

CRASH OF GERMAN FINANCE PREDICTED

Nation's Credit Likened to Dying Patient.

VON GWINNER IS GLOOMY

Financial Structure of All European Countries to Collapse, Asserts Noted Financier.

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LONDON, Jan. 31.—(Special Cable.)—In a dispatch to the Daily News from Berlin, J. C. Segreus writes: "The catastrophic collapse of German exchange surprises bankers, vaguely alarms the general public and produces much talk here of possible national bankruptcy. To discover what the banking world thinks of the question, I called this afternoon at the Leitsche bank, where I had an interview with Herr von Gwinner, who today, as for many years past, is regarded as the Napoleon of German finance."

"I asked him at once whether Germany was going bankrupt."
"There is too much confused talk and confused thinking about this question of bankruptcy," he replied. "A distinction must be drawn between bankruptcy of credit and bankruptcy of treasury. The present condition of German credit is, in effect, a condition of bankruptcy, as, whereas, on the other hand, there is no suggestion of treasury or state bankruptcy."

Credit Is Tottering.
"A formal declaration of bankruptcy would not do anyone any good and would not make the financial position of the German treasury the least scrap better. The whole fabric of German credit is tottering, but surely no one is now so foolish as to believe that it is crashed down other European countries are going to escape. Our crash means the crash of France, and in fact of the whole of Europe."

"I suggested to Gwinner that perhaps he took a somewhat unreasonably gloomy view of the situation."
"Not in the least," he replied. "Germany is simply heading toward economic ruin, and as nations are economically interdependent her ruin involves that of Europe generally. I am little surprised that complete collapse of our credit has come with such startling suddenness, but I forewarned it and have repeatedly warned the entire both publicly and privately during the past year. But my warnings were always dismissed as mere guff."

Inability to Pay Asserted.
"Answering a question about war indemnity, Gwinner said:
"Of course, we could never pay, and no sane British or French financier expects us to pay, the huge indemnities of which there is still talk, but if you give us breathing space and grant us credit to import raw materials and foodstuffs, we shall be able to pay a very large sum indeed. The greatest and most tragic aspect of the German industrial situation is that the will to work on the part of the German working classes is stronger today than at any time since the revolution."
"A meeting of banking and government experts was held to day to consider the exchange question. The physicians are meeting at the bedside of the dying patient," was Von Gwinner's comment."

MORRIS EMPLOYEES DINE

BOND HOUSE OFFICIALS TAKE PART AT BANQUET.

Fred S. Morris and John L. Etheridge Give Talks—Officials Elected by Club.

When employees of Morris Brothers, Inc., and members of their families to the number of 150 gathered around the banquet table last night at the Portland hotel, each behind a hand-somely lithographed document of the size, form and appearance of the bonds that are their daily stock in trade. It was a novel menu provided for the 27th anniversary celebration, and even the designation of the food, from soup to smokes, was in the parlance of the financial trade.

Fred S. Morris, chairman of the board of directors, who founded the financial house 28 years ago, was toastmaster at the banquet.
John L. Etheridge, president of the firm, in the course of his address, produced some statistics certified by public accountants that astonished the boosters of the sales force. Sales for the month of January amounted to \$6,417,000, compared with \$3,185,000 for the same month of 1919, \$487,000 for the month of 1918, and \$107,000 for the month of 1917.

The feature of the afternoon session was the organization of the Morris Brothers, Inc. club, which will issue a house organ to be called "The Spritzerium," which the first head of the club says means "pop."

The officers elected for the first year are: C. A. Carrol, Seattle, president; C. A. Nelson, Salem, vice-president; J. S. Shute, Portland, secretary.

The house organ is to be weekly and C. H. Johnson was named editor, with M. E. Smead, associate editor. There are more than 100 employees of the firm, all of whom participated in the banquet.

PACKERS WILL CONVENE

American Institute Members to Gather Monday in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Meat packers from all parts of the Pacific coast and from many interior points will meet in convention at the Palace hotel on Monday and Tuesday of the coming week.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Institute of Meat Packers, of which Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago packer, is president. Some two hundred large meat packing firms, including larger Chicago packers, constitute membership of the institute.

The meeting at the palace will be presided over by Charles S. Hardy of San Diego, vice-president of the institute, and well-known coast packer.

The east will be represented by delegations from Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Detroit, Robert Graham of the English food commission, with headquarters in New York city, will accompany the eastern group and will address the convention on Tuesday.

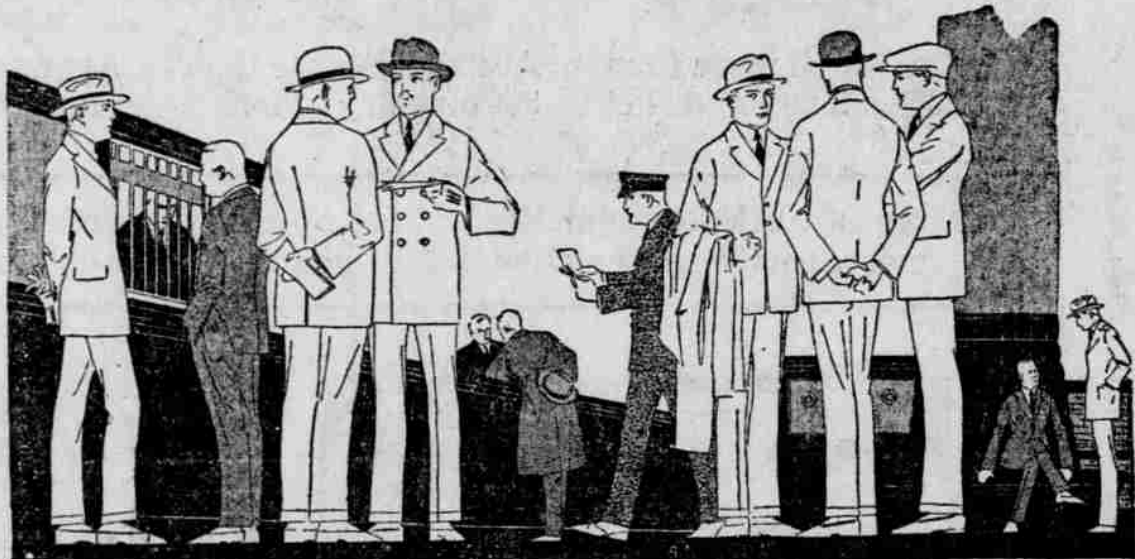


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Publisher of Revolutionary Age Charged With Urging Overthrow of Government.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Proof that the communist party is a development of left wing socialism will be offered at the trial of Benjamin Gitlow, who is accused of criminal anarchy, according to the statement of Assistant District Attorney Burke in opening the government's case Friday. Gitlow, formerly an assemblyman from the Bronx, is charged, as publisher of the Revolutionary Age, organ of the communists, with printing a manifesto of the left wing socialists which, it is said, urged overthrow of the government by violence. The present socialist party is the right wing, according to Mr. Burke. It favors use of the ballot to bring socialism about, while the communists, formerly the left wing, urge violence, he said, and denounce the right wing as moderates.

Elkin testified that he got a check for \$345 from Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes as treasurer of the left wing, in payment for his work, but that it was returned by the bank marked "insufficient funds." Gitlow made good the amount in cash, he said.

LIQUOR WILL BE STORED

Wet Goods Confiscated in City to Go Into Warehouse.

All liquor confiscated in Portland by police officials in the future will be placed in bond. The city is not planning to engage in the liquor business in defiance of the prohibition laws, however. All available space has been utilized for storage purposes at the police station and from now on the liquor will be placed in a bonded warehouse operated by C. O. Pick & Co.

This decision was reached by the city council yesterday. Suggestion was made by Mayor Baker and Commissioner.

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CITY CALLS FOR BIDS

Construction of Firehouse at Fourth and Taylor Proposed.

Bids for the construction of a three-story fire engine house on Fourth and Taylor streets have been advertised by City Purchasing Agent McIntosh. The bids are to include the contemplated fire engine house and also a comfort station to be located adjacent to the station house. The bids must be presented to the city auditor by 10 A. M. on February 14. The station house will be the new home of engine and truck company storehouses be used. This suggestion was not adopted when it was discovered that the cost of hiring guards would exceed that of space in a bonding house.

Bend Elks to Initiate.

BEND, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A special dispensation of Bend lodge No. 1371, B. P. O. E., will initiate a large class of Crook county candidates in Prineville on the night of February 21. A dance and dinner will be given, following the ritualistic work.

Amos Taken in Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 31.—Arthur Amos, wanted in Pendleton, Or., to face a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, left here today for the Oregon city in custody of a Pendleton officer.

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"There's a Long, Long Trail"

"Rose of No Man's Land"

TODAY AT 12:30

This Week's LIBERTY PROGRAM DE LUXE

1. Liberty Educational Weekly, choice bits of news compiled by the management.

2. Prison scene and Duet From "Il Trovatore"; Earle Alexander, tenor; Mrs. H. B. Murtagh, soprano.

3. A Film Novelty.

4. Murtagh at the Console in a selected popular number.

5. The Liberty Review, odds and ends of interest compiled by the management.

6. The Liberty Presents Charles Chaplin in "A DAY'S PLEASURE."

7. The Liberty Presents Its Prologue to the Picture, "RED-HOT DOLLARS," introducing "THE ANVIL CHORUS," with stage and electrical effects.

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