

MORE EFFICIENCY IS NATION'S NEED, DECLARES HOOVER

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Washington, March 11.—A warning that America must increase her national efficiency, if she is to meet the "militant commercial invasion" of Europe and at the same time maintain her high standards of living, has been issued by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, his first detailed statement regarding proposed development of his department.

Hoover said fundamental adjustments are necessary in industry, commerce and government, if successful recovery is to be made from the economic difficulties inherited from the war. Cooperation is needed from all quarters, and better government machinery is needed to assist in the solution, Hoover argued.

IMPROVE OR EAT LESS
While concerned with his own department and its functions, Hoover outlined a program which would affect every part of the economic organization of the nation.

"In the long run we may as well realize that we must face a lower standard of living in Europe many years ahead," said the secretary. "The production costs of her people in consequence will be lower than before the war."

"If we meet this competition, and still maintain our high standards of living, we will have to work harder. We will need to still further improve our processes, our labor relationship and business methods."

"If we would so improve our national

efficiency and our foreign trade, we must consider our transportation, railway, water and marine, as one system directed to serve the nation as a whole.

"The development of certain trade routes through our mercantile marine as the real extension of our inland transportation, the improvement of the Great Lakes to ocean going vessels, the development of great electrification of our power necessities and the handling of our labor readjustment by moderate men on both sides are all problems that have a fundamental bearing on the recovery in commerce and on our ability to compete.

"If I were outlining one of the most essential directions for expansion of government activity, it would be in the constructive study and ventilation of the whole gamut of these possible improvements and in elimination of our great wastes in labor, in material, in power and a host of other directions," Hoover continued.

PUSHING AMERICAN TRADE
He defined the function of his department in the widest sense as one of "service to the commerce and industry of the country." He said he wished to establish a wider and better organized cooperation with trade and commercial associations and that in a short time he would present plans to this end.

"I want to see our efforts to push our foreign commerce more closely related to our industries," said Hoover.

"The future of the department is in its abilities to meet the needs of our industries, and trade must await the thorough reorganization of the whole executive machinery, now being vigorously undertaken in congress. The need of it, both for economy and to secure more definite purpose in government departments, does not need demonstration."

Hoover said that outside of voluntary measures the only immediate extension of service lies in better internal organization.

Indorse Guy C. Finley
Yakima, March 11.—Indorsement of Guy C. Finley as secretary of the Washington State fair is given by stockmen of the valley, and the nomination is backed by the Rotary club of this city.

HARDING SWITCHES ON HIS PLAN TO BRING YANKS HOME

By David Lawrence
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Washington, March 11.—American troops will remain on the Rhine, at least until the present emergency arising out of Germany's refusal to accept the reparation proposals of the allies is cleared up.

The first act of the Harding administration toward Europe is, to be sure, a passive policy, but it is not without a certain significance. Mr. Harding announced during the campaign that American troops would be brought back from the Rhine as quickly as possible after his election. Arrangements had been made through the Republican leaders in congress, who handle appropriations, to cause the withdrawal of the American contingent at an early date.

HAVE TO ALTER PLANS
The sudden turn of events abroad has, however, made it necessary to make a temporary change here, too. President Harding discussed the whole question with his cabinet at the first meeting. Examination of the instructions given General Allen, in command of American troops, revealed the fact that it was unnecessary for the American forces to move in any direction on account of the advance of the allied troops; and that there would be no particular harm done if they simply stayed where they were.

Thus, the allied forces would exact penalties from Germany and be in the position of enforcing the terms of the treaty. To the extent that the United States has decided to take no part in the enforcement of the treaty terms, it can be assumed that there has been no

change in the determination of Mr. Harding gradually to withdraw America from active participation in European affairs.

WANTS NO MORE FRICTION
On the other hand, the Harding administration realizes full well that there is no necessity for adopting an attitude of gratuitous indifference to European affairs from a moral viewpoint and the argument has been effectively made that if the United States withdrew her troops at the very moment when the allied forces were advancing, it might be misconstrued by the Germans as an act of disapproval by the United States of the allied policy and might stiffen the backs of the Germans.

So, for the present, it is the Harding policy, as communicated to the state and war departments and concurred in by Secretaries Hughes and Weeks, that nothing be done to aggravate the situation abroad, either with respect to the allies or Germany, and American troops therefore will sit tight and maintain a neutral attitude.

GERMANS PAY EXPENSES
Technically, the United States and Germany are still at war, and the American forces on the Rhine are merely carrying out the terms of the armistice, by which certain territory was to be held by the American troops until a treaty of peace has been signed.

Everybody realizes that the failure of the United States to sign the treaty negotiated at Paris has created an anomalous situation from a legal standpoint, though, in effect, the maintenance or withdrawal of the American forces is really of little military importance, or of relatively little expense to anybody. The Germans are required by the terms of the armistice to pay all the expenses of the armies of occupation, including that of the United States, and while the American government is advancing the funds the payments will be made in due course by the Germans.

NOT IN THE WAY
As, for strategic considerations, the advance of the allies has been beyond the points occupied by the American forces, and, broadly speaking, the American troops are not in the way, and can stay where they are without embarrassment to the allied military plans.

reparations continues unsettled when the special session of congress convenes next month, the Harding administration will broaden its passive policy to include a postponement of the plan to pass the Knox peace resolution. Obviously the United States would not negotiate peace with Germany if there were an open breach between the allies and the Germans. The expectation, however, is that by the time congress gets back to Washington the European situation will have been clarified sufficiently to enable the Harding administration to proceed with its plans for the making of peace with Germany.

Library Circulation Jumps
Ashland, March 11.—Ashland's public library during January and February had the biggest two months that it has ever had in the 30 years of its existence, according to the librarian, Miss Blanche Hicks. Forty-two hundred and thirteen books were loaned. This was a 24.5 per cent gain over the same two months of last year.

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WILSON DEVOTES WEEK TO RESTING

(By United News)
Washington, March 11.—Woodrow Wilson's first week as a private citizen has been devoted largely to relaxation from his long term in the White House. While he has had one conference with his law partner, Bainbridge Colby, within the last few days, he has made no further move to get under way in actual practice. His physical condition is reported as only "fairly good" and he will not begin any writing, it is added, for some time.

quires two hours a day of his time. He has no stenographer who remains constantly at his disposition but employs one to help in answering his correspondence a few hours daily.

The course of his treatment, massaging and electric vibration applications, consumes almost three hours of his time each day. The balance of the day is given over to reading, riding about the city and adjoining country in his automobile, and resting.

Blue Laws Likely For Pasco People

Pasco, Wash., March 11.—The city hall was crowded to its full capacity Wednesday, word having gone out that ordinances were being prepared to clamp the lid on certain forms of amusement and to regulate others, and the big crowd was not disappointed. Ordinances were introduced abolishing of all forms of gambling, and regulating pool halls, soft drink establishments and dances. They have a good chance of passing, it is said.

SHEET MUSIC

SALE
A list of 24 popular songs will be placed on sale Saturday morning at 25c the copy. Song folios, albums and teachers' instruction books at big reductions.

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Lipman Wolfe & Co.
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Everything for Cash
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Saturday—If You Get Here Soon Enough



ACTUAL REPRODUCTIONS

For Miss 13 to 19
New Silk Dresses
at a Very Low Price

\$15.95

—These are no longer the "difficult ages" now that you can secure such smart, becoming garments designed by specialists to make girls in their teens appear to decided advantage.

—And so very smart are these particular dresses, of such good satin and taffeta that they would seem almost too good to be true at \$15.95 if we couldn't see them before us at this minute.

—You will note in the sketches the graceful lines, the pretty plaits, ruffles and flounces and the colorful yarn or ribbon trimmings.

—Come tomorrow and see them for yourself.

White Lawn Dresses
Special \$1.98 and \$2.49

—Sizes 8 to 14, some dresses slightly soiled, but the price more than makes up for the slight trouble of laundering them.

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That Would Cost You a Whole Lot More Anywhere but in This Very Special Sale

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Sizes 16 to 44

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—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



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Special at 98c!

—NIGHT GOWNS of white batiste, longcloth and cambric, with lace or embroidery.

—ENVELOPE CHEMISES of pink or white lingerie cloth, finished with lace, embroidery and ribbon beading.

—BLOOMERS of pink batiste, full cut and well tailored.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Ladies! Here Is the Great Spring Underwear Sale:
Vests 39c—Union Suits 65c

The Vests Are Beautifully Mercerized
All Styles
and All Sizes, Pink and White
The Union Suits Are Fine Lisle

—These garments are from a leading manufacturer who sold them to us at a startling saving because of slight irregularities in the weave, which do not affect the comfort or wearing qualities.

—The last lot of this kind was sold out so quickly and we have had so many calls for more from women who bought that we are glad, indeed, to announce this sale.

—Come early for your size and style.

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Three Splendid Specials for Children

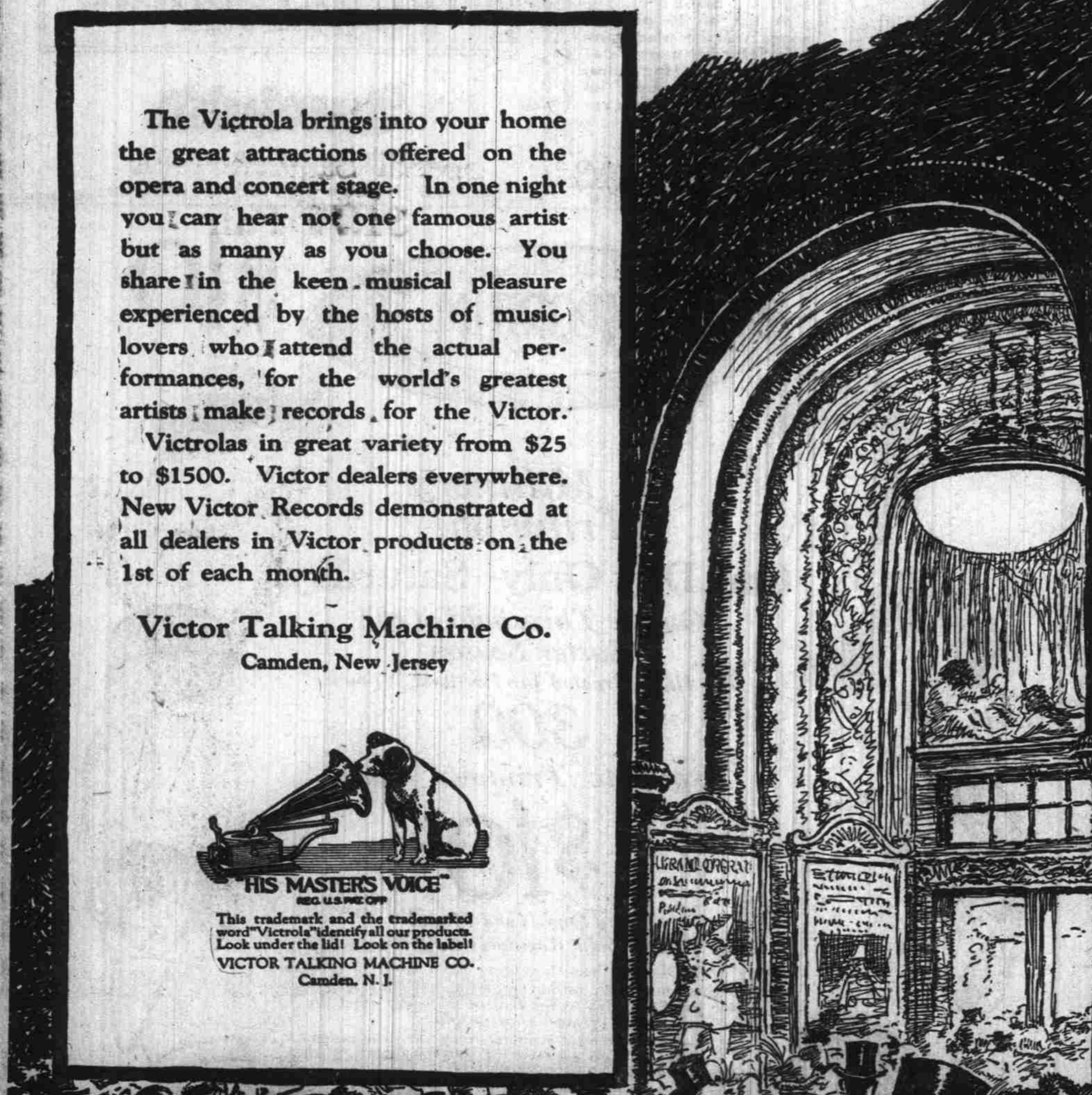
Boys' Buster Brown Hose, 35c Pair
—Sizes 6½ to 11 in these hose that are famous for wear. Fast dye black.

Children's Spring Millinery \$1.49
—Another showing of those large roll brim sailors and small shapes in spring colors, tailored with ribbon.

Scuffer Shoes
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