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IT OFTEN come that important questions are solved without many people knowing, as if the thunder struck from a clear sky. The world war had its beginning the same way when in the latter part of 1914 few realized it would go for any length of time, it could have had an abrupt ending last fall (between Russia and Germany, at least). About the peace talk no one suspected and no one knew, but recently the European press prints many sidelights.

That Germany tried to split the Allies it was known. But how far she was from accomplishing her task not one could guess. Germany pressed all her diplomatic relations in order to get Russia to withdraw from the Allies, Germany wanted to have peace with Russia and become friendly again.

This diplomacy between Russia and Germany was carried on secretly and only the unexpected resignations of the German minister von Jagow and the Russian premier Sturmer let to light this mystery.

Berne Tagwacht, the one reliable European newspaper writes, that the resignation of the Russian premier Sturmer was forced because of his attitude in the peace talk with Germany and his near conclusion of it. The Russian Duma, upheld by the War and the Navy ministers, took stand against the action of Sturmer's politics and compelled him to resign. About the same time and for the same reason von Jagow, the German minister resigned.

The peace movement between Russia and Germany was started by Germany and that von Jagow had offered terms to Sturmer. The German terms were:

Russia to give up the hegemony of the Balkans. And its intentions for

Constantinople. In exchange the Dardanelles will be open to the Russian commerce and the Russian naval ships, as long as she does no harm to Germany's friend, Turkey.

The financial settlement will be with out either—Germany or Russia claiming any war indemnity.

Russia to get part of Bukovina and Galicia, where the inhabitants are Russian. From Roumania, Russia to get Moldavia.

Russia to give Germany a part of Kurland and Lithuania. Armenia to go to Russia and therefore have a free way to Persia.

Turkey for her loss will gain Egypt conquered by the Turko-Austro-German armies and the Suez Canal to be under German control.

If Russia could not meet its French financial obligations then Germany advise to hold payments to France. And in the future to make loans from Germany.

Those were the peace offers of Germany to Russia and from them no fruit come, because when the Russian Duma knew about them it made short work of Sturmer.

Because of the strict censorship maintained on the Russian newspapers nevertheless they openly and frankly admit it. The English press commenting on Sturmer's fall writes; that two faults were responsible—one, that he never gave help in food transportation. Second, that he advocated a "patched peace."

When the news of the German-Russo peace reached other nations Russia through her counsels stoutly denied it. Because of Russia denying it other nations believe it to be true.

Some say Russia came late to Roumania's help was one reason to believe there was a peace talk.

This machinery bore no fruit and Germany lost hope of settling with Russia with a hope to make a break in the Allies. Then it issued a proclamation to the Poles, a manifesto to the Lithuanians and topped it with a peace offer to the Allies. Having a proud feeling and conscious of victory that her (Germany) last offer of peace was made in the interests of pure humanity. NOT!



REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

LITHUANIA, in the Russo-German Baltic section with the ports of Riga, Libau, Palanga, Memel and Windau, together with the cities of Vilna, Grodno, Kovna, Suvalki, Tilsit and Konigsberg, and a population of 9,000,000—an area and population greater than those of Sweden—now hopes to become at the close of the war an independent republic with a government, patterned after that of the United States, being independent of the Russian or the German governments. The Lithuanians, remembering that England's reason for entering the war was to defend the small nations, look to the entente allies to secure this political change for them as one of the results of the war.

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TĖVYNĖ CALLS

THERE'S A tear in my eye for the soldier
 As he lays among the slain,
 There's a throb in my heart for this old world,
 That sighs for peace in vain.
 There's a hope in my prayer that someone above,
 Will gaze on earth through the blue,
 And pitying our sorrow and trouble
 Will tell us what to do.
 There's a sigh in the trench for home sweet home,
 For another fond embrace,
 And the babe held high to hide from him,
 A woman's anguished face.
 Oh, its hard to breathe when I think of the hearth
 And old folks left in despair,
 While dreaming of him in pale firelight's glow,
 The boy they cannot spare.

But where are the warriors of long ago,
 Who seldom lost when they fought?
 All uprisings quickly dispelled with ease,
 So nobly their legions wrought.
 Is there no end to this cruel war?
 God grant it soon will appear;
 We call with calm and hopeful tones,
 For Vytautas, but will he hear?
 Vytautas, they're calling you,
 From each trench they're calling you,
 Far through the air comes the sweet Tevynė
 Can't you hear her calling too?
 You could save Lithuania from ruin, Arise,
 Oh dove of peace to dry a mother's eyes

MOBIS.

WAR

DAYS are now apt to be marked by some war incident in this or other countries which adds to the complexity of the situation. To-day it is Germany's over act. To-morrow it may be a food riot in New York and a food riot in Petrograd all just, because the housekeeper cannot buy the necessities of life because she has not the money. The prices are sky-high, the people must eat and therefore they rebel—who can blame them—and the speculators drop the prices. Germany meddles with Mexico and Japan, war at hand. And so it pass. In these times, the patriotic duty of every citizen is:

Stand by the President,

Keep your head level and your mouth shut, be not swayed by clamor, wars or rumors of wars.

A LETTER

Dear Editor:—

It is high time to consider the need of a few Lithuanian schools in my county. There are many young Lithuanians who do not know the rudiments of this old Ayrian language. And they are willing to give the time to study. Kindly inform me if there are any such schools in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain,

Truly yours,
Mobis.

There is no Lithuanian school in Luzerne county, day or night. Lackawanna county has one where the attendance is 400 pupils. Other states have Lithuanian schools. Lovers of the most beautiful language in existence should get together and boost the forementioned suggestion. Editor.

BOOSTERIALS

Happiness will come to you only when you realize that it grows by sharing it with others—kept alone, it will shrivel and die. If you have happiness, pass it along and it will double.

No one ever becomes so prosperous that he need not make good use of his prosperity. He may be so slow that adversity will overtake him, or he may live so fast that he will overtake adversity.

The least said, the soonest mended—but don't say anything just because you don't like mending.

In case of war we will call upon Mr. Ford to supply us with jitneys and submarines, Sears Roebuck & Co. to furnish clothes and food for the army and navy and Mr. Edison to perfect some new engine of destruction. The Teutons will become a back number.

Every little move counts. Let us pick up the small things as we go on for the big one.

To practice economy is earning money as if by labor.

Unhappiness come from thinking of the things that never happen.

The Arab woman covers her face from neck up. But Milady covers her face from crown down. Thus hiding and exposing the facial expression gives to reason to cover or not to cover.

Don't let blue Monday cast a shadow on the rest of the week.

The working people are not always able to recognize their best friends and sometimes listen to the song of the siren which is leading them on to anarchy, rebellion and bloodshed.

Hush money does more talking than any other kind.

Every body believes in the fellow who believes in himself.

AMERICA ALWAYS

THE LITHUANIAN BOOSTER is with the government of the United States of America. We believe in the Constitution—believe in her laws, and in the service of her strong men who guard her with loyalty. We stand for Fair-Play and oppose all disloyal Americans.

We are for America first, last and always.

The Lithuanian Conservatory of Music, 395 Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. Has recently issued a music dictionary and the following compositions:

Egle (Queen of the Snakes) Duet price 75c.

Vestuves (The Bride's Aria) price 35c.

Birute (Birute's Aria) price 30c.

Kregždele (The Swallow) Duet price 30c.

The music is by prof. M. Petrauskas. The words are written in both—Lithuanian and English languages enabling one to a better understanding of Lithuanian songs.

REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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In the past few years Russia has materially improved political conditions in Lithuania. Formerly Lithuanians were forbidden to hold lands, the press was prohibited, Lithuanian books, including the bible, were prohibited and Lithuanians were not permitted to hold office. It is said the ruling authorities in the **LITHUANIA** have accepted the principle of independence for **LITHUANIA**.

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