

EUROPE'S SALVATION HELD UP BY POWERS

Central Nations Declared on Verge of Chaos.

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Allied Governments Must Work Together, Is Assertion of British Director of Relief.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Sir William Goode, British director of relief, who recently returned from a tour of the war-impooverished countries of Europe, declares that unless the allied and associated governments provide credits for food and raw materials, central Europe is likely to become "a desolate waste of starving millions."

England, he declares, cannot do anything likely to be effectual unless the United States extends credits in proportion to her means. The crisis in central Europe, Sir William declares, is of such dimensions and complexity as to defy isolated or individual effort.

Speaking before the American Luncheon club recently, he said: "You cannot heal the wounds of Europe by dribbles of government relief or dabs of humanity. The day for palliatives is past. Emergencies such as that in Austria will not wait for the emergence of the league of nations. Little nations generated by the self-determination incubator of the peace conference are likely to disappear even before they are old enough to sow their wild oats."

"A comprehensive and far-reaching financial arrangement must be quickly arrived at by the allied and associated governments unless half of central Europe is to be a desolate waste of starving millions. The key to the economic arch is organization of credits for food and raw materials and the exportation of manufactures on a regular and ascending scale from the countries receiving such credit."

United States Must Help.

"With the present value of the pound sterling and with the present position of French and Italian exchange, it is evident that any such comprehensive credit scheme will be futile unless the United States takes a generous part. Great Britain has already borrowed, in partnership with France and Italy, \$4,000,000 from the United States to feed Austria. I dare say we could borrow more and further discount our own securities, but that would be only a palliative which in the long run would do neither Austria, ourselves nor the world any good."

"The fact of the matter is that we cannot do anything which is in the least likely to be effectual unless the United States is also prepared to extend her credits in proportion to her means. It is no good being 'mealy-mouthed' about admitting that we, who before the war were rich, are now poor. Personally, I am inclined to think that the nations participating in some such comprehensive scheme of credits will in the long run suffer no material disadvantage."

"Of one thing I am quite certain and that is that if central Europe and the new nations are allowed to starve in their own juice, the whole world will suffer. In any case, whatever remedy may be adopted, it will involve on both sides a demand for common sacrifice and for common stimulation of production. To use Mr. Hoover's blunt expression: 'Europe must work or starve.'"

Britain Prepared to Act.

"I think I am authorized to say that if the United States can see its way to take part in some such comprehensive provision of credits as I have suggested the British government and the British people will be prepared, and I think rightly prepared, to strain still further the resources which have been so impoverished by war."

"If that opportunity is not taken I am inclined to fear that the great relief work done by Mr. Hoover, of which America is justly proud, will go down to posterity as a task only half done. I realize that there are many difficulties in the way, such, for instance, as the unison of unofficial American financial effort with operations that may be under the control of European governments, but I have unwavering faith that these are not insuperable."

"Describing the conditions prevailing in central Europe as he observed them in his recent journey, Sir William continued:

"Locomotives from one country dare not budge across the frontier of another. Coal trains with their cargoes are liable to be seized the minute they come within the grasp of a neighboring army. The only real safeguard for the supply of food going from one country through another is the presence of a lone British Tommie who, perched on the caboose and knowing no language but his own, placidly escorts the few exchanges of food and raw materials which have so far enabled several of the countries to keep body and soul together."

"The new allied states exhibit a nervous independence in dealing with their former enemies with whom, remember, they still are technically at war. This constitutes one of the principal obstacles to the restoration of the equilibrium of central Europe."

"If you had the whole British cabinet rolled into one superman, he would be powerless to achieve any appreciable progress so long as by the delay of peace a state of war prevails in central Europe."

BRITONS COMMENT SIMS

ENGLISH SHOULD REFUSE SOME DECORATIONS.

Awards of Honor Held Lacking in System—Distinguished Soldier Holds Them Cheap.

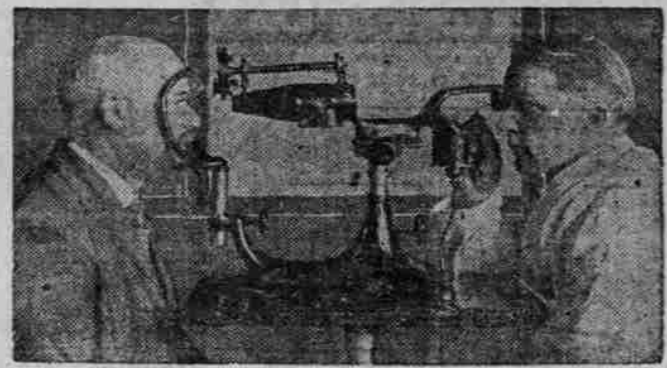
LONDON, Jan. 3.—(Special Cable.)—Admiral Sims' award of a naval decoration prompts the Evening Standard to comment thus:

"We need someone in a similar exalted position to do that sort of thing here. It would focus public opinion on the extraordinary lack of system in the selection of names for naval and military honors."

"In the army the Victoria cross is the only decoration that is admittedly above suspicion of a 'wangle.' This is not merely the opinion of disappointed persons, very distinguished soldiers, much decorated, say all his ribbons are worth sixpence. Vague generalities won't succeed in reforming the abuses perpetrated in the king's name."

Wangle is English army slang for getting what one wants when one

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PANAMA TRAFFIC RECORD

7,711,000 Merchant Tons Pass Through Canal in 1919.

PANAMA, Jan. 3.—Traffic through the Panama canal in 1919 exceeded that of any previous year, 2,396 ships of 7,712,000 net tons, in addition to 10,000 ships displacing 1,000,000 tons passing through the waterway. The cargoes of the merchant ships aggregated 7,711,000 tons. Ships measuring 700 tons carrying 16,000 tons of cargo were 2 per cent greater than in any previous year. December broke the monthly record, 283 ships of 867,000 net tons, carrying cargoes of 953,000 tons, traversing the canal. The total tolls collected amounted to \$81,373 for December and \$6,872,000 for the year.

Steamer Sinks; Five Drown.

GOTHENBURG, Jan. 3.—The Swedish steamer Jetland, bound from Buenos Aires to Gothenburg laden with corn, struck a mine in the Kattegat and sank immediately. Five of the crew of 26 drowned.

Walla Walla Farmer Dies.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 3.—Sixty years a resident of Walla Walla, Thomas Glickerson, a retired farmer, died tonight aged 83.

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