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GERMAN INDEMNITY IDEAS.

While Germany is protesting against the "exorbitant" demands made by the Allies at Versailles, it is well to keep in mind what those same Germans proposed doing if they won, as they expected to do. One of the most illuminating bits of evidence in that line is a memorandum written by Mathias Erzberger in 1914. Erzberger, it should be remembered, is one of the most prominent members of the present German government and until lately expected to be at the head of the Peace Conference delegation.

After explaining that Germany would be obliged to annex Belgium and other neighbors with the French coast as far as Boulogne, the iron mines in French Lorraine, various French, Belgian and British colonies in Africa and a few other odds and ends here and there about the world, he came to the question of indemnity—the point of greatest interest at the present time.

"In fixing indemnities," he said "the actual capacity of a state at the present moment should not be considered. Besides a large immediate payment, annual installments spread over a long period could be arranged. France would be helped in making them by decreasing her budget of naval and military appropriations, the reductions to be imposed in the peace treaty being such as would enable her to send substantial sums to Germany. Indemnities should provide for the repayment of the full costs of the war and the damages of war, notably in East Prussia, the redemption of all of Germany's public debt and the creation of a vast fund for incapacitated soldiers."

The Allies seem to have found in this document the germ of two or three ideas worked out in the treaty which Germany received for consideration today, though they have stopped far short of the German program.

THE LEAGUE A REALITY.

The League of Nations may now be accepted as an accomplished fact. The new draft of the Constitution has been unanimously approved by the Peace Conference and is incorporated in the treaty that Germany and her allies will be requested to sign. With the revision of many doubtful portions and the incorporation of amendments answering the principal objections of American critics, it may perhaps be taken for granted the Constitution will be ratified by the United States senate. The friendly attitude of the American public toward it is unmistakable. There is little indication of serious objections in any other country.

It is not likely that the plan, even as it now stands, is wholly satisfactory to anybody. But the majority of the people feel that it is probably the best that could be

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

GOOD WORKMEN.

When I am sick, in punk condition, when I am lame and blind and halt, I hire the city's best physician, then if I die it's not my fault. The big physicians charge like thunder, they charge each time they draw a breath, but they give value for the plunder; they show us how to side-step death. When my old auto's in a panic, with many doodads breaking loose, I hire the very best mechanic that our small village can produce. He has no conscience when he charges, or so, odfish, I sometimes think; but he can fix our boats and barges when they are strictly on the blink. Some other gents might do it cheaper, but when we count the final cost, we find expenses running deeper; the tinhorn workman is a frost. The tinhorn workman badly botches all things entrusted to his care; he spoils our pants and hats and watches, and bungles when he cuts our hair. When I decide to paint my stable, I'd hire a Titian at his best, some grand old master, amply able to make all rivals seem a jest. I patronize the ablest baker in this country hamlet dwells, and when I die my undertaker must be the one who's wearing bells.

obtained, and that it represents at least a pretty good start in the right direction.

It will get the nations to working together instead of working against each other. It provides the necessary machinery for co-operation and, no less important, establishes a system of compulsory publicity for international affairs. The rest we may hope, will come in time. Experience will reveal the strong and weak points of the League, and little by little it can be transformed until it fulfills its intended function, as well as any purely human apparatus can be expected in this imperfect world.

Speaking of the "Covenant of the League of Nations," Wilson comes naturally by a propensity for that sort of things. His ancestors were covenanters.

Prince Joachim of Hohenzollern, wants to come to America and grow up with the country. But suppose the country objects to growing up with Joachim

Soon the George Washington will be making a farewell address to France.

About the only legitimate use we can imagine for the red flag is at railroad crossings.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BARBARA IS OBLIGED TO GO TO THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN.

That afternoon after my return home I felt happy at times because of my faith in Mr. Frederick; that he would influence Neil to end his intimacy with Tearle and men of his kind; unhappy at other times when I dwelt upon the fact that it had become a necessity. About six o'clock the telephone rang. "This is Mr. Forbes' office. He wished me to telephone Mrs. Forbes that he would not be at home to dinner."

"No, he went out with Mr. Tearle about half an hour ago."
"Very well, thank you."
Regardless of what Mr. Frederick had told him of Tearle's character and reputation, Neil had gone out with him. It seemed to be such a reckless thing to do. Of course, did not realize that it isn't an easy thing to break off business relations at any time; that under certain circumstances it might be almost impossible to accomplish any great change in the personnel of a company quickly. So I dwelt upon the idea that Neil had decided to pay no attention to Mr. Frederick, to me, or to what he had been told others were saying. That he had decided to go along in the same way he had been going—a law unto himself.

I was the more distressed that he did not come home as his aunt had telegraphed while he was out to lunch that she would arrive on the midnight train. I called his club hoping to catch him there. They had not seen him. I tried one or two other places. He should meet his aunt. It would be dreadful for her to find me up at the station.

Finally I gave up trying to locate him. I ate my dinner, then sat down with a new magazine and tried to read. He might come in any minute, I said to myself, knowing he would not. Of late he had remained out the entire evening and he stayed the night when he had not done so before.

"If he doesn't come I will go to the station," I said aloud. Then, "I wonder if he is at Blanche Orton's." Just the thought made me so miserable the tears started. "Oh, what shall I do?" I felt that never was a woman so anxious and worried. "If I don't love him so much?" I continued my soliloquy.

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"If I didn't, it wouldn't be so hard to lose faith in him. I wonder if he does care for Blanche Orton, perhaps Mr. Frederick is mistaken about that. It doesn't seem as if he would go there so much if he wasn't."

I couldn't read, and finally threw down the book in disgust. It was growing late. Should I try the club again? If Neil had not gone to Mrs. Orton's he might be there now.

"Is Mr. Forbes in the house?" I asked when they answered. "Will you page him please so that I may be sure. I will hold the wire." It seemed they would never come back to the telephone. After waiting an unseasonable time a voice said:

"Hello—Mr. Forbes is not in the house."
I hung up disgusted that I had waited so long, but have known he wouldn't be there! I scolded. I would wait until a little after eleven, then I would get ready and go to meet him if he did not come in by that time.

I started at every sound. There was no use fooling myself. It was not the anxiety that he met his aunt which caused me so much uneasiness, it was the feeling that he was at Blanche Orton's. I was not at all timid. Even had he been at home I should probably have gone with him, so it was not unwilling to go out either which made me nervous. It was the fear that he was with another woman; a fear which amounted almost to a sure knowledge. If he had been with Mr. Frederick I shouldn't have cared, I said. After the clock had struck eleven I arose to prepare for my errand. It was strange how how in every unhappy moment my thoughts flow to him.

Was it because I knew he loved me? (Tomorrow—Barbara Angers Neil By Calling Him at Blanche Orton's.)

HUN TERMS IN BRIEF

(Continued from page one)

Germany must revert to pre-war "most favored nations" tariffs, without discrimination.
Germany must allow freedom of transit through her territories to allied nations.
Germany must accept highly detailed provisions as to pre-war debts, unfair competition and other economic and financial matters.
The exclusion to be tried by an international high court.
Other violators of laws of war to be tried.
Holland to be asked to extradite the ex-convict.
Germany is responsible for delivering other violators of international law.

Must Accept League
Germany to accept the league of nations in principle, but without membership.
International labor body created.
Various international bodies to execute provisions of the treaty.
Commission created to govern the Saar basin pending a plebiscite 15 years hence.
Commissions created for plebiscites in Malmedy, Schleswig and East Prussia.
Details of disposition of German fleet and cables left to allied powers.
Disposition of former German colonies also left to allies.
Belgians Annex 382 Miles.
Commissions to supervise the Saar Valley, Danzig and overseas plebiscites will set under direction of the league of nations.
Germany cedes to Belgium 382 square miles of territory between Luxembourg and Holland.
Germany's cession to Poland isolates East Prussia from the remainder of Germany.
Germany's cessions to Poland comprise 27,586 square miles; to France, 5,600 square miles (Alsace-Lorraine).
Germany consents to the treaty establishing Belgium as a neutral state.
Luxembourg consents to be a member of the German tariff union.
All Hohenzollern property in Alsace-Lorraine goes to France without payment.
Treaty Abolished.
France gains permanent possession of Saar coal mines regardless of result of Saar plebiscite.
Besides Upper Silesia, Germany cedes

the greater part of Posen and West Prussia to Poland.

Germany cedes Memel to the associated powers.

Free use of Danzig waterways and port facilities are assured to Poland.

Germany accepts abrogation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Allies reserve right for women to obtain reparation from Germany.

Germany renounces to China of Boxer indemnities.

Oriental Holding Lost.

Germany renounces to China all public property and concessions in China except Kiao Chau.

Germany renounces all rights in Morocco.

Germany recognizes British protectorate over Egypt.

Germany cedes to Japan all rights in Shantung peninsula.

German army must demobilize within two months after peace signed.

All German munitions establishments must be closed within three months after peace signed, except where otherwise specified by allies.

No militaristic societies shall be permitted in Germany.

German warships may be replaced only at expiration of twenty years for battleships and 15 years for destroyers.

Allies will retain German hostages until persons accused of war crimes are surrendered.

Reciprocal exchange of information regarding dead prisoners and places of burial, provided for.

Indemnities.

Total of German indemnities to be determined by an inter-allied commission before May 1, 1921, after a fair hearing.

Schedule will be fixed for discharge of German indemnity obligations within thirty years.

Germany irrevocably recognizes full authority of inter-allied reparations commission.

Germany's initial indemnity payment (twenty billion marks) shall be made in gold, goods and ships.

Germany must pay civilians for acts of cruelty ordered by her representatives.

Germany must pay for maltreatment of prisoners.

Germany must pay damages for enforced labor by civilians for levees or fines imposed.

To discharge her domestic taxation obligations, Germany's domestic taxation system must be proportionately as great as that in any allied country.

Must Build Allied Ships.

Germany must agree to build 200,000 tons of shipping annually for the account of the allies for five years.

Germany must restore French flags taken in France-Prussian war of 1870.

Germany must pay entire cost of armies of occupation from date of armistice.

Germany to confirm renunciation of the treaty of Bucharest.

All German concessions in Turkey, Russia, Brazil, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria to be transferred to allied reparations commission and credited to Germany.

Clearing houses to be established in all belligerent countries to handle adjustment of pre-war debts and contracts.

Allies may liquidate German property to their nationals not recompensed by Germany and for debts owed their nationals by German nationals.

Fire insurance contracts not considered dissolved by the war.

All signatories agree to international control of opium traffic.

All German ports, free before the war, must continue in that status.

Parts of Elbe, Oder, Danube and Niemen rivers internationalized.

The Rhine is placed under control of an allied-German commission.

Belgium to be permitted to build a canal connecting the Rhine and the Meuse.

Czechs Given Outlet

Czechoslovakia to have rail rights into France and Trieste.

Germany must lease Czech-Slovakia wharves in Hamburg and Stettin for 99 years.

International labor office to be established in Geneva as part of league of nations organization.

First meeting of the international labor body will be held in October in Washington (simultaneously with first league of nations meeting) to discuss international eight hour day.

Germany to accept all decrees as to German ships by allied prize courts.

The treaty becomes effective for each nation as that nation formally ratifies it.

"See here," says the Good Judge

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Let it be that the English punished the Irish criminals with severity, or even with cruelty, they dealt in the same way with their own criminals. All were treated alike. It is not an excuse for England that up to 100 years ago she was as cruel as other nations—but it is an explanation of a most memorable fact.

But as to the English invasion of Ireland, "more than 700 years ago" Sir John Feiners and many others entirely overlook the facts as to the reason for that invasion. Hadrian IV was elected pope in 1154, and died in 1159. Henry II was king of England. Parties in Ireland begged Henry to come over and take possession of the island. Before going, Henry consulted the pope.

Hadrian replied that Ireland and the other islands belonged to St. Peter and the holy church, and that it would be satisfactory to him if Henry should take and govern the island, provided, he would guarantee that the pope should receive as Peter's Pence—a Roman penny (about 15 cents)—for every house in Ireland.

Henry agreed to this, and in time effected the conquest and occupation of the island. He bought the goods in open market of the professed owner, and certainly no one on earth had a better right to sell Ireland than had Pope Hadrian. The English title then is clear and unassailable in either law or equity, and as the Irish, through these "more than 700 years" have continued paying to the pope, it is late to complain now.

"But the Irish people never consented, and do not now consent," etc., oh bless you, in those good old times such trifling matters as a consent of the people. Their motto was "Let him get who has the power, and let him keep who can." Pope Hadrian said that Ireland belonged to him, and when he had a good offer he sold it, and there you are.

JAMES LISLE.

The grand jury at Chicago has indicted 10 persons charged with election frauds in the February mayoral primaries.

Work on a 25 by 60 addition to the Vancouver high school has been started.

Yakima is organizing a national guard company. Already 29 have been enrolled.

Contracts amounting to \$200,114 were let by the Washington highway commission Monday.

Three robberies last Sunday, netting the burglars nearly \$500, are reported from Aberdeen.

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Dr. James E. Crowther

To show in striking, dramatic manner that the present world merely repeats chapters in history is the purpose of a stately, inspiring pageant which has been arranged by Dr. James E. Crowther of Seattle, Wash., for presentation at the big Methodist Centenary Celebration of June 20-July 13 in Columbus, O. Understanding and comfort to the man bewildered by the trend of modern events are the essentials Dr. Crowther desired to convey when he chose this most dignified form of public presentation.



"HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?"

Many seem to be giving a garden party. She is joined by millions of other home food growers, says the National War Garden Commission, Washington.

Open Forum

ENGLAND AND THE SINN FEINERS

To the Editor:—Disappointed in their effort to get recognition from the peace congress, the Sinn Feiners of Ireland have made special accusation against the English. More than 700 years ago England wrongfully invaded Ireland, and has ever since held the land—inflicting many cruelties upon the people, etc.
As to alleged cruelties in their administration in Ireland, let us consider the times involved. The English did no more to the Irish than the Irish did to the English who fell into their hands—they did no more than other nations did in like cases—so more than the English did in the accused of their own people. Up to 100 years ago there were some 200 district offenses that were, in England, punished with death. Under Queen Elizabeth some 2000 persons in a year were put to death for various reasons. In 1819 in England a man who had most barbarously murdered another was set free when he challenged to mortal combat, the leading

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