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HOW FAR IS EUROPE FROM FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL BANKRUPTCY?

The question contained in the headlines has been a subject of careful study by Henry P. Davidson. Mr. Davidson is a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and also, ex-officio head of the League of Red Cross Societies which comprises all the Red Cross societies of the world, except those of the Central Powers. He has just returned from over seas with a mass of information which makes his report exceedingly valuable. We, of course, have not sufficient space for his entire report, but the following extract from the financial portion of the report is of great interest.

The depreciation of the currencies of some of these countries, as valued in dollars, is unbelievable. According to market quotations of April 10, it ran as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Percentage. Austria 97.53 per cent, Hungary 97.48 per cent, Germany 92.32 per cent, Greece 43.26 per cent, Roumania 91.81 per cent, Poland 97.98 per cent, Czechoslovakia 92.78 per cent.

In other words, if the peoples of these countries tried to buy materials and supplies in America at the present market values of their currencies, Austria would have to pay approximately forty times the normal cost, Germany thirteen times, Greece just double, Czechoslovakia fourteen times and Poland fifty.

These figures are official and are the only index which can briefly give any comprehension of the economic conditions inside these countries. Their currencies are depreciated because they have neither gold nor sufficient production with which to maintain their normal position with the United States or with their immediate neighbors. Until each such country is able to produce sufficient to maintain itself, either from within or by importing in exchange for gold or goods, it cannot hope for normal conditions, if indeed it can hope to survive.

The great question you have to face, he continued, "is this: Are you going to stand by and wait for Europe's troubles to come after you, as come they will, or are you going out to help Europe?"

MOUNTAIN TRADITIONS

(From The Washington Star.) "Rip Van Winkle," said the teacher who keeps the class interested by telling stories, "went into the mountains, took a drink with some strange people, and slept for twenty years."

TAFT ON JOHNSON.

(Waterloo Times-Tribune) Ex-President Taft is enjoying himself somewhat by writing a political letter which is widely circulated by the Philadelphia Public Ledger which employs him. Perhaps Mr. Taft has more readers—as many big papers subscribe for the service—than any other republican writer.

In his latest letter the ex-President hits on the candidacy of Senator H. Johnson for the republican nomination for president. He says: "The strength of Senator Johnson in centers where the pro-Germans, the Sinn Feiners, the radical labor men, Nonpartisan Leaguers and Socialists are strong, while it may not frighten leaders of the republican party, because they still regard Johnson's nomination as impossible, does disturb them. It has the effect to brighten their interest in the California fight between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hoover. They would be much pleased if Mr. Hoover were to beat Mr. Johnson in California. This is because it would greatly minimize the latter's influence in respect to the party platform and the danger to the republican ticket which his possible bolting the republican ticket and running as an independent candidate would create. It would show that he does not control California as he has in the past. It would prove that his strength now comes largely from elements that would not support any candidate but himself on the republican ticket, and that his independent candidacy, at the head of a pro-German, Sinn Feiner and Laborite Nonpartisan league ticket would weaken not the republicans but the democrats."

Mr. Taft's finding is given more force by the results in New Jersey. If he has not won out over Gen. Wood there, he is so close as to make things exceedingly uncomfortable for Wood. The General cannot lay claim to much of a victory in New Jersey, where, of all states he should have made a good showing against the Californian. The result shows that Johnson got just the vote that Taft says he got in other states, including Michigan and Nebraska. A great many of the old Hitchcock standbys in Nebraska went over to Johnson on the treaty issue. They found in Nebraska, as they are finding elsewhere, as they found in Chicago, where over 40,000 people wrote Johnson's name on the primary ballot—considerable trouble—that he is getting the vote of the pro-Germans and Sinn Feiners al-

most solid. It is the hope of Mr. Taft that this vote will not control the republican convention but he cannot be too sure about this. Johnson is billed to carry California. It is not possible, with the showing he is making elsewhere, that California will overlook the opportunity Johnson's candidacy offers for such a chance thing as Hoover's success. If there is one state in the union partial to a sure thing it is California.

Mr. Taft's comments lead up to the question: What is the republican party going to do with Johnson? Taft admits it is something of a problem.

If the Allies want to do the right thing they might give this country a mandate over Palestine. There are 33 times as many Jews in the United States as there are in Palestine and 11 times as many as there are in the British Isles. The Jewish population of the United States exceeds 3,000,000.

Farmers have no use for daylight saving laws, because they never waste any daylight. And then there are others opposed to daylight saving because they are opposed to saving anything.

Johnson has beaten Hoover in California and fought Wood to a standstill in New Jersey. As a presidential candidate, Johnson is a good deal more than a joke.

WORKING CLASSES IN CONTROL IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Last Wednesday Sir Auckland Geddes the new British ambassador to this country, in an address before the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce, at Atlantic City, N. J., said that the changes wrought by the war in England, "almost deserve the title of revolution."

He said that the working classes in Great Britain now hold "ultimate political power."

"They seek to limit the nation's power," the speaker declared, "to secure tranquility in Asia Minor, in Asia and Africa. Silently and without fuss they have reduced the army to a strength many think barely sufficient to police the empire. They are determined to deal with problems of health, housing and education. They see clearly that to secure their purpose they have to end the racecourse and amusements which have torn Europe and brought her to the brink of disaster."

"The great question you have to face," he continued, "is this: Are you going to stand by and wait for Europe's troubles to come after you, as come they will, or are you going out to help Europe?"

BY ORDER OF THE KAISER.

(From The New York World.) It was by Kaiser Wilhelm's personal command, issued January 9, 1917, that the U-boat campaign of ruthlessness which brought the United States into the war was launched. The order bearing his signature was published for the first time in The Sunday World of yesterday, together with a long memorandum prepared by Admiral von Holtzendorff, Chief of the German Admiralty Staff, in support of this desperate policy. The copy which was secured from the files of the German Foreign Office reads:

(Strictly Secret.) General Headquarters, Jan. 9, 1917. I order the unrestricted submarine war to be started with full energy on Feb. 1. You must make all necessary preparations immediately in such a way that this purpose is not prematurely recognized by the enemy and the neutrals. The essential plans of operations are to be submitted to me. A copy of this is to be handed to the Imperial Chancellor.

WILHELM I. R.

The evidence leaves no room for dispute or evasion. It was not over the Kaiser's protest or in disregard of his scruples, as has sometimes been pretended, that Germany was committed to the plan, but with his approval and by his direct order delivered three weeks in advance.

CUMMINGS RIDDLES PEACE BY RESOLUTION.

Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National committee, says "that the Republican party in the name of peace proposes dishonor." Discussing the details of the Knox peace resolution, Mr. Cummings said: "An analysis of the resolution discloses that, first, it recognizes the defect in the recent House resolution, which attempted to make a separate treaty with Germany by act of Congress. Second, as an alternative proposition, it requests the President to commence negotiations for a separate peace with Germany. "Third, it seeks to terminate, by a paper resolution, a state of war without protecting American rights. Fourth, it attempts to take advantage of the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles without becoming a party to that treaty, and fifth, it requests the President to negotiate a separate peace with Austria. "These are the outstanding features of the resolution. If any group of leaders a year ago had dared to suggest that we should abandon our allies and negotiate a separate treaty of peace they would have found themselves isolated and discredited. "Republican leaders have lost their moral sense in their mad lust of power. There has not been one moment since November, 1918, during

which America has not suffered in honor, prestige and power as the result of the elections of that year. Since that time everything has been in confusion and the frantic attempts of Republican leaders to find a legal method in which to do the dishonorable thing merely adds to the confusion."

DELAWARE.

Last Wednesday being the 17th birthday of Myron Angell about twenty of his class mates came over from Earlville and helped him celebrate. Music, games and a dainty luncheon completed the evenings' entertainment, and all report a fine time.

Mrs. Jake Pettion and daughter Josie, of Manchester, spent Thursday at the Rob Sheldon home.

Mrs. Deloa Gillespie of California arrived here Friday to visit relatives. Mr. Fred Roloff of Arlington, who is studying for the ministry in Dubuque, visited relatives here Monday, while enroute back to his school work after visiting his parents in Arlington.

Mrs. Birney Davis entertained the Larkin club at her home Friday afternoon.

Dell Zirtzman of Dubuque, spent Friday night with home folks. Mrs. Sackett returned from Dubuque, while enroute back to his school work after visiting his parents in Arlington.

Mrs. Birney Davis entertained the Larkin club at her home Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Nels Johnson will entertain the Swedish Ladies Aid at her home on May 13th.

Mrs. Mortinson was a passenger to Dubuque the fore part of the week. Wilma Anderson came up from Waterloo, Sunday.

Mrs. Tillie Gillespie and son Gladwyn were Dubuque visitors, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis of Manchester were callers in town Monday.

Chas. Glenapp hurt his arm quite badly Saturday, while cranking a car. Carl Orberg of Manchester, visited his parents here, Monday.

Roberta Davis of Manchester visited friends and relatives here Sunday. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sheppard Sunday and left a fine big boy.

Mrs. Ned Paris and Mrs. Ivan Boona went to Manchester Monday to see their mother Mrs. Will Davis who is suffering with neuritis.

A. E. Larson and family of Earlville, spent Sunday at the R. C. Harvey home.

Phil Paris and family were Sunday guests at the Chas. Corral home. Carl Glenapp and family and Herman Zirtzman and family were Manchester shoppers, Saturday.

The play which was to be given on April 24th but was postponed on account of sickness, will be given Monday night, May 10th, at the hall. "The Kingdom of Hearts Content" is the name of the play, and will be given by the young people for the benefit of the Cemetery Society. The scene, Colorado; time, present day; Act 1, Earlport; Lansing Summer Cottage in summer; Act 2 Library in the Lansing town house; four months later; Act 3 same as act 2, next day. Characters: Tom Lansing, a senior in college; Elton Minkler, a Boston law student; Nels Nelson; Sidney Hilton, a student card shark; Clifford Davis; Billy Merrill, a little freshman; Eddie Gaetzko; Ralph Gillespie, a football coach; Gladwyn Gillespie; Tillie, a maid who loves the butcher boy, Gusta Voelchow; the burglar, a knight of the Jimmy; Ernest Claus; Millicent Merrill, in search of her prince, Betty Nelson; Shirley Hathaway, who thinks the world of Ralph; Ruth Meader; Dixie Davis, a superstitious southern creed, Mamie Smith; Madge Lansing hostess to Sing Sing cottage; Josie Smith; Eloise Elmer, a devotee of art and adjectives; Gladys Roloff; Frances Palmer, with literary aspirations; Margie Meader; Gretchen Lansing, wants to grow up Pearl Shaw; Amy Dean, a co-ed who loves foot-ball; Mable Zirtzman; Pauline Thayer, known as Panch and Judy; Pearl Smith and Ethel Glenapp; Mrs. Wilberton, aunt to Madge Gretchen and Tom and Lilly Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baruse and son of Rock Island, spent a couple of days at the Harry Othmar home. The Misses Margaret Nauman and Marvel Dyer, delegates from Dyersville to the Christian Endeavor meeting at Earlville last week, visited at the Chas. and Harold Angell homes.

Rob Sheldon and family spent Sunday at the Clarence Pettion home near Delhi.

HOPKINTON.

L. C. Kearhart, of Chicago, was a visitor for a few days last week with his brothers N. A. and David Kearhart. Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. U. T. Wheelness and Mrs. H. Jeffries spent Thursday in Monticello.

Mrs. J. G. Doan and Mrs. Wrd arrived Thursday from Chicago, and will make their home in Hopkinton for the summer.

Miss Luella Smith of Des Moines, visited for several days at the Landers home, Mrs. Norman Landers, Jr. George Griffith and family of Greeley were Sunday visitors with relatives in town.

Mrs. Tourtelot left Thursday morning for the home of her daughter in Austinville.

James Belknap went to Detroit to drive home a Dodge car.

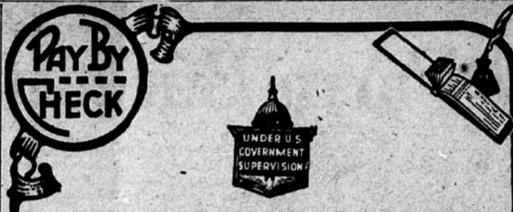
Mrs. John Chrystal of St. Paul, was a visitor Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Ferguson.

L. J. Stoddard has moved into the Boston residence which he recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheelless have moved to Sand Spring and their residence has been rented to Verne Wheelless for the coming year.

The Academy play "Deacon Dubbs," was enjoyed by a full house last Friday evening and the players repeated it Wednesday evening at Delhi for the benefit of the W. R. C. and report a crowded house.

The following teachers have been engaged for the public schools for the next year: Mrs. Margaret Belknap, the sixth and seventh grades; Miss Ethel Elliott, of Fairbank, the fourth



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and fifth grades: Miss Marie Tucker, of Mechanicville, the second and third grades and Miss Elizabeth Burchell of Clarence, the primary. The high school teachers have not yet been engaged.

The Y. W. C. A. girls had a candy stand at the play Friday evening. They will give a May breakfast soon. The proceeds will go to send members to the conference at Lake Geneva, this summer.

The funeral of Mrs. Armstrong Sloan, who died at her home in Monticello, was held here Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Ensign of Hopkinton, to which place the body was brought for burial. Mrs. Sloan was a sister of the late Mrs. Duncan MacAllister. Ann Blanche was born in Ireland on August 20, 1840, and was united in marriage to Armstrong Sloan in 1870. She came to America in 1880. Mrs. Sloan was a kind and faithful woman, a true friend and a kind neighbor. She leaves her husband and one daughter.

Rev. W. H. Ensign will go to Oelwein this week to assist in the installation of a pastor of the Presbyterian church of that city. He also expects to go to Lime Springs to look after church interests.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church held a May Tea last Saturday evening in the Commercial club room, at which they took in over \$40.00.

Word was received last week of the death of Charles Voorhees, who before the Civil War resided in Hopkinton. His father, Alexandria Voorhees, was Captain of Co. K, 21st Iowa Infantry. Charles Voorhees was a brother-in-law of R. C. Crawford and had for many years lived in Albion, Neb.

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