POLITICAL WASTE IS BANE OF NATIONS

Distrust and Greed Keep World in Chaotic State.

DISARMAMENT ONLY CURE

Present Military Status of France If Continued Will Destroy Foreign Commerce.

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PARIS, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—What has become of all the industrial efficiency and added productivity engendered by the war?

What is the explanation of the lower production, now that 10,000,000 men have been released from military service and millions of dollars' worth of material no longer is destroyed in warfare?

Is the production of useful commodities actually lower the world over than during the war?

Why is the world not getting back to normal?

To discover an answer to the riddle, not by theorizing but by actually investigating the practical causes of production stoppage, will be the object of my trip to Europe, which unfortunately I shall be compelled to cut short. Thus far my investigations have covered only France, but I plan to return later to complete the study.

Reasons for Paralysis Complex.

It must be recognized at once that the questions asked above cannot be answered with a glib formula. The reasons for the world's present economic paralysis are not simple, but highly complex.

A first conclusion, which applies especially to France, is that too much politics is being played. During the war the belligerents and many neutrals were forced to nationalize their industries. Central direction was necessary and only the government perceived the importance of this organization. Thus, industry and trading under political control, and politicians now are reluctant to let go the many advantages such an organization gives them.

I say this applies particularly to France, because in England de-control is proceeding rapidly, while in Germany centralization during the war was far less political than elsewhere, due to Germany's highly developed centralization.

Industry Being Choked.

This gives Germany an opportunity to multiply indirect taxation, thus relieving the politicians of the disagreeable duty of levying direct taxes. The result of this method as applied to fuel (coal and oil) is to increase manufacturing costs far in advance of those prevalent in Germany, thus choking industry.

A second observation, which applies to all countries just now, is that everybody is busy watching the other fellow, fearful lest he gains an advantage, instead of doing his own business and doing his own share toward restoring normalcy. This tendency manifests itself especially in high tariffs.

Don't misunderstand me. I am heartily in favor of anti-dumping measures. I also favor protection, where it really is protection against unfair or purely destructive competition, and not protection of inefficiency.

But anti-dumping and genuine protection will act for very few of the high tariff walls constructed since the war. They are the product of fright. The producer or manufacturer, instead of setting to work to improve his efficiency and beat his competitor, confesses in advance he is beaten. He goes to his parliament and cries:

"I can't compete. The foreigner can produce better and cheaper goods than I. You must protect me."

The purpose is to drive the foreigner from the market. Of course, if the foreigner also is overcome by fright he retaliates. Mathematically it is obvious that if both succeeded in their purpose international trade is arrested. These are times when the world is clamoring for trade resumption and political interests are bent upon this destruction. But such efforts do not always succeed. You have a nation like Germany, which has practically no raw materials and therefore can only subsist by importing raw stuffs, giving manufactured goods in exchange.

Tariff Would Kill Germany.

If the tariff wall against goods is successful, Germany will die. But Germany refuses to die and with almost uncanny inventiveness, born of stern necessity, resolves to climb that wall by increasing efficiency beyond what heretofore was believed possible.

Thus, in Germany's case, the German goods are the ones most feared by competitors. The net result of a tariff barrier is to increase German efficiency. At the same time efficiency is lowered in protected countries and prices are raised. In short, the foreigner is the only one who gets any advantages.

Add to this the fact that the Germans, under the treaty of Versailles, are compelled to disarm. This means that all of Germany's man power is in the workshop producing—not in the barracks consuming. On account of the abolition of military service, Germany today has a larger industrial man power than before the war and is able to utilize the great machinery built for war purposes in the production of export goods. Efficiency has been imposed upon Germany by her competitors.

Disarmament Means Economy.

This brings me to the question of disarmament and the prospects of accomplishing something in that direction at the Washington conference. Persons who realize that about 80 cents in every dollar disbursed by the United States this year goes for purely unproductive military purposes—and the perecntage is higher in some European countries—can picture the immense tax savings in disarmament. To this should be added the advantage of releasing men from military service for useful work, and the saving of raw materials now devoted to armaments.

What are the chances of success? So far as navies are concerned, the decision will rest largely with our own government. England is groaning under taxation. Japan is utterly unable financially to maintain the pace the United States can set. As I believe President Harding is sincere in his desire to lower military costs, I feel confident of some progress on the naval side.

As for land armaments, however, France must take the lead, and from talks I have had with leading Frenchmen I am less confident of substantial accomplishments.

France Exists for Its Army.

France's population is less than 40,000,000 normally, including about 8,000,000 males of first-class industrial utility. But she lost some 1,400,000 killed in the war, while total and partial disablement makes an aggregate of not far from 3,000,000 able-bodied men lost to industry. Of the 5,000,000 remaining aproximately 800,000 are in the army.

This is the largest percentage of able-bodied men ever kept under arms by any nation in time of peace. It accounts largely for the fact that while business is at a standstill there is relatively little unemployment in France. Not only are 800,000 workers in the army, but a large part of the civil population is employed in the vast bureaucratic organization of government, while the labor of hundreds of thousands is required to provide supplies and subsistence for the soldiery.

It may be said, in short, that the French nation exists today mainly for the army's sake. In other words, France is a great army, with a great service of supplies behind it. It is no wonder in these circumstances that France has no surplus goods for export.

Disarmament Only Salvation.

What will persuade France to give up this army? I have asked many Frenchmen this question. Nothing, it seems, will satisfy them short of a formal guarantee of military assistance from the principal powers in case of a German attack. I do not want to be unfair to France. Nobody can blame the French for desiring to take every possible precaution against a repetition of recent horrors. But I submit the French nation cannot have a military establishment which absorbs practically all of its productive energy, and at the same time become a prosperous modern industrial nation. The man who sits up every night, gun in hand, watching for burglars cannot work and earn a living during the day. France cannot see this, so I fear the conference concerning land disarmament faces a breakdown. Such an outcome practically will eliminate France as a trading nation.

LIFE ON ISLES LONELY

THREE AMERICANS NOW IN ROLE OF ROBINSON CRUSOE.

Palmyra Islands, Several Hundred Miles Southward of Hawaii, Great Source of Copra.

HONOLULU, T. H.—Life on Palmyra islands, several hundred miles southwest of Hawaii, is lonely but busy for a trio of Robinson Crusoes from Honolulu who have elected to live there and prepare copra from the cocoanut groves, according to advices received from them.

Colonel and Mrs. William Ming and Edwin Benner, who went there last October, have seen but one vessel, an American navy craft, since they stepped ashore on Palmyra's quiet beach. When that ship recently came to Honolulu it brought an accumulation of mail from the three telling of life on the cocoanut isles.

The daily routine consists mostly of building trays on which to lay the cocanuts, they related. These trays are about 100 feet long and 3 feet wide, and day after day the nuts are gathered, gouged and left open in the sun to dry.

The little colony keeps a close watch on the weather, for an hour's shower may spoil a lot of copra. As rain and thunder storms appear to be fairly regular visitors at Palmyra, weather forecasting has become an important factor in the work.

The islands of the groups are so close together that the Mings and Benner frequently wade from one to another, always, however, with a wary eye out for sharks.

Fish are plentiful and furnish much of their food, while occasionally a bird dinner varies the monotony.

Shoes soon became a problem. They thought they had a plentiful supply, but wet weather and heavy tramping quickly wore down their stock and the three Palmyrans have been "building" their own footwear for some time from the rough material provided by nature.

Palmyra islands, which have been leased for their copra by a Honolulu syndicate, are the property of Henry E. Cooper, who is said to have bought them from their English owners for $750 and brought them under the American flag.

OSBORN MUST FACE TRIAL

Portland Man Charged With Driving Car Recklessly.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—E. G. Osborn, Portland salesman, who sometime ago crashed his automobile into a machine driven by Malcolm Lamp of Brooks, with the resultant deaths of Rudolph Samuelson of Canby and Mrs. Roy Westley of St. Johns, Portland, probably will arrive here sometime next week from Portland to answer a charge of reckless driving.

He is now in a hospital in Portland suffering from fractures of the ribs and other injuries. Justice of the Peace Unruh yesterday telephoned to Portland asking for information regarding Mr. Osborn's condition. He is under $750 bonds.

St. Helens Plans Public Market.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The St. Helens council will build a public market so that the farmers living in nearby communities can dispose of their farm products direct to the consumer. The market will be on a vacant lot near the courthouse and in the center of the city, the owner, H. F. McCormick, having given permission for the city to use the property free of charge. Farmers in the Warren neighborhood and at Yankton have agreed to keep the market supplied with their products.

Veteran Gets Medal.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Albert Woodard, who got into the war early by going to Canada and enlisting in an ambulance corps, has just received a service medal and victory medal from the Canadian government. The delay of two years is said to have been occasioned by the fact that 40 miles of ribbon was required for medals for all those entitled to them. Mr. Woodard was seriously wounded by being struck in the head with a piece of shrapnel and was left on the field for dead.

Divorce Granted in Quick Time.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Divorce was granted to Eugene Hasenfurter from Anna Hasenfurter in the superior court last night in less than two days after the complaint was filed. This was a record for the local court. The grounds were incompatability of temperament. The mother received custody of the 15-year-old son.

The Tay in Scotland carries more water into the ocean than any other river in Great Britain.

FIRST EFFECTS OF MOVIE STRIKE FELT

Musicians Fail to Appear for Rehearsals.

100 THEATERS ARE HIT

Unions at Dallas, Tex., Refuse 10 Per Cent Wage Cut and Walkout Is Threatened.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Managers of many vaudeville and moving pictures felt first effects of the coming strike of musicians today, although the strike was not scheduled to go into effect until midnight. In these theaters musicians failed to appear for the customary Saturday rehearsals at which music for the next week's programme is reviewed.

The strike, which it was declared, would affect 100 theaters, was ordered last night by the Musical Mutual Protective union. About 1000 musicians are employed in the houses affected. The union maintains it is striking to forestall a lockout planned by the managers to enforce a wage reduction.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 6.—A walkout of all motion picture operators, stage hands, musicians and organists in local theaters August 13 is threatened following refusal today of several unions involved to accept proposals by theater managers of reductions of 10 per cent in wages.

WAGE COMPROMISE REFUSED

Miners in Washington Await Expiration of Contract.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 6.—The special convention of district 10, United Mine Workers of America, in session here to discuss the commercial coal mine strike situation in Washington, went on record as opposing any compromise of operators on the demand of the latter for wage reductions, it was unofficially stated today.

This action was taken yesterday when the convention, it is reported, adopted a resolution declaring it to be the policy of the district organization to oppose any downward revision of wages until the expiration of the present wage contract, which miners contend is effective until next April. Most of the commercial mines of the state have been closed down since last March 15, when miners refused to accept a wage cut of between 23 and 24 per cent.

Recently operators announced their intention of opening the mines at the new scale, and served notice upon striking miners to vacate company-owned property by August 31.

It was indicated before the operators met that announcement of their intention to begin operation of mines on an open-shop basis might be expected not later than Monday.

Printers' Strike Broken.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The first break in the printers' strike, in progress here since May 6, came today when A. J. Crombach, president of the pressmen's local No. 38, notified the Rochester Typothetae that the men have unanimously voted to return to work, dropping their demands for the 44-hour week. The pressmen will resume work Monday, it was announced by the employing printers' headquarters.

Wage Cut to Be Contested.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 6.—The four big railroad brotherhoods in Canada announced today they would jointly contest the 12 per cent wage cut, which has been put into effect on the Canadian railroads. They have applied to the government for a board of conciliation and a ten-day conference in Montreal.

Plumbers Accept Cut.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 6.—Approximately 700 journeymen plumbers today agreed to accept wage reductions of $1 a day. The new rate will be $9 a day until August 1, 1922, when the men will accept another dollar reduction.

LINGERIE IS SHIPPED

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station, he decided to send it to Seattle and said that Mrs. Whitney would call for it in about two weeks. He informed the station agent that he was on a tour and was going to Grants Pass.

Description Is Accurate.

Although the agent did not know Dr. Brumfield, he gave a very complete and accurate description of him as soon as he learned of the murder of Dennis Russell. This description was furnished Sheriff Starmer in writing, as soon as the sheriff asked the appearance of the man shipping the package. It tallied in every way with that given by other persons who saw Dr. Brumfield at about the same time.

The dentist was seen at the Myrtle Creek station by J. H. Hogan, a Southern Pacific brakeman, who saw him coming out of the building. Mr. Hogan waved to him and called out a greeting but received no response. Dr. Brumfield was seen later by members of the same train crew, speeding in his large red car toward Roseburg.

The package was sent to Seattle, and on the day following the murder it was traced by the officers. Detectives of the Seattle police force guarded the box for two weeks and when at last the officers became convinced that it was only a ruse to lead to the wrong trail, it was returned to Roseburg.

The fact that Dr. Brumfield had purchased woman's clothing at stores in Roseburg caused the officers early in the search to issue a warning that he might be masquerading as a woman. The evidence, given by the box, however, led the officers to the opinion that a ruse to be used in the event of a failure of the murder plans, was the only purpose of the purchase.

Mr. Burchard, proprietor of the store where the box was obtained, identified the box at the sheriff's office this afternoon and also the "litter" it contained. He picked out the articles purchased at his store, several garments having been bought at other stores in the city.

Dentist Thought in Hiding.

Sheriff Starmer said that in his opinion the box had been sent out merely to confuse the authorities long enough to give the doctor a chance to make good his escape in the event it was learned that the body beneath the car was that of Dennis Russell. Sheriff Starmer believes that he took the highway into eastern Oregon, and that the prompt cooperation of officers along the route resulted in his being forced to go into hiding in Klamath county.

He feels quite positive that the man who held up Robert Kremer, assistant city engineer, and wife, of 1370 East Thirty-second street, Portland, and Harry Hall of 1340 East Glisan street, Portland, late Friday afternoon at Beaver swamp, near Diamond lake, was the fugitive. The members of the Mazama party who were victims of the holdup declared after seeing a picture of Dr. Brumfield that the highwayman was undoubtedly the dentist.

Telephone Wires Are Cut.

Because of the fact that the highwaymen cut the telephone lines leading through Beaver swamp, it was impossible to get word through to eastern Oregon today except by a roundabout way. Deputy Sheriffs Hopkins and Murphy of this city were at Lent's ranch within a few miles of the holdup and in order to inform them of the robbery it was necessary to telephone to the ranger station at Diamond lake and then send a courier overland.

The deputies, assisted by posses from Klamath Falls and La Pine, were on the trial of the two men today, Sheriff Starmer was informed late this afternoon, in a message from Diamond lake. Only meager details were available in Roseburg because of the difficulties in communication.

POSSE IS OUT NEAR CRESCENT

Victims Relate Robbery by Two Masked Men; Pair Trailed.

BEND, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—F. M. Hopkins and J. O. Murphy, Douglas county deputies, at noon joined in the search for the two robbers who yesterday held up and robbed three Mazamas of $80 21 miles south of Crescent. The Roseburg officers have been combing the Crescent country for the last ten days in search of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, alleged Roseburg slayer, and today organized a posse to co-operate with Deputy Sheriff Rourk of Crescent in hunting the robbers, one of whom is believed to be the Roseburg dentist.

The hunt is progressing toward Diamond peak, and at the time of starting Rourk was of the opinion that the posses would be out of communication with Crescent until late tomorrow. Rourk trailed the men for four miles last night, when he was forced to quit because of darkness. He was confident today that they have not got an automobile.

From the holdup victims, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kremers and H. B. Hall, all of Portland, Rourk obtained a detailed description of the robbers. One wore a soldier's uniform with wool-wrapped leggins and trench shoes. He was five feet, 11 inches, or six feet tall, had heavy eyebrows, and wore gold-rimmed nose glasses, with a chain to the right ear. He carried a revolver. The other, about five feet, 10 inches tall, wore a black hat, red bandana about his neck and khaki coveralls. He carried a rifle. Both were masked. It is the latter who is believed by the Klamath county deputy to be Brumfield.

The Mazamas told Rourk that the second man might have worn a uniform under his coveralls, and the theory that the khaki garment was merely for a disguise was borne out last night when Rourk found the coveralls a little more than 100 yards from the scene of the holdup. At the same place he found a checkbook and an empty pocketbook, pilfered from the Mazamas.

Further evidence in support of the belief that one of the men may be Brumfield is cited in the fact that numerous petty thefts have been reported in the vicinity of Long Rock, near the scene of the holdup, during the last week. For the most part provisions have been stolen.

Fragments of deadwood blocked the road as the members of the Mazama party motored south yesterday afternoon and the car was stopped in order that the way might be cleared. As they finished their task they found themselves looking into the muzzles of two revolvers.

KLAMATH SHERIFF GIVES AID

No Report Received From Party That Is Trailing Robbers.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—No report was received this afternoon from Sheriff Low who with three deputies was assisting in the search for the men who held up the Mazamas' pack train and three tourists in an automobile between Fort Klamath and Crescent on Friday afternoon.

Wires north of Fort Klamath were down, the telephone agent said. Logging operations were supposed to have broken the wires. The agent did not believe they had been cut by the robbers.

CROOKS PASS BAD CHECKS

Financiers Without Finances Work Grants Pass Business Men.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Financiers without finances have been the cause of activity in the last few days on the part of the local sheriff's office.

Clyde E. Crandall is in the county jail following his purchase of a half interest in a local cafe with a check for $300 on a bank in Bellingham, Wash., where he had no funds.

A warrant is out for Abaco Sinclair, wanted for issuing a check for $10,000 on the Bank of Escondido, Cal., where he is said to have defrauded hotel men and others. Sinclair posed as a wealthy farmer and made arrangements for the purchase of three of the best farms in the Applegate valley, giving his check for $10,000 in part payment. He engaged a local taxi driver to take him to Crescent City. Here the driver was told to wait until Sinclair returned from Eureka, where he said he had business. This is the last that has been heard of him. He left a number of debts here.

STUDENT AVERAGE 84.56

Fraternity Men at Corvallis Lead Non-Organization Scholars.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity carried off scholarship honors among men's organizations again last spring term with an average of 88.35. In the order named came Theta Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha and Theta Delta Nu, all above 87; Tau Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Gamma and Kappa Delta Sigma, all above 86.

A student body averagt of 84.56 was made last term. Men in fraternities made an aggregate average of 83.73, while those not identified with an organization made 83.58. The average of women in sororities was 86.80 and those not in sororities 86.25.

Mexico City Population 1,000,000.

MEXICO CITY.—The population of Mexico City has increased more than 100 per cent during the past ten years, according to recent estimates based on statistics which fix the figure at approximately 1,000,000. This is far above the normal increase and is attributed to the influx of persons due to revolutions. Housing conditions, as a result, are bad and suitable dwellings are at a premium.

Reputed Still Owner Arrested.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Roy Sams was arrested at his home on the state line early this morning by Walla Walla county officers and turned over to Umatilla officials on a charge of owning two stills on Basket mountain, in Umatilla county. The stills were seized last night by Oregon officers.

Chicago Students on Visit.

University of Chicago students, to the number of 21, passed yesterday in Portland and left last night for California. A special car of Knights of Columbus delegates en route to New York will arrive here this morning over the Southern Pacific from the convention at San Francisco.

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