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Economic Conditions Impress War Defeat Upon Germans

BERLIN, (AP)—Even the bitterest enemies of Germany, the enemies who have been most insistent in their declarations that Germany does not realize she has lost the war, would probably feel that Germans very generally realize their defeat if they could see the average German family struggling for sufficient food in the midst of unemployment, currency rolls [illegible] and indisposition of producers to exchange products of the land for paper marks which may be obtained by the billion in exchange for a single dollar.

When former Chancellor Cuno told American newspapers that Germans realize they lost the war, he voiced the untruth. There may have been millions of Germans who had not come to that realization before the mark declined to a point where a dollar brought one million marks, but when the mark fell below the value of the Russian paper ruble, German pride had such a fall that even the most recalcitrant followers of the ex-Kaiser were humbled.

Industrialists may have profited by the drop in the mark, as is generally charged abroad; bankers may have reaped a big harvest (they have made extensive improvements in their buildings and expended fabulous sums in paper marks for betterments), but the distress of the average middle-class family cannot be questioned by a foreign observer who makes a study of the conditions in Germany, especially in the cities.

The middle class has been reduced to penury. With the unemployment following the closing down of so many factories because of the lack of fuel and raw materials and the upset condition of transportation, the laborers and their families are rapidly getting into the same distress that has hitherto been confined largely to white-collar folks.

Most factories which have not closed are working only part time, and the wages have not kept pace with the decline in the mark and the increase in the price of fuel and foodstuffs. The unemployment doles are insufficient to supply even bread to the average family. Food riots are an everyday occurrence in most populous centers.

The average German mother realizes as she never realized before that Germany lost the war. The despair written on the faces of women in the markets when they inquire the prices of meat and potatoes and find their billions of marks will not buy a single meal for their children is a tragic demonstration of that realization.

Rural Germany fares better than the cities and larger towns. The peasants have good crops, and they have little sympathy with the food-rioting in the cities. That spells Bolshevism to them. If they go to cities with their produce they fear they will be attacked by the food rioters and robbed of their produce.

Milk and butter and meat are still obtainable in the smaller towns and country, and the gentry is relatively not badly situated for the moment. But their time is coming when gold taxes must be levied and collected, as they must be to meet Germany's obligations. When all realty begins to bear the burden to pay Germany's obligations rents must be advanced to a point which will drive home the sting of defeat.

Foreigners who come to Germany with the impression that Germans are having a comparatively easy time and are escaping the consequences of the war soon realize that the average man's lot in Germany is pretty hard. And the average woman's lot is harder. Keeping a family fed and clothed is a maddening problem in these days of shrunken incomes and fantastic prices.

Shabbiness and want are in such general evidence that the few tourists who invade Germany do not stay long. It is a poor place for a pleasure seeker.

There can be little doubt that the great majority of Germans of all classes now realize they lost the war. They realize it with great bitterness, for the most part, perhaps. This bitterness directs itself chiefly against the French. The United States and Italy is seldom mentioned. England is excused in a measure. British criticism of the French occupation of the Ruhr has softened the attitude toward England.

Debutante

Miss Katherine Wrenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wrenn, will be introduced to Washington society this coming season. She is a popular member of the younger set.

Actresses Squabble Over Who Plays Stellar Part

NEW YORK, (I.N.S.)—With the leading role in a Broadway production as the bone of contention and two internationally prominent women as the chief participants, a dispute that promises to be the sensation of the theatrical world seems imminent in New York.

Lady Diana Manners, hailed as one of England's most beautiful women, and Princess Matchabelli, an Italian actress whose stage name is Maria Carmi, will wage a battle of wits to determine which one will be given the leading role in "The Miracle," to be staged by Max Reinhardt at the Century Theatre during the Christmas holidays.

Through some error both actresses have contracts to appear in the leading role, and neither one proposes to relinquish the honor to the other if she can help it.

The producer's efforts to soothe the feelings of the two actresses have proved futile. Lady Diana Manners appears to be the more incensed of the two, no doubt because she is said to have signed a contract before Princess Matchabelli.

In an effort to effect a compromise it has been suggested that the two actresses alternate in taking the leading role, but neither is willing to yield on opening night, regarded as more important than all other performances put together.

Lady Diana Manners and Princess Matchabelli, both titled actresses have long been prominent among European society and stage folk. Lady Diana's war romance, preceding her marriage to Captain Duff-Cooper in 1919, was the talk of the continent. Since then she has been starred in moving pictures.

Having appeared in the leading role of "The Miracle" in London in 1912 and later in other cities on the continent, the Princess does not propose to give up her contract. Her claim is strengthened, it is said, by the fact she was formerly the wife of Dr. Karl Vollmoeller, who wrote "The Miracle."

Peru Deports Judge.

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Dr. German Leguia Y. Martinez, the supreme court judge recently arrested in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow the government, was deported with his sons Thursday on a steamer leaving for Colon.

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SPORT NEWS

Union Wallops Hermiston High 13-0; Bucks Win

Pendleton Defeated Baker's Weakened Team 77 to 0 at Pendleton.

UNION, (Special)—The Hermiston High School football team and their coach, Mr. Graybar came over Thanksgiving Day expecting to add another victory to their record but Union thought differently. The game was played at the Hall lumber yard as the gridiron out at the fair grounds was partly under water. The local boys started off with a pep that presaged victory and during the entire game the ball was generally in the enemy territory. Union made yardage mainly by end runs and forward passes, although several of the latter failed, while Hermiston made most of her advancing by line plunges. A place kick and end run by Blacker were the features of the first quarter which was without score. In the second quarter Union lost the ball on a long pass, both teams [illegible] to get the ball out of the danger zone, and when Hermiston [illegible] pleted a long pass [illegible] the line, [illegible] quarter ended with [illegible] in about fifteen yards of a touchdown. Five minutes more play and they might have scored. In the third quarter Hermiston lost on downs but [illegible] more from the ball again. Attempting another pass, they failed, one of our boys catching the ball. Union lost fifteen yards on a penalty but immediately regained the lost ground by completing a long pass. When the fourth quarter started Union easily forced the ball over for another touchdown. This time the ball went over and the score stood 13-0. With about nine minutes to play Hermiston repeatedly tried to make yardage by passes, but almost all of them were broken up. Failing in this they punted and Union pulled a false change of men, Jenson being sent near the side line. Catching the punt he raced to the fifteen yard line before Hermiston could stop him. Union then fumbled the ball and Hermiston tried one pass and an end run, the latter getting them about nine yards just as the whistle blew. Dr. [illegible] refereed and the Hermiston coach acted as umpire. After the game the visiting team went to the Union Hotel to enjoy a chicken dinner which had been arranged for by the Union Commercial Club. This game ends the 1922 football season for Union with three victories, three defeats and one tied game as their record.

Owing to the muddy condition of the weather only a few small crowd of fans turned out to see the game.

BAKER (Special to the Observer) —Baker high school's team, weakened by the loss of several first team men, met defeat at Pendleton Thanksgiving Day 77 to 0. The Pendleton team scored at will throughout the game.

Nebraska Wins From Kansas Aggies 32 to 12

LINCOLN, Neb. (By the Associated Press)—Nebraska university overwhelmed the Kansas Agriculture college eleven in the final game of the football season here, 34 to 12.

The Nebraska scoring attack, headed by Dave Noble and Red Hartman, crushed the Aggies' defense, the Cornhuskers backs plunging for 24 first downs and making yardage only twice by forward passes.

BOISE REALTOR AT HOT LAKE

Many La Grande People Enrolled at the Sanatorium This Week.

HOT LAKE, (Special)—Walter E. Pierce, prominent real estate man of Boise, Ida., with Mrs. Pierce and their two children paid one of his regular visits to Dr. W. T. Phy last week-end. Mr. Pierce is one of the Boise business men who have raised $150,000 to bring the main line of the Union Pacific through their city and he is very optimistic over the things this change will mean to Boise's development.

H. J. Rauch, a contractor from Wallowa, is one of the Thanksgiving week arrivals at the sanatorium.

Among the La Grande residents who have come to the sanatorium for treatment this past week are Mrs. Bruce Hendrick, Fred Macey, Ruth Baxter, Mrs. George Cochran, Mrs. A. M. Hunter, E. Allen, Mrs. V. Hansen, H. H. Deputy and John Baron.

The editor of the Yakima Republican, W. W. Robertson, was a Washington guest at the sanatorium the latter part of the week. Robertson was accompanied by Hank Noll, also of Yakima.

The opening of the Arcade theater attracted 25 residents of the sanatorium to La Grande Monday evening. Those who took in parties in their cars were Dr. Phy, D. C. Boyles, Oliver Dasch and Mrs. Grace Barrie.

Prominent not only among residents of the Umatilla reservation, where he makes his home, but through all Eastern Oregon is James Kash Kash, a recent guest at the sanatorium. Kash Kash comes here annually to visit his friend, Dr. Phy, whom he calls a "chief" among white men. With him this time were his daughter, Helen Kash Kash, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ned W. Harwin.

Miss Mariam Stowe, who has come to Hot Lake to act as private secretary to Dr. Phy, brings with her her paint tubes and brushes which have won her considerable reputation as a portrait painter. Miss Stowe, who attended Miss Mason's school, "The Castle," in Tarrytown, New York, also studied art while in the east. Several exhibits which she has made have been awarded prizes. Instructing shorthand is another field in which Miss Stowe has dabbled, she having taught this subject in a Salt Lake City business college. She has recently been employed in the office of Idaho's secretary of state, Captain F. A. Jeter.

Mrs. M. L. Carter, of Alicel was a Wednesday arrival at the sanatorium. She is remaining in the hospital here while her husband, who accompanied her to Hot Lake, is returning to his farm.

Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Carlton were Portland guests at the sanatorium during the week-end. Dr. Carlton has been affiliated with the Rose City office of the veterans' bureau for the past few years.

In spite of the fact that he sows most of the 160 acres which he owns near Ritzville in wheat, William Kembel, a guest at the sanatorium, hopes the crop of this grain will be poor in the future. Kembel has decided that financially the farmer is better off when he gets a good price for a little wheat than when a good crop, such as this year's, lies unsold on his hands. He sees further advantage in a small crop in fewer weeks to tire one's back.

Mrs. W. C. Haggerty, who with her husband operates a grocery store in Union, came here the first of the week to recover from an attack of bronchitis.

H. H. Magruder, dairyman from the lower Columbia valley, reached here Tuesday and plans to remain for several weeks' treatment. Forty Guernseys make up the herd of cattle which Magruder keeps on one farm which he owns near Clatskanie. He has now retired from active dairying and is making his home in Clatskanie.

C. A. Stahl, district supervisor of the De Laval company, is spending a few days at the sanatorium as guest of Mrs. Grace Barrie. His headquarters are in San Francisco and he is now returning to that city after a business trip to Idaho.

Four Idaho residents motored down to the sanatorium the first of the week to visit Rev. Conrad Hereth, a patient here, from Snohomish, Wash. The visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hereth of Parma, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hereth, of Emmett are all fruit ranchers. Both the men are brothers of the pastor.

Only one ship is now under government construction at the Bremerton navy base says Stanley Brown, a surgical patient in the hospital. Brown, a pneumatic driller in the Bremerton yards, has "done his bit" in the construction of this boat—the Holland. The Holland, known as a submarine tender, is actually a floating machine shop for submarines. So large is it that crippled submaries will be hoisted on board the Holland and repaired there.

Neil Campbell, of Bellevue, Ida., has been a guest here this last week. Campbell, who has retired from a host of various business enterprises ranging from blacksmithing and mining to managing a hotel, was last heavily interested in Idaho real estate. He sold his last piece of Bellevue business property a few weeks ago to a grist mill company who have started to erect a large plant there.

Knicks

Knickers have become the garb of the Indian maidens of the Passamaquoddy tribe, on the east Maine coast, near Eastport. The style was set by Princess Susan Neptune, 15 (above).

BRITISH PREACHER INVITES CRITICISM

CLAPHAM, Eng. (INS).—Efforts to bring the church and labor together have been started in a novel manner by Canon Durrell, rector of Clapham, who invites laborites to his church and preaches to them and then invites them to make replies to his sermon.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon the canon, wearing a yellow brassard marked "Marshall" heads the procession of laborites and socialists to his church and then after the sermon adjourns to the lawns, where the laborites are privileged to give their views of the church and its failings.

"Mutual trust, human sympathy and justice in industrial affairs are necessary for peace in the world," the canon said, "and the church can and should help to humanize political economy and the industrial system."

The laborites were not at all mincing in their replies to the canon.

"I left the church when it became a propaganda bureau for the war office," said F. Clark, of the 'No More War' movement. "It left the Quakers to see the Christian example when children were dying through the effects of the blockade after the war."

"The church recognizes the need for profits, because it lives by them," said J. Reynolds of the independent labor party. "To unite church and labor there must be a tremendous revolution of mind and outlook by clerk and congregation."

The canon is encouraging further discussion of the same sort, even promising to address mass meetings from the old Clapham horse trough.

Russian Priest Slain.

RIGA (AP)—A report received here from Moscow says the Archimandrite Nicolai Grabiansky has been murdered in his cell at the Pechersk monastery in Kiev.

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