.

By DOROTHY THOMPSON, Written for International News Service.

Budapest, Hungary, June 14.—It becomes more and more evident that there is no settlement possible in central Europe while Russia remains an unknown quantity.

King Karl has departed from Hungary, but the question of the restoration of the Hapsburgs is not settled and in the few weeks since his departure, the Hungarian government has resigned, reconsidered, and resigned again. Recriminations of the bitterest kind—even going so far as to lead to one case to a personal duel—have marked the period. The Gothic arches of the most beautiful parliament building in Europe, and the royalist question has thrown together the strangest and most artificial alliances and has postponed the work of the splendid work of economic reconstruction which was under way when his majesty appeared on the scene.

It appears to be no nearer a settlement of her difficulties; indeed there is a growing conviction that they are insoluble. Pan-Germanism competes half-heartedly with Danube Federationism, and the partition of Austria between neighboring states is being urged by the royalist movement is gathering its forces together. Jugo-Slavic unity is threatened by Raditch in Croatia, in Rumania, the end result comes too late; the countryside is dissatisfied and turbulent, and in spite of its fine equipment the army is not dependable. The negotiations, so happily begun at Bruck between Czech-Slovakia and Hungary have collapsed on the rock of the Hapsburg question, and the hoped for and desperately essential economic co-operation has come to nothing.

Looking at the surrounding country Budapest one cannot find a single tendency, or movement, or policy to which one can pin one's faith for reconstruction.

There are, to be sure, certain more or less measurable movements, tendencies and policies. But the fate of every one of them depends upon what Russia is going to do.

RUSSIA MAY BE SPLIT UP.

The other day I was talking with Vladimir Malama, head of the Russian committee in Budapest, which is rapidly becoming the largest center of Russian emigrants in Europe. "What do you think is going to happen in Russia?" I asked.

He replied by quoting Lenin. (It is remarkable that Lenin's arch enemies constantly quote him as their final authority). "Only two things are possible for Russia—bolshevism or czarism." Malama continued: "Of course Lenin was speaking of a united Russia—of Great Russia. There is another possibility—that Russia may split to pieces into several states: some monarchies, some republics, some communist entities."

Now the point of this article is this: That the realization of any one of these possibilities, that bolshevism might make readjustments and concessions to permit it to hold its own, that the communist regime should be followed by a monarchial reaction, that Russia should split into several states—will determine the fate of central Europe. Should the monarchy be restored in Russia a powerful impetus would be given for the return of the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs. Should Russia split into pieces the triumph would be for the "Green" international of the peasants, whose rise is the most significant single phenomena, perhaps, on the horizon. But the continuance of a more or less Red and united Russia would make any permanent restoration of Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs impossible and would also put a check upon the accumulating power of the peasants.

To prophesy which of these courses events will take is the merest speculation. Russia remains, as always, the land of mystery. A Belfast linen merchant remarked the other day that when Russia was furnishing 90 per cent of the raw linen of the world no firm ever knew at any time what the crop had been.

LENINE MAKES CONCESSIONS.

Today one can find support for any theory one may choose to advance in regard to Russia. There are those who say that Lenin has held Russia through the most critical time; that there are evidences that he is willing to make concessions to private capital and to effect other readjustments in order to make his socialist state workable in a capitalist world; that the trade agreements recently signed will help him to restore health and order in Russia. There are others, equally well informed, who say that the trade agreements will only help him to get supplies for the Red army; that he can not restore order in Russia, or health to the country, until he has fed the people something he will feed them victories, and will make a drive simultaneously through Poland and Rumania at no distant date. That thus at some frontier he will suffer an overwhelming military defeat, with the simultaneous and complete collapse of bolshevism. And there are others who affirm that the disintegration of the communist regime is already far advanced and that at any time parts of the country are likely to break away.

Whatever forces win in Russia will win in central Europe. Russia will settle the Hapsburg question, the land question and the labor question. In the meanwhile one can only consider how events are shaping themselves and how tendencies are crystallizing, bearing in mind that when Russia moves the rest of this part of the world moves also.

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YOSEMITE

The Park of a Thousand Flowers.

Washington, June 14.—Abundant snows on the higher levels of Yosemite National Park have brought a bumper crop of flowers this season. Attention is called to this fact by the announcement that special provisions have been made for the protection of the lavish display from depredations of the thoughtless visitor.

"Yosemite's topography, with thousands of feet difference in altitude in places within hailing distance of each other, makes it possible for the visitor to enjoy flowers of several seasons in a single visit," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

CLIMB SPINS FLORAL CALENDAR.

"Leaving the rich San Joaquin Valley at Merced for the beautiful trip by train through the Canyon of the Merced river, scarred by the gold diggings of the traveler turns his floral calendar backward with each mile of climbing into the Sierra Nevada, passing rapidly from full summer to late spring at El Portal, where the official Yosemite National Park is located. A few miles farther, at the Gates of the Valley—that famous spot where El Capitan stands on the left, Three Graces and Bridalveil Falls on the right, with a vista of Yosemite Valley between—he finds spring in full glory.

"And on the same day, visitors to Glacier Point, 'just upstairs' from Yosemite Valley, on the rim of the granite wall enclosing the Valley and 3,254 feet higher, will be out skiing and tobogganing on four feet of snow.

"By the time summer gets to Yosemite Valley its spring time at Glacier Point and when summer gets to the Point, the Sierra is enjoying the brief season which passes there for both spring and summer, and Yosemite Valley has progressed well towards autumn.

SNOWPLANT PARK WONDER.

"Most interesting of all plants to the visitor is the snowplant—and no other is so jealously guarded by the Park authorities. When word of a new stalk is received, a sign is dispatched hastily and erected near it—hands off! In its early stages the snowplant is more like a scarlet sparganium than anything else. As it matures, the leaves near the upper end unfold and reveal bells much like those of a hyacinth. The number of plants in the leading, according to such high authority as Jepson, who says the plant has nothing to do with snow, and that the name probably originated because it appears early in spring and is likely to bloom in late June, which makes the richness of its coloring all the more conspicuous, causing the uninformed to think that the plant pushed its way through the new snow.

"Contrary to the common assumption, the snowplant is not a parasite, but lives on decaying vegetable matter absorbed through intricately laced white fibers which serve the plant in place of roots. It is unique in that the food absorbed is at once transmuted into the scarlet stalk and leaves, differing from other plants which are visible chemical laboratories, demanding chlorophyll to assist them in digesting their daily meal.

BLOOM AS ICE MELTS.

"There probably are more than 1,000 different species of flowering plants, shrubs and trees in Yosemite. Some of them, like the marsh buttercup, seem to bud beneath the snow and then burst into bloom as soon as the icy covering melts. On the high levels of the park a thin patch of snow will disappear under the influence of a hot sun and the patient botanist in a few hours can see the buttercups unfolding into full blossom. This undoubtedly is due to environment, nature having taught the flowers of the high altitudes to adapt themselves to the brief season of warmth.

"Indian palnbrush, thick clusters of pink bells on the manzanita, wild lilac, azaleas along the river bank, dogwood, lavender shooting stars, and many others appear in early spring. In June comes the gorgeous Mariposa lily, varying in color from a white to a deep red, and resembling a cultivated tulip. Then there is the Washington lily, throwing its large white blooms high above the chaparral. Little there are so many different kinds in Yosemite that some of them never have been classified. You can see them in acre stretches in the meadows, looking like miniature forests, topped by brilliant petals. The fireweed also grows in luxuriance.

"MONKEY FLOWER."

"Comparatively rare among the flowers of Yosemite, and as beautiful as any orchid, is the mentzelia, or blazing star, yellow petals, orange center, with a fringe of long stamens, giving it an exotic appearance. Curiosities among the park's flowers are the yellow monkey flower and purple elephant head, the former taking its name from the plaintive and humorous little face outlined on it, while the latter suggests the flapping ears and long trunk of an elephant.

"Another interesting plant is the quinine bush, the bitter leaf of which is used by the Indians as medicine."

KING COAL SUDDENLY DETHRONED BY STRIKE

BY LLOYD ALLAN, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, June 14.—King Oil has suddenly come in for widespread popularity here and King Coal's dictatorship over the British industry is a thing of the past, according to expert opinion.

England's great coal stoppage was responsible for popularizing fuel oil. All over the country factories, railways, power plants, hospitals, turned to foreign-produced fuel oil the minute their coal bins were emptied, when 1,200,000 British miners refused to accept drastic wage reductions and stopped work.

Fuel oil—one of America's favorite fuels, but hitherto virtually unknown in England—has come to stay, according to authoritative prediction.

British public services and industry will never again be wholly dependent on coal.

Unacquainted with the simplicity of installing oil burners, the British people were rather astounded to learn that immense power plants could, in an emergency, be converted in a very few days from coal to oil.

That's just what happened. When the coal pinch caused widespread embarrassment, fuel oil firms were consulted and assured all inquiries by stocks of fuel oil were being held in the country and quick deliveries could be made from abroad to replenish the great tanks.

Large stocks of oil-burning equipment were also at hand. England's general public was highly gratified. Presence of fuel oil meant continuation of great lighting plants and power plants providing juice for street car systems.

NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT—Washington, June 14.—The \$106,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill was prepared for President Harding's consideration Monday when the Senate adopted the conference report already approved by the House.

STRANGE STORIES

"About the only time I ever thought I'd seen my last day on earth was last November in Fayetteville," declared David Harris, 709 South Tryon street, who was run over by both wheels of a 3-ton truck loaded with 1,000 bricks at that time.

"It only goes to prove that the old adage, 'It never rains but it pours' holds true with heavy luck," began Mr. Harris. "I had been fined \$25 for speeding in Fayetteville and had walked out of the police court with a mental recollection of enough Sunday school words to conduct a correspondence course in profanity. I was walking down a street hemmed in by high buildings with my eyes fixed on terra firma, and had the devil popped up with any kind of a proposition to put one over on a certain lady I would have signed a life time contract on the spot.

"I had just reached the corner when I glanced up and thought at first it was the devil. I didn't have time to change my opinion. Something cracked me in the stomach and sat me down in the middle of the street. It then cracked me in the chest and knocked me flat. In a second it was on top of me. I realized it was a truck, although it looked like a warehouse on wheels. One wheel went over my shoulder, the other across my legs. Atlas had a soft job compared to mine. I didn't have long to think of Atlas, before the rear wheel got my foot. Three tons and a thousand brick rose gently up into my chest.

"I was thoroughly satisfied with his job, the driver drove off a few yards and stopped. As yet I had felt no real pain, but I practically knew I was a dead man.

"On the operation table at the hospital a few moments later, I heard a doctor say: 'Shall we wire his people?'

"Well, saying another one, 'It's a mighty serious case.'

"Get the X-ray and the instruments," shouted another.

"I really did see the devil then. I knew I didn't have legs and my shoulder felt the broken bones sticking out of my shoulder and leg. I was losing blood by the quart. My heart was getting weaker and weaker every second.

"Suddenly I found myself with my eyes—and I knew that was the stepping off place. I shut my eyes and prepared for the worst.

"What was that? One of the doctors was speaking to me.

"Remarkable," he said. "Never heard of such a case. Not an injury of any kind to speak of. Only a bruise or two. And a 3-ton truck loaded with a thousand bricks, too! Get up, here! Put on your clothes and thank your lucky stars they are not your grave clothes."

"Well, sir, I could hardly take it. I felt my legs and my shoulder. The broken bones went back in and the blood immediately stopped flowing. The mist all went away and I sat up.

"I was best man in a wedding a day or so later," concluded Mr. Harris. "I have never known to this day exactly what kind of a position I must have been in for a 3-ton truck with a thousand brick to knock me flat and run over me without injuring me."

GEORGIA CLUB WILL EAT AT MIDAS SPRINGS

The Midas Springs grounds on the Beatty's Ford road, seven miles from Charlotte, is the place the Georgia Club has selected for its old-fashioned basket picnic and outing next Thursday night. R. D. Craver, owner of the springs, has invited the Georgians to go to the springs for their outing and the invitation was at once accepted.

The club members are expecting to leave Charlotte about 7 p. m. and stay out until 6 or 7 o'clock, or perhaps later. The "eats" are to be served in the Georgia style and more than 150 native sons and daughters of the Cracker State are going to make the trip.

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ALUMNI HOSTS HOLDING SWAY

Charlotte Men Prominent in Senior Class Day Exercises.

Chapel Hill, June 14.—This is Alumni Day of the 1921 commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina and from all parts of the State and from many other States have come trooping back to the Hill the graduates of other years.

The seniors held full sway Monday! They paraded across the campus as lords of all for the last time. They started the morning by marching to the chapel, clad in caps and gowns, and there Rev. W. D. Moss of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church led them in the reading of Scripture and addressed them in big-brother style. After a short recess, the seniors again gathered to hear the orations for the Willie P. Mangum medal.

FOUR ENTER CONTEST

President Chase presided at the contest, and four speakers, the cream of a brilliant speaking class, delivered their orations. John H. Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, on "North Carolina and the South," Philip Hettelman, of Goldsboro on "The Struggle for Supremacy," T. C. Taylor, of Sparta, on "What is the Matter with the South," and William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, on "North Carolina and the South."

The decision was withheld until the final exercises Wednesday morning. Following a senior barbecue the class gathered once more on the campus late this afternoon and sat in a big circle on the grass. President W. R. Berryhill of Charlotte in his farewell traced the achievements of the class through the storm and stress of the war period.

BERRYHILL SPEAKS

"The University's war class," he called it, entering in 1917 in the hour of the struggle, learning something of the

war itself not only in the S. A. T. C. days on the campus but through many of its members in service on this side and across.

Then W. L. Blythe, of Huntersville read the class history. W. H. Bobbitt announced the class gift, a stone semi-circular sent to be placed on the campus. "We turn to beauty for our gift," said Bobbitt. Paul Green, of Lillington, read the class poem. Jonathan Daniels, of Raleigh, told the class prophecy, and Robbins Lowe, of Winston-Salem, one of the campus heroes in athletics, interpreted the class statistics, which showed among other things that the class had increased in weight per man and woman nearly twenty pounds in

four years. Lowe pointed out the remarkable athletic record of the class, which has given eight varsity captains to Tar Heel teams. Lowe one of them, though he didn't mention that fact today.

KING CONFERS ON SITUATION.

Smyrna, June 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—King Constantine today conferred on the military situation in Asia Minor with General Papaius, commander of Greek forces in the Smyrna district; General Dousmanis, chief of staff; Premier Gounaris, and Minister of War Theotokis. Later he prepared a proclamation to be issued to the army.

CLOUBURST DROWNS SIX. Sayre, Okla., June 14.—Six persons are known to have been drowned when they were caught in flood waters of Timber and Short creeks after those streams had risen several feet during a cloudburst here yesterday.

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