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THE OBSTACLE TO PROSPERITY

The chief obstacle now standing in the way of American prosperity seems to be the holding up of \$1,500,000,000 of claims based on informal contracts. Owing to a lack of technical authority for the payment of these claims by the government, the contractors are unable to pay the subcontractors, and the subcontractors are unable to pay their bills for labor and materials.

This drains the springs of business. Those who supplied the raw materials cannot pay their labor. Employees are unable to pay their own bills. The public spending power is curtailed and credit is tightened. Workmen lose their jobs. So things tend to slow down. Just when they ought to be speeding up.

It is especially bad that this happens just when our army is being demobilized and the soldiers come home expecting to drop into paying places in a busy industrial system. No duty of the government, therefore, is more important than the prompt handling and settlement of these claims, as recommended by Secretary of War Baker. The interests concerned are justified in demanding that congress provide the requisite authorization without delay.

MINE SWEEPERS

Throughout the war a notable work has been going on, accorded little notice and yet involving a bravery which makes it one of the romances of the sea. This is the sweeping of mines from the waters in order that the big battleships and transports may approach their harbors in safety.

All sorts of small craft have been equipped and pressed into this dangerous but necessary service. Seven vessels have been constantly employed around the British Isles alone.

Each month the minesweepers operating in various parts of the seas have swept up the mines from 46,000 square miles of water. It was lately estimated that in all they had traveled some 1,132,000 miles, and every mile was fraught with danger.

CASTING OUT THE OLD

No better evidence of German stupidity and effrontery exists than the present attempt to bring about peace settlements under the leadership of the very men who are abhorrent to all the world as the instigators and cowards in the war of duplicity and horror.

The refusal of Mr. Hoover to deal with either von der Lancken or Rieth should convey some idea to the German mind as to the feeling existent against men of this type. It should warn the German leaders, too, that the increasing power of von Bernstorff will have to be checked before Berlin can deal with America.

The United States will have no time for a von Bernstorffed Germany. She remembers too well his connection with plots to blow up her grain elevators and disrupt her labor system while he was ostensibly the representative here of a friendly power.

Hindenburg, too, will have to go, with his daily addresses to his unbeaten armies, and his suspected loyalty to the Hohenzollern regime. Until by casting out these old leaders she confirms her assertions of disapproval of their conduct, Germany can hope for no listening ear from the allies.

German Landstrim Has Been Disbanded

LONDON, Jan. 10.—U. P.—The German landwehr and landstrom, or reserve troops, have been disbanded, says an official Berlin dispatch. NEW YORK— . . . . .

J. V. PIPE Bargains in Farm Lands and City property. Insurance, Money to Loan on Good Farms at 6 per cent

FEDERAL FARM LOANS \$ 1/2 per cent interest A. C. BOHRNSTEIN 401 Masonic Temple, Salem, Oregon

RECORD PRICE FOR SPEECH

Chauncey Depew Tells of Occasion When a Few Spoken Words Were Worth Much Money.

In commenting upon the death of Mrs. Russell Sage, Chauncey M. Depew, who knew Mrs. Sage for 40 years and was an intimate associate of her husband for a longer period, told how he made a \$120,000 speech at her suggestion. Mr. Depew stated that although Mr. Sage accumulated a vast fortune he rarely gave away any money, adding that the reason for this was the confidence which he reposed in the judgment of his wife as an able and experienced philanthropist. He said that years ago he received a letter from Mrs. Sage inviting him to make an address at the Emma Willard school, at Troy, N. Y., upon the occasion of the donation by Mr. Sage to the school of a large sum of money for use in erecting a building. This was the school of which Mrs. Sage was a graduate.

"I replied," said Mr. Depew, "that I was so overwhelmed with engagements to speak that it would be impossible for me to accept the invitation. In answer I received by special messenger a note from Mrs. Sage, saying: 'Russell is going to give \$120,000. He will not give one cent unless you make the speech. This is Russell's first excursion into this field. Don't you think he ought to be encouraged?'"

"My immediate reply was: 'I will make that speech.'" COMPLETE CHAOS IN RUSSIA

Inevitable Anarchy as the Result of Insufficient Supplies of Food for the People. By far the most terrible toll of the Russian winter will be taken in the peasant villages, the home of nine-tenths of Russia's 180,000,000. Oliver M. Sawyer writes in the Saturday Evening Post. The sullen and defiant muzhik, who has planted for himself and only for himself, hasn't taken into account the possibility that his superior force from the city or from his own or a neighboring village may seize his grain. When the calamity befalls, an endless train of disaster and bloodshed and starvation will follow in its wake. Reprisal on some weaker peasant will be the next step, and from that the flame will spread to virulent border warfare with whole villages on the trail to plunder the grain bins of others or intruders to protect their own. In some districts, even before I left, this most cruel form of civil strife had broken out.

I contemplated returning from Petrograd to Moscow by sledge overland in case the German advance enveloped the railroad outlets. Careful investigation, however, disclosed the fact that machine guns, brought home from the front, were mounted on all the roads leading into many villages and travelers approached them at their peril.

World's Greatest Troopship.

One of the devoted women who have not spared themselves at the emergency aid rooms told this story among the flying needles the other day to her co-workers. A letter from the front has brought the intelligence that a pompous German major had fallen into the hands of our valorous Pennsylvania troops, and after they had questioned him, he ventured to ask them for information.

"How many men have you on this side of the water?" he inquired. "Two million," answered a young lieutenant. "How did you get them over?" was the incredulous query of the Hun. "One boat brought them all over," was the answer.

The German stared. "How so? What boat was that?" The American gave the German a searching look. "The Lusitania," he answered, quietly.—Philadelphia Leader.

Tallow Dips in Denmark.

Denmark has a lighting problem so serious that the Danish government recently purchased 400 tons of tallow from which to make candles. Commercial Agent Norman Anderson reports from Copenhagen.

"There is a scarcity of kerosene also, and electricity is, of course, not available to the isolated farmhouse," says Mr. Anderson, who quotes from the Tidsskrift for Industri, which, in discussing the possibilities of acetylene and alcohol illumination, states: "Acetylene may now legally be used and may be included in fire insurance risks. As a result, the manufacture of acetylene lamps has flourished greatly and at the end of the year 1917 types had been put on the market."—Exchange.

Yperite, New Poison Gas.

J. Baudelaine and J. de Poliakoff (Bulletin de l'Academie de Medicine) call the reader's attention to the efficiency of hot air in the treatment of burns caused by yperite, a gas used by the Germans in their offensive of March, 1918. These burns, even when very small, cause extremely sharp pain and sleeplessness. A number of cases were rapidly healed by hot air after various treatments had failed.

Oh, Boy!

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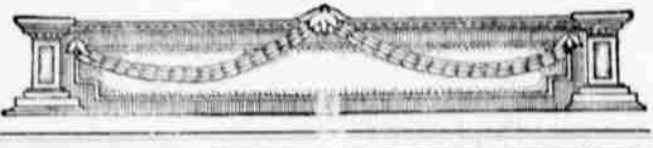
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For Rent FOR RENT—10 acres, good house, other improvements. Close in. Inquire Leo Cohen. 7/17

Miscellaneous MONEY TO LOAN in the following amounts: \$5,000, \$4,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$1,000 at low rate of interest. Prefers good agricultural lands. Call on J. V. Pipe, 293 West Second St., Albany, Oregon. 17-9dly wk

WANTED—To hear from owner of good ranch for sale. State cash price and full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 11/11

DO YOU KNOW—we serve Oyster Cocktails at the Liberty Sweet Shop. 10/13

CANNED FRUIT SALE—200 jars of fruit, preserves and vegetable for sale cheap, Saturday. Come early. Albany Furniture Exchange, opposite Holloway's Farmers' Store. 11/11

WANTED—Someone to build 5-room modern home in good location to rent to small family. Home phone 2141. 10/14

WANTED—To buy a house and lot in Albany. State size of house and lot and lowest cash figures. Apply E. H., care of Democrat office.

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FOR ROYAL TYPEWRITERS—Write to Graham & Wells, Corvallis, Oregon. Agents for Linn County.

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