Member of Reichstag Writes That Nation's Finances Are Sound, Food Plenty.

CONSTERNATION IS PAST

Capitalistic System Has Endured and Labor Is Fulfilling Its Obligations, While All Classes Co-operate Willingly.

By ROBERT SCHMIDT.

Member of the German Reichesad.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—We have read the reports of the foreign press as to the supposed inner political conditions of Germany at the beginning of the war. At the onset we were cut off from other countries and could not get information as to proceedings in neighboring lands. But such a dreadful picture of conditions abroad has not appeared in our press as, unfortunately, is recorded of us in the foreign papers. It is, therefore, worth while to take a survey of what happened in Germany immediately after the war, and also of what is being done at Germany immediately after the war, and also of what is being done at

and also of what is being done at present.

One can understand that under the influence of the horrible events, a certain consternation and excitement seized public opinion, as was also the case generally abroad. This consternation found its expression above all in the pressure on the savings banks and banking institutions. It must be said, however, that up to the present, in face of all these demands, our banking institutions have been able to fulfill their obligations. It is, indeed, indicative of the capacity of the resistance of capital, that it succeeded increating an organization able to weather the storm, and finally to meet the contracted loan of five milliards of toarks with a subscription of 4.33 bailliards of marks. It is proof of the textraordinary expansion of the capitalistic system, the collapse of which many had prophesied, but prophesied in many had prophesied, but prophesied in

Food Situation Not Unfavorable.

The many new problems arising in the economic and political spheres might give us more anxiety. If what the English politicians especially hope is correct, namely, that Germany is not in a position during the period of war to provide the necessary food supplies for the population, then the realization of these hopes would be of momentous significance for the Issue of Economic Life Not Theken

From our point of view the suspension of free competition appeared
above all things necessary. As in all
other countries, we have among us
people who seek to derive personal
profit from the pressing situation. Energetic resistance was necessary to
combat these tendencies. It had to be
recognized that under free competition the distribution of the existing
food supplies could not be carried out
in such manner as to lift us above all
dangers. As a check a kind of monepoly in corn must be introduced,
which would control also the distribution of existing supplies, and so protect tion of existing supplies, and so protect us before an immederate and inconsid-erate appropriation.

We are eating a war bread (Kriegs-We are eating a war bread (Kriegsbrot), which contains a rough rye flour, and which has about a 19 per cent addition of petato flour. The German population is accustomed to tree bread, and thus it is no great imposition; on the contrary it may be accepted that the regulation will be accepted that the regulation will be borne with the greatest case and without complaint. The present distribution of two kilograms of bread a week for each member of a family implies that other kinds of food can be obtained.

TACOMA, Wash, April 2.—(Special.)—"The entire 1915 output of blackberries of the Puvallup and Sumner Fruit Growers' Association has been sold at prices higher than those of 1914," said president W. H. Panihamus, who returned today from California, where he iestified before a Federal referee at San Francisco in the case of the American Can Company.

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plies that other kinds of food can be obtained.

The further regulations of various kinds would take up too much space to describe here. It will suffice perhaps to indicate that precautions have been taken to secure the necessary food supplies, and that all available land has been brought under cultivation for early vegetables and potatoes. The desires of those who hoped under free competition, to raise prices for their products by virtue of the general anxious univest, have been checked, and at our suggestion the Government underfook to establish maximum prices for many articles, which, if they do not always correspond to our wishes, do, however, set a limit to the arbitrary pushing up of prices.

Laber Situation Readjusted.

"From a business standpoint I was much gratified with the results obtained in behalf of our canned fruits and berries, "said Mr. Paulhanus. "In fact, I was successful in obtaining orders and oncoming up a number of new and satisfactory accounts.

"While in Los Angeles I closed arrangements to furnish the leading wholesale grocer of that city with his entire berry requirements for the coming season. The association has now sold practically all the blackberries we expect to grow in 1915 and at a price higher than we received in 1914.

"In other words, from a blackberry standpoint, we are now in the clear for the 1915 erop, and it will be a question with us to take care of the trade rather than to seek it.

"We are not as fortunate with rasperties for the reason that the rasp-

In the economic crisis the trade unions had also to suffer severely. At a stroke the whole economic life seemed to be brought to a standatill. The employers were distanted, and this had a naralyzing effect. In some industries, the backure was so great, that up to be centred to the workers were rendered to be brought to a standatill. The employers were distantly industries, the backure was so great, that up to be centred to the workers were rendered to be suffered to the workers were rendered to the worke

unemployed. The unemployed must be supported. Relief was at the beginnin somewhat reduced, but with a few ex-ceptions all the trade unions were abin the extraordinarly pressing situation to relieve those out of work. This was, however, not sufficient—means were found to relieve the families of those taking part in the war.

Large Sums Paid for Relief. The trade unions paid out 12,776,000 marks in unemployment relief up to the end of October, and almost 3,000,000 marks to the families of those taking part in the war. This financial strength has contributed essentially to maintain-

ing the integrity of the organizations.

Alongside this relief must also be reckoned the aid of the municipalities and the state, both for the unemployed and the state, both for the unemployed and for the families of those taking part in the war. The state grants at present to the wives of those taking part in the war a relief of 12 marks per month, and six marks for each child. This sid is increased by the municipalities, who, for the most part, add an equal or a greater contribution. Statistical inquiries of the trade unions

LIFFILE PORTLAND GIRL SHOWS MUSICAL ABILITY AT PIANO RECITAL AT EILERS HALL.



Miss Eunice Mac Hammond. Miss Eunice Mae Hammond.

Little Miss Eunice Mae Hammond, daughter of Mrs. E. M.
Hammond, took part in a recent
plano class recital directed by
Mrs. R. F. Bertram, of the Fundamental Music Training School,
Eilers Hall. The little girl shows
marked proficiency in her music

which was formerly for a considerable part exported. On the contrary, we believe the master in the worst case we can fail back or posterior of the waster of

PUYALLUP AND SUMNER OUTPUTS SELL HIGHER THAN IN 1914.

Fruit Growers' Association to North Now in Clear for 1915 Crop Except on Raspberries.

According to a statistical inquiry of the trade unions at the end of October, Aiso desk room, for rent; telephones, 881,300 of the two million members were called up to military service. Of Henry C. Prudhomme, financial agent, those remaining behind, 275,500 were Morgan bids.—Adv.

DISTRIBUTORS NOW LOSE HOOD RIVER

Apple - Growers' Association Plans New Marketing Alliance.

STATE ORGANIZATION HOPE

Fruitmen of Southern Oregon and Rogue River Valley May Combine With Dissenters if Plans Go Through-Directors Named.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 3.—(Spe-dal.)—While by unanimous vote the numbers of the Applegrowers' Assomembers of the Applegrowers Asso-ciation today adopted a resolution withdrawing from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, a marketing alliance between the Hood River organization and the fruitgrowers of Southern Oregon and the Rogue River Valley may be made.

Such a suggestion from H. F. David-son, now president of the distributors, son, now president of the distributions, was received with favor by the growers. The Newtowns of the Rogue River district, according to Mr. Davidson, come into competition with the Hood River Newtowns more than the product of any district affiliated with the distributors, and he declared that he would be in favor of forming some kind of an arrangement with the sell-ing organizations there for the pur-pose of eliminating unnecessary com-

petition.

While final action will rest with the board of directors elected today, it is proposed that the selling force of the Hood River affiliation be headed by Mr. Davidson and Wilmer Sieg. In case suggested plans are followed out, the former will take charge of a New York office of the agency, handling the export shipments on a commission charge of 2½ cents a box, instead of a salary basis. salary basis.

Only Plan Cost Double

Heretofore, through the distributors, charge for exports sales has been 5 cents a box. Mr. Sleg, who has been ales manager of the distributors in charge of the Portland office, but who is now in New York, will take charge of sales from the Hood River office. In a statement to the growers following their action in withdrawing from the distributors, Mr. Davidson declared that he thought the central organization would be stronger even than it tion would be stronger even than it would be if Hood River growers had maintained their affiliation. He explained that on account of concessions made to the Hood River association in the way of representation that other districts had not been granted, jeal-ousies lave here prevailing.

plies for the population, then the realization of tieses hopes would be of momentous significance for the issue of the conflict. Things are not, however, so unfavorable in Germany as is accepted in England. Our agriculture is admittedly more effective than the English. We have at present, according to our trade balance, a surplus of rye, which was formerly for a considerable part exported. On the other hand there is a dearth of wheat to be indicated, which can be covered though by the surplus of rye.

In addition we have other means; in the worst case we can fall back on the extraordinarily large production of potatoes. Regulations with this end in view have cen under consideration from the beginning and have been carried out with ever greater determinaried out with ever greater determinaried out with ever greater determinaried out with ever greater determinaries.

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utors, who is a member of the local association and who addressed the growers as to the maintenance of grade and pack. Mr. Campbell declared that

than ever. While the records show contracts for 1.45 per cent of the tonnage have been withdrawn, new contracts have been signed up for a larger amount. According to Mr. Stone, the association will be able to inaugurate a welcome innovation in handling apples this Fall and pay its members a substantial advance on the fruit at the time of delivery.

A board of directors was elected, as follows:

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L. E. Clark, H. F. Davidson, P. S. Davidson, W. B. Dickerson, Walter Kimball, A. G. Lewis, J. C. Porter, R. H. Wallace, all re-elected, and Oscar Vanderbilt, O. B. Nye and C. A. Reed.

MOSIER GROWERS' SALES BEST

Prices for Crop Run 4 Cents Higher

Than Hood River Gets.

MOSIER, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—
At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Mosler Frultgrowers' Association here today the report of Manager R. D. Chatfield showed that the net amount to the grower was 74 cents a box on all apples shipped through the Northwest Fruit Exchange. This is 4 cents higher than the amount received by the Hood River growers, whose products were Chatfield showed that the net amount to the grower was 74 cents a box on all applies shipped through the Northwest Fruit Exchange. This is 4 cents higher than the amount received by the Hood River growers, whose products were handled by the exchange. A comparison of the average amount of the net returns received by all other districts in the Northwest who handled through the exchange showed a net average of

"While we indorse this move, it depends on the ability of the men en the executive committee. Great good may come, and they have started well and conservatively. However, they cannot take the place of the large concerns in the shipping, loading and marketing of Winlock district.

County Superintendent Carrier has denied the petition for the creation of a new school district composed of parts of the Winlock and Eveline districts. As a result, a new school will be built for the benefit of the patrons living in the outlying portion of the Winlock district.

the apple crop and cannot defy the economic laws of supply and demand. Many of the growers expect them to accomplish the impossible. But there are years like 1914 to come in the future. However, there should be a uniform classification of results, so that

form classification of results, so that the growers could examine the records of the different marketing concerns and draw their own conclusions. Bad years and good years will come in the future, and an average with one concern should be taken for five-year periods.

"The causes for low prices this year may be laid to unfavorable business conditions, and the people are economizing. Another big factor was that facilities for credit were paralyzed, and dealers were unable to finance deals."

Mr. Gwin said that those districts which sold at the time of harvest, as Mosier, received true values and the growers had the early benefit of returns.

The directors, Amos Root, Lee Evans, C. A. Macrum, C. A. McCargar and J. M. Carroll, were re-elected unanimously for the year and this body has announced that they



Mrs. Sarah Hale Baker.

ARLINGTON, Or., April 3,-(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Hale Bak-(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Hale Bak-er, who died here recently, was born August 18, 1845, in Indiana and came to Oregon in 1852, mar-rying William R. Baker at Cor-vallis, Or., in June, 1863. She has been a resident of Eastern Oregon for 33 years. Besides the husband, who survives her, she leaves seven children, all of whom are married. They are: George W. Baker, Edward Baker, Frank Baker and Milton Baker, all of whom live here, and Mrs. Sperry, of Centerville, Wash., and Mrs. Addie Hulbert, of Albany, Or.

will retain R. D. Chatfield as manager. A vote of thanks was extended by the growers to the directors and manager

Roslyn, Wash., People to Pass On Issue to Extend Water System

ROSLYN, Wash. April 3.—(Special.)
—The people of Rosiyn will vote April
13 on a proposition to bond the city
for \$28,000 to build an extension to

PE ELL MAN IS DROWNED

the exchange showed a not average of 64 cents against 74 cents for Mosier, an increase of 10 cents on the box.

It was shown by a comparison of the report of the Hood River Association

Guy Potter Benton Gives Talk at employment. Thus in municipal and state industries new labor was first of for on any employee to military service. The superfluous labor in industry was also transferred to astricture, in order to insure the quick gathering in of the harvest, which was not completed to the peak at the secondary of the peak at the shoot of order on the peak at the secondary of the peak at the secondary of the peak at the secondary of the position of the position of normal times. In some the military orders a memployment fell back to the position of -normal times. In some the military orders a memployment fell back to the position of -normal times. In some the military orders a memployment fell back to the position of -normal times. In some the read of October to 10.7, Meanwhile in common of the secondary of the trade unlons at the end of October, Above all there was a transfer of labor. Above all there was a transfer of labor to the enormously increased armaments at the enormously increased armaments at the enormously increased armaments are with the proper of labor to the enormously increased armaments at the enormously increased armaments at the enormously increased armaments are was a transfer of labor. Above all there was a transfer of labor to the enormously increased armaments are attailed in lines. In some industries there was a dearth of labor market.

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Frank J. Miller, came here Thursday and held a public hearing. Through

The Dalles Grants Requests of Libby, McNeil & Libby.

COUNCIL VOTE UNANIMOUS

Extension of Street Across O.-W. R & N. Tracks Only Step Left to Take to Insure Erection of \$60,000 Plant.

THE DALLES, Or., April 3 .- (Spe cial.)—When the City Council unan-imously passed an ordinance at its reg-

growers as to the maintenance of grade and pack. Mr. Campbell declared that during the last year local growers have damaged themselves on account of indifference in guarding against improper grading. He declared that other districts had gained in reputation by setting up a higher standard. Figures read by Mr. Davidson showed that of the 1913 crop. 33 per cent only was extra fancy. While this year it increased to 73 per cent.

A. W. Stone, manager of the association, reported that the organization would begin the next crops stronger than ever. While the records show contracts for 1.45 per cent of the tonage have been withdrawn, new contracts for 1.45 per cent of the tonage have been withdrawn, new contracts have have here have been withdrawn, new contracts have have here have been withdrawn, new contracts have have here than the cannel strong stronger than ever. While the records show the contracts for 1.45 per cent of the tonage have been withdrawn, new contracts have have here here than the cannel strong stronger than ever. While the records show contracts for 1.45 per cent of the tonage have been withdrawn, new contracts have have here here than the cannel strong stronger than the cannel work.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 3.—(Special.)

MO The cannery is the biggest thing that

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sary that Madison street be extended across the O.-W. R. & N. tracks. The railroad company has granted permission for the crossing to be made, but the State Railroad Commission also must sanction it.

Public Hearing Is Held.

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NO SCHOOL

Attorney Robbins, the O.-W. R. & N.
Company waived all objections to the extension of the street, and city officials and citizens testified in favor of opening the street so that it may be extended across the railroad tracks. In view of the fact the citizens of The Dalles are unanimous in the request that the street be continued, and the fact that the railroad company does not object, it is believed the decision of the Railroad Commission will be favorable. A decision is expected the first of next week.

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