# BERLIN WILLING TO EXCHANGE OF **WAR PRISONERS**

U. S. and Germany Plan Conference Relative to Agreement Which Will Include Treatment of Soldiers.

Washington, June 25.—Germany has been asked through Spanish diplomatie channels to send representatives to Berne, Switzerland, to meet American representatives there on August 5 to discuss maintenance, treatment and exchange of prisoners. In response to a proposal from the State department the German government recently signified its agreement in principle to such a confer-

The United States also has asked Germany to permit a Swiss commission to visit German prison camps to determine what American prisoners may be classed as invalids and released for internment in Switzer-Reciprocal privileges are

The State department made public today a communication from the Swiss government consenting to receive invalided Americans and intern them until the end of the war.

It was announced that the proposal to the German government was sent through the Spanish ambassador at Berlin June 15 and that no report had been received up to this date.

## VICTORY FOR ALLIES CALLED DREAM BY GERMAN MINISTER

One of the most remarkable utterances of the foreign secretary was a declaration in which he placed the onus for starting the war on Russia, with France and Great Britain next in order clupable.

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Amsterdam, June 25.—Germany's war aims were briefly set forth, peace ideas outlined, the idea that she desired to secure world domination through the war disclaimed, and the responsibility for the conflict primarily placed upon Russie by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, in a speech to the Reichstag in Berlin yesterday.

While declaring that what was desired for the German people and their allies was "a free, strong, independent existence," within the boundaries drawn for them "by history," the foreign secretary said Germany would have to decline to make any prior concessions by stating its position as to Belgium in a way which would bind it without similarly binding Germany's enemies. many's enemies.

Denies World Control.

Napoleon."

After declaring that the revelations that had been made showed Russia as the power which planned and desired the war, with France abetting it and England's attitude strengthening the Russian desires for conflict, Dr. von Kuehlmann again declared that Germany had not entertained any belief that this war could lead even to the domination of Europe and much less that of the world,

Holds Germany Cannot Be Beaten.
"For so long," sald Dr. von Kuehlmann, "as every overture is regarded by others as a peace offensive—as a trap or as something false for the purpose of sowing disunion between the allies, so long as every attempt at a rapprochement is at once violently denounced by the enemies of a rap-prochement in the various countries, so long will it be impossible to see how any exchange of ideas leading to

peace can be begun.

"In view of the magnitude of the war and the number of powers, including those from overseas, that are engaged, its end can hardly be expected. through purely military decisions alone and without recourse to diplomatic negotiations.

"Our position on the battle fields, our enormous military resources, the

#### The Weather

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home permit us to use such language. We hope our enemies perceive that, in view of our resources, the idea of victory for the entente is a dream."

Emperors in Agreement. "In Austria-Hungary," said Dr. von

Kuehlmann, "that brilliant representative of her foreign policy, Count Czernin, retired because of internal political reasons. His successor, Baron Burian, is a well tried diplomat, whose loyalty, friendship and devotion to the alliance were assured from the outset. "It is also to be reckoned among Baron Burian's services," Dr. von Kuehlmann went on, "that an interview between the two emperors occurred at main headquarters, which history will record as momentous in shaping the relations between Germany and Austria-Hungary. Both the emperors, in the presence of leading statesmen, assured each other solemny that they would not only loyally abide by the existing alliance, but that they also intended to strengthen, widen and deepen it in political, military and economic directions.

With Bulgaria too," continued the foreign secretary, "recent events, especially the peace negotiations, have facilitated the drawing closer of many personal and political ties. It is a matter of regret that Premier Radoslavoff recently resigned. The explicit assurances of his successor and the king are a guarantee to us that there

Dr. von Kuchlmann again went into the subject of negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria, and

"But there does not exist any con-flict in interest between us and Tur-key."

Dr. von Kuehlmann announced that

within the next few days a confer-ence would be held at Constantinople, where the questions that had arisen between the quadruple alliance and "the Caucasian people would find a

Polish Question Difficult.

Dealing with the question of Po-land, Dr. von Kuehlmann said that not only was the Polish question inthe solution of the economic questions existent between Austria-Hungary and Germany had so far prevented the attainment of a definite result. "I believe, however," said the for-eign minister, "that before there are general peace negotiations in Europe,

the zealous efforts of the statesmen concerned will result in their succeeding in finding a solution acceptable to all parties.
"In south Russia, our occupation of

the Crimea gave rise to certain inci-dents respecting the Russian fleet, but these have been satisfactorily set-tled." The foreign secretary said an agree-ment had been reached whereby the fortifications on the Aland islands, in the Baltic, were to be removed, but that a final decision had not yet been reached regarding the future of the

Russian Situation Uncertain. With reference to Russia Dr von

Kuehlmann said: "It is impossible to believe that the great process of fermentation and wild, irregular movement of conflicting forces which the disappearance of Referring to the responsibility for the war, as he viewed it, Dr. Von Kuchlmann said:

"I do not believe any responsible man in Germany, not even the emperor himself or the members of the imperial government, ever for a moment believed they could win the domination of Europe by starting this war. The idea of world domination in Europe is Utopian, as proved by Napoleon."

the czaristic power released has reached permanent equilibrium. All conditions in the former empire of the czar must to a certain extent be described as uncertain. Our policy, in view of the situation, is close observation and utmost caution and so far as purely internal affairs are concerned, correspondingly wise.

"In Finland the battle has been dethe czaristic power released has

cleared of red guards and everything idea is incorrect." points to Finland being about to re-

continued Dr. von Kuehlmann, "Courland and Lithuania were severed from the Russian empire. It was from the outset clear to the negotiators that the partition of the Baltiq region by the line fixed in the peace treaty was bound to create an extraordinarily difficult situation.

"It was hard for the Lettis popu lation to endure the prospect of being cut up. The historical internal cohesion of the entire Baltic region suggested at that time objections against the possibility of a lasting separation between Livonia, Esthonia and Courland.

"In agreement with the entire Gerand order. The inhabitants of these merce, provinces, mindful of the misgovernman authorities.

at which an attempt would be made to bring about friendly agreement on all points still pending.

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Mr. Gillan stated that truck service is already in operation between will be no change in the policy hith-erto followed." place in Berlin under his presidency, at which an attempt would be made to points still pending.

discussions will completely corres- with the exception of about a mile pond with the requirements and near the river on the Plattsmouth wishes of the populations there and road, the interests of the German people, Ot the secretary added.

Forecasts Further Successes.

Speaking of the military situation, the secretary said that victories had given the Germans the initiative in France, and he continued "we can tope that the summer and autumn will bring to our arms a new and great success.
"The Austro-Hungarian army also

has in a dashing onslaught attacked herently a difficult one, but the almost the Italian positions and achieved inseparable connection between it and noteworthy successes and pinned noteworthy successes and pinned down large and important enemy forces on that front.

"When one makes a wide survey of events, one must ask whether the to General Diaz, has been promoted war, according to human calculations, will last beyond the autumn or the winter or beyond next year. There king's satisfaction with the present is a common idea among the people operations. General Badoglio will that the length of the war is some-

situation and the determination at cided in favor of the party which thing absolutely new, as if the author- Tornado in Missouri was striving for Finland's independitative quarters had in our time never ence. The soil of Finland has been reckoned on a very long war. This

> "Despite the brilliant successes of velop that high culture which is hers our arms," continued the secretary, in the form of an independent state." "there has been nowhere clearly rec-"By the treaty of Brest-Litovsk," ognizable among our enemies readiness for peace. The German government has repeatedly laid down its standpoint in declarations intended for the widest publicity. Our enemies have nothing to show that can in any way compare with the German peace offer, or with the reply to the papal note.

The declaration of our enemies, especially of English statesmen, allow as yet no peaceful ray of light to fall on the darkness of this war.'

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From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, June 25 .- (Special.) -- Ancaster State bank at Waverly.

#### Zabriskie Appointeu

Sugar Administrator Washington, June 25 .- Food Admin ton Sagl, for some time chief clerk istrator Hoover has selected G. A. in the office of Governor Neville, and Zabriskie of the milling division of who later resigned to accept a posi- the administration to become sugar White, Mrs. William White, Mrs. partment, has resigned that job, hav- of draste new sugar regulations, which tion as examiner in the insurance de-ladministrator and direct enforcement Bina Abernathy, Flint Johnson and ing purchased an interest in the Lan- are to be announced shortly, effective July 1.

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