

GRAVITY OF POSITION DAWNS ON GERMANY

Communism Fading Away as New Year Makes Entry.

STABILITY IS INCREASING

Political and Economical Progress Toward Steadiness Is Made in Last Six Months.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany enters the new year with a growing sense of the gravity of her position under the treaty of Versailles and of the imminence of her obligations, to which she is resigned and is planning a devoted intensified effort. Communism is fading in strength, it is felt, and the tendency is away from political and economic radicalism.

The growing stability recorded in German political and economic activities is chiefly an accomplishment of the past six months. It is accounted for in the active resumption of important pre-war industries, reopening of markets overseas and betterment in the labor situation despite constantly mounting wage scales and food prices which still leave the ordinary, but vital staples, beyond the reach of even the well-paid workers.

Future Still Uncertain.
Whether these beginnings toward an economic revival in industries, finance and exports can be maintained on a constantly ascending scale during 1921 is a matter of conjecture, at least until Germany receives a precise and definite interpretation of the financial and reparations clauses of the treaty.

Germany enters the new year with a national debt which will far exceed 200,000,000 marks by April 1, next. This sum does not include amounts she is called on to pay her own subjects in the form of reparations. She will add another 100,000,000 marks above that. The government admits a railway, postal and telegraph deficit of 20,000,000 marks.

It is threatened with a huge increase in the public payroll. Its domestic budgets generally have vacillated on freedom in the course of preparation to the reichstag that they no longer offer a tangible basis, but merely analytical computations.

Financial Policies Inadequate.
The government's financial policies thus far have been totally inadequate to cope with the confusion prevailing in the nation's exchequer. None of the measures in its expensive system of taxation is operative and the fate of the national emergency, sacrifice levy, which is tantamount to confiscation of capital and private fortunes, also is in abeyance.

German national interest in the fate of the upper Silesia is rapidly crystallizing into a vociferous pronouncement that loss of this wealthy coal and industrial sector would inflict irreparable injury upon Germany's recuperative powers as a debtor nation.

The government asserts that the ultimate working out of the peace treaty also will have a decisive bearing on the whole scheme of government ownership. Constitutional conclusions hardly are expected before such a time as the nation is again economically intact.


The feature of Germany's international relations which is arousing keen interest on the opening of the new year is the private claims against peace with the United States. Public opinion views the coming of peace as one of the few agreeable aftermaths of the war. This is partly because there never was a pronounced feeling of hostility to America. There also is the conviction that the United States will not present staggering bills for indemnities and that commercial relations with the United States will be resumed on a large and generous scale.

HAWAII TO KEEP STATION
Airplane Unit on Islands Ordered to Remain Permanently.
HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Naval aviators may soon fly from Hawaii to San Francisco. Orders have been received from the navy department announcing a change in the status of the naval aviation unit here from a temporary detachment to a permanent air station.

Furthermore hangars will be constructed to house huge naval dirigibles capable of flying across the Pacific, and several of the NC flying boats similar to those participating in the trans-Atlantic flight will be shipped here for permanent duty.

WILLERS GETS 5 YEARS
Self-Styled German Spy Sent to Prison for Desertion.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—John A. Willers, a former captain in the army, who, when arrested at New York, December 7, claimed that he had acted as a German spy while serving with the American forces, has been convicted by court-martial of desertion from the army and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. It was announced today at the war department.

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ORPHEUM HAS GIRL SHOW

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Entertainment Befitting Holiday Season Promised; "Little Miss Vamp" Headliner.

An Orpheum show that is listed among the biggest girl shows of the vaudeville season will open at the Helix tomorrow afternoon. Eighteen members of the fair sex shine in the bill, the show has bright comedy and a touch of novelty and throughout it is a lively entertainment befitting the holiday season.

Twelve girls depart in the headline act, "Little Miss Vamp," the principals of which are the Lightner sisters and Newton Alexander, who have made several Orpheum tours as a comedy trio. "Little Miss Vamp" is a one-act musical comedy magnificently staged and costumed. Winnie Lightner, who has been called "America's greatest girl clown," is featured in this act, which was written around the diversified talent of this young woman.

Other features in the holiday show are Howard Langford and Ina Fredrick in "Shopping," a comedy based on the whimsicalities of a shopping bee, and Elsa Ruegger, world renowned cellist, who is assisted by Yvonne Ruegger, pianist, and Edmund Lichtenstein, violinist and conductor. Miss Ruegger is one of the few concert artists to win an Orpheum contract every season and she is one of the most popular instrumentalists in big-time vaudeville.

POLK RECALL LAUNCHED

PETITIONS TO OUST COUNTY JUDGE, IN CIRCULATION.

Asa B. Robinson Will Be Opposed at Election by Arlie Man on Issue of Roads.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Petitions for the recall of Asa B. Robinson, county judge, have been received and will be placed in circulation at once. J. F. Ulrich, an Arlie farmer, has been selected as the recall candidate.

In order to make a recall election possible it will be necessary to get about 600 signatures. Those in favor of the recall insist that they will have the petitions filled and ready for filing with the county clerk within a week.

The charges contained in the petition are that Judge Robinson has neglected the public business by absenting himself from his office, that

SEATTLE TO AID JOBLESS

Citizens Asked to Provide Work for 7000 Unemployed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—An appeal to the people of Seattle to have "odd" jobs done at this time to provide employment for the 7000 men and women out of work in this city has been prepared by the chamber of commerce unemployment committee, which is co-operating with J. H. Shields of the city-federal employment service.

Letters were sent today to 7500 members of the chamber, to the associated industries and to persons whose names were furnished by the community service, asking for their co-operation.

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BEND TO CUT PRICES

REDUCTIONS IN LINE WITH WAGE DROP PROMISED.

Action Decided On After Meeting of Merchants and Millmen. Big Fall Is Forecast.

BEND, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Bend merchants will cut retail prices closely, paralleling jobbers' and wholesalers' quotations in an endeavor to co-operate with local industries in their desire that there shall be no lowering of living standards with the decrease in the wage scale paid by the local pine mills. This fact developed at a meeting of the Bend Merchants' association, called at the suggestion of mill officials. Local dealers predicted price decreases averaging 35 per cent before the end of spring.

Reductions in the scale which will go into effect at the plants of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company and the Shevlin-Nixon company on Monday will be based on a minimum compensation of 50 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. The minimum now is 62 1/2 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. At the time the mills began operation here in March, 1916, the minimum was 22 1/2 cents an hour for a ten-hour day. The Bend mills are among the last in the northwest to reduce wages.

In a summary of the situation given

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before the merchants, T. A. McCann, general manager of the Shevlin-Nixon company and spokesman for the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company as well, stated that in an effort to stimulate business the local producers have reduced lumber prices from \$12 to \$25 a thousand, but with no apparent effect on orders. The price reductions average \$16 per thousand, while the wage reduction will represent only \$1.55 a thousand in the production cost of lumber, he said. He declared that the cut in the wage scale was necessary in order to meet competitive conditions, but that if the merchants would follow this lead in quoting lower prices on their commodities, the present standard of living might be maintained with little difficulty.

Wealthy Japanese Held.
N. J. Tochio, wealthy member of the local Japanese colony and interpreter to the Japanese consul, was bound over to the federal grand jury yesterday on charges of violating the prohibition act, when he waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Fraser. Tochio is said to have made and possessed sake, the Japanese national liquor.
Read The Oregonian classified ads.

There Are Two Methods of Storing a Battery

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