

LITTLE IS GAINED IN 1922 FOR PEACE

European Situation Remains
Practically as Before.

RAY OF HOPE APPEARS

Japan Exceeds Promises and Does
More for World Understand-
ing Than Other Nations.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—As the year comes to a close, any one who surveys the events and tendencies of the last 12 months, whether from the point of view of our own country or of the world as a whole, will be forced to find such consolation as an optimist may find in the hope that the next year will be better.

The return of the Turk to Europe has visualized in terms of peace, alarming to us all the actual and complete undoing of the expulsion of the Turk from Europe three years before, which expulsion had been held to be one of the principal compensations of the great war—a compensation weighing, in the eyes of many, even more than the overthrow of autocracy in Germany.

France and Germany Deadlocked.
Aside from this number Turkish incident, in a broader way, we are compelled to admit that those causes of delayed restoration which hang about the relations between France and Germany are no nearer removal today than they were a year ago.

If the removal of the state of fear from the French people by adequate guarantees is an essential prerequisite to a peaceful normal world, who can say that we are much nearer to that consummation today than we were a year ago? A little nearer, may be. The elimination of Lloyd George, who without meaning to be was always a stumbling block, and the negotiations at London this week, may have given us some slight start toward better things in Europe.

Ray of Hope Is Seen.
It is too early yet to be sure. In any event, certainly, the consummation is much more clearly within the field of hope for the coming year, than accomplishment for the past one.

Some other thoughtful persons, approaching the same situation from the economic point of view, say substantially the same thing in terms somewhat like the following:

"The indispensable prerequisite to economic recovery—the one thing upon which all others hang—the indispensable action which must be taken before the world can make the first step toward economic health, lies in the German reparations. So long as the reparations remain as they now are, an undetermined sum greater than Germany can possibly pay, there can be no progress toward sure."

One Year Nearer Solution.
Assuming that this view is correct, it is difficult to say that the world is in a materially better position than it was a year ago. About the only comforting thing you can say is that, assuming the world is ever to be cured and started forward again, the passage of 12 months makes us one year nearer to better things than we were a year ago.

Curiously enough, one of those few portions of the earth's surface on which it is possible to say that things are a little better today than they were a year ago is Russia. Russia today is measurably closer to normal than it was at the beginning of the year. The gigantic experiment in idealistic communism is 12 months nearer to acknowledged impossibility.

Communism Proves Failure.
Indeed it is possible to go farther and say that the impossibility of the project is pretty completely acknowledged, and that the present Russian government, by various concessions in the shape of partially definite land tenure and the like, has made certain concrete steps back toward the acknowledgment of those property rights which are an essential part of the nature of modern civilization. Russia, in fact, is at this moment making rather rapid progress toward whatever kind of modified capitalism is likely to be the civilization of that country in the future.

Another portion of the world in which definitely measurable progress has been made toward hope and achievement is in the far east. A little more than a year ago the world was disturbed by apprehension

of trouble between Japan and the United States. Today, no thoughtful person entertains that apprehension. As a result of the Washington conference for the limitation of armaments, both the United States and Japan, as well as Great Britain, have taken definite and immense steps toward actual limitation of armaments and toward the elimination of the causes of war.

Japan Exceeds Promises.
Japan, indeed, has gone farther in the fulfillment of the promises made at the Washington conference than the letter of those promises called for. Japan's promise to evacuate Siberia, for example, was in definite as to time, and within the letter of the promise might have been postponed for years. As a matter of fact, Japan has withdrawn all of her troops from Siberia within eight months after the Washington conference closed.

Similarly, in leaving Shantung, and in other ways Japan has taken long steps, not merely toward a narrow living up to the letter and spirit of the Washington conference. Actually it can probably be said with truth that during the past year, Japan has done more toward helping civilization out of the mud than any other one nation.

Internal Affairs Critical.
As to the internal affairs of our own country, it can hardly be claimed that they have gone much more hopefully than the affairs of the world as a whole. That the course of this country has been disappointing to the bulk of our people is sufficiently proved by the results of the recent election. Those results were almost wholly in the nature of disappointment, protest and condemnation. The politicians and others are not yet through with the effort to analyze the causes of the surprise which came upon them November 7. But they have gone far enough to know that the principal cause was protest and the effort to make that protest effective.

But the story of the unhappy position of the farmer in America is not merely one of comparative prices between the present and a year ago. The universally conceded fact is that the farmer, compared to the other elements of the country, is in a very bad way. As to these other elements, there is undoubtedly at this moment satisfactory activity at rising prices.

Unemployment Wiped Out.
The unemployment which was general a year ago does not now exist at all. But even the manufacturer who prospers does so with uneasy apprehension about the future. He is compelled to wonder how long he can continue to be prosperous at a time when the farmers of this country have a steadily diminishing capacity to buy manufactured goods, and when Europe as a potential buyer of American goods merely goes from bad to worse.

Many of the most thoughtful persons within the writer's acquaintance believe that this apprehension about America's business future is well founded. They do not hesitate to say in the most dogmatic terms that American business cannot be permanently prosperous. American labor cannot be permanently employed at good wages, and the American farmer cannot hope to get adequate prices for his products until there is political stability and economic regeneration in Europe.

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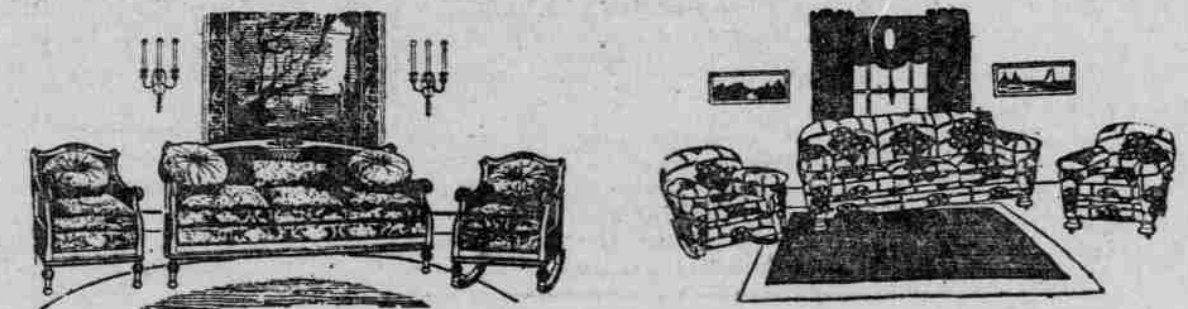
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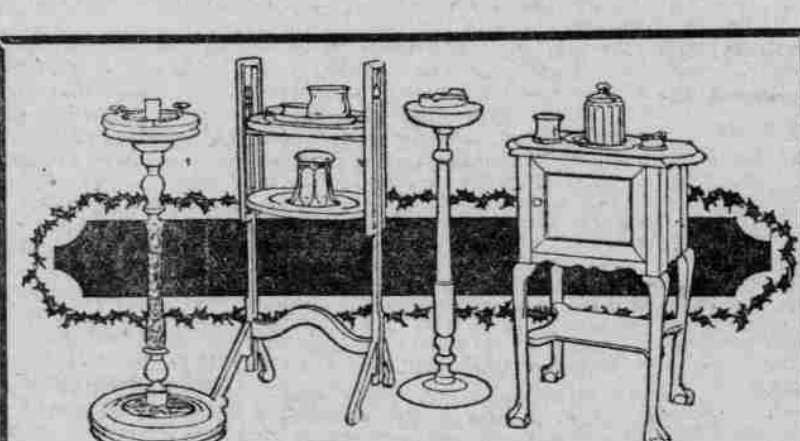
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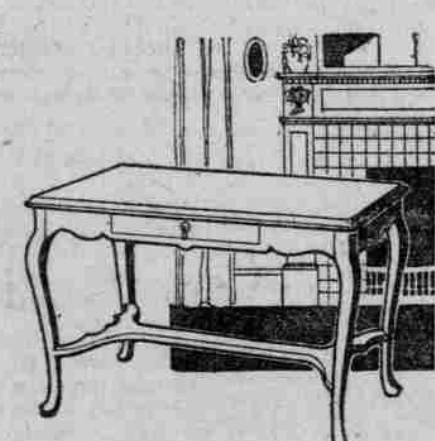
THE FRAMES of these three pieces are solid hard maple, and davenport has two-inch front frame beam to insure against possible sagging; base and back are full web construction with double web and double strength spring front edge; loose cushions are imbedded with coil springs securely sewed into individual pockets.

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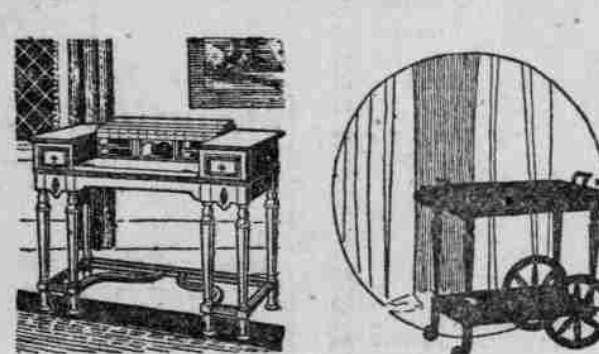
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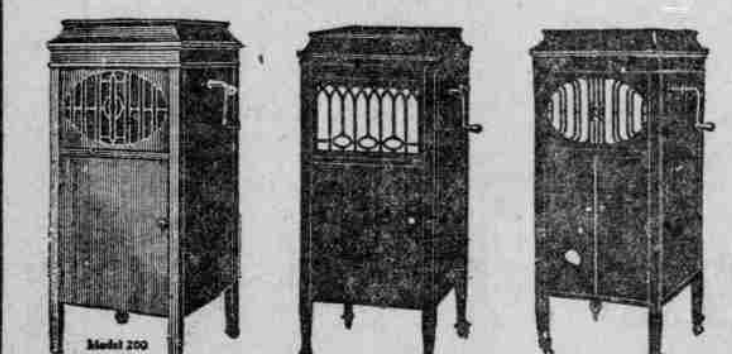
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