

Personal News, Facts, Fancies and Brief Happenings Abroad as Told by the Cables

BRITISH SCIENCE SEES U. S. FIRST TO GO BAKRIPT

Financial and Political Matters Obtrude on Einstein Theory.

CRITICISE PEACE TREATY

Ethnography and Anthropology Also Interest Learned Men at Cardiff.

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LONDON, Aug. 28.—The doors of British laboratories, studies and observatories were opened this week to throw the light of pitiless publicity on the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which met in Cardiff. There were revealed, incidentally, realms which were not dreamed of in the philosophies of Dan and Beersheba, much less contained within those reputed wide limits. Learned gentlemen discussed before sections of the association such abstract, academic subjects as Einstein's theory of the magnetic deflection of light, sources of subatomic energy, and the probable future duration of this world, in view of its horrible "rocks."

But whether the British scientific man has taken a practical turn because of his practical employment during the war, or whether British journalists succeeded in effecting a triumph in translating the proceedings into everyday language, the conference did consider such matters as the street subjects as why "booms" are a bail, the probability of the kippered herring holding out to supply the British breakfast tables, the gross national product of the Pacific war, the coercion bill and which nation will "go broke" first in view of the present international economic chaos.

Incidentally, bets were on America in the last named cheerful contest, while in so far as the Versailles treaty was concerned, comment, upon which labor ethnography and anthropological reports in Cardiff, who insisted that the Government ought to have hired them.

Dark Outlook for United States.

Dr. J. H. Clapham of King's College, Cambridge, was the prophet of evil for America. He asserted that the United States, as a newly established creditor nation, was in the same position as England after the Napoleonic wars, with a huge exportable surplus of food, iron and steel products, and unwilling to accept foreign goods in payment for their debt. Although he was a pessimist, Clapham predicted that the industrial and commercial depression in all countries with inflated currencies, England, he said, was in the best shape with regard to the currency situation, and America in the worst. He predicted a point of her unaccustomed role as a creditor nation.

Clapham cut off one of the chief means of payment in kind through prohibition, thus cutting off wine from France, for instance, he said. "While the tax on wine will soon see the truth of the saying that 'a country which won't buy, neither shall she sell.'"

It was Prof. Karl Pearson, in the anthropological section, who first attacked the anthropological aspects of modern statesmanship, instancing the relations with Ireland, India, Egypt, Italy and America as proof that the Government ought to hire some man handy in the anthropological aspects of national psychology. He had also to admit to his ethnographical brethren in Downing Street that "it was only necessary to study the peace of Versailles to see that it was ethnologically unsound and not positive of being permanent." He stated that it was not so far as to say that, if the science of man had been developed to the same extent as the physical sciences in all European countries, there would have been no war, but he did not state that it would have been a war of a different character and that European society and culture would not now hang in the balance, as they do at the present moment certainly do. He declared that the outbreaks of science would not come until the troglodyte mentality was bred out of man.

New Buildings Wipe Out London of Dickens' Day

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FEAR BRUSSELS CONGRESS WILL NOT AID FINANCE

French Expect It to Produce Little More Than Mystifying Statistics.

NEW STANDARD NEEDED

Money Experts Urged to Plan Remedy—Attitude of U. S. an Important Factor.

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PARIS, Aug. 28.—Fear that the Brussels Financial Congress will produce nothing more than a series of platonic resolutions intermingled with a mass of mystifying statistics is beginning to be evidenced by the French press, which is urging the financial experts of this country to be ready to suggest a tangible solution of Europe's difficulties instead of worrying about whether Germany is going to heed her obligations.

"Unless they are able to do this," says Jean Bertrand, writing in the *Homme Libre*, which is generally regarded as expressing Georges Clemenceau's views, "the result of the conference will throw discredit on the League of Nations instead of confidence, which it was hoped would be increased by the congress."

"The institution of a new financial order throughout the whole world is the only possible means of convincing the public of the utility and the vitality of the league," he adds.

Would End Money Fluctuations.

The only suggestion so far advanced is that the nations adopt a definite financial standard, thereby relieving depreciated currencies from the effect of the daily fluctuations, which are usually due to speculation rather than to any real divergence of values. How, says M. Bertrand, points out that the greater need is for the direction of the gold surplus toward the countries which are able to export, thereby inducing more intensive production.

"The needs of England, France and Italy cannot be covered by exterior loans," he says. "The nations must endeavor to restore pre-war conditions. Moreover, we have nothing to gain by falling to face the facts as they exist."

Some French experts believe that an international agreement, unlimited except by the ability of nations to export, would solve the problem, inasmuch as England, France and Belgium succeeded in stabilizing their budgets for this year. On the other hand, the more national is that gold holding nations like the United States write off the war debt they hold in return for trade concessions.

In France's case this would be effected, for instance, by the relinquishment by the French Government of the traditional protection of the so-called "luxury industries"; but this is not likely to get serious consideration because of the disinclination of the French to do like certain breeds of cattle are immune from the foot and mouth disease, just as certain varieties of potatoes are immune from the wart disease. In this connection it was recalled that the work of the Foot and Mouth Commission in India in 1912 was rendered abortive by the discovery that Indian cattle were not subject to the disease.

Chance Gone for a Wedge.

The adoption of the American tobacco men's offer to take over the French Government's tobacco monopoly might have provided a wedge for the recognition of the American dollar as the standard of exchange. The French finance officials that the scheme was no longer being considered.

May Weed Out Immunes.

Although it is impossible for officials of the Ministry of Agriculture to forecast the result of the investigation, they are said to be confident that a certain valuable amount of data would be obtained which would be of great benefit to stock breeders. For example, it was said, it may be found that certain breeds of cattle are immune from the foot and mouth disease, just as certain varieties of potatoes are immune from the wart disease. In this connection it was recalled that the work of the Foot and Mouth Commission in India in 1912 was rendered abortive by the discovery that Indian cattle were not subject to the disease.

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Will Do All Work at Sea.

One of the novel features which will characterize these experiments is that the work will be done at sea, since the foot and mouth disease is held to be contagious, and no chances will be taken that would make possible its spread. It is the purpose of the Admiralty and the Ministry of Agriculture that, obsolete vessels be used for the experiments, and that these vessels be equipped with laboratories and all facilities for the carrying on of the work, which will be begun immediately.

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Tercentenary Celebration of Sailing of the Fathers to Open Friday.

PREMIER MAY ATTEND

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