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Kessler Says Dictator Pilsudski Is Hampered by Fierce Party Clash.

BLAMES PARIS COMMITTEE

Asserts Danger to Europe in "Dream" of New Nation Ex- tending from Sea to Sea.

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By WIRELESS to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Dec. 20, (via Copenhagen.)—Count Kessler, until a few days ago German Minister at Warsaw, in conversation with THE NEW YORK TIMES correspondent today, considerably modified his statement concerning Sherman and Strickland, represented to be American journalists who had furnished or transmitted funds with which to conduct anti-German propaganda in Poland. He said that all he really suspected them of doing was the introduction of American methods in the campaign of the Polish papers against him, but even that he had only from hearsay.

Kessler is a youngish looking aristocrat who, though sympathizing with the radical elements, has hardly done anything to earn the name "the Red Count," which has been bestowed on him. He toured the United States in 1897, during which visit he picked up modern ideas about government. Afterward he explored antique ruins in Mexico, lived for many months with the Maya Indians, and wrote the inevitable book.

When the great war broke out, Kessler, who on his mother's side has Polish blood, joined the Polish Legion and fought against Russia.

"You have probably met Pilsudski, the present Polish Dictator?" suggested THE TIMES correspondent. "I know him very well," was the reply, "and learned to value his splendid character. When the German revolution broke out I liberated Pilsudski from prison in Magdeburg and took him by automobile to Poland."

Says Polish Party Hounded Him.

"Then why couldn't he prevent the demonstrations in Warsaw against you?" I asked.

"For the same reason," the Count answered, "that Ebert and Scheidemann cannot prevent Liebknecht's freaks. The Polish Government is friendly to me and to Germany, but it is the National Democratic Party, backed by the National Polish Committee in Paris, that has hounded me from Warsaw by inciting the people against me, publishing lies in the Polish newspapers, the most ridiculous of which was that I was an emissary of the Bolsheviki and had thirty Bolshevist secretaries employed on my staff.

"That article's headline was: 'The Red Count.' Sounds American, doesn't it?"

"These newspapers organized the demonstrations against me, in which as many as 50,000 persons took part. I am told, however, it was always the same crowd, but once, when 'Pan-Polish women' held a mass meeting, deciding that the 'Red Count' must be arrested at once. Of course they were not really peasant women, but the wives of landed gentry and nobles who hated me for sympathizing with the Social Democratic Party, which supports Dictator Pilsudski against the National Democratic Party."

"What is the latter party's aim," I asked.

"It wants a greater Poland from sea to sea," said the Count, "meaning from Danzig to Odessa, counting about 34,000,000 inhabitants, of whom not half are Polish. The others are Germans, Lithuanians, white Russians, Ukrainians, and Jews. To realize this dream would mean the constitution of a monarchy or at least an aristocratic republic, for only such could develop a dominating caste and military power able to keep the other nationalities in subjection.

"But even such Polish junker castes would probably fail. Poland would most likely become a land of everlasting revolution and an everlasting danger to European peace."

Expects No More Pogroms.

"How do the 5,000,000 Jews living in the proposed Pan Polish State view the question?" I inquired.

"They know very well," the Count said, "that their lot would be merciless oppression, worse than ever before. Witness the recent pogroms in Lemberg and elsewhere."

"But why is that?"

"Because the Jews have become greatly enlightened within the last five or ten years, influenced, too, probably by relatives in America and England who know what liberty means. I was astonished at the progress they had made. Their national pride is at last aroused. They will wake from their sleep of a thousand years to realize their own value and that they have a political future. The new election laws proposed for parochial Jewish communities provide, for instance, that even baptized Jews may vote."

"Are pogroms like the one reported at Lemberg likely to occur in Warsaw or the rest of Poland?"

"I should not think so. If the Social Democrats and Pilsudski remain in power they know neither class nor race hatred, and I wish to state once more that I do not blame the Polish Government for anything that happened to me, knowing that it was against the Government's will."