

# Special Cables From The Journal-Chicago Daily News Correspondents

## GERMANY MUST WORK TO BRACE UP HER FINANCES

Finance Minister Believes His People Will Rally to Demands of Present Trying Hour.

### RAW MATERIALS ARE NEEDED

American Products Can Have Big Sale Until Germans Increase Production.

By Michael Farbmam.  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
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Berlin, Germany, Sept. 30.—When the German mark is worth only about 2 cents and the mad race between inflation of currency and cost of living is leading to the inevitable catastrophe, when speculation is rampant and capital is streaming out of the country, thus still more endangering the financial situation, when the only means of combating a financial crisis is restricted, first, by the lack of raw materials, and next by the lack of willing work on the part of German workers, and second, by the economic policy of the allies to diminish as much as possible their own imports; when at the same time the allied indemnity demands are growing to fantastic dimensions—one is interested in knowing what the German finance minister, Matthias Erzberger, thinks about the situation.

The first impression you get when you attempt to solve the problem is that the finance minister is not thinking about the situation, but is working intensely to improve it. Indeed, when you apply for an interview, you are likely to be invited to call at 8:30 a. m. My first thought was a pleasant one, as I mistook the invitation for a breakfast appointment, but I was disappointed when I was asked to see the official at the ministry of finance.

### WORK GERMANY'S HOPE

The way Mr. Erzberger talks—attacks his enemies or defends himself—proves his extraordinary vitality. Most Germans are now downhearted, hopeless, desperate or panic-stricken. Only the pan-Germans are as usual defiant. Erzberger belongs to the third and as yet small category of those who have no time to lament and who know the situation too well to be defiant. He is aware that the only hope for Germany is work and that the only way to reconciliation lies through work.

"Theoretically," he began, "there are two possibilities: Germany will recover slowly by hard work or a new and more terrible crisis will ruin the country and recoil upon the rest of the world. Practically, however, only the first alternative remains. The will to work is awakening in Germany and she will soon prove once more that she is a working nation."

Mr. Erzberger is emphatic in the opinion, though it is now the fashion to put all the blame for the decrease of production on the workers, that the idleness is not wanted but the result of over-tiring and underfeeding during the war. He now sees hopeful signs of recovery and is sure that the illness will be overcome sooner than the pessimists expect.

### RECOVERY IS PREDICTED

"Frankly," he said, "Germany will recover quickly if the outer world, and especially America, comes to her help.

With or without that help she will recover."  
The minister gave no impression of defiance or easy optimism when he said this. He expressed the conviction that the instinct to live will bring the German people through their present crisis.  
"If we get no raw materials," he continued, "then Germany must do as she did during the war—put all energy and all force into an increase of her own production and find substitutes for the old raw materials. It will be a terrible war for Germany but it will also mean an enormous loss for the world, because once the German production is based on her own raw materials Germany will cease to be a customer of America for the raw materials of today."  
As an example Erzberger mentioned cotton. "Germany does not receive elsewhere enough wool and cotton she must increase sheep breeding and by technical processes substitute something else for cotton. The experience gained during the war shows that this is by no means impossible, and in a couple of years American cotton might find no market in central Europe."

### MINISTER DEFENDS POLICY

Mr. Erzberger was especially concerned in showing that it is not only a question of adjusting the willingness to send values (standard values). The pan-Germans assert that the fall of values is the result of Erzberger's policy, especially in the proposed exchange of old banknotes for new.  
"This could not be true," said the minister, "because the fall of monetary values was still more marked after that project was given up. Do they not understand that certain circles in Germany are attacking financial reform?"

"This complaint that the allies are wittingly or unwittingly supporting the pan-Germans I encounter everywhere."  
"There are," continued the minister, "only two causes for the fall of monetary values—lack of imports and international bank operations as grand style. General experience and financial history show that low monetary values make international speculation rampant. These speculations are classical in central Europe, and indeed in the whole world of finance, the monetary values question is one of great importance. The regulations in the German monetary standard is exceptionally important in the world's economy."

### UNFAVORABLE EXCHANGE

"After all, unfavorable exchange has the same effect as the highest protective duties and if the question is neglected will lead the world to an economic crisis amounting to a disaster."  
The minister then explained that America could not trade in Europe until the monetary question was settled. The next consideration was how the problem was to be solved. He answered the question by saying that the first thing to do was to allow Germany to develop all the forces of her industry by obtaining enough raw materials and export facilities; secondly, by arresting the inflation of the currency which he was confident could be accomplished by equal levy, and thirdly, probably the most important and speedy method—by arranging with America to give Germany a money loan.

Mr. Erzberger spoke at some length about this loan. Such a loan, he said, would be of enormous importance to the United States itself because Germany to a very great extent would become its debtor. What significance that would have to the commercial relations of the two countries, to America's position in the world, he did not say.

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## Mexican Consul to Charter Steamship Line From Germany

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Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 30.—Speculation is rife here as to Washington's attitude toward the reestablishment by President Carranza of Mexico's consular and commercial relations with Germany as proved by the arrival in Copenhagen

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Mr. Gonzales readily admitted his mission to Germany and added that he would eventually proceed to Moscow to enter into negotiations with the soviet government with a view to bringing about the resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and Mexico. President Carranza is almost ready to give recognition to the Lenin-Trotsky government. He said a Mexican consul sailed from New York early this month with passports designating Switzerland as his destination.  
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