

REVAL NOW WOULD BE FREE

Declares Esthonia Independent — Prohibits Continuance in War.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The municipality of Reval, captured Monday by the Germans, has published a manifesto declaring the independence of Esthonia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd.

Esthonia is declared a neutral State and a Provisional Government of citizens has prohibited participation in the Russo-German war. Property, confiscated by the Bolsheiki, will be returned immediately to the former owners.

Government troops in Finland, it is added, have arrested Mme. Alexandra Kollantay, Bolshevik Minister of Public Welfare, and other members of the Bolshevist delegation sent abroad to organize an international Socialist conference.

The newspaper, Nash Vlek of Petrograd, a Reuter dispatch says, states that when the Germans were seven versts from Reval they sent emissaries to the town who announced that in view of the declaration of Esthonian independence the Germans were coming as guests, not as conquerors.

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