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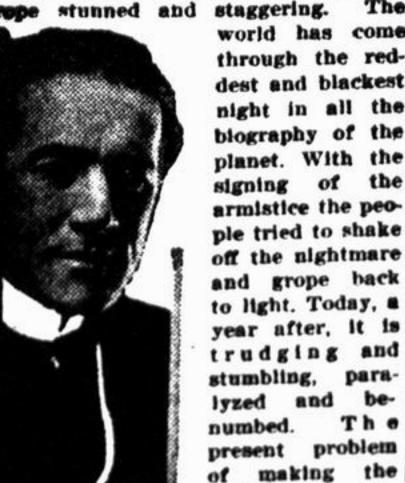
Shall Chaos or Reconstruction in Europe Follow the Great World War?

18SUE BEFORE ALL NATIONS

Four Years of Hell Have Left the Pecple in a Nightmare, From Which Only New Morale Can Arouse Them.

Article 1.

By FRANK COMERFORD. Four years of pagan hell left Eu-



world has come through the reddest and blackest night in all

serious freedom, it is life-the chance to eatto be warm-to sleep, and a tired, wounded, worn and weary people face the tomorrows with little faith and much fear.

I went to Europe to see for myself. I was unattached, a free agent. I was not a member of a Mission-I had no preconceived opinions.

I sought facts—the human facts. I looked into the eyes of the people, walked the streets, talked with men, women and children, rich and poor, humble and powerful, journalists, bankers, lawyers, preachers, actors, government officials, coal miners, teamsters, factory hands, labor leaders, radicals, conservatives children of the street and women at their washtubs, farmers and peasants, tenants and landlords. I cross-examined official records and pursued official figures. I Hatened to opinions, heard speeches, interviewed the streets, listened to the conversations of the cafes and the talk of the cheap restaurants. I knew that few Americans would have the chance to go to Europe to see and hear for themselves, that the millions of America would be compelled to depend upon the eyes and ears of others for information concerning a problem of world importance, a problem that is bound to involve us-we are part of M. No country is independent. Nations are interdependent to the extent and for the same reasons individuals

Only Hope is in America.

Europe looks to America for salvation, as a dying man looks to God for mercy. We are her only hope. If the United States adopts the policy of leaving Europe alone, on the theory that we have done enough for her. Burope will be plunged into the savagery of revolution. It is faith in America, belief that America will sustain her, help her carry the awful load that is bending and almost breaking the back of weak and crippled Europe. that is keeping her from succumbing. This faith is about the only thing Eusope has left.

What is America? It isn't the buildings and banks, the railroads, the houses and the land, it is the one hunared and ten million people of whom you are one. So Europe's plea is addressed to you. The prayers of her hungry children are petitions to you. America's policy-the answer of the United States, will come from the indement of the people. No man or woman can escape the responsibility. Each of us will contribute to the de-It isn't a hypothetical case we are called upon to decide-it is question involving the life of human beings, men, women and children who are blood of our blood, part of the creat world family—the human race thall we close down our shops, fictories, mills and mines, bolt the doors. stop production at a time millions of human beings are crying to us for Can we listen to the thin. bony hands of children knocking at our doors and sit in our comfortable omes, leaving them to die on our threshold? No call to arms ever had much right back of it, so much humanity as the call to work has to-

The house of Europe has been on Fre. It has been wrecked. It is scarred ad charred—a ruin. The cupboards are empty, the people demoralized and Mek. Winter is attacking them. Huner has a strangle hold. They are in They must rebuild, and they t the material for the work. like the traveler, surprised by a mounturn to us. Their condition is condition, our obliga- to him in romantic thunders.—Emer Carrier Delbert Austin. I the golden rule ever had any son.

time to prove it is now.

Our Comparative Plenty. In our house things are well. We have been saved the devastation of war. Our acres are ample, our yield has been plentiful. We have an abundance of material. Our man power has only been lightly touched by the war. It is true that we gave nearly seventy thousand lives that the Prussians might not pass; that autocracy our best blood. Europe gave for four years, and she gave of her youth until her man power was almost exhausted.

We cannot sacrifice Europe without being sacrificed. If Europe falls-America will totter. The storm of unrest that rocks Europe to ruin will shake America. We must work and give-boan, if you please.

The heart of labor is warm. Its sympathy is born of suffering. The gospel of the brotherhood of man is the message that labor has always taught. I am sure that if I could picture the poverty of the children and women and men of Europe-if I could only make people see what I have seen in Europe, our differences would seem trivial by comparison with their sufferings. Men would will to work and find joy in the working. What greater compensation can come to conscience than working to feed the hungry, to ple tried to shake | clothe the naked, to comfort the lowly?

If the heart of capital is stone and and grope back cannot feel the message which comes trudging and injustice, if need be, a little longer to carols, "Angels we have heard on lyzed and be- ter workers, on the other side of the The ocean. It's a crime against God and present problem man to stop production at this momaking the ment-and extravagance 'n this hour for is a greater immorality than prostitu-

figures, because I knew that while ber. was reason for sacrifice figures are important they frequently now. fall to tell the full truth. Official reports and statistics, granting that they are accurate, are at best only photographic. The photograph records with mathematical exactness the exterior of things. It seldom gets to the heart. The photograph is the still picturethe picture of the motionless fact. Impressions are more like oil paintings. They possess the human touch. They reach the heart within. Back of the daubs of paint on the canvas are the throbs of a heart. The film is only sensitized. Man's brain is sensitive. The photograph reproduces the outline; the painting, the substance.

Plain Record of Facts.

In reporting to you the things I say and heard, I want to give you photographs—the figures and facts as learned them, and the impressions gathered from the speech and life of Europe. I have tried to keep my lenses would be unbiased.

In the June of 1914 Europe had a place in the sunlight of peace. The fields were filled with peasants, bending their backs to toll. Villagers were hants in the common routine of their simple lives. Factories, mills, mines and shops were filled with men. Wheels hummed, smoke streamed from chimners, industry was singing. In the cities traffic mared, trains rattled. It was the story of a busy, working

I'roblems there were, of course, the problems normal to the growth and progress of the world some unrest, too, but children scampered to school, patient women sang crooning songs to their hybies. Men carrying dinner buckets whistled on their way to work. There were shadows-the unlighted side of the world's street—the slums and the tenements; ont men and women were planning and fighting the black ugliness, and everyone had faith in the tomorrow. was growing better; its conscience was awakened. We were becoming our brother's keeper. It was a normal sane, good old world. It was good

Then came the day, the day tha will never be forgotten—the day that changed the world; the day of four years, at the end of which civilization was almost hunchbacked.

When one's front teeth are knocked out there is no need to leave them on the floor, for they can be reinserted by a good dentist.

Replant Your Lost Teeth.

Dr. H. M. Savery tells in the Lancet (London), of two cases, in each which several teeth were distoated from their sockets. In one case the teeth were placed in sait water while the dentist carefully washed the sockets. Then they were einserted, a stitch or two taken the gums and the jaws were bandaged shut so that the teeth bit on pad of lint. In the other case the teeth still hung to the gums, so the sockets were cleaned out without detaching the teeth. In both cases the patients could use them for normal hiting in a few months after the acci-

Dr. De Witt C. Henry of New Yorl replaced not long ago the teeth of a truck driver that had been knocked in a collision. The man had picked his teeth from the gutter and ran up to the dentist's office carrying them in his hand.

Our Arts. Our arts are happy hits. We are like the musician on the lake, whose melody is sweeter than he knows, or tain echo, whose trivial word returns

Lagrange Choir GIVES CONCERT THIS EVENING Postponement Deemed Necessary Be-

might not shackle the world. It was Under the Auspices of S. Andrew's Church Well Known Choir Will Sing.

> This evening, Jan. 30th, at eight 'clock, at Dicke's Theatre, Emmanuel Choir of LaGrange ,consisting of sixty boys and men under the direction of William Ripley Dorr, will give a concert, under the auspices of S. Andrew's church.

The program will be divided into two parts, the first part consisting entirely of sacred music, during which the choir will appear in their vestnients, and the second part of secular music, in which the choir will not be vested.

Among the numbers in the first art of the program, will be severa beautiful and unusual Christmas carols from foreign lands, including "Lo, to light. Today, a over the seas, let labor show that its how a Rose e'er blooming," by Pracyear after, it is heart is humane and that it will suffer torius, (1609), and two old French save flesh and blood, brother and sis- ligh," and "The Three Kings," both of which will be sung without accompaniment. By special request, the choir will repeat the two Russian numbers which created such a favorable impression at the musical ser-I did not stop with the gathering of vice in S. Andrew's church in Novem-

> The assisting soloists will be Mr. A. C. Youngberg, tenor, and Mr. Blake Wilson, baritone who will ap- given again Sunday evening at the rear in the secular part of the program. Three of the boys of the choir will sing solos. David Meyers singing Lehmann's "Wood-pigeon." which particularly adapted to his ethereal voice, and David Linn singing Nevin's "Little Boy Blue." These two boys sang solos at a concert givon by the choir in Aurora recently end of their work, the Aurora News said "they acquitted themselves wonnerfully well, before such a large audience," (about fifteen hundred peo-1le.) Ned Barrett will make his debut with Ingraham's "Owl and the Pussy-cat."

The program will conclude with a humerous number entitled "The Goslings." written by Sir Frederick eyes free from prejudice so that 'he Bridge, the distinguished organist of Westminister Abbey. London. It a fine example of the English part

> LOCAL MASONIC LODGE WORKED LAST SATURDAY

Third Degree Exemplified Before Many Visitors and Members Of Grove Lodge.

Five third degrees were conferred by Grove Lodge, 824, A. F. & A. M. in a Special Session last Saturday, which started at 2.30 in the after-

At six-thirty a recess was taken and the visitors and members of the The world was making headway-it lodge partook of a supper in the banquet room on the second floor of he building which was served by the Guild of S. Andrew's church.

> More than twenty-seven different indges were represented by those present and the many visitors and memhers of the local lodge taxed the capacity of the hall.

A degree team composed of memters of the Kellogg Craftsman's Club sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, (Copyright, 1926, Western Newspaper Union) lers of the Kellogg Craftsman's Club No. 954. of Chicago, exemplified the work in the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the evening. Wm. Timke, a member of Progressive Lodge took .the .Junior . Warden's .station while his son Glenn. was being init-

> iated into the mysteries of the order. Mr. Timke is a member of the Kellogg Craftman's Club and of Progressive Lodge, and it was at his request that the visiting brothers put on the work. All those participating are employes of the Kellogg Switchboard Co., of Chicago, where Mr. Timke is employed.

Seldom has a degree been conferred in Grove Lodge in just the way teeth became solidly fixed and the the work was done on Saturday evening. The ancient lessons of the craft, as exemplified by the team,

were brought to the attention of all. It was through the influence of Mr. John H. Sass, formerly a member of Grove Lodge and one of the moving figures in the above mentoined club, that the visitors took charge.

The local schools were closed today because of the illness of the janitors and several of the teachers. They wlli reopen Monday morning, Feb. 2.

Earl Downer is delivering Rural mail on account of the sickness of

POSTPONE REVI-VAL MEETINGS AT M. E. CHURCH

cause of Great Amount of Sickness in Village.

The First Methodist church has postponed its revival effort on account of the sickness in the village.

A very tine program had been planned and every thing was ready but a great many about town are either rick in bed or temporarily detained t home. Under these circumstances it seemed highly injudicious to proceed and so the meetings go over until a later date which will be duly announced.

A very amusing incident ocurred at the "Messiah" given at the church last Tuesday evening. When Mr. G. Kortzenborn was rendering his bass solo in a very able manner, he came to the words. "Behold, darkness shall cover the earth and the people shall walk in darkness!" Just at that moment a fuse plug burned out leaving the audience in total darkness for several minutes until the ushers groping about in the darkness at last found and remedied the difficulty.

Miss Marianna Poe was presiding at the organ at the time and Miss Marian Lower at the piano. but all knew their parts so well that they continued without interruption.

Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," which was given at the church last Tuesday evening by the large chorus choir directed by Mrs. Rassweiler, was rendered with such satisfaction that by request parts of it will be hour of public worship.

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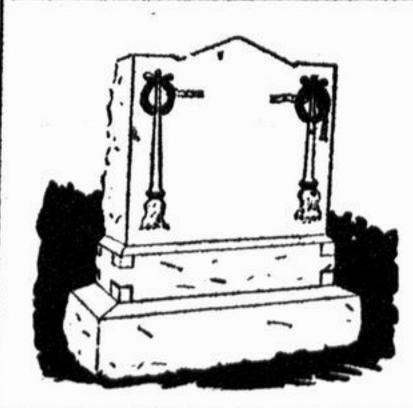
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