

RECONSTRUCT HOME, URGES FRAU EBERT

Germany's War-Damaged Children Closest to Heart.

DETERIORATION IS NOTED

Kaiserin's Successor Asserts Nation's Task is to Improve Behavior of Youth.

BY CYRIL BROWN (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) BERLIN, Jan. 4. (Special Cable.)—"Reconstruction must begin in the home, the family and the schools. One of our gravest and most important reconstruction problems is to repair the ravages of war among the youth of the country and raise the standard of the children's health and behavior."

This is the idea expressed by the Kaiserin's successor, Frau Louise Ebert, in the course of my most interesting interview in Germany to date. More interesting than anything Frau Ebert could say, however, was the impression of the personality of this social democratic woman whose fortunes of war and revolution had raised her from the saddler's wife to the first lady of the fatherland without turning her head.

Interview Quickly Granted. Characteristically, Frau Ebert has not been difficult to reach. My request for an interview was quickly granted, and discreet inquiries disclosed that my presentation ceremonial involved no easy formalities or even any prescribed title or form of address—nothing more elaborate than conventionally calling at the dark, gloomy gray stone "White House" in Wilhelmstrasse.

"You can address Frau Ebert as Mrs. President or plain Frau Ebert," the democratized Herr Geheimrat of the old regime who now functions as chief of President Ebert's personal chancellery, said before introducing me. This converted privy councillor proved a striking object lesson in benefits of democracy to the Germans. His speech and manner were respectful, but not obsequious as the wife of the German republic's first president entered from an adjoining room a minute later. His example indicated the reasonable probability that, given time and an even chance, democracy may get a lasting struggle-hold.

The most striking feature was Frau Ebert's intense, intelligent, earnest face, unmistakably tinged with sadness. Appearing still in the middle forties, Frau Ebert appeared like the best type of successful, self-made business wife, without elation or ambitious self-satisfaction.

Political Discussion Avoided. Frau Ebert remarked: "I don't want to say anything political because my man isn't present," showing rare common sense in view of Germany's autonomous internal politics, since anything she might say would be eagerly and ruthlessly exploited against President Ebert and the democratic coalition government by red, radical and reactionary foes.

I gathered that being the wife of Germany's first president is no sinecure. Her earnestness of face that never smiled I discovered was due in part to the fact that nobody knows the actual conditions in Germany better than Frau Ebert. As an active member of the socialist party she has been and still is in intimate touch with the masses and knows the hardships of the poor at first hand. Her sympathetic feelings, however, she expresses unglaringly and tactically.

"It is hard to be both cold and gay at the same time."

Children Closest to Heart. But the problem of Germany's war-damaged children is closest to her heart. She spoke of the serious deterioration and degeneration of the youth of the country and the necessity of placing this future generation of the German republic on a sound, healthy basis by beginning reconstruction of the home and the school. Her daughter, she explained, is actively engaged in welfare work among school children, being a visiting nurse at the public schools in the slum section of Berlin.

"Mal-nutrition is not the sole cause of the trouble," she said. "During the long war school discipline relaxed. The father was in the field, the mother mostly away from home earning a living in the war industries. The children of the masses were left to shift for themselves and go to the habit of idleness. The children must be taught respect, obedience, good habits and discipline again."

TEST OF NEW LAWS IS ON NORTH DAKOTA'S 'EMERGENCY MEASURES' QUESTIONED.

Suit Filed to Compel State Treasurer to Pay Salary Vouchers Approved by Auditing Board.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 4.—Legal steps to test the so-called emergency measures passed by the recent special legislative session have been taken by the "insurgent" group of state officials. It became known today that a mandamus suit was filed in the state supreme court Saturday night by Assistant Attorney-Generals Cox and Sheets to compel State Treasurer Olson to pay salary vouchers approved by the state auditing board for services rendered by a special employe of the state auditor since the special session.

The non-partisan league majority at the special session cut the various legislative appropriations for the attorney-general and state auditor to very small sums.

The non-partisan administration has contended that these reductions in appropriations are effective immediately and therefore no additional expenditures by the insurgent officials above their reduced appropriations are legal. Ordinarily the laws would not have become effective for several months. An emergency act called house bill No. 80, making all the special session laws emergency measures failed of the required constitutional majority to make it immediately effective, and insurgent state officials have refused to pay the state auditor's salary until the act is unconstitutional. Referendum petitions on the act have been filed with the secretary of state which, according to the insurgents, suspend the act until the next election.

The mandamus, brought in behalf of Attorney-General William Langer and State Auditor Carl Kostitzky, says that the state treasurer refused payment on the voucher for ten days pay for Miss Rachel Morris, stenog-

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REPORTS SHOW INCREASES ON A LARGE PERCENTAGE. IN THE COUNTRY THE INCOME TAX HAS REQUIRED FARMERS TO KEEP CLOSE ACCOUNT OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCE AND THESE FIGURES ARE PROVIDING A BIG AID TO THE ENUMERATORS.

Inspection has had to pay frequent visits to many sections in order to estimate incomes.

A woman in Rose City Park, for instance, said she had sold 150 dozen eggs from her chickens, but had no record as to what figure they had brought. It will be necessary to make estimates in this case from the minimum and average price elsewhere in the city.

Enrol Heights a man owning seven cows insisted that he could not be classified as a farmer because his livestock had not netted him \$250. This objection was sound the enumerator and if the man does not supply the necessary information an inspector will investigate for himself.

An announcement in one of the evening papers has caused much confusion where there are soldiers, sailors or others in government service in the family. Contrary to the report, these are not to be listed at their homes but at the post of duty.

VOTERS ENROLL TODAY

WASHINGTON OPENS BOOKS FOR REGISTRATION.

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SKATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The 1920 registration begins Monday all over the state. In incorporated cities and towns it is biennial registration, and in country precincts quadrennial.

Reeves Aylmore, chairman of the republican county central committee, Saturday completed a tour of the outside precincts made for the purpose of delivering the registration books to the officers appointed by the county commissioners.

In order to expedite the work of registration, City Controller Harry W. Carleton has instructed the clerk of the registration bureau to keep the books open until 9 o'clock each night.

The new election law imposes special requirements on foreign born citizens to prove their naturalization. No longer is the word or oath of the registrant sufficient to establish his naturalization, but it is required of him that he produce his naturalization papers or certified copies of same, and if naturalized by virtue of the federal supervisor, has to decide must produce the original or a certified copy of such naturalization papers.

Another provision of the amended election laws requires the inclusion in the registration books of a separate column stating whether the registrant is a taxpayer of the state. This is to be used in the preparation of jury lists, which are made up from lists of registered voters who are taxpayers.

Another important change in the election laws, which deals with voting and not with registration, but indirectly has an important bearing on the subject, is that no candidate for a party nomination shall be the party nominee unless he shall receive a number of votes at least equal to 10 per cent of the total number of the party ballots of his party cast at the primary election in the district in which he is a candidate, and no party committee shall fill a vacancy among its candidates by any of its candidates to receive such required number of votes.

Prisoners Attend Services.

Gospel services were conducted at the jail yesterday. Methodist Episcopalians, Baptists, Quakers and Nazarenes assisting in the services. About 25 prisoners took advantage of official permission to assemble in the courtroom of the jail building. Songs were given by a number of young women from the First Methodist Episcopal church under the direction of Miss Helen Ulm.



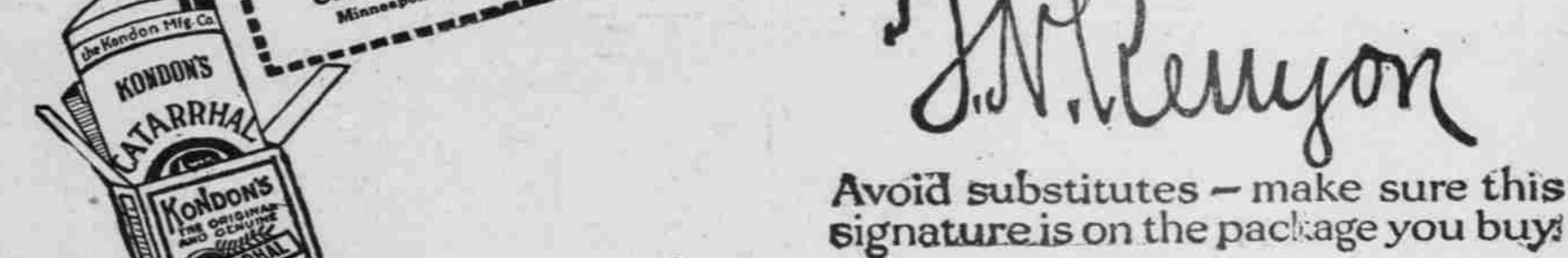
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