

EUROPE FACES REPUDIATION OR STATE SOCIALISM

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debt of any one of these nations is repudiated, so sensitive and so closely interwoven are the relations of commerce that business in all parts of the world could not escape a solar plexus blow. No nation could repudiate without spreading repudiation everywhere.

Situation Delicate.

The situation is far too delicate and too full of danger for anything of that kind.

In the case of a country like France it is impossible, because France's debt and its government alike being owned by its plain people, they would not vote losses upon themselves. Most men hope it will be as impossible elsewhere, knowing that it would be like chaos come again.

But if some of these nations don't repudiate, they are thrown back again upon the other horn. They must raise the vast sums required by their staggering interest charges and their bewildering pension bills, and they have been killing off or crippling millions of the producers whose toil alone can dig up the revenue. Plainly, to try to pile up the taxes under the old system wouldn't raise the revenue, and it would drive society back to savagery. But meanwhile, almost unnoticed, a profound and memorable change is steadily coming over the world's business methods, and this change gives optimists their hope that the war will end without blowing everything skyward.

Government in Business.

The government is going into business. It is beginning to realize the possibilities of business profits.

With such profits it can pay the war debt interest and obligations, and in no other way.

The government of Great Britain, for instance:

It now owns or controls and operates 4046 factories that on August 4, 1914, were wholly in private hands.

In one considerable town near the Scottish border it operates every industry the place possesses.

It has taken over control of the British railroad system.

It has taken over the entire indigo business, wool crop, hay crop, leather supply, gasoline supply; it has taken over the business of refrigerating meat shipments.

Business Acquired.

It has begun on a great scheme for land purchase.

It has made a start to take over part of the food supplies; it is considering a vast imperial sugar industry; it is being urged to go into the wheat business and the bacon business.

It has made an extraordinary arrangement with Australia to handle nine-tenths of the British zinc business, now and after the war; it has become a huge manufacturer, a brewer, an unequalled carrier and a gigantic tradesman.

The government of Australia has gone definitely into the steamship business. It has bought fifteen steamships, it is operating in general commerce and is about to lease 200,000 tons more of shipping to extend its lines. It has begun to take over food supplies. It will soon begin to handle Australia's zinc output.

The government of New Zealand, long an industrious trader on its own account, is planning a steamship line like that of Australia.

What Neutrals Are Doing.

The government of Canada has a commission to consider the government ownership of all of the rest of Canada's railroads.

The government of Holland has formed an enormous commercial and shipping enterprise called the Overseas trust. It has practically taken over the potato business.

The government of Switzerland has established a trading institution like that of Holland; has taken over the sugar business and is contemplating other enterprises.

It makes no difference whether we like these evolutions or abhor them—they are there. They have come because the nations are absolutely driven to them!

But take good note of this, for it is the biggest fact of all: If the government of Great Britain, say, owned all the enterprises it now controls and operates, and if it derived from them their normal profit above the purchase price, it could meet all the interest charges on its war debt and all its other obligations and never turn a hair.

Sober-minded British economists, through figures and conclusions available in books, seem to show that the evolution of government into business has come in good time and come to stay.

ALLIED TROOPS IN GREECE

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and trenches on a front of one and a quarter miles were taken by the Austro-German forces. Nineteen hundred prisoners and ten machine guns were captured. Attacks of the allies yesterday near Gueudecourt, on the Somme front, broke down under the German fire, the German war office announced. The German positions on both sides of the Somme were under heavy artillery fire the whole day.

AUDIENCE WEEPS WITH MRS. HANLEY OVER MR. HUGHES

(From the Portland Oregonian)

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., Oct. 13.—Mrs. E. B. Hanley, of Medford, so stirred an audience of fully 400 women here today with an address on Charles Evans Hughes, American rights and the protection of American citizens in whatever land they may be, that when she finished they crowded around her and urged her to repeat her message to other women through the state.

A remarkable scene followed the presentation to Mrs. Hanley of a bouquet and an American flag by W. B. Denis, of Carlton, after the conclusion of her speech.

Mrs. Hanley burst into tears. Virtually the entire audience, still tingling with her appeal to kindle anew the fires of American patriotism and uphold the rights and honor of the American people, wept with her.

Stopped by Tears

State Senator W. T. Vinton, who was on the platform, tried to speak, but could not. Tears were running down his cheeks.

The tension was broken when a motherly woman put her arms about Mrs. Hanley and kissed her. "God bless you, my dear, and help you to tell the other women in Oregon what you have told us," she said.

After that, with a great fluttering of handkerchiefs, the whole audience crowded around Mrs. Hanley. The women took her in their arms and kissed her, and many of them repeated the blessing and asked her to tell her message through the state.

It was the most unusual demonstration ever accorded a political speaker in McMinnville. Tonight Mrs. Hanley's speech and the tremendous impression it made are the talk, not alone of this town, but of other cities round about, whence delegations of from two to 50 persons had come to hear her speak.

It was the fourth public address Mrs. Hanley had ever made in her life, but she stepped right into the hearts of her audience with her first words.

Holding Down Pests

"I am not a public speaker, I just talk to people, and when I do that I want to be right down among you where I belong.

"I am just a little country orchardist from Medford," she continued. "There I have to keep pretty busy holding down the pests, the woolly aphis, the codlin moth, the scale and other pests. Now we have another pest, the democratic pest, and I have

found it to be just a new form of blight that must be treated like any other blight. And the best treatment I know for it is to cut it out with the sharp, clean, aseptic knife of Charles Evans Hughes."

FOUR INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY

The grand jury was convened Monday morning and after considering four criminal cases, which comprised the docket, were discharged Monday afternoon.

A not true bill was returned in the case of William Foster, charged with a statutory crime.

True bills were returned against

Richard Roe and John Doe, who were out of the state.

True bills were also found against Retha Swartzfeger and Carl Dusenberry of Gold Hill, who were charged with contributing to the delinquency of Lizzie Horn, a minor sister of Mrs. Swartzfeger. Dusenberry is a jitney driver and his indictment is a forerunner of action to be taken against other jitney drivers of the county, who are making a practice of hauling parties containing minors upon joy rides.

Mrs. Swartzfeger and Dusenberry were arraigned this morning in circuit court and were given until Saturday morning to enter a plea.

The criminal docket of the circuit court will, in all probability, be the lightest in a number of years. Fourteen civil cases have been set for trial and it is expected that the term of the court will last in the neighborhood of two weeks.

SUGAR PRICES GO UP TEN CENTS A HUNDRED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Sugar went up again today 10 cents on the 100 pounds, with cane granulated at \$7.45 as the basis. Advances in raw sugar was given as the reason.

SHAKE-UP GREETED FOOTBALL TEAM

A shake-up greeted the members of the Medford high school team at practice this afternoon. Mitchell, former guard, was shifted to tackle. Parker and Collins, tackles, were tried out at guard and given a spell on the second squad, while Fritz Spuhn, who has trailed as sub-tackle, was given a chance on the first squad. Normie, who turned out last night, will be given a chance at guard, and McDonald will have a try at a line position.

The changes follow the decision reached by Coach Kinn at the recent Klamath Falls game to put some new blood into the organization, it being his opinion that the team, individually and collectively, were overconfident of winning and over-secure of holding their positions on the team.

Ashland predicts a hard four-cornered race for the valley championship this fall, basing their prediction on the showing of their team against Grants Pass last Saturday. The Ashland aggregation played hard, fast ball and are now the hardest bunch of tacklers in the valley.

Worth Knowing.
Women are liable to ailments which cause constant ill-health and on which they may consult doctors without much relief. It is well worth knowing that they can get at the nearest drug-store a simple medicine, made of roots and herbs, which is just what they need to recover health. That medicine is Lydia E. Finckham's Vegetable Compound. (Adv.)



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Many things have been improved in 40 years. Candle-light has given way to electricity, the stage-coach has vanished before the express train, but good old Sweet Caporal, the original cigarette, remains the same—because in four decades the world has been unable to produce a better cigarette. More popular today than ever is Sweet Caporal.

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Nearly every man has started smoking with famous old Sweet Caporal, the original cigarette.

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Sweet Caporal is the original cigarette that popularized cigarette smoking over forty years ago. It is the great-grandfather of all the other cigarettes made today—and outstrips them all in popularity. The best-loved of all cigarettes is Sweet Caporal.

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It not only most economical, but it gives a brilliant, silvery shine that cannot be obtained with any other polish. Black Silk Stove Polish does not rub off—it lasts four times as long as ordinary polish—so it saves you time, work and money.

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DRESS-UP WEEK

A few years ago this event was hardly known; now it has become a national festival of men's and women's dress

The old story is that good clothes incite self-respect and the respect of others. Every one feels exhilarated on the first day's wearing of a new suit or dress—one just cannot help it. So this dress occasion in this store will be broad and will include the days from October 14 to 21. In every department stocks



Medford's Best Suit Store

Invites Your Inspection of Fall Styles

Nearly every day we receive new shipments of Suits, therefore you are sure to find here the very latest modes as fast as they appear on the market. Among the late arrivals are beautiful new suits of broadcloth in black and leading colors. Many are fur trimmed and all have the new cape collars and new full skirts. Smart Russian model with double belt at waist line; black velvet collar trimmed with skunk fur worn high or low; full flare skirt with back belt at waist line; developed in excellent quality wool gabardine serges in black, green and brown; also other materials and styles; all sizes; priced at only.....**\$25.00**

Handsome new Suit of gabardine, in fashionable straight-line model with box plaits on coat, front and back; military collar of velvet, novelty cuffs; skirt in voke effect with pockets; coat trimmed with bone buttons; many other styles are shown at.....**\$45.00**

BATH ROBES

New fall assortments just arrived, made of Beacon blankets and Beacon Flannels, all colors, all sizes—**\$3.50 to \$6.50.**

20c LADIES' HOSE SPECIAL, 15c

Just received case of Fast Black Hose, sizes 8 1/2 to 10; these were bought before the big advance in prices; big saving; take advantage of these values. Exclusive agents for Holeproof Hose.

The Popular Coat Store

Our immense Autumn Coat selection is now at its height. Literally hundreds of styles, fairly brimming with dash and individuality.

NOVELTY COATS

Hardly two alike. Coats for motoring, for street—dressy coats. Velours, velour broadcloths, kitten's ear cloth, plushes, mixtures, plaids. Rich trimmings of Hudson seal, natural racoon, possum, moufflon, etc., beautiful exclusive Novelty Coats—**\$27.50 to \$40.00** upwards.

POPULAR PRICED COATS, \$15 TO \$25

Dozens of handsome Coats, rich, beautiful browns, new greens, Burgundy, as well as navy and black. If you are interested in a coat, don't fail to see our offering for "Dress-Up Week."

\$1.00 LADIES' UNION SUITS 75c

These are bleached, full length, long sleeves, high neck, all sizes; special this week.....**75c**

BARGAIN BALCONY BARGAINS

- 15c Hair Ribbons, all colors, yard.....**10c**
- 25c Hair Brushes.....**19c**
- 35c Hair Brushes.....**29c**
- 5c Dressing Combs.....**15c**
- 5c Pins.....**3c**
- 5c Safety Pins.....**3c**
- \$4.00 Ladies' Vici Lace Shoes.....**\$1.98**
- \$2.50 Boys' Shoes.....**\$1.49**
- \$2.00 Children's Shoes for.....**98c**
- 1 lot Ladies' Suits.....**\$3.98**
- 1 lot Ladies' Suits.....**\$5.98**
- 1 lot Ladies' Suits.....**\$7.98**
- 5c Thimbles.....**3c**
- Coats at equally low prices.

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In Every Desirable Material

Crepe de Chine Waists in vast assortment of styles, including smart new tailored models with deep sailor collars in roll or pointed effects; some neatly trimmed with embroidery and hemstitching; prices range from **\$5.00 to \$6.00.**

Georgette Crepe Waists in fancy and tailored styles; great many different models in practically all the leading dark shades, also in white and flesh; head and embroidery trimmings; the prices range from **\$7.50 to \$13.50.**

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Wool Gaberdines and Serges, the season's choice for suits, coats and dresses; black and all the leading shades for fall; full 50 inches wide; price, the yard, **\$1.50 to \$1.75.**

36-inch Black Taffeta Silks in beautiful, rich, lustrous finish for dresses, waists, skirts; yard, **\$1.50 to \$1.85.**

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Silk Poplins in black, white and large assortment of the new fall colorings; plain and fancy weave; splendid fabric for dresses and waists, 36 inches wide; the yard, **98c to \$1.19.**

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