

ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE IS AIM OF VON PAPEN

Junker Chancellor Is Out to Destroy Soviets' 5-Year Plan.

This is the last of a series of articles by Frederick Kuh on the German situation.

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BERLIN, June 13.—If Lieutenant-Colonel Franz von Papen has his way as head of the "all monacle" German cabinet of militarists and Prussian junkers, the nation's foreign policy will undergo a radical shift to an alliance with France and Poland against Soviet Russia.

Von Papen's real aims were divulged through the indiscretion of a member of a gentlemen's club composed of aristocrats, junkers and a sprinkling of wealthy business men who were very active in pushing the removal of Chancellor Brüning.

Returning from a jaunt to Paris last year, Von Papen, vice-president of the club, told the monocled gentlemen that Germany must drop her pro-Russian policy and conclude an economic alliance with France and Poland for the purpose of destroying the Soviet five-year plan.

Through the slight indiscretion of a gentleman present, the aims of the present chancellor became known to Berlin.

His Long Range Aim

Achievement of the chancellor's aim is not possible overnight, but it is known to be his long range aim. It is understood on reliable authority that when immediately after assuming the chancellorship, Von Papen announced that he would continue the Brüning government's foreign policy, he meant primarily that the German delegation to Lausanne would reiterate Brüning's refusal to pay reparations.

Wilhelmstrasse is even considering telling the world that Germany's plight will soon necessitate the annulment of perhaps five and a half billion dollars worth of long and short term private foreign debts, besides cancellation of reparations.

The vital parts of Von Papen's diplomatic methods differ radically from those of all his postwar predecessors in the chancellorship, who were determined to play the Soviet trump against the Versailles treaty, and who maintained close political, economic and military intercourse with Moscow.

In Kultur League

Von Papen has been known for a long time as a member of the so-called league for the protection of western kultur (a predominantly Catholic and anti-Russian organization) and belongs to several Franco-German committees. Besides, he has been attending numerous clandestine conferences with French politicians and industrialists.

Chancellor Brüning, addressing the reichstag May 11, warned a German politician, who remained unnamed, against secretly telling important foreigners that the coming German government would be more ready to make concessions than the Brüning regime. This mysterious admonition was aimed at Von Papen's backstairs meeting with French industrialists at Luxembourg a few days before.

The diplomatic corps heard that Von Papen and his minister of defense, General Kurt von Schleicher, took French Ambassador Francois-Poncet into their confidence at least a month ago, after which the ambassador hurried to Paris and advised his government of the impending coup of army leaders and junkers against Brüning.

Alliance Held Essential

In the discussion at Von Papen's club, in which he first revealed his aims, he admitted that an alliance against Russia would necessitate temporary renunciation and revision of the German-Polish border agreement and said that under those conditions, France would consent to Germany's rearming. Arnold Reichenberg, polish magnate, told Von Papen that a political and military alliance with France was essential.

Von Papen added that German reliance on Britain was impossible due to the influence of French finance in England. The United States he said, would recover a voice in the world's big political decisions only after the presidential election.

Paradoxically, the ultra-nationalist Von Papen cabinet is more anxious to come to terms with France than Brüning's government, and expects Premier Herriot to be replaced by Tardieu, who is expected to be more amenable to Von Papen's alliance scheme.

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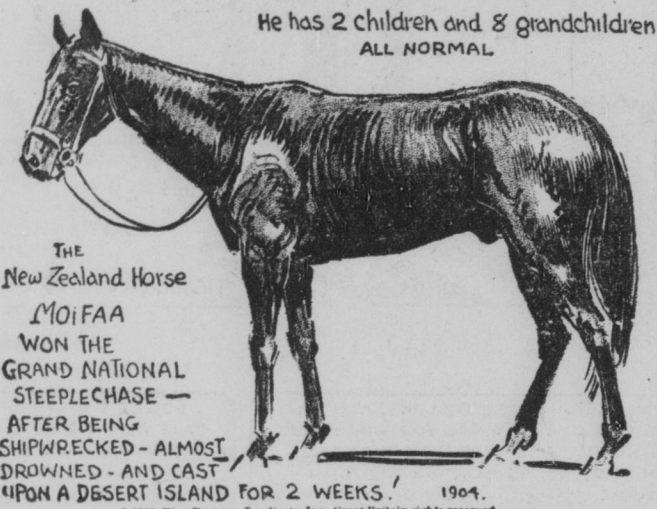
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BY W. E. MCKENNEY, Secretary, American Bridge League

TODAY I want you to meet George Reith, who, with his partner, Mrs. R. B. Fuller, won the national mixed auction pair championship. He and his teammates also hold the national mixed contract team-of-four title.

Reith is one of the country's leading contract authorities. He is a proponent of the one over one system and chairman of the card committee of the Knickerbocker Whist Club, one of America's oldest clubs formed exclusively for bridge.

Reith says that the average player is apt to overlook opportunities to make profitable doubles of low contracts, because he attaches too much importance to the constructive side of bidding, and also because his lack of assured knowledge of card values makes him fear that the low double, if unsuccessful, will give the adversaries game. As an illustration, Mr. Reith gives the following hand:

♠10-9					
♥A-7-3					
♦J-9-8-7-5					
♣10-8-3					
♠5-3					
♥Q-6-5-					
♦2					
♣A-K-					
10-6-2					
♠A-9					
♠A-K-Q-7-4-2					
♥K-9					
♦Q-4					
♣Q-J-6					

The Bidding
Mr. Reith sat in the South position and opened the bidding with

one spade. He firmly believes in the fact that not only must first and second hand hold the required two and one-half high card tricks to make an original bid, but the hand should also contain a rebid.

In short, partner always can depend upon a first or second hand bid as being especially sound. After Reith's original bid of one spade, West made what seemed to be a sound overall of two diamonds. East and West were vulnerable and North and South not vulnerable. Reith's partner, due to the soundness of the original bid of one spade, now could see a larger penalty score than would be possible even if she and her partner could make a game, so North promptly doubled the two diamond bid.

The Play
North's opening lead was the ten of spades, which held. North continued with the nine and this also was allowed to hold the trick. North then followed with the ace of hearts and a small heart.

Reith returned the king of spades and when West trumped with the deuce, North over-trumped with the five and led the seven of hearts, which South trumped.

The queen of spades then was led by Reith, West trumped with the six of diamonds, and North over-trumped with the seven.

A club was returned by North and won in dummy with the king. A small diamond was led from dummy and when Reith played the queen, West won the trick with the king and then cashed his ace of clubs.

He then led the ace of diamonds, hoping for a break, followed by the queen of hearts, which North

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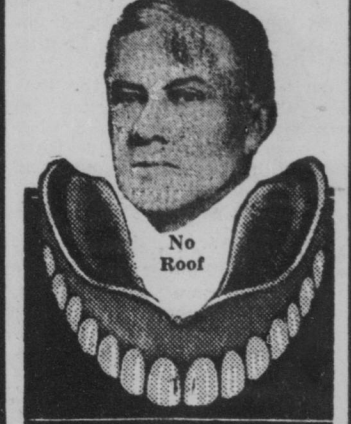
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