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CIVIL WAR PERIL SEEN IN GERMANY

Timely Aid to Forestall Collapse Urged.

FOOD PINCH IS INCREASING

Rush to Get Rid of Paper Marks Also Noticeable.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK BAD

Pessimists Declare Nation Is Rapidly Drawing Toward Final Crisis; Strike Talk Heard.

BY CYRIL BROWN.
Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement with BERLIN, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—It seems high time to turn in a third alarm to save Germany if she is not past saving. The most recent developments are convincing many observers that Germany is fast going Austria's way and that Berlin will suffer Vienna's fate, except on a much larger scale and worse.

Pessimistic prophets see Germany rapidly driving toward a final crisis, with perhaps a conflagration of communism or civil war in the offing. Many Germans are beginning to talk openly of an impending state of bankruptcy, discounting this catastrophe as an inevitable phase through which Germany must pass before resurrection.

Masses Losing Heart.
An important fact is that the continued sensational downward plunge of the mark is causing the masses of Germans to lose heart and confidence in themselves and German money. The dominating unfavorable factors are the food and financial outlook.

The food pinch is unmistakably increasing, though the food shortage peak is not expected to be reached until March. The potato supply is giving out in great part, and persistent ugly rumors say something is wrong with Germany's bread supply, and that rations shortly must be reduced to seven ounces daily and of poorer quality.

Another symptom is fresh talk of a hotel and restaurant keepers' strike owing to inadequate food supplies, and this time for a long shut-down of public eating places.

Financial Outlook Gloomy.
The financial outlook is equally disturbing. The bottom seems to have dropped out of the mark and nobody can predict where the downward movement of the mark exchange can halt.

The famous political economist, Professor Jastrow of the University of Berlin, writes:

"Our money trading machine has broken down. We no longer have a standard of value. It must be stated frankly and ruthlessly that we no longer have a functioning monetary system."

Berlin is experiencing one of the strangest recorded panics in the form of a run-away bull market, with a panicky pace set by the falling mark.

People Disposing of Marks.
For a week past the public has been eager to get rid of its paper marks for any kind of concrete security, and has swamped the market with buying orders. Clerical staffs of brokers and banks have been working night and day in three shifts to keep up with the boom in business, and even students have been pressed into emergency service to help out the clerical shortage.

Ostensibly to enable the clerical forces to catch up on the mountain-high piled up business, Berlin's bourse was closed yesterday and today. On Monday, however, the bourse will be a big paper stampede to stand from under before the crash comes.

MILITARY IN INDIA FIRES ON STRIKERS

ONE KILLED; SEVERAL CASUALTIES INFLICTED.

DEFENSE TO ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Affidavits Prepared in Behalf of Radicals.

PREJUDICE IS CONTENTION

Trial of Alleged Centralia Murderers Opens Today.

MONTESANO IS CROWDED

Prosecution's Counter-Showing in Opposition to Change Expected to Prevent Delay.

DANCING MASTERS ROUSED

Cardinal Amette's Pastoral Letter Causes Flurry in Paris.

WORKMAN BADLY INJURED

North Bend Mill Employee Caught in Shafting.

FEMINE FRAUDS SOUGHT

"Women Are Preying Upon Women's Trust in Women."

POET TO CONSCRIPT MEN

Flume Council Authorizes D'Annunzio to Add to Forces.

MILL AND WHEAT BURN

Loss of Plant at Davenport, Wash., Totals \$200,000.

POLES PREPARE TO FIGHT

Mobilization Ordered in View of Bolshevik Advance.

PIONEER STOCKMAN SLAIN

Wealthy Wyoming Resident Found Murdered at Ranch Home.

REDS IN PERSIA AND INDIA

Warsaw Report Says Cavalry Has Entered Countries.

Crowds Hold Up Street Cars and Compel Passengers to Alight; Bombay Area Noisy.

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 25.—Disquieting news from the mill area in the Bombay presidency, where 200,000 cotton workers went on strike early this month, reports the firing by the military on a crowd of strikers causing a number of casualties, including one killed.

During the morning, the advance state, the crowds in the district began holding up streetcars and other vehicles and compelling the passengers to alight.

Later the strikers became more riotous and the military, after giving warning, it is declared, were compelled to fire.

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Massachusetts Executive in Statement Declares Hat Has Not Been Cast Into Ring.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—Governor Coolidge declared today that he was not and never had been a candidate for president, and that he would not enter a contest for the Massachusetts delegation to the republican national convention. He did not say he would oppose the presentation of his name at the Chicago convention, but was emphatic in his assertion that he would not permit the imputation that he had used the office of governor to promote his own interests through the selection of delegates.

In a statement for the press Governor Coolidge said, in part:

"The times require of men charged with public responsibility a single-mindedness of purpose. The tendency of the present is the almost universal grasping for power in high places and in low to the exclusion of the discharge of obligations. It is always well for men to walk humbly. . . . I have never said I would become a candidate for president. I have never accepted, unless by silence, efforts made by statement of more than national reputation to present my name to the convention. I have made it plain I could not seek this office. . . . Some weeks ago it was reported to me that certain forces in Massachusetts desired to support me. No contest for delegates has ever been contemplated. I have had no purpose to enter such a contest. The probable outcome of a contest need not be considered at all. It is enough to know that some Massachusetts people intend to make one. The question is whether I ought to permit a contest in my name for delegates in my own state. . . . My paramount obligation is not to expose the great office of governor, but to guard and protect it. The people are entitled to know that their office is to be administered not for my benefit, but for their benefit, and that I am not placing myself in any position where any other object could be inferred. . . . I have not been, and I am not, a candidate for president."

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Although there was no official definition of the limits set by Senator Lodge and his associates available tonight, it was understood that the two main reservations, those relating to article 10 and to voting power in the league of nations, must be changed in language and not in principle.

Majority Sentiment Expressed.
Such an answer to democratic proposals for changes in verbal composition was said by several members of the republican committee to reflect the majority sentiment on the republican side of the senate and also to be agreeable for the most part to Senators Johnson, Borah and the others of the group who Friday called Senator Lodge and Senator New of Indiana into conference and demanded to know whether the negotiations for compromise were going and how far.

Neither Senator Lodge nor Senator Hitchcock would predict tonight the outcome of tomorrow's meeting, the former confining his comment to the statement that he was "a poor prophet in such matters" and the latter asserting merely that he was "hopeful but not confident."

Break May Be Delayed.
In other quarters the belief was expressed that even though an agreement on the basis of the republican answer might be viewed by the democratic conferees as hopeless, the negotiations might be continued for several days before the final break came.

Should there be a break between the two informal committees, it was considered possible that the "mild reservation" republicans might again send out "feelers" among the democrats and new negotiations be started.

LODGE RESERVATIONS RAPPED
Wickersham Declares Approval of Allies Would Be Necessary.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Adoption of the Lodge reservations by the senate would require the re-submission of the peace treaty to the allied nations and Germany in order to make the treaty "legal" and binding instrument," George W. Wickersham, ex-attorney-general of the United States, declared in a statement tonight which he has prepared for the League to Enforce Peace.

The fourth reservation, by which the United States "would reserve to itself exclusively the right to decide what questions are within its jurisdiction," he declared, would remove from the jurisdiction of the league "a series of questions of the highest importance" and "peculiarly provocative of international strife."

The tenth reservation, which gives the United States the right to increase its armament whenever threatened with invasion or engaged in war, Mr. Wickersham maintained, is against the spirit of the covenant and amounts to an amendment of the treaty. He also objected to the eleven reservation, which says the United States will use its own judgment against the spirit of the covenant, stating that it modified article XXV of the covenant.

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