

SAYS GERMANY LONG WAY FROM DOWN AND OUT

Conditions in Europe Seen by Bend Minister

IRELAND UNCHANGED

English Rule Effected Through Free State Instead of Dublin Castle, Declares Father Sheehan on Return to Bend

"Germany is far from being down and out."

This was the statement made by Father Luke Sheehan of St. Francis church, just returned from a four months absence in Europe, of which two weeks were spent in Germany and the balance in Ireland. In the Teutonic republic he found industry progressing, and the great mass of the people apparently in fairly good circumstances.

The people are not well dressed, but from all he could learn there is no real distress. The laboring man is better off than ever. The professional classes, and those with fixed incomes are badly pinched, however, by the fall in the value of the mark.

Irish Situation Unchanged
Speculators have become tired of buying the mark. Father Sheehan said, for its continued fall has not only failed to return them a profit, but has represented a heavy loss as well.

As to the reparations situation, the sentiment is strongly against payment, with a very evident inclination to let the allies fix up their own difficulties, he said.

The situation in Ireland is unchanged from that of two years ago, it was gleaned from conversation with Father Sheehan, who was accompanied to Bend by his nephew, Father John O'Connor. Father O'Connor is unwilling to make any statement regarding the Irish political situation.

Says England Still Rules
England still rules Ireland, Father Sheehan declared. Two years ago this rule was through Dublin castle; today it is through the Irish Free state administration. Irish sentiment today is represented by the republican party which, he believes, will ultimately prevail. "The reprisals which have been started by the Free State on helpless prisoners are in themselves a confession of weakness," he said. "The Free State was never sanctioned by the Irish government. The May election was to effect a coalition government, to end civil war, and to bring into being a new register of voters, unrevised since 1918."

At present the situation is bad in Ireland, Father Sheehan said. The provisional government, which was at the helm at the time he left on his return voyage to America, was looked on as the tool of England.

BEND HIGH PLAYERS DO WELL ON STAGE

"Dust of the Road," Given Under Direction of Franklin Forrester, Ushers in Holidays

Remarkably good interpretation of a difficult playlet, by youthful players, was exhibited Friday forenoon when freshmen of the local high school presented "Dust of the Road," by Kenneth S. Goodman, in the auditorium. It was directed by Franklin Forrester, class advisor.

The story of the play deals with the return of Judas Iscariot, who has reformed and is trying to counterbalance the evil he did in betraying the Master, by encouraging the people to observe the Christmas spirit. His one day of the entire year is Christmas eve. The characters were: Claire Payne.....The Tramp Edna Fox.....Prudence Lynn Kribs.....Peter Steel Kenneth Ballantyne.....Uncle A prologue was given by Mary Reynolds.

BRITISH CHANCELLOR WILL DISCUSS DEBT

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, left here today for Washington to confer with American officials regarding the refunding of the British debt.

BOWLING ALLEYS ARE CLOSED THIS WEEK

The bowling alleys at the American Legion building are closed until after New Year's, announces O. W. Grubb, who is in charge. This week the alleys are being renovated and repaired.

Bend's Railroad Claim To Be Presented At Hearing In Portland Next Month

Every possible argument for the construction of an east and west railroad across Oregon, passing through Bend, will be presented by the Bend Commercial club at the hearing on the Corey complaint, which will be held before a representative of the interstate commerce commission in Portland, beginning January 15, if the suggestions made at Wednesday's club forum luncheon are carried out. Statistics showing Bend's present volume of freight, and the increase which will come soon, will be gathered by the railroad committee, and presented. Twenty thousand cars are now being shipped out, and 2,400 cars a year will soon be the incoming volume, it was stated by Floyd Dement, chairman of the railroad committee, who presided.

Neutrality is being observed by the club here only in the matter of the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger, Dement explained. The committee feels, he said, that Bend may be in position a little later to secure recognition on some vital matter, through refusing to take sides now. That no effect on Bend can now be seen, no matter which way the merger question is decided, was the statement of R. W. Sawyer. If one of the roads should promise to build a road from Bend to Odell to connect with the Natron cutoff, which both have promised, Bend might take sides, he said.

Bend's desires and claims in the matter of an east and west road, however, should be placed before the commission at the hearing next

month, Sawyer urged, with all of the statistics which can be gathered. The local lumber companies and also the diatomite mining interests at Terrebonne should be interested in such a road. Bend's agreement with the Burns Commercial club to urge east and west construction might be revived, he suggested.

A. G. Clark declared that the attitude of neutrality taken by the committee is wrong. The club should decide what it wants and go after it, he said. Clark also called attention to the lack of stock scales in Bend, declaring that if such scales were provided, the stock shipments from this city would be greatly increased.

R. S. Hamilton also expressed his opinion that a neutral attitude is wrong. The program of the Portland & Southeastern, giving the development that Bend wants, should be actively supported at the hearing next month, he said.

George Parkins, a member of the committee, explained that the neutral attitude has to do only with the merger controversy. E. L. Vinal spoke in favor of sending a strong delegation to the commission's hearing. H. T. Foley said he saw no reason why the club should not support the Union Pacific in its effort to make the unmerger order effective, stating that that road would be more likely to proceed with development of this part of the state.

William E. Williams, recently appointed representative of the local club on the chamber of commerce at O. A. C., was introduced and spoke briefly.

RESILIENCE OF NATION SEEN IN ECONOMIC GAINS OF YEAR

New York Financier Notes Sounder Commercial Conditions

By Francis H. Sisson
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(Written for The United Press.)

It is striking evidence of the great resilience of this nation that, in spite of the seriously adverse influences which persisted in 1922, the closing months of the year disclosed a situation in general very materially improved, as compared with conditions 12 months prior.

Since the beginning of 1922 the general level of prices has been advancing and the volume of industrial output has been increasing. There has been marked improvement in the iron and steel industry, which is now employed at about 80 per cent of capacity. All of the textile industries are now very active and the automobile manufacturers have had a very prosperous year. Unemployment throughout the country has ceased to be a serious problem; in fact, there is a marked shortage of common labor.

After a year of bountiful crops, improving prices, and increasing industrial activity, the outlook for the future may be considered distinctly favorable. In any event, the definite basis for continued prosperity now exists, although it must be admitted that the road ahead is by no means free from obscurities and obstructions.

A well sustained volume of foreign trade, for example, is an important element in a satisfactory economic situation in the United States, and there is ample cause for apprehension over the present financial and economic difficulties in Europe, for which a solution is still to be found. A serious reaction would certainly result in America if the great continental markets were thrown into further disorganization.

The Soldier Bonus
The financial outlook is excellent and gives assurance of ability to support any sound development of business that may be desired. Through the president's veto of the soldiers' bonus bill the nation has for a time being escaped the enormous financial burden which would have been imposed by that legislation, but the effort to secure a blanket distribution of public funds to the soldiers of the late war will undoubtedly continue and, if successful, would constitute a serious check to hope for reduction of taxation and amortization of the national debt.

A similar menace to the public credit lies in the proposals to weaken the federal reserve board by appointments for political or class purposes in its personnel and to institute special and perhaps unsound extension of credit to selected interests in the community.

The labor situation also is fraught

with obvious danger to the balanced and orderly readjustment of the economic structure. The restriction of immigration has strengthened the strategical position of organized labor.

The President's Declaration

President Harding has recently declared that the nation is "solvent financially, sound economically, unrivaled in genius, unexcelled in industry, resolute in determination and unwavering in faith." If the basic economic and financial factors can be wisely protected and these human qualities can be assured free play, there need be no interruption to the continued progress of the United States towards prosperity.

It would be folly, however, not to recognize that such protection and freedom can by no means be taken for granted, but demand an intelligent initiative and a sustained courage on the part of the leaders and majority of the people if they are to be assured. The problems in industry, finance and international relations which confront the nation are many and difficult and will severely test its capacity to manage its affairs with wisdom. There is evident a tendency to experiment with theories of finance and administration which have been often discredited by past experience and unless this tendency can be controlled, our present fortunate position may be seriously compromised.

The favorable features in the present situation in the United States, however, would seem definitely to outweigh the unfavorable ones, and there is reason to entertain a sane optimism in regard to the prospect of excellent business conditions for the first six months of 1923 at least, and if the possible difficulties to which reference has been made can be successfully overcome, the coming year should place the nation in a stronger economic and financial position than ever before. Its situation may be deemed favorable indeed, when compared with that of most great countries in the world today, where far heavier burdens exist and far more harassing and critical problems now confront their peoples.

Frisco Dynamite Plot Revealed in Letter of Radical to the Police

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Chief of Police O'Brien today received a tip claiming that radicals have planned to blow up a building in the financial district here. The writer claimed to have been a member of the gang which plotted the dynamiting. O'Brien immediately ordered the police to take extraordinary precautions.

TOLL OF BOOZE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY IS SMALL

Deaths From Poisonous Liquor Chiefly in New York

AUTOS ADD VICTIMS

Gun Fights Alleged to Have Grown Out of Bad Booze Mar Holiday

—Liquor Flowed Mostly in Homes, Cities Report

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

Outside of New York city, where poisoned booze consumed on Christmas day claimed half a dozen victims, the United States was markedly free of deaths from illicit alcohol this year. Two died from poisoned hooch in Ohio, one in Oklahoma, and one in Boston, where, however, 27 victims were reported in serious condition.

Eight were killed in New York city from automobile and Christmas fire accidents, four were killed in the streets, and four died of burns. Deaths from automobile accidents were reported from Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Paul and points in Oklahoma and California.

Portland reported one killed and 11 injured.

Half a dozen persons were reported killed through the country in gun fights allegedly growing out of "bad liquor" parties.

HOME DRINKING PREDOMINATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Six persons are dead and 12 are known to be in hospitals here, suffering from "hooch poisoning" following New York's driest Christmas.

One woman was found dying in the street.

Little drinking was done in cafes and cabarets. The liquor flowed mostly in homes.

ORAL MESSAGE CUSTOM FIXED

Harding Establishes Precedent of Appearing Before Congress

By Thomas L. Stokes
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Harding has firmly established the precedent of the chief executive appearing personally before congress for the delivery of messages outlining the plans and policies of the administration.

By constant adherence during his term to the custom revived by President Wilson, the president is now considered as having permanently fixed the face to face contact with congress. There was a fleeting outcry among the tradition bound veterans of congress when President Wilson broke the precedent set in the first administration of the government. However, the opposition soon died away as the country was seen to approve his action. President Harding favored the change and it is said by those close to him that he hopes the precedent is now well established.

In this connection the present chief executive has himself set a precedent which will possibly be carried along by his successors in office. By delaying his personal appearance before congress recently until several days after the regular session had convened, he broke all custom. Every other president had regularly addressed his annual message to the opening of congress on the day after congress had assembled.

This marked deviation during the last two administrations has caused those here who watch the shifting of political currents to predict that an era of change has begun which will result in other pronounced alterations in government procedure. One reform, widely advocated and supported by President Harding, the privilege of cabinet members appearing on the floor of congress to defend or urge courses of policy, may follow.

LODGERS FLEE FROM BURNING BUILDING

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Scores of lodgers were forced to flee in night attire, many reporting narrow escapes from flame and smoke, when fire due to defective wiring swept the Lillian apartments here early this morning. The damage was \$20,000.

Children Are Made Happy In Bend On Christmas Day; Presents Much In Evidence

Shortly after 7 o'clock on Christmas morning, two sober young matrons, aged three and five years to be exact, were seen wheeling new baby carriages along a downtown sidewalk. It being somewhat chilly, the occupants of the carriages were covered up so that they could not be seen, but evidently they were also new. Just two of the many little girls to whom Santa Claus was kind this Christmas.

Later in the morning numerous boys could be seen utilizing the pavement as a roller skating rink. Since this is hardly the roller skating season, the skates must have been Christmas presents. And there is no question as to the newness of some

of the bicycles which were also in evidence.

Bend's Christmas was, on the whole, a quiet one. Most of the people who have homes spent the day in them, and invited friends whose homes are hall bedrooms. Many spent the afternoon in touring on roads which are, with few exceptions, as good as they were in the summer.

Public observance of the day was confined to the services at the St. Francis church, which included a solemn mass which began with the day, and four masses during the forenoon, all of which were well attended. A large crowd attend the Christmas dance in the evening at the Hippodrome.

PLAN TO AVERT LUMBER FAMINE IN ALABAMA; TIMBER DWINDLES

Cut Is Four Times as Great as Production, Conservation Head Asserts

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 24.—Alabama is threatened with a lumber famine that will reduce this state from the position of a lumber exporter to that of an import state, according to I. T. Quinn, state commissioner of conservation, who has made a close study of lumber conditions in Alabama.

An appeal to Governor Kilby to include in his message to the state legislature provisions for the enactment of laws which will provide for the protection of state forests and for the reforestation on lands from which timber has been removed, has been made by Quinn in line with his program of conservation.

"We are cutting our timber more than four times as fast as we are producing it," Quinn said. "Only 10 per cent of what is now being cut is original growth, the other 90 per cent is second growth and of inferior grade."

"In 1910, estimates indicated that Alabama had 38,000,000,000 feet of standing long leaf pine. The estimate of 1919 showed approximately 25,000,000,000 feet of timber, or a reduction of 13,000,000,000 feet in

pine timber alone during that decade."

Mobile, which is 1910 was the leading port of the world for the export of lumber, has dropped to sixth place, Quinn said, in emphasizing the urgent need of a liberal forestry program. Alabama in 1910 was the leading southern state in lumber exports. Now it is in third place.

Coupled with the serious lumber famine threatening, the problem of what use to make of lands that will become bare unless reforested also confronts the state, he says. "Between 50 and 60 per cent of the land is classed as forest lands, and the question of how over half of the state is to be utilized in the future now presents itself," Quinn says. "We have approximately 6,000,000 acres of cutover lands suitable to profitable agriculture. The remainder of the state, more than 8,000,000 acres, is practically worthless except for growing timber."

Measures for the prevention of forest fires, which yearly destroy thousands of feet of young growth that in time would prove a valuable asset to the state, are also advocated by Quinn as part of the forestry program.

The economic problem that is attendant upon the despoliation of the forests of the state is not to be overlooked, according to Quinn.

LODGE ATTACKS BORAH'S PLAN

French Assurance of Cooperation in Conference Required

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A conference to consider land disarmament as suggested by Senator Borah in connection for a world economic conference would be useless, Senator Lodge declared today in a senate speech, "unless in advance France should withdraw her objections and agree to cooperate with other powers in lowering her land forces."

Lodge then opened the combined attack of the Harding administration upon Borah's two proposals for an economic and disarmament parley. Previous to Lodge's speech about twenty republican senators, in a "council of war" in Lodge's office agreed to fight Borah's move.

President Harding is reported to be in accord with Lodge's offensive.

BRITISH WILL HOLD OIL LANDS, DECLARED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

LAUSANNE, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon of Great Britain today notified Ismet Pasha, Turkish leader, that it is impossible for Britain to meet the Turkish demands and give up the great Mosul oil regions.

Curzon told Ismet Pasha that the allies will retrace the northern Turkish frontier in conjunction with Turkish experts.

TEACHERS REQUEST CHANGE IN STATUTE

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—The State Teachers' association, in convention here today, considered its legislative committee's recommendation that the legislature be asked to pass a law enfranchising all persons in the state to vote at all school elections. Under present law only taxpayers can vote on school questions which involve

SEATTLE MAN HEADS FURNITURE BUSINESS

D. W. Gould Acquires Interest of D. G. McPherson—Assumes Management First of Year

Transfer of the interest held in the Bend Furniture Co by D. G. McPherson to D. W. Gould, formerly department manager and buyer for the Grote-Rankin Co. of Seattle, has been completed, to take effect on January 1, when Gould will take over management of the business. Need of some less confining occupation induced McPherson to close the deal. He has headed the business for the last six years. A Stipe, who has been associated with McPherson, will retain his interest and will continue in the store.

The sale has been pending for some time, Gould visiting Bend several months ago and becoming so enthusiastic over the city and its future that he determined to locate here. Negotiations for the transfer have been under way since that time.

Mrs. Gould accompanies her husband to Bend, and they will establish their home here as soon as they can secure a suitable house.

BOOKS ARE DONATED BY CHICAGO WOMAN

A box of books, some three dozen of them, was received Wednesday morning by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. from Chicago, from Mrs. Charles A. Brown, wife of the president of the company, as a gift to the Deschutes county public library. The gift is the third of the kind made by Mrs. Brown, and includes a number of valuable works.

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