

GERMANS TOO BUSY TO BE DISCOURAGED

Pessimism Fails to Halt Industrial Activity.

MARK AT LOWEST POINT

Feeling of Insecurity and Suspense Prevails and Prices Soar, Yet Business Goes On.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Continued pessimism as to Germany's future, with the German mark lower than at any time since November of last year, failed materially to check German industrial activities during February and the first part of March, according to reports to the department of commerce from Commercial Attache Herring at Berlin, made public today.

"The feeling of insecurity and suspense noticeable in German industry during January has been heightened by the recent fall in exchange rates," the report said. "The German mark was lower on March 6 than at any time since November, the dollar being quoted at 251 marks."

"The attitude of labor continues most unsatisfactory and pessimism is increasing in regard to a further revision of the reparations question at Genoa. The Boulogne meetings, combined with the mark collapse, are the principal reasons for this pessimism."

Prices Are Advancing. "Manufacturers have not been covering foreign exchange requirements, but have delayed up to this time in the hope of more favorable political developments. Prices have increased greatly since October and wages also are advancing; the shipping situation is still not clear. The extension of the recent railway strike was an occasion for concerted attacks by the opposition party on the Weimar government, which apparently is weaker despite the settlement of the strike."

While coal production in the Ruhr district during February was seriously affected by the railway strike, the pig iron and steel industries reported a "brisk month despite greatly increased transportation difficulties."

Prices soared and, while no production figures in the iron and steel industry are published as a matter of policy, it was understood that the steel output in January slightly exceeded the estimated combined production of England, France and Belgium. A serious shortage in pig iron is feared, as stocks of scrap metal are low and must be replenished from Poland.

Many Industries Busy. "Old orders are keeping the engineering industry busy, but future slackness is anticipated, while sufficient orders are reported in the pot and glass industry to keep it active, although many deliveries were prevented by the railway strike and prices increased 15 per cent. All textile mills continued active in anticipation of increased prices, but buyers have begun to purchase after waiting without result for lower prices. Although the wool and woolen goods mills are working full time, the silk industry is not quite so active. Cotton spinners have orders ahead until July."

SOVIET TO RENEW TERROR

Impending Torture of Social Revolutionary Party Reported.

LONDON, March 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The labor party today announced that Arthur Henderson, labor member of parliament, had received telegrams from the party's Russian foreign delegation alleging that the soviet government was preparing to renew its policy of terrorism against the social revolutionary party.

NEW YORK PLANS BONUS

State Houses Concur in Passage of Two Soldier Relief Bills.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—The senate tonight concurred with the assembly in the passage of two bills relating to soldier bonus. The first as the bill carrying an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of sick and disabled world war veterans who are unemployed for a period of 14 days.

STRIKE MEETING TODAY

Leaders of Textile Unions to Confer in Boston.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 17.—James Starr, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, will attend a meeting of the emergency board of the organization at Boston tomorrow to consider the textile strike situation in New England. Mr. Starr has been directing the strike in this city.

CHAMBERLAIN NOT TO RUN

new survey of the situation, but evidently with the same result.

More than 40 men of prominence in the party, not all of whom have been cordial supporters of Mr. Chamberlain in the old days, joined in dispatching the urgent telegram Thursday night. These democrats wanted to know whether he is to be a contender for the time for filling candidacy expires next month.

HEADACHES FROM SILENT COLDS

Laxative and Bromo Tablets relieve the headache by curing the cold. A tonic laxative and Bromo Tablets relieve the headache by curing the cold. (The sure get BROMO.) 50c.—Adv.

ISLAND POLITICIANS HELD RESPONSIBLE

Attack on Governor of Porto Rico Denounced.

SECESSION DECLARED AIM

Representative Strong Says Inquiry Would Be Welcome, but Insists on Thorough Probe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The recent attack on Governor Bello of Porto Rico by Felix Cordova Davila, resident commissioner of Porto Rico, was denounced today by Representative Strong, republican, Kansas, speaking in the house, to have been for the purpose of carrying out "the policy of breaking the governor and to permit politicians dominating the island to continue their efforts to separate the island from the American government."

NITRATE PLANT FAILURE

EXPERT SAYS FORD PROPOSAL HAS PEOPLE'S APPROVAL

Prediction Made That Property at Muscle Shoals Eventually Will Be Handed Over.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The \$88,000,000 nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals stands as a monument to the government's effort in a private enterprise. John T. Featherston, executive vice-president of the Air Nitrates corporation, declared last night in an address at New York university. He declared congress would have difficulty in preventing the American people from handing Muscle Shoals over to Henry Ford "on a silver platter plus a bonus."

He asserted that the possibilities of water power development at Muscle Shoals are greater than any undeveloped powers east of the Mississippi river, approximating the horsepower on the American side of Niagara Falls, and offered as a correct analysis of the Ford proposal the following reports submitted by Hugh L. Cooper, consulting engineer for the Wilson dam:

"It is apparent that the Ford proposal calls on the federal treasury for \$127,500,000 during the next 100 years, in order that Mr. Ford may get sole unregulated possession of the greatest water power the south has, and at a cost to Mr. Ford about one-half that of similar power is available for elsewhere on the American continent."

TARIFF NEAR COMPLETION

MEASURE TO BE READY FOR SENATE IN ABOUT A WEEK.

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PAY FOR TROOPS ASKED

Longer needed in Europe. It seems to me that the attitude of the allies is entirely unwarranted and warrants our bringing home all of our soldiers.

Senator Borah added that the attitude of the allies in maintaining what he termed an excessive number of troops in Germany was "unjust" and calculated to prevent economic recovery of Germany and also of Europe. Senator Borah said the question of the return of the troops would be a "live issue" when the army appropriation bill comes before the senate.

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WEDDING CALLED JOKE

ONLY MOCK CEREMONY IS STAGED, SAYS 'BRIDE-TO-BE'

Octogenarian, Reported to Have Fled From Church Scene, Refuses to Discuss Incident.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17.—The "wedding" at the church of a pair of nuptials reported to have been brought suddenly to an end last Tuesday night when Sims Twika Berry, 80, fled from the altar.

"I never spoke to me about marriage, nor did I mention it to him," she said today. "I never was so put out in all my life over this affair, which was entirely a joke played on me suspiciously on us. It all grew out of a mock wedding we had last Sunday at the home of my son, when Mr. Berry and I, at the suggestion of guests at a dinner, stood together and were 'married' by one of the men present."

"On the following Tuesday night several members of the party met at my son's home again and again a wedding was suggested, but never did I suspect it was to be a real marriage. Mr. Berry never purchased a marriage license nor did I know of anyone obtaining a license."

Mrs. McMahon declared she had not seen her alleged fiance since Tuesday night, when in the presence of reporters and friends assembled at the home of her son, he hurriedly fled before the "marriage" could take place.

When approached this morning for a statement about "the wedding," Mr. Berry refused to discuss the matter and refused to receive anyone except on business.

MANY NAMES SUGGESTED

What to Call West Salem Is Problem Before City Council.

SALEM, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Indications are that the city council will have considerable difficulty in selecting a suitable name for West Salem at its meeting here Monday night. The change of name is necessary in order that the community may obtain a postoffice.

Names proposed for consideration of the council include: Capitola, Kingwood, Polk City, Churemberg, West Park, Wallace, Fletcher, Cleveland, Riverside, Melas, Spaulding, View, Riverview, Willamette City, Cherry Center, Rose Center, Tull, Lane City, West View, Flagville, Flagdale, Flagville, Glen Park, Beach Cove, Polkalmette, Transvervo, Westin, Chesapeake, Cavellie and Adamville.

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One Year of Republican Rule

When a "rock-ribbed" Republican organ, reviewing the record of the first year since its party returned to power in all branches of the Government, avers that "this Congress is the worst we have had for twenty years," and asks despairingly "of what avail is a wise President and a strong Cabinet if it is their misfortune to be blocked in many directions by a recalcitrant Congress?" its criticism arrests attention. "Congress," the Boston Transcript continues, "is the liability of the Republican party today, the President and his Cabinet its great asset." The Republican Manchester Union declares that "it is daily becoming more apparent that President Harding, much as he may dislike it, must take down from the wall the Big Stick which, since the Fourth of March, one year ago, has been accumulating dust, and begin to brandish it over the head of Congress, if so palpably headless a body may be said to have a head."

The general tendency of the American Press is to blame Congress rather than the President for any disappointment that the year has brought forth.

The Democratic characterization of the present Congress as "a do-nothing Congress" was answered by Senator Lodge with the statement that, "I know I am speaking within bounds when I say that no Congress in time of peace has ever shown such an amount of important, effective and remedial legislation as has been enacted by the present Congress since it has been in session." Continuing, he said, "More was done by the Conference for the world's peace in twelve weeks than has been done anywhere else in twice as many years."

THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, March 18th, publishes as its leading article a summary of newspaper opinion throughout the country upon the record of the first year of Republican administration. The articles give all angles of thought upon the subject.

Other striking news-features in this week's DIGEST are:

Shall the Great Lake Ports Become Ocean Ports?

A Presentation of the Views, For and Against, Upon the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Project Which May Cost More Than a Quarter of a Billion Dollars. The Article is Illustrated With Two Maps.

Planning a "Painless" Bonus

To Calm the Jarring Radio Waves A \$30,000,000 Bonus for Shipping Britain's Great Indian "Experiment" Ulster's Boundary Contentions Rumanian View of Russia Tracking Forest Firebugs Hearing Through the Bones How Radium Colors Gems Is Science Becoming Religious? International Lectures Overdone English Music Halls Going Into the Discard

Cultural Rise of Russian Provinces How We Burn Our Churches Students in Arms Against Jazz Ending a Feud Without a Rifle Scotland Ablaze With Revival Fires Lighting the Mississippi "Color Lines" Among the Colored People Bolshevism's Curse on Russian Culture Only Half a Million Returned by Swindlers of the U.S. Government Motoring and Aviation Topics of the Day

Many Striking Illustrations Including Cartoons

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CORSET ULTIMATUM GIVEN

GIRLS SHOULD GET INTO STAYS, SAYS ZIEGFELD

Man of Follies Fame Would Put Question Mark Slouch of Flappers Into Discard.

NEW YORK, March 17.—(Special.)—Has the so-called modern age of roll-top stockings and the "question mark slouch" already become a buck number in the history of the New York flapper, or will the present boom in the elastic and whalebone business fade as quickly as it has begun, following the approval by Dr. Copeland of Florence Ziegfeld's corset ultimatum?

"I am of the opinion that girls should wear corsets during two-thirds of their waking hours," says Ziegfeld in a letter to the commissioners.

"The girl who wants to be healthy and beautiful will welcome a reminder to stand up straight, in the form of a short, flexible corset," replied the commissioners through a reporter.

"I do not advise that old-fashioned instrument of torture which held the figure as though in a cast—far from it."

"I also say that the girl who has been taught when a child how to stand and breathe properly does not need any support. But look at the hunched-over, stomach-protruding figures you see on the street today."

"Nothing will help the benighted creature who thinks she looks better crooked, except a change of mind, but if you have the right psychology to begin with, the modern corset is a grand, good thing. Especially if the slouching figure has already got its grip on you. The front bone will stick in when you slouch and, presto change."

McADOO GETS BANK JOB

Ex-Secretary to Be Counsel for California Institution.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—William G. McAdoo was named general counsel for the Bank of Italy today, according to an announcement here. P. C. Hale, vice-president, in making public Mr. McAdoo's appointment, said:

"Since Mr. McAdoo's resignation as secretary of the treasury he has been the bank's counsel in the east. His recent decision to move to California permanently has given us an opportunity to make him our general counsel."

It was stated that Mr. McAdoo would have general direction of all legal affairs of the bank, which has branches in many of the larger cities and towns of California. His office is in Los Angeles.

RICH SPEEDER GETS OUT

Rest of Sentence to Be Served in Month; Stork Expected.

VISALIA, Cal., March 17.—Sentence of ten days in jail for speeding was suspended for W. C. Taibot, wealthy San Francisco lumberman, when he told Justice Rush of Tulare that an expected visit of the stork made his presence at home imperative. He agreed to return in a month and complete his sentence.

He was sent to jail Thursday and fined \$54, a dollar for each mile an hour he was said to have been traveling.

Young Slayer Tells Story

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, March 17.—

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