

PEACE FAILURE

THERE is every reason to believe that the next few months will be the most critical since the war began for the United States. It is now apparent that the president's peace suggestion was occasioned, as set forth by Secretary Lansing at the time, by the grave dangers the nation faced in its relations with belligerents.

Germany is about to renew submarine warfare upon an extended basis, and apparently without regard to the rights of neutrals, in a last effort to starve England. Such renewal will probably be followed by a severance of diplomatic relations, which in turn will be followed by war.

Britain is preparing to arm all merchantmen to resist submarine attacks. Armed vessels are regarded as warships and cannot use American ports except to intern. Hence British liners will cease to use American ports and ply between Halifax and Liverpool—thereby seriously interfering with foreign commerce.

Germany has repeatedly violated her promises given the United States in the conduct of her U-boats and it has been announced that the era of note-writing is over—so that prospects are anything but bright for the immediate future.

It is now apparent that no peace effort can succeed at present—that the German suggestion was merely an effort to fasten upon the allies responsibility for continuing the war. The German reply to President Wilson was an evasion and indicates that her own proposal was not made in good faith, but to create sympathy among the neutrals. Whether she has accomplished it is doubtful.

Assuming that the neutral world accepts the British-French-Russian conception that Germany willed the war to enforce her autocracy, militarism and kultur upon the rest of the world; that she prepared for the war in cold blood and struck the foul blow at the time when the disparity between her military strength and that of the entente was the greatest; that her "frightfulness," treachery and disregard of international and humane laws have been unprecedented in history; that she has deliberately violated her treaties and by so doing put herself outside of the pale of civilized nations; that the only secure peace will be one based upon her crushing defeat and adequate punishment for her crimes; that her plea for peace at this time is simply her attempt to save herself from the defeat and punishment which she knows are inevitable—if, we say, the neutral world has accepted this conception of the war, it is difficult to imagine that any diplomatic move which Germany has made up to this time will alienate neutral sympathy from Great Britain and her allies, simply because they are not willing to patch up a peace with Germany when it pleases the latter to suggest it.

Of course, if the neutral world accepts the German conception that the war was forced upon her and her allies by greedy England, bloodthirsty France, unscrupulous Russia and militaristic Belgium and Serbia, the enemies of Germany will probably be held responsible for the continuation of the war if they refuse to quit fighting when Germany asks them to.

From the standpoint of selfish national interest as well as from the standpoint of world justice and interest, we think that it is tremendously important that the people of the United States consider all of the facts in connection with the war, from the time the war began, before they attempt to fix the responsibility for the war's continuation.

It would certainly be unjust only to consider that Germany has asked for a peace conference and that her enemies have refused it.

WHAT THE HANSON PLAN MEANS AND WHAT THE MEDYNSKI PLAN MEANS

In the problem now confronting the City of Medford, and which must be solved, and correctly solved, before we cast our ballots at the coming election, it is important that those who vote know precisely what effect the different financial plans will have upon the city. We must know that the plan we support will be for the welfare of the city as a whole.

What is termed the "Hanson Plan" is a true and clearly set forth solution of our financial condition. Let us outline briefly the conditions that will exist under the adoption of each of the proposed plans.

The Financial Condition of the City. The city of Medford has a liability of \$512,000 general bonds of which \$35,000 matures March 1st, 1917; \$25,000 February 1st, 1918; \$38,000 April 1st, 1921; \$10,000 water bonds each year from 1923 to 1927, together with \$30,000 refunding bonds maturing in 1926, \$20,000 bridge in 1922 and \$205,000 water bonds in 1928. To meet bond redemption we have less than \$15,000 now available. Our city assessed valuation is \$4,000,000 in round numbers, indebtedness, therefore, is 12 1/2%, an amount in excess of that which a city should ordinarily carry. It is necessary for us to refund. Our tax burden is heavy and the debt must be paid. Mr. Hanson's solution provides for refunding at the very lowest levy of taxes to meet payment at maturity.

Improvement Bonds—The Abutting Property Assessed. The obligation for street improvement was originally \$95,000 of which the bonds now outstanding amount to \$352,000. Practically all of the bonds mature within the next four or five years. The city has advanced \$117,000 in interest payments for the benefit of persons delinquent in the settlement of assessments. There is due from property therefor

\$65,000. Under its already heavy burden of debt the city cannot, from any business point of view, assume this further obligation and depreciate its credit. The obligation is collectable by law from property assessed. But, for the further benefit of property owners, it is proposed, under the Hanson plan, to grant an extension of time by which persons assessed may have thirteen years in which to meet the balance of their payments—three years for the payment of accruing interest only, after which the principal is to be paid in ten annual installments.

The Hanson plan automatically provides for the enforcement of collection provisions under which large property owners, heretofore letting their assessments become delinquent are forced to pay.

This, and providing an easy and desirable period for bond redemption, in brief, the substance of the Hanson plan.

Should the City Assume the Paving Debt? No. The Medynski plan relates only to our paving trouble and proposes that the paving debt, in its entirety, shall become an obligation of the city. To accomplish this it is proposed to issue \$500,000 in city bonds, to cover unpaid paving assessments, and \$270,000 in city warrants, to refund to property owners paid up assessments. Bonds and warrants are to be issued to mature during a period of twenty years. In addition to these bonds and warrants the interest obligations of \$117,000, advanced by the city to individual property owners, is to be cancelled. What re-

sults in the financial condition of the city does a radical change of this nature bring about? It is this:

The paving debt thus put upon the city is \$930,000, or about 25 per cent of our present assessed valuation, thus increasing the total percentage of the city's debt to 37 1/2 per cent. The 25 per cent paving obligation means that of every \$1000 of assessable property, within the corporate limits of the city of Medford, \$250 is for the liquidation of the paving debt principal. Assuming that the principal of the debt will be paid in twenty annual payments, at 5 per cent interest, the total interest payments will be \$525,000, or about 12 1/2 per cent of our present assessed valuation. This means that on every \$1,000 worth of property, under present assessed valuation, \$375 must be taken for liquidation of our paving obligation.

Taxation Under Each Plan. You must realize that you are not relieved of your personal paving assessment by the adoption of the Medynski plan. You must pay it, then, through taxation instead of by paving assessment. You will pay paving tax according to the assessed valuation of your property.

Under the Medynski plan you will be taxed for twenty years to pay principal and interest. Under the Hanson plan you may, if you desire, pay principal at once and save interest.

Taxation under both plans from 1917 to 1928, will be:

Table with 3 columns: Plan, Min, Max. Medynski Plan: 52 1/2% to 62 1/2%. Hanson Plan: 38 1/2% to 43%.

Under the Medynski plan the tax, in twenty years, will be \$36.87 greater than under the Hanson plan on each \$100 of valuation. Look up your assessed valuation as fixed by the county assessor. Multiply every \$100 by \$36.87 and you will have the amount you will pay in taxation, toward the city's paving debt, during the twenty year bonding period.

No Double Taxation.

Property owners, delinquent in payment of assessments, are indebted to the city of Medford, the sum of \$117,000 for money advanced by the city for interest payments. About half of this sum is the result of taxation, the other portion being advanced from other city revenues, principally the water fund. This will be returned to the proper city funds, under the Hanson plan, and future tax will be thereby reduced. Under the Medynski plan this sum becomes a cancelled debt, a city burden, and will not be refunded. In either case it is not a double taxation. The property owner, having paid assessments, contributes only the use of the amount of special interest tax paid through taxation.

Sale of Bonds.

The sale of bonds under the Medynski plan is impossible. The railroad bonds were advertised and no bids were received. Bonds to refund those maturing March 1st are now being advertised with no results at this time. The possibility of having the paving debt thrown onto the city is having a bad effect in disposing of these bonds.

Failure to Adopt Either Plan.

Another condition, and a critical one, confronts the officers of the city in the event of a failure to adopt either of the plans submitted.

It is realized that the funds of the city have been drawn upon to the extent of \$117,000, for advanced payment of interest on delinquent assessments, and that the limit of resources of the city for this purpose is about exhausted. Failure to meet interest payments will be a default on the part of the city. Once in default the credit of the city is seriously impaired. Banks are forbidden to hold securities where default in payments have been made. In the event of continued defaults, securities are forced upon the market for whatever price they may bring.

This is a condition now facing the

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city of Medford. Our bond and interest obligation must be met. We must adopt some plan to meet the debt. The Hanson plan clears the way in a purely business solution of our financial affairs. The Medynski plan makes no provision for the taking care of general bonds maturing and an interest obligation. Study and know the sound business principles involved in the Hanson solution. You will then, we feel sure, heartily support this plan by which we will be enabled to meet our indebtedness by moderate taxation, as it matures, and not be plunged into serious complications.

Preserve the Credit of the City.

Nothing is more vital to the success of private persons than the preservation of their credit and business standing. So it is with the city. If an individual gradually sinks deeper into debt, and never makes a payment on the principal, what is his credit standing when he really needs funds?

Properties are not relieved of a clouded title through the release of the paving assessment. The obligation is simply transferred from the individual property to the city and becomes a mortgage on your property for another twenty years, provided the Medynski bonds are sold. By the Hanson plan you are privileged to redeem the assessment pledge at any time.

If you value your home and property vote 403 "No", 404 "Yes." GUS NEWBURY, E. G. RIDDELL, J. A. WESTERLUND, GEO. E. BOOS, ROGER S. BENNETT, F. L. MERRICK, E. M. WILSON, T. W. MILES, E. T. FOSS, C. W. DAVIS, W. A. FOLGER, M. L. DELIN, V. J. EMERICK.

CORN CROP OF GERMANY LARGE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.—A Berlin semi-official telegram today says that this year's bread corn harvest will exceed last year's by 1,500,000 tons. The deficiency in the potato harvest, which is considerably under the average, will be chiefly offset by the good turnip crop.

The reduction in the use of barley for brewing purposes by fifty per cent will greatly help in overcoming the effects of the bad potato yield, the advices state.

Germany's stock of cattle is declared to have increased since the beginning of 1914 by more than 400,000 and the stock of pigs by more than 4,000,000, so that Germany can reckon with an improvement in the supply of milk and fat, while the Rumanian booty guarantees a great improvement in the supply of fodder.

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France, more than doubled her purchases but still fell a bit short of the billion dollars. Canada was third with \$600,000,000.

Besides the central powers, the three neutrals of northern Europe alone of all the world failed to receive more American goods than in 1915.

American exports to Germany during the year were more than one million dollars. Austria-Hungary took less than one hundred thousand dollars.

Japan in 1916 took ninety-four million dollars of American goods against forty millions the year before; Cuba one hundred and forty five millions against eighty three millions; China twenty nine millions against nineteen millions; South America one hundred and ninety seven millions against one hundred and twenty nine millions.

Imports from South America during the year increased fifty per cent. Asia sold nearly twice as much to the United States as in 1915. Europe showed some increase.

NEW COUNTERFEIT \$10 GOLD PIECE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 gold certificate of the 1907 series was announced by the secret service today. It bears check letter "A" and plate No. 9, is printed on two pieces of paper between which silk threads have been distributed. The printing is poorly done.

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WORRYING.

Worrying is working the brain overtime about something that ain't t. Worrying can do more harm to fellow than a six-day bike race or rk. The fellow who doesn't worry never says, "Gee! I used to wear 15 collar and now I wear a 14." Be like the fellow who went to t seats for a show. He didn't worry pether the show was any good. He aghed when he bought the tickets. As the farmer: He didn't worry out the rain coming through the ie in the roof down on his bed. He oved the bed. Like the girl in Detroit: Her cat ent out one night and she worried out 50 pounds worth. Misdirected ery, George. The cat showed up e next night with all his hair, two rs, four paws, and a tail. He got ngrry. Lookit us. We aren't worrying hether this sermon is any good. If me people say it isn't any good we st say, "Aw, they don't know good uff when they see it!" Charles Campbell, who formerly in the Electric Kitchen, and later oved to Yreka, where he engaged e same line of business has rned to Medford and will reopen e Electric Kitchen in the Getchell ock in the same location as his rmer establishment.

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