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GERMANY'S DEBT AND FINANCES

Germany has no trouble raising money for prosecuting the war, and will have none so long as her printing presses and paper hold out. Her paper money, promises to pay, has increased from \$782,350,000 to \$5,171,295,000 and her gold backing for these paper issues has decreased from 71.7 per cent to 20.9 in three and a half years. These figures touch only the Reichsbank, the National bank of Germany. The loan banks have in addition expanded their issues of paper money from \$330,000,000 to above \$2,000,000,000. This shows there is now in paper money issued by Germany's national bank above seven billions of dollars. Germany has had to maintain herself, and her debts to outside nations are negligible. While the war continues this is an advantage to her, since she does not have to make her foreign credit good. When the war is over and the water is squeezed out of the fictitious wealth the German people have piled up as war profits there is liable to be serious trouble in the readjustment. Germany made no effort to pay any part of her war expenses by taxation but relied entirely on the issuing of paper money and the selling of bonds. This was a wise scheme from the standpoint of the Hohenzollerns, for it kept from the people the burden of taxation and cheered them with the belief they were conducting the war without cost. It was clearly the expectation and intention of the kaiser to levy big indemnities on France and such other of the allies as she conquered and to pay not only all war expenses but to load her treasury with gold taken by force of arms from the vanquished nations. She had designs even on America and undoubtedly had she succeeded in her drive at France she would sooner or later tried her hand on this country.

All hope of these enormous indemnities has now vanished, and no matter how the final peace terms are arranged it is certain Germany will get no indemnities and no annexations that will in anyway compensate her for the tremendous debt she has piled up on her self. This debt is now estimated to be above \$400 for every person in the empire, and by some is placed as high as \$600. It is certain this is to be considerably increased before the war ends, and when indemnities are paid by Germany for the destruction of Belgium and Serbia and for the vandal devastation of such parts of France as the Germans occupied, there is no estimating where the maximum limit of debt will be placed. In the final outcome it is quite likely that repudiation of the home-owned debt will be one of the means of "paying" it.

It is stated Germans from most of the Latin republics are gathering in Mexico and for the purpose of stirring that country up to making trouble for the United States. This is probably true, and it shows how little the Prussian militarists who have been spreading German propaganda through the countries south of us, understand the American character. They fancy a row with Mexico just now would be a serious affair for us. Instead of this it would but furnish a training ground for our recruits. America wants no trouble with her neighbor, and has gone a long way to avoid it. She will go still further to prevent an open rupture, but our neighbors do not want to become obsessed with the idea that this is done through fear. If it becomes necessary to have war with Mexico it will be a sad day for that country and a still sadder one for such Prussian militarists as are caught there.

Conservation of clothing both wool and cotton is just as important and as necessary as conservation of food stuffs. It is going to take an immense amount of wool to provide the soldier boys in France and we must help conserve it at home. The wearing of old clothes may soon become the fashionable thing.

Apparently most of the candidates for office are united on one plank of their many platforms. It seems to be unanimous that the life of the bootlegger is to be made one continuous round of trouble and that poor old Barley-corn will be stabbed even by his recent friends.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

The Third Liberty Bond Sale is now on. We have a Liberty Bond Department in one of our Lobby Stalls. A teller is constantly in charge ready to answer questions and take subscriptions.

The United States circuit court of appeals yesterday reversed the decision of the lower court that tried the cases concerning the oil lands for which the Southern Pacific secured patents years ago, and declared the company owner of more than six thousand acres valued at \$50,000,000. The court held that the Southern Pacific had no knowledge at the time the patents were secured that the lands contained mineral or oil. The court may be correct, but if so why did the company suddenly obtain patents to these absolutely barren lands if it did not know they contained oil, and why did it secure patents on these lands while refusing to take out patents on the valuable timber lands it had earned further north?

Illinois socialists in convention at Chicago have declared for constant opposition to the war and for the immediate recall of the American soldiers from France. This comes near being in open defiance of the law against interfering with the government in its prosecution of the war. They also demanded the recognition of the Russian bolsheviki as the real government of that country. Thus does ignorance endorse ignorance. As the bolsheviki have virtually surrendered to the kaiser the Chicago socialists may be classed as decidedly pro-Hun.

Germany promised Switzerland free passage for grain ships, yet she deliberately violated her promise, and this too when Switzerland is feeding thousands of Germans who move across the border in order to get a square meal. It is this violated promise that makes Holland hesitate about sending grain-loaded ships from this country to supply her dire need.

The Soviet has filed protest against the Allies Siberian policy. As the allies have adopted no policy as to that neck of the woods, other than to keep their hands off it so long as it is not in danger of falling into the hands of the Germans, it requires considerable perspicacity to discover what the soviet is finding fault with.

The Germans in the capture of Sebastopol just fell heir to the Russian Black sea fleet. However it will do them no good as they already have one fleet whose sole object is to remain bottled up.

Heavy rains are reported in several places in the valley. While the precipitation here was light it was none the less welcome, and it did much good. A little more of the same kind however would be appreciated.

Oregon is in the lead again with credits for enlistments that will preclude her being called on for any men in the coming draft call.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Large oaks from little acorns grow, the wise man said, long, long ago. Oh, he had lived and loved and learned, and ere he to the dust returned, he summed up all the things he knew—and he had learned a fact or two—and sprung them in the form you know: "Large oaks from little acorns grow." One day the news from France was vile; the Teuts advanced, mile after mile; it seemed that they would win the scrap, and back the allies off the map. And scores of men with arctic feet were standing on the village street; their whole appearance was a frost; they said that everything was lost. "The Teuts have won," they said to me; "they'll march right onward to the sea, and ere they stop their sinful games they'll bombard Windsor and St. James. We might as well take in our sign, and spend the future shutting brine." I said to them, "Oh, morbid owls, cease putting up such doleful howls! There's nothing lost till Pershing wires that he has busted all his tires." A few brisk words I threw around, their pessimism to confound; 'twas all they needed, and they rose and bet ten bones we'd whip the foes. A few bright words in season sprung will oft relieve the withers wrung by fear and hopelessness and woe; large oaks from little acorns grow.

vers is a nut. He is enough to spoil any company, but otherwise all goes well. You never leave my thoughts. Faithfully, Midway."

After Lieutenant Wavers got through applying the censor's ink, the letter proceeded, and when Solita received it it read: "Solita: You are a nut. Midway."
"Jimmy! Some chance!" Spring chanced to think as he read this note from his rival Wavers to Solita the fair: "Adoned One: War is all right in its way, but it weighs less than nothing compared to you, I'd rather have you than a million ways. Midway Spring is a pickle. Aside from that all's comparatively comfy and cozy. I only miss one thing. That's you, Faithfully, Dinyon."
When Solita received the censored letter, she read in Dinyon Wavers' well known handwriting: "One:—One:—pickle. Dinyon."
So Solita shrugged her eyebrows and married Lufridge Scow, who had been barred from the army because of his bald head and defective hearing.

Our Daily Story

AS IT CHANGED.

Now, it chanced that Dinyon Wavers and Midway Spring, suitors for the hand of the fair Solita Band, were called into the army. And it chanced that they were both made lieutenants in the same company. And it chanced that it fell among the duties of each of them to help censor the outgoing letters of the company. Thus it chanced that, unbeknownst to each other, Lieutenant Wavers censored Lieutenant Spring's letters, and Lieutenant Spring censored the letters of Lieutenant Wavers.
"By George, what a chance!" Wavers chanced to think as he read the following from Spring to Miss Band: "Dearest Solita: You are in my thoughts every moment. Never a second passes but what I think of you. I think of you always. That fellow Dinyon Wa-

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE-PHELPS

HELEN IS FRIGHTENED. CHAPTER LXXI.

Claude Huntington called. It was one rainy afternoon soon after the dinner party. He brought me an exquisite bunch of violets, and was so gay and chatty that I really was enjoying his call. He was still flatteringly, and said such extravagant things about my beauty, my taste in dress, and my well-appointed home, that I blushed with embarrassment and—I confess it—pleasure.

We commenced to talk of the different people I had met, and I must have shown my feeling against Mudge Long. I did not realize it, at the time; but in the light of what came after I concluded I had let Claude see more than I intended.

He had been with me about half an hour when I heard George come in. I called to him:

"I'm in here, George," but as he made no reply, I went to the door and said: "Mr. Huntington is calling. Won't you come in?"

"No—I shall go directly to my room."
I was embarrassed. I knew that Claude must have heard. But, more than that, I was frightened. George looked so stern, so almost angry. Was he provoked because Claude had called? Was he, could he be, jealous? Anyway, I was so uncomfortable, so ill at ease, that Claude went almost immediately.

I ran upstairs with a determination to have it over. I was so frightened that I trembled, and could scarcely stand. George was by the window looking over some papers.

Do Stop Asking Questions.

"Why wouldn't you come in, George? I asked."
"Because I didn't care to."
"I thought maybe you were provoked at me."
"What for? A guilty conscience?"

"No. I thought perhaps you didn't like it because Mr. Huntington called."
"That whippersnapper. If you were entertained and admire his type, why should I care? You certainly are old enough to know your own mind. Please don't ask me any more questions. I am busy."
"But, George, what made you look so cross?"

"What made you look so cross when I asked you to come in?"

"Do stop asking questions! Will you never learn to give up that habit? You are a perfect question mark. And it is very annoying."

"I said no more. Anyway, I had no reason to be afraid. I smiled to myself—a rather grim sort of smile—as I thought I had imagined George jealous. He didn't care enough to be jealous of me."

"Thinking of this brought to my mind that, in one way and another, it had been made clear to me that he had spent a good deal of time with Julia Collins, of late. If he wasn't jealous of me, I was of him. And every time I spent a long, lonely evening, I now wondered if he were with her. But that was one thing I dared not question him about."

Try to be a Brave Woman

The next morning Evelyn came over. "I just met Julia Collins and she looked stunning," she commenced. "But for goodness' sake, Helen, I can't see why you are jealous of her. She is a good ten years older than you are." (I had confided my jealousy of the handsome widow to Evelyn.)

"I know, Evelyn. And if she were like other women, an ordinary type, I don't think I should be a bit jealous. But she says and does anything she likes and yet is so popular. She is so fascinating, too. I hate her, yet she fascinates me. I can't help feeling that she is dangerous—her beauty at times is almost unearthly."

"Diabolical, rather."
"I believe she is in love with George. I believe Mrs. Sexton thinks so, too. And, Evelyn, she doesn't care a straw that he has a wife."

"Oh, please, Helen! Don't be so silly. Why, Mr. Howard has known her for years. If he had cared for her, he would have married her."

"That's just where you are mistaken. He wouldn't! He wanted a wife he could make over to suit him. Do you suppose he, or any other man, could make Mrs. Collins over, or make her do anything she didn't want to? I believe that is why she fascinates George. She must! He spends so much time with her."

"Don't get unhappy over her, Helen!" Evelyn said, but I thought, her eyes took on a sympathetic look. "Such women are never happy unless they have a man dangling after them. But Mr. Howard has too much sense to leave a young and pretty wife, like you, for a woman older than he himself (and so much older than you), no matter how fascinating she was!"

"But, Evelyn, I am so afraid he will. I can't please him! He won't spend any time with me. It is terrible to feel that he prefers her to me—his own wife."

"Now, Helen, stop right away. Try to be a brave woman. Don't be silly child." (Tomorrow—A Guest for Dinner)

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AT MOUNT ANGEL

"The Parish Priest," presented by Mt. Angel's local talent under the auspices of the Young Men's Sodality, was given here at a matinee and in the evening, the performances being well attended and all parts being well carried out. A number were in attendance from Woodburn. During the play-between acts, the Knights of Columbus quartet rendered a vocal selection entitled "Keep the House Fires Burning." The cast of characters were: Katherine Corrigan, a visitor from Ireland, Miss Rita Mitchell; Michael, Agnes Cassidy, Dr. Cassidy's daughter, Miss Rose Travis; Frank Dougher, attorney for Shea & Co., J. Rothfleisch; Dr. Thomas Cassidy, who has followed his profession for 40 years, B. Orth; Dr. Edward Welsh, successor to Dr. Cassidy, C. Terhaar; Rev. John Whalen, pastor of St. Mary's parish, W. Anas; Nellie Durkin, Father Whalen's ward, Miss Emma Gier; James Welsh, Dr. Welsh's brother, A. Duda. There were three acts—Lawn of the Cassidy residence; same two minutes later; Father Whalen's rectory one hour later—Woodburn Independent.

"Silent Agitators" Figure In Chicago I. W. W. Trial

Chicago, May 6.—"Silent agitators" were government witnesses against 112 I. W. W. on trial in federal court here today. Stickerettes designed for pasting in public places where there were new members to be gained or I. W. W. deeds to be done, were exhibited in the big sedition hearing.

How the organization used legs of ink and miles of paper for its publicity matter was told by W. A. Cahill, printer. One of his orders prior to August, 1917, was for 152,000 I. W. W. membership books and another was for 1,500,000 silent agitators.

Advice to all patriots, by the Hood River Glacier: "Lay off on shortcake this season. It's mighty good, but the flour must be saved. Hood River strawberries are good enough for anybody without the 'bitterness' of anything!"

The one session plan of the high school is said to be working out very satisfactorily at Corvallis, the Courier reports, and releases many of the boys for afternoon jobs.

DRINK HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST

Says you really feel clean, sweet and fresh inside, and are seldom ill.

If you are accustomed to wake up with a coated tongue, foul breath or a dull, dizzy headache; or, if your meals sour and turn into gas and acid, you have a real surprise awaiting you.

Tomorrow morning, immediately upon arising, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is intended to first neutralize and then wash out of your stomach, liver, kidneys and thirty feet of intestines all the indigestible waste, poisons, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal.

Those subject to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning inside bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowel pores do.

The principle of bathing inside is not new, as millions of people practice it. Just as hot water and soap cleanse, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

YOUR HEALTH

By ANDREW F. CURRIER, M. D.

Habit-forming Drugs, No. 2.

Narcotics and hypnotics are the drugs which most frequently induce drug habits. A narcotic produces insensitiveness or stupor, or both; a hypnotic produces sleep.

The narcotics include alcohol, in all its forms, opium with its derivatives, morphine, cocaine, heroin, and many others, coal-tar preparations, acetanilide, antipyrine, antifibrin, antkamnia, Phenacetine and many others, also cannabis indica from which hashish is obtained.

Hypnotics include alcohol, sulphonal, trional, veronal, chloral, paraldehyde and many others. Alcohol is the principal element in many of the proprietary or patent medicines, and often it is the only substance they contain which has any medicinal influence.

Opium, whether as laudanum, paregoric, or heroin, is the essential ingredient in many cough syrups and soothing syrups.

Cocaine is a most useful drug in producing anaesthesia, but it is also a most dangerous one, destroying nerve and will power.

Coal tar preparations are used in enormous quantities to relieve headache; they are heart depressants and have a decided element of danger in addition to the fascination which their effect has upon many individuals.

Their sale ought to be rigidly limited and restricted. Cannabis indica is used to a moderate extent in cough mixtures and for the relief of pain, but its use cannot be compared with other narcotics, perhaps because it is so difficult to get good specimens of it.

Chloral is probably the most abused of the sleep-producing drugs, and those who take it seem to require constantly increasing doses, notwithstanding its disagreeable taste.

It is dangerous to life, and death

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