

# DEMAND TRIAL OF SOCIALISTS WHO AIDED WAR

## French Members of Party Urge Punishment of Germans.

PARIS, May 13.—L'Humanite says the national council of the French Socialist party to be held on May 27 will be called on to vote on a resolution demanding the trial of German and Austrian Socialists who made themselves accomplices of the governments of the central powers, which are held responsible for suddenly precipitating the war in spite of proposals to submit the questions at issue to arbitration before the Hague tribunal.

The resolution adds that only on condition that convocations to the international convention of Socialists be regularly issued and that the program include the fixing of the responsibilities of governments and Socialists in the origin of the war will French Socialists accept participation in the international convention.

**For Universal Suffrage.**  
The resolution also says the internationalists must declare for the establishment of universal suffrage and parliamentary democracies and make of the German resolution an obligation upon all German Socialists who pretend to remain faithful to the principles of Socialist action.

The fact that this resolution is published in L'Humanite indicates that it is the program of the majority Socialist party in France.

**Tells Hopes of French.**  
PETROGRAD, via London, May 13.—Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, was received yesterday at a reception by the executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates and invited to explain his point of view on the present political situation, on the war, and on the actions of international socialism.

In a speech which lasted more than two hours, M. Thomas indicated what French public opinion expected from new Russia. He said France was at times uneasy regarding the assistance which Russia might lend. The hopes of the French democracy were that the new Russia would help France unreservedly.

It was necessary, he said, to find bases and conditions on which common action could be taken. He explained why the majority of French Socialists considered it impossible to meet the majority of German Socialists in a conference which would have been convoked without preliminary recognition of common principles.

To realize democratic ideas, the French minister said, all must work together to assure the defeat of Germany.

**Thinks War Can Be Stopped.**  
LONDON, May 13.—M. Skobelev, a member of the executive committee of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd, asserted in his speech yesterday that while the committee of which he is a member is opposed to a separate peace, it was of the opinion that the war might be ended by an agreement between the German and Russian democracies.

For this reason, he said, it proposed to enter into negotiations with the representatives of German democracy at the international Socialist conference. M. Skobelev is going to Stockholm to attend the conference as the representative of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

**Brazil Seeking More Arms.**  
RIO DE JANEIRO, May 13.—It is understood that information is being sought by the Brazilian minister of war regarding the possibility of eventually obtaining arms and ammunition from a great industrial power. From the character of the questions formulated, Brazilians are led to believe that the effectiveness of the Brazilian army are about to be increased in number.

### WAR TROTH

They Are Engaged on Eve of His Entry Into Officers' Training Camp.



Miss Margaret Houghteling Arthur Tuttle.

Miss Margaret S. Houghteling is the daughter of Mrs. James L. Houghteling of Winnetka. Her engagement to Arthur P. Tuttle of Lake Forest was announced yesterday. Mr. Tuttle is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson Tuttle and is a member of the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan.

### GREAT FIRE AT GERMAN BASE

AMSTERDAM, May 13, via London.—For seven hours on Wednesday a great fire raged on the Imperial wharves at Wilhelmshaven, according to advices received here today. The submarine building department was seriously damaged. The entire district has been closed to the public.

Wilhelmshaven is the chief German naval station and war harbor in the North sea, and is the second largest naval base of the empire. It is situated in the province of Hanover on the north side of Jade bay. In addition to eight enormous dry docks and two 35,000-ton floating docks there are five floating docks and four pontoons for torpedo boats.

**Two Years for Disloyal Remark.**  
San Antonio, Tex., May 13.—Frederick T. Bell, for thirty years a member of the United States army and honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, was given two years in the federal penitentiary on Friday at Leavenworth after conviction by a military court martial, having made statements disloyal to the country and derogatory to President Wilson.

# RUSSIAN SPURNS PEACE AS LONG AS KAISER RULES

## Nation to Stand by Allies and Democracy, Socialist Asserts.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 13.—Addressing a congress of delegates of the field army, Minshivild Tseretelli, member of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, declared that the German and Austrian proletariat had not yet emerged from the state of Chauvinistic intoxication into which they had been plunged by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial German chancellor, and the imperialist bourgeoisie.

"As long as the German proletariat marches with Emperor William," he said, "our position is clear. Should we now stretch a fraternal hand towards the peoples of central Europe to conclude a separate peace, it would be an eternal shame which would lead inevitably to the downfall and annihilation of Russia.

"We will not seek to break our engagements with our allies. On the contrary, we will do our utmost that the allegiance arranged by the bourgeoisie shall be more solidly cemented by the fraternal union of the allied democracies."

**Petrograd Commander Resigns.**  
Gen. Korniloff, commander of the Petrograd garrison, resigned today. The general explained that his resignation was due to an impossible position arising from the efforts of various organizations to control the garrison, and added: "Well, then, let them take the responsibility."

The last straw which led to the commander's resignation was the demand made yesterday by the executive committee of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates that all Korniloff's orders should be presented to the committee for its indorsement. Gen. Korniloff will go to the front to command one of the armies.

**Denies Appeal to Japan.**  
LONDON, May 13.—Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has issued a categorical denial that the entente allies ever contemplated applying to Japan to exercise pressure on the natural course of events in Russia.

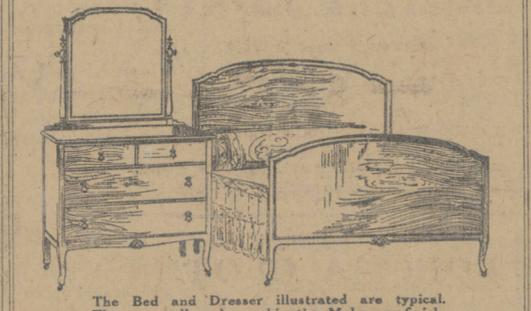
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