

BOLD FRONT OF GERMAN REGIME ONLY ASSUMED TO CHEAT THE PUBLIC

Newspapers Criticise Rulers for Misleading Statements; Say Conditions Are Serious.

By Gordon Stiles
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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London, England, Dec. 26.—The increasing frantic efforts which the existing German regime is making to hang on by misleading the public in reassuring speeches, are drawing out serious criticism in the newspapers of the Fatherland. On this subject Die Konjunktur says:
"The isolated signs of improvement referred to by the ministers are not to be depended upon for a survey of the situation as a whole must lead to the conclusion that there is further deterioration. The government has been forced to confess this, for the suspension of the entire passenger service on the railways for 10 days can only be regarded as such a confession. Moreover, in stating the reasons for this measure, it acknowledged that the coal and potato supply in the towns is in a very precarious state."
"In a large number of towns the potato shortage is even more alarming than the coal shortage. The interesting question is whether the ministers really believe their own assurances, for their appreciation of the economic conditions is no inadequate that the very worst is to be feared from their policy. The people have no confidence in a government whose words and assurances are flatly contradicted by the course of events." The newspaper goes on to say that the government's financial policy is one of deceit and that the increasing severity of the measures against corruption shows not only the depth to which the state authority has fallen, but also the futility of its recital and predatory methods.

One Price Is Less
Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Not everything has gone up in price. In 1919 it cost Uncle Sam 2 cents on \$1 to collect internal revenue taxes in California. Now it costs less than one-third of 1 cent per dollar.

Dutch Government Shies at Military Pact With Belgians

By Leopold Alstria
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 27.—From an authoritative source I am informed that the Belgian-Dutch negotiations have led only to an economic agreement.
The Dutch government is unwilling to enter into any military compact with Belgium and will confine itself to the statement that it will look upon any invasion of Dutch Limburg as an act of war. For the rest, it will join the League of Nations and accept all its obligations.
Political circles here are satisfied with the success of the Dutch diplomats in Paris, although the economic agreement has not yet been published. They are rejoiced that Holland is to keep a free hand in the question of military defense.
The Belgian and Dutch delegates will meet again January 5 to settle all questions not yet decided.

Prisoner of War Conference Bides Time in Denmark

By Gordon Stiles
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Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 26.—The prisoners of war conference in Copenhagen is marking time while J. O'Grady, M. P., is understood to be waiting for word from London as to whether he can act for neutral powers in the matter. Although the Scandinavian countries will do their own negotiating, Switzerland, Spain and France have nationals in soviet Russia and Mr. O'Grady has been requested to look after the interests of some of them. It is considered possible that the supreme war council in Paris will appoint a commission to take part in the conference here.
There are a number of Germans in Copenhagen who, it is not unlikely, may represent the radical interests of Germany here. They propose to get in touch with Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolshevik delegate, but so far it has not been shown that any conferences have taken place.

A perforated shield prevents the flame reaching bread on a new toaster for stoves.

BRITISH ROYALTY CUTS COURT, DRESS EXPENSE; FREAK GOWNS TABOOED

Dressmakers Not Enthusiastic at Outlook; Old Aristocracy Unable to Pay High Prices.

London, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—No Persian skirts of the trousered variety, no barebacked or low bodiced gowns and no abbreviated skirts are to be tolerated at royal functions at Buckingham palace, it was learned today. An intimation from the king's lord chamberlain settled that. Freak and immodest gowns are tabooed.
But the debutantes and court ladies are wondering just what they may wear. The fate of the traditional court dress is in the balance, owing to the sympathy the reigning house has with the old aristocracy who no longer are able to afford pre-war court standards of dress, but whom the king and queen do not wish to debar from court functions.
So London society is expecting that pre-war court regulations which require a nine-foot train from the shoulders, elbow white kid gloves, a 45-inch veil and fine feathers worn in the hair, may be relaxed. Besides, a modest court dress costs \$300. But a fortune can be spent on a train. Court dressmakers are not enthusiastic over the outlook.

Holland's Peasants Spend Lavishly for Luxurious Jewels

By W. J. L. Kiehl
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The Hague, Dec. 26.—For the first time in more than a century the Rotterdam tax bureau has collected more than 10,000 florins (\$4000) in one month on objects of gold and silver. That it is not only the rich war profiteers who buy such articles of luxury is shown by the long rows of people before the middle class jewelry shops. On Saturday evenings the queues are as long as those that waited outside the food shops at

the worst time of the war and the lines are composed almost entirely of laborers and peasants.
The peasants are no longer content to buy characteristic provincial trinkets in 14 karat gold, as in the days before the war, but they demand that they shall be in 18 karat, as they did in Holland's golden age.

Former Hungarian Premier Implicated in Murder of Tisza

By A. E. Decker
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Vienna, Austria, Dec. 26.—(Delayed.)—It is expected that in the next few days the former premier, Stephen Friedrich of Hungary, will be arrested on the charge of complicity in the murder of Count Tisza. During the war Friedrich was an engineer operating a machine shop of about 50 men, and it is alleged that, with Count Kerey, he entered into a conspiracy of extremists and helped to overthrow the monarchy. Hungarian Social Democrats claim to have documentary proof of Friedrich's guilt.

Fewer Unemployed in England Since War

London, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—While the British government, despite protests of labor members of parliament, has cut off doles to unemployed, it has been very careful to continue unemployment pay to ex-soldiers. Thus, while civilians unable to get work must shift for themselves, the ex-service men and widows of soldiers will be taken care of until they can find jobs. Some 344,000 men are affected. Statistics show that there is less unemployment in England today than during the 15 years average before the war.

Germans, Short of Food, Aid Austrians

By George Witte
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Berlin, Dec. 26.—It is a remarkable fact that although there is much suffering here and throughout Germany hundreds of thousands of marks are being raised and whole trainloads of food and clothing are being sent to relieve the distress in Vienna.

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\$2.50 Quality
\$1.59
Shown in navy, burgundy, black, gray and brown. All 42 inches wide. A wonderful bargain!

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Women's Dress Shoes Only \$4.98—These are in black kid with either white kid or gray cravenette tops; leather French heels; medium weight soles. All sizes to show you. Worth \$8 the pair—our price only **\$4.98!**
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Size 8 1/2 to 11 for.....\$2.98
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