

NEW YEAR BECKONS GERMANY TO WORK

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Not Materialize.

POLITICS ALWAYS AT HAND

Impending Railway Strike Threatens
Trouble but People Urged
to Practice Industry.

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BERLIN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Germany is entering the new year with a period of peaceful calm, law and order and hard work, such as it has not known since the revolution. There are at least a half dozen potential crises in the offing, but none of them promise to come to a head in the immediate future.

The most serious is the disarmament crisis, which should not prove unduly dangerous, unless France crowds the government too hard, particularly in the matter of disbanding the Bavarian Einwohnerwehr. Nothing short of a short term ultimatum threatening "French occupation of the Ruhr district will precipitate a real crisis.

Political Crisis in Offing.

The internal political crisis Germany has always with her, but the Febrerbach coalition still seems assured of a long lease of life, because there is no other working combination in sight. The coalition, however, seems to be strongly toward reaction, which is winning many followers who strayed into the camps of the democrats or socialists during the revolution. The political crisis is not likely to come to a head until after the next Reichstag elections.

As to the economic crisis, the advance says that the "world economic crisis" have made themselves felt less ominously in Germany than in any other country in Europe. Unemployment seems to be unchanged or perhaps slightly declining, with relatively few receiving state or municipal unemployment benefits.

Tax Machine Moving.

There are, however, significant signs that the new, improved and greatly enlarged tax gathering organization is slowly beginning to function and that once it has got a start, it will collect taxes with typical Teuton thoroughness.

Another potential crisis that causes less and less genuine concern is the Red peril in Germany. Though the German communist party has gained numerical strength beyond the fondest dreams of the original Spartacists, led by Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the socialist, radical, communist, organized labor and the proletarian generally are hopelessly divided.

Of all the threatening crises the most grave is the impending railway strike, which the government hopes to avoid by speeding up the money printing process.

Slow Upward Progress.

On the other side of the balance sheet is the fact, confirmed by all observers, that Germany is making upward progress, though it is slow. Internal conditions have become consolidated and the structure of the state is stronger than a year ago.

Two New Year messages, one from a capitalist, the other from a socialist, epitomize Germany's position. Karl Friedrich von Siemens, head of the Siemens-Schuckert Electric Works, says:

"If the German people will again be mindful of the old good qualities that made the German nation great, above all if they work more and talk less, they need not despair of looking into the future."

Says the Prussian minister of the interior, Herr Severing: "We have become poor and the burden of the so-called peace treaty presses heavily upon us, but self-discipline and self-confidence will put our nation on her feet again. In the not too distant future these qualities will secure for us a place due us in the ranks of Kultur nations."

LAWMAKERS ARE READY

(Continued From First Page.)

Only recently celebrated his 70th birthday. The session starting tomorrow will be the fourth that Mr. Davey has served in the legislature being elected three times from Marion county and once from Harney county.

Senate Holds Caucus.

The senate held a caucus tonight for the purpose of conducting the organization tomorrow and named Senator Banks of Multnomah county temporary president. Mr. Banks will preside over the senate until the permanent organization is effected. John P. Hunt was named temporary chief clerk.

The house did not hold a caucus.

Although there was some talk here tonight that an eleven-hour attempt might be made to disturb the organization programme in the senate, friends of Roy Ritter declared that he probably would be elected president without any formidable opposition. Some of these persons went so far as to predict that Senator Eddy of Douglas county, would deliver the address placing Senator Ritter in nomination. Senator Eddy at one time was an active candidate for president of the senate in opposition to Mr. Ritter and according to his assertion had 12 of his colleagues pledged to his support. Senator Eddy later withdrew from the contest, however, and it has since been announced that he would receive the honors attendant to the chairmanship of the senate committee on revision of laws.

In the house no opposition has developed to the election of L. E. Bean of Lane county, speaker, and predictions made here tonight indicated that he would be unanimous choice of that body.

County Division to Be Up.

As has been stated, certain members of the Clackamas delegation, together with many prominent men of that county, have under way a movement to annex themselves to Multnomah county through the topping off of a large piece of northern Marion county. If this situation should come to pass information received here indicates that Marion county would be divided on a line running east and west as far

STATE LEGISLATURE SIDELIGHTS

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Joe Singer, for fear that through some slip he might lose the honors attendant to the position of sergeant-at-arms in the house, arrived in Salem on an early train today and later established headquarters at a local hotel. Mr. Singer has been a conspicuous figure in the Oregon legislature for many years and his witty sayings have added considerable jans to the proceedings. Joe said tonight that there was no doubt that he would be accorded the honors he seeks immediately following organization tomorrow.

Roy Ritter, whose election as president of the senate is apparently assured, arrived in Salem late this afternoon. Although Mr. Ritter has established headquarters at the Marion hotel, he will pass his nights in the quietness of a private home. Mr. Ritter probably was the most-sought man in Salem tonight, his would-be interviewers comprising members of both branches of the legislature, job-seekers and lobbyists.

There probably are few state house employees more popular among the legislators than Homer Foster, who under the secretary of state, provides and looks after the distribution of all supplies attendant to carrying on the work of the lawmakers at their biennial sessions. Mr. Foster this year was ably assisted in his work by Linn Nesmith, also a conspicuous figure at legislative sessions held in this state. Mr. Nesmith will act as supply clerk in the senate during the session starting here tomorrow.

A. E. Shira, who provided most of the lumber necessary in the construction of the wide-awake tower of Suburban Douglas county, decided some weeks ago that he would not be late in reaching the capital for legislative duty. In keeping with this decision, Mr. Shira arrived here several days ago and is comfortably domiciled in a private home not far from the state house. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Shira, who will remain in Salem until the close of the session. Mr. Shira is representative from Douglas county.

Bruce Dennis, editor and publisher of the La Grande Observer, breezed into Salem late this afternoon and is quartered in the Marion hotel, where he will receive his friends during the legislative session. Mr. Dennis believes in advertising and never allows an opportunity to pass whereby he may make capital of the resources of his home vicinity. Mr. Dennis confided to friends tonight that he had nothing of great importance to offer to the legislature, although he was much interested in the future road programme of the state. Mr. Dennis carried the title of representative.

J. E. Bean, who probably will be elected speaker of the house without any opposition, reached Salem from Eugene late this afternoon. He was besieged from all sides by an army of job seekers and legislators seeking favors during the session. Mr. Bean is at the Marion hotel.

Members of the full legislature will not be charged with profiting here. This was made plain here today when a member of the house from the cattle country east of the Cascade mountains reported that although he had not been in Salem longer than 24 hours he had obligated bills payable upon certain advance reservations were compelled to seek accommodations in the residential districts. Available rooms have been listed with a second of state, and because of this much of the confusion usually attendant to obtaining living quarters for the legislators has been eliminated.

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Re-entry Into League of Nations Conditional.

PRESIDENT GIVES VIEWS

Nations Should Be Invited Without Prejudice to Sit in Council, Says Executive.

BY LOUIS SEIBOLD.
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MONTHVIDEO, Jan. 9.—President Irigoyen of Argentina granted me an interview in Buenos Ayres Monday evening in Casa Rosada, the official residence of Argentina's president, although he lives in a rented apartment in an obscure part of the city. The Argentine president is a man of striking personality, appearing to be in the early 50's instead of 70 years old. He is unusually tall and muscular, smooth shaven, and has straight, thick black hair and keen, slate-colored eyes of piercing keenness. He is very deliberate in his manner, but positive in utterance.

Irigoyen began the interview by requesting me to express the thanks of the people of Argentina to the American people for dispatching Secretary Colby to pay them a complimentary visit of courtesy. He complimented Mr. Colby for the frankness and tact he displayed during the hour that the president paid to Mr. Colby at the Plaza Hotel earlier in the afternoon.

Attitude Is Described.
My first question related to the general attitude of the Argentine government toward the United States. In reply President Irigoyen said:

"The people of Argentina entertain the very greatest respect for those of the United States who are sincerely interested in common. During the war the United States paid very special attention to Argentina and the Argentine government, which indicated complete sympathy with the broad principles enunciated by President Wilson. The Argentine people recognize the benefits of the settlement of the war because of the difference in viewpoint. The people of the United States were confronted with issues that Argentina has not been compelled to meet. However, I personally entertain great admiration for the manner in which Mr. Wilson has approached the problems that were involved for his country. The Argentine people were in full sympathy with his motives."

"Two great nations like the United States and Argentina can honestly differ in their opinions as to the manner in which certain problems should be solved."

Freest Liberty Urged.

I asked the Argentine president if he would make any comment regarding the reasons for the temporary withdrawal of the delegation of nations from the league of nations at Geneva. He replied:

"The Argentine government accepted the principles of President Wilson because it believed that the full application of them would result in the greatest benefit to humanity. It still believes that in order to render a great service to humanity it is desirable that the freest liberty should be given all nations to participate in deliberations of the league of nations and enjoy the mutual equal benefits that might be restricted or withheld from the nations that should be permitted to act in concert. I am not partisan to any nation despite reports to the contrary, but I believe that in order to achieve the fairest possible success entry into the league should be extended to every country from the outset in order that problems which every nation of the world must meet may be solved satisfactorily for the benefit of mankind."

Otherwise, the peoples of such nations deprived of advantages might have legitimate cause for grievance. I therefore believe that all the nations of the world should be invited without prejudice to gather around the council table and agree upon a uniform plan for solving their problems. This should be done without reservation toward any."

The president laughed heartily when I told him the Argentine, Brazilian and Uruguayan people were inclined to place the responsibility for business depression on the United States, and said:

"Such conditions are the natural consequences of the war. I suppose the people of the United States hold the other countries responsible for the depression there. There is no feeling among the Argentine people that they are exploited by other people, but that Argentina is confronted with the same problems as other countries."

SECESSION IS SPREADING
Multnomah - Clackamas Combine
Drags Marion Into Vortex.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—It is reported here that if efforts of north Clackamas county to secede and become annexed to Multnomah county threaten success in the state legislature, the remaining portion of Clackamas county will attempt to retaliate by annexing the northern portion of Marion.

It is said that if an attempt should be made to annex any of Marion

county, an effort might be made to draw the new line as far south as Brooks.

Winlock Contractor Is Home.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—N. C. Sears, contractor, returned to his home in Winlock, Ore., last evening from Emathia, Ore., where he constructed a nine-story round-house for the O. W. B. & N. the cost of which was \$100,000. The contract was let November 29 and on December 29 the structure was complete, with the exception of painting.

Sleeping Sickness Reported.
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Roland Maltis is in a local hospital suffering from sleeping sickness. This is the second case here this winter, the first having resulted fatally.

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