

FRANCE'S ACTION, NOT FINE WORDS, SHOWS SINCERITY

Youngest French Deputy Says
New Chamber Will Prove
Worthy of Financial Assistance.

By William E. Nash.
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Paris, France, Jan. 7.—"France will show by her action that she is worthy of financial aid from the United States. Enough of fine words. We will show in the new chamber that we know how to undertake the work of reconstruction."
The man who spoke these words was Captain Hourtaux, 26 years old and the youngest deputy ever elected to the French parliament. He is a splendid type of the young patriots who purified the harshness and sufferings of the war, has determined to cut loose from the stereotyped school of old politicians.
"My program is one of economic and financial reform rather than of politics," he continued. "Certain direct taxes can be augmented such as those on matches and the fortunes of the idle rich. An income tax, indeed, exists in France already, but it has never been properly levied or collected. Our transport system is thoroughly in need of reform and so are the customs duties which have hampered importations from America."

FEELING OF DISCONTENT
"Furthermore, Frenchmen of the younger generation must be taught the spirit of expansion. They must emigrate. France has a splendid colonial domain which if properly exploited will supply her with most of the materials she needs. For that matter this movement towards the colonies has already begun. Our nation is no longer sufficient unto itself as it was before the war. The invasion destroyed much and the task of reconstruction has inspired a feeling of discontent which will assuredly lead many people to try their fortunes abroad. In furtherance thereof we need a large merchant marine. New dockyards will be constructed and the navy will be expanded."

"Finally, we must cease to be a stationary people. Families will and shall increase. All this will take time but it will come. It is the spirit of victorious France. The new chamber will start the good work by attacks on our cumbersome system of bureaucracy and our faulty system of organization. There can be no doubt that it is faulty, looking at the one item of transportation alone. But the world must not be impatient. Our task is huge beyond description and I wonder if the Americans realize the extent of the work to be done."

REFORMS PROMISED
"In the devastated regions everything is destroyed and everything there must be rebuilt before we can put through other reforms. It is like building a section out of the wilderness as your pioneers used to do in the Far West. Dispel the illusion that a wave of laziness has spread over France. That is propaganda spread abroad by our enemies."

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The man who gave me this clearcut exposition has made a name for himself at the age of 26. Before the war he had already won a respectable position in the business world. Throughout the hostilities he served in a French aviation squadron and at the end came out an ace of aces, second only to Captain Rene Fonck. In 1917, after recovering from his third wound, the captain was sent to America with the Tardieu mission. There he formed the acquaintance of several leading bankers and industrialists who, he says, will now come to the aid of France whenever asked to do so. He inspired such confidence in his chief, M. Tardieu, that the latter took him under his political wing and the two were elected to the chamber on the same Republican ticket.

Captain Hourtaux is very youthful in appearance. Short, slight, blond and smooth-faced he does not look his age. No one would guess that he was the father of a family of three children.

Decker's Statement Is Fanciful, Declares Premier of Spain

Madrid, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Former Premier Dato today characterized as absolutely fanciful the statement of Rear Admiral Decker of the United States navy that he had insured Spanish neutrality in 1918 and also had induced Spain to take steps against the activity of German submarines.

Rear Admiral Decker, in explaining his refusal to accept a naval decoration, claimed that as naval attaché in Madrid he had been instrumental in keeping Spain from entering the war as a German ally.

Secretary of Labor Asks Appropriation For Deporting Reds

Washington, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of Labor Wilson on Tuesday asked congress for a deficiency appropriation of \$1,719,131. He asked \$1,000,000 for enforcement of laws against alien anarchists, \$150,000 for deportation of aliens and \$500,000 for the immigration service.

BRITISH REDS NOT TO BE CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY FOLK ON HOME SHORE

Scotland Yards to Keep Subjects
Deported From America on the
Move as They Reach Home.

By Forbes W. Fairbairn
London, Jan. 7.—Aroused by the danger of the radicals deported by the United States invading Britain, Scotland Yard is making extensive plans to avert it. All "anarchists" will be met at the docks and officers will closely examine all passengers coming from America and intending to get off at British ports. Absolute proof must be furnished by all those that they have a right to be at liberty.

There is no law, according to a Scotland Yard official by which a British subject can be refused admittance in this country. It is said there are a number of extremists of British nationality among the 6500 arrested, or to be arrested, by the United States authorities.

"The British authorities are thoroughly alive to the danger in the situation," said an informant. "The deported persons will be under surveillance from the very moment they land. We do not want the same things to happen here that happened in America if we can help it." Nothing is known here of a plot to flood the continental countries with spurious money, there being actually very little counterfeit British money in existence, according to officials of the Bank of England.

"It is known definitely, however, that the Russian presses are producing millions of pounds worth of forged British notes, and that much of this fake money is now in circulation in Russia, where British currency, next to the American dollar, is the standard exchange money."

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the result of the death of Mrs. Oscar Francis, wife of the attaché of the American legation and formerly of Chicago. Her death occurred at midnight December 31, after an illness of many months. Mrs. Francis never recovered from the shock and exposure in an open boat in the North sea following the sinking by a German submarine of the ship in which she was crossing from America. Funeral services were held in the English church here.

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