

Ukraine to help restore order. It is becoming plainer and plainer that the peace treaty with the Ukraine was a farce. The men who negotiated it on behalf of the Ukraine did not represent their whole nation, perhaps represented only a minority there; at any rate, they had no way of enforcing the treaty, and they signed it only to give Austria and Germany a pretext for sending troops there. Meanwhile, the pretense that the Austrian Government is a convert to the "no annexations" policy is falling away and revealing the ugly fact that lay behind it. It was a pretense made partly for the deception of this country, but chiefly for the deception of the Austrian people. The two chief members of the gang are neither reformed nor frightened; they are today what they were in 1914, and their pupils, Turkey and Bulgaria, must surely look up to them with increasing adoration.

#### RUSSIA SIGNS A PEACE TREATY.

In order to accelerate the speed of the Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk in coming to a conclusion Germany presents a new demand—this time for a slice of Russian Armenia, a totally unexpected region as far away as possible from those territories on which the dazzled Bolsheviki were concentrating their anxious thought. Promptly the delegates decide to surrender, and notify LENINE and TROTZKY that they are going to sign the treaty which Germany is jamming down their throats, because, they say, "deliberations on a treaty of peace are absolutely useless and could only make things worse." They are right; if they were to deliberate another day or two Germany would probably present a demand for the Caucasus, or for Old Russia to the Urals, or for Siberia.

And yet their surrender does not change the situation in the least, or make it better. What was the situation? That if they held out Germany would only go on taking such additional territory as might suit her. And that she will continue to do, despite the surrender; it is still the situation. If Germany sees any more of Russia that she wants she will take it just as, in a time of profound peace, Austria decided that she needed Bosnia and Herzegovina, and instantly swallowed them. Surrender or no surrender, peace treaty or no peace treaty, scrap of paper or none, the fate of all Russia is sealed so far as Germany is concerned; and nothing can save the helpless remnants of that land except the allied nations they flouted and abandoned.

What does Germany want with Russian Armenia? Nothing; but Turkey can use it, and it is at Turkey's request, undoubtedly, that the demand is made. Germany does not want the Ukraine, but Austria may want it, and Austria is already manifesting a friendly interest in that country. Germany is carving Russia up not only for herself but for her accomplices. This spectacle of Germany's generosity toward her pals should reassure Bulgaria and make her ashamed of her doubts; Bulgaria will be royally dealt with in the division of the swag. If we knew just what is going on in those peace parleys with Rumania, we should probably get an idea of just how much additional loot is to go to Bulgaria, over and above what was promised her when her entry into the war was negotiated for in 1915.

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