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VON MOLTKE IS SIDE-TRACKED

German Press is not Exactly Pleased With Condition Of Affairs

The Hague, Dec. 18.—German newspapers which have just been received here show that the German press, although prohibited strictly from criticising any acts of the government during the war is much displeased by the sudden change in the leadership of the German military forces. They state that von Moltke has been "politely side-tracked" as chief of the general staff and that supreme command has been given to a "war minister whose behavior towards the Reichstag in the Zabern incident, was insulting."

In the short biographies of Major-General Von Falkenhayne, which the papers are permitted to print, they refer, in the most guarded way, to what they term his failure up to the present time in the operations on the western front.

"Von Falkenhayne was appointed temporary chief of the German staff on October 25," says the Berliner Tageblatt. He therefore, has held his position since the fall of Antwerp. During this period have occurred the battles of the Yser and Dixmude. In this serious time, therefore, Von Falkenhayne has been uniting all the functions which, during the war of 1870, were divided between Von Moltke and Roon. It is estimated in these newspapers that there has been friction between Emperor William and Count Moltke, owing to a difference of opinion concerning the conduct of the campaign in the west, it being understood that while Von Moltke favored energetic operations against the French centre, the Emperor was strongly inclined toward pushing the advance in the direction of Calais. As a result of this conflict of opinion, it is said, Count Von Moltke retired to take the cure at Homburg.

General Von Falkenhayne then continued the operations in Flanders under the direction of the Emperor, with results which are described as not wholly pleasing to the German public. Announcement was made, five days ago, that General Von Falkenhayne would remain at the head of the general staff, but that Count Von Moltke might be given another mission.

The plan of campaign of Count Von Moltke, as originally outlined, was to advance on Paris as rapidly as possible, and this led to the swift movement toward the French capital by General Von Kluck and General Von Hausen in August and September, which was ended by the forced retreat to the positions now occupied by the Germans in France.

It is stated that friction between the Emperor William and Count Von Moltke first occurred at this time, the Emperor taking the ground that the move, tactically, was futile.

After the capture of Antwerp it was Von Moltke's desire, according to these reports, to concentrate efforts up on the Verdun-toul line, while the Emperor

pointing to the possibility of an enveloping movement by the allies, or a break through the edge of the line which Von Moltke proposed to advance, favored the continuation of operations against the forces of the allies in Flanders. This is the situation it is now said, which finally led to Von Moltke's trip to Homburg and the installation of Von Falkenhayne as chief of the general staff.

In the Letter Box

Prince Rupert, Dec. 17th.
Editor Daily News,
Dear Sir:

I am writing you with the object of making a correction in a news item, which appeared in your issue of December 16th under the heading: Trades and Labor Council Meets. I thank you for the insertion of labor news at all times, but in this instance a misconception was placed on an innuendo drawn, which was irrelevant to facts, as the news item should have read, a unanimous vote of confidence in Mayor Newton was passed with the rider that should he desire to offer himself as a candidate for 1915 he should have the united support of organized labor in place of reading a number of speakers advocated supporting the present administration.

I hope you will make the above correction so that a clear conception of organized labor's attitude can be readily understood, also it will coincide with your editorial published on the same date, advocating "proper publicity," in which I agree.

W. E. DENNING,
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