

EMERGENCY DESPAIN, SAYS U. S. SENATOR

Catastrophe Near, Declares Medill McCormick.

HATE CONTINENT'S CURSE

Flight Held Hopeless Unless People Can Be Moved by Christian Will Toward Peace.

BY GRAPTON WILCOX. (By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, who has just returned from Europe, declared today, in commenting upon the conditions abroad that the financial situation of the governments of Europe is so desperate that most serious events may befall within a short time unless the victors of the great war inject more wisdom and prudence into their policy of dealing with the problems in the wake of that conflict.

The Illinois senator declared that agreement upon a sound and "realistic" program of reconstruction of the reparations problem was imperative or the franc and lire would soon follow the mark, crown and ruble in declining economic conditions abroad would be crushing. "The financial situation of many of the governments of Europe is so desperate," said Senator McCormick, "is so desperate, the economic condition of the people who support them is so serious, that we may expect the gravest events before the end of the winter unless the European victors in the late war act with an economic wisdom, prudence and foresight hitherto foreign to their policy."

Ruhr Occupation Perilous. "France has suffered terribly. France seeks indemnities for her losses and security for her frontiers, but they can only be found conformably with economic realities. The contemplated occupation of the Ruhr as far as Essen by five divisions of French troops—or by foreign troops at all—is nowhere approved in Europe, outside of France.

"The proposal is disapproved by the overwhelming majority of responsible and representative Americans in all the European countries which would be affected by its consummation. They share the opinion of European economists and financiers that no economic advantage would accrue to France from such a course, but that on the contrary it would lead to the hurt of France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain, Scandinavia and America, through the injury to German credit, industry and trade.

"It is the judgment of impartial and informed persons that the occupation of the Ruhr must result in the abatement of industry by the populations of the basin, which will further delay and diminish the payment of reparations.

Hunger Riots Forecast. "It may be said in this connection that French military authorities in Germany, American and British diplomats, together with German officials, agree that there will be hunger riots in Germany this winter. Germany needs more than \$100,000,000 worth of American wheat, which she has no present means of buying.

"If the government cannot agree upon a sound and realistic program for the definite and final settlement of the total sum of reparations which Germany shall pay and can pay, if they cannot agree among themselves and with bankers and investors upon a plan which will stabilize German currency and may expect the franc and the lire to start down the declivity in pursuit of the mark, the crown and the ruble.

"The terms of the new reparations settlement manifestly ought to include: (A) Priority of payments for the reconstruction of the ruins of northern France; (B) American loans to Germany for several years, conditional upon an adequately secured bankers' loan to stabilize the mark, to balance the current budget and to contribute to French construction this year; (C) the prompt withdrawal of the barbarian or semi-barbarian Mohammedan troops from the Rhine and the progressive withdrawal of other troops as the terms of the moratorium and reparations agreement are fulfilled by Germany.

Mutual Hate Must Go. "A plan devised upon these general bases is indispensable to the solvency and credit of the state in France and Germany alike, to the rehabilitation of industry in Germany and so to the recovery of reparations by France.

"More important to the rehabilitation of Europe than any agreement between statesmen and financiers can be, is the exorcism of the spirit of hate which animates governments and peoples. Unless the peoples are moved by Christian will to peace and by Christian charity there can be no real peace in Europe."

Indications today are that the lines in the senate are becoming more closely drawn over the resolution by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, for the president to call an international conference to consider Europe's economic ills. Conferences of administration leaders on the subject are to be resumed tomorrow and Senator Lodge, republican, Massachusetts, who opposes the resolution, is expected soon to address the senate on the subject. Senator McCormick is also expected to express himself on the proposal in the near future. Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, today declared opposition to the Borah plan.

WILSON TO PLAY GAME

(Continued From First Page.) ending of his term of office. The White House was naturally enough as a means of avoiding complete subordination of activity on the part of a man who had so long and so vigorously to intense activity in his years of public life. But it was equally natural that a man of Mr. Wilson's meticulous standards of propriety should have discovered that his position as an ex-president was a liability rather than an asset in the practice of the law. A man with different standards might have found that his public career would bring to him a volume of the most important practice. But it is equally easy to see that to a man of Mr. Wilson's sense of what is fitting, it was precisely the most important part of his practice which might raise questions of delicacy about his participation in the cases as an advocate. It is undoubtedly true that the coming freedom from even any

DIRECTOR OF LONDON'S MILITANT UNEMPLOYED.



This recent photograph shows Wal Hannington, who is in charge of London's great army of unemployed who have been staging demonstrations in London's busy thoroughfares. This photo shows a fighting pose of Mr. Hannington taken at a recent meeting in London.

slight preoccupation about his law office, coupled with the marked improvement in his health, will bring about further activity in public affairs. Just how far this activity may go is a subject of frequent and acute interest to discussion on the part of Mr. Wilson's friends and associates. To a certain extent, also, it is the occasion of a different sort of comment, in which sympathy for the man is mingled with cautious not distant from apprehension on the part of his political opponents.

Some of Mr. Wilson's friends do not hesitate to permit themselves to indulge in a vision of him as so vital and active a leader of democratic thought as to be dominant in the party. The better judgment of his friends, however, is that their meticulous consideration for his health will cause them to hesitate about urging him to undertake the responsibility that would necessarily accompany anything in the way of active dominance.

Place Grows More Elevated. On all sides it is agreed that Mr. Wilson's place in the world grows more elevated daily. In a dramatically unique way, of which it is difficult to think of any parallel, Mr. Wilson's position is curiously and impressively on the border line between potent activity in present events and the thing that is commonly phrased as "his place in history." Not only locally in Washington, but throughout the world, there is a steadily rising valuation of the personal part that Wilson has played in history already past as well as of the dignity with which he has carried himself since his retirement.

Silence Is Explained. For example, in explanation of his silence about the policies and acts of the republican administration Mr. Wilson is quoted as having said that he "proposes to show Mr. Harding how an ex-president should behave." Not only that, but in the judgment of Washington, Mr. Wilson is credited with the disposition to contribute something concrete and valuable to our national traditions in the shape of a standard of good state for ex-presidents.

As regards Mr. Wilson's refraining from criticism, either private or public, of the present conduct of our foreign relations, so different from his own vision, and his refusal to join in the opposition to the administration's four-power treaty, he is credited with having counselled his followers that if the republican administration has a plan for the future, they are entitled to the chance to try it out without embarrassment, that if this plan is not inherently best, time will show it, and that if his own plan of the league of nations is right, time can be trusted to bring the world around to it.

Fund May Be Completed. One of the several celebrations of Mr. Wilson's birthday may take the shape of a formal completion of the collecting of \$1,000,000, for what is to be known as the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which is officially described as "created by public subscription in recognition of the national and international services of Woodrow Wilson, twice president of the United States, who furthered the cause of human freedom, and was instrumental in pointing out effective methods for the co-operation of the liberal forces of mankind throughout the world."

The purpose of the foundation, to which the income from the fund is to be devoted, is officially described in the following words: "The awards from the income of the foundation will be made from time to time by a nationally constituted committee to the individual or group that has rendered within a specified period meritorious service to democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace through justice."

Ban Put on Building. In the gossip of Washington it is said that, while Mr. Wilson was finally prevailed upon not to forbid the creation of this fund during his lifetime, he gave his assent only upon one condition and that was that this would be the only condition which would impose—that no dollar of the income should ever be expended in the shape of stone for building or any other form of material monu-

ENGLAND CHEERFUL DESPITE TROUBLES

All Skeletons Put Away for Happy Christmas.

CRITICAL DAYS AHEAD

If Poincare Pursues Policy of Ruining Germany, Entente Ends, Says Writer.

BY A. G. GARDNER, British Government Editor. (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(Special Cable.)—The indomitable spirit of Christmas spreads over the land. London never has been more cheerful. Never has it seemed more prosperous. The streets are full of people laden with parcels. The shops are jammed, the theaters are overcrowded, hotels are full. All skeletons have been put away for the season. The Turkish skeleton is securely buried at Lausanne, doubtless with the prospect of an early resurrection. The Ruhr skeleton has been put in the cupboard until next Christmas is over. The unemployment skeleton—most sinister of all facing England—is not to be permitted to cast a shadow over the feast. The entire nation is determined to enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas despite these skeletons in the various closets. Indeed, we have got so accustomed to skeletons that we almost have ceased to be afraid of them. They seem to belong to the very nature of things.

Undoubtedly one cause of the general cheerful feeling throughout the country is the recent political explosion. Everybody seems relieved at the disappearance of coalition and the return to strict party lines. The public, realizing the evils of the late political dictatorship, rejoices in the restoration of parliamentary government. Even the liberals agree that Premier Bonar Law is acting with moderation and wisdom. He displays no disposition to imitate the stunts of his predecessor or to make himself a sort of Barnum showman.

Moreover, Law's quiet, decent method of gaining prestige by a succession of disclosures which is making havoc of the remnants of Lloyd George's reputation has won the approval of the country. Almost daily new light is thrown on the ex-premier's responsibility for the Greek disaster. There is a deepening realization that this country has been involved up to its neck in one of the most deplorable tragedies of history. The attempt of Lloyd George and Birkenhead to throw the blame on Curzon has ended in a grotesque fiasco and apoplexy. Never was an engineer so completely hoisted with his own petard.

Serious Aspect Seen. The public is always more interested in comedy than tragedy. It is rooking with laughter over the priceless pantomime staged by Lloyd George in collaboration with the Hearst press in the United States. It is agreed that there is a serious aspect to the matter. British statesmanship never before has been mixed up in an affair of this sort. But the comedy aspect commands the chief interest. The circumstances in which Lloyd George first contracted for publication of his memoirs at a fabulous price and then after public criticism waxed warm, announced his intention of giving the proceeds to charity after ward entering into this new undertaking, has resulted in his action being mercilessly criticized by a united press here.

Plea of "Poor Man" Falls. The plea of the ex-prime minister that he is a poor man and must earn a living has not helped him. Even poor men, especially ex-prime ministers, are expected to have certain traditions. Moreover, it is being pointed out very plainly that he is not entitled to call himself a poor man. Apart from anything else he receives an annual income of \$10,000 under the Carnegie will. This is not a great fortune, but enough to keep the wolf from the door.

This incident has done more than anything else to complete the amazing discredit into which the light of the late premier has been eclipsed. His prospects of political resurrection are rapidly reaching zero. He still apparently clings to the hope of restoring his personal party, but now the leaves and fishes of office are no longer in his gift and there is a marked tendency on the part of his followers to fall away.

Critical Days Ahead. His attacks on French policy are unappreciated even by those who deplore the attitude assumed by France. He is not in a position to make them, for he was more responsible than anybody else for giving France the impression that England would support her in extravagant demands on Germany. It has been left to his successors to disabuse France of that idea. This disabuse, which is what affects the next few weeks will indicate. It is the impression here that while military occupation of the Ruhr will not be attempted, economic occupation will. This is the same thing under a disguise.

France cannot work the Ruhr without bygone or without the good will of the German people. It cannot control German customs or forests without the same conditions. England will have nothing to do with such policies. She refuses to treat Germany as a bankrupt to be maintained in a condition of eternal bankruptcy of Europe and the bank.

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ATLANTIC GALE FURIOUS

Distress Calls Received, While Several Craft Are Battered. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—Reports accumulate of the violence of the gale which has prevailed in the Atlantic. The captain of the steamer

rupter of England as well. Critical days are before us. If Poincare pursues his announced policy the entente ends.

Who shall say what follows? New Columbia, which returned to port to replenish her oil fuel supply, said she had received a "SOS" from three ships, to which he replied but heard no more. He believed that the Celtic's lifeboats and deck fittings were smashed and the third-

class saloon flooded, compelling removal of the passengers to other quarters. The Carmanit, which arrived Saturday, reports she was obliged to heave to for six hours Friday. She lost lifeboats and suffered considerable damage to her decks.

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