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BREATHING SPELL ON WORLD DEBTS A NEED: COPLEY

Germany Must be Permitted to Raise Living Standard or Ours Will Be Lowered, He Says.

Congressman Ira C. Copley of Aurora, who has just returned from Europe, where he made an exhaustive study of economic conditions for the government, is convinced that the first necessary steps to restore permanent prosperity to the United States and the civilized world, is an agreement to a moratorium on international obligations for at least two years. If at the end of this period—wherein all interest is cancelled and no international debt need be paid—the world has not approached normalcy the moratorium must be extended, Mr. Copley says. He is satisfied that France, in the economic interests of the world, must reduce its demands for reparations to the actual cost of the repairs which he figures at one to one and one-half billion dollars. If France insists on Germany paying the seven times this sum, it was awarded in accordance with the Versailles peace treaty. Germany will be compelled to continue on its low standard of living and this will bring about a lower standard in the United States and over the civilized world to meet the competition of the German workman, Mr. Copley declares.

Raise Thiers or Lower Ours.

In a nutshell the situation, Mr. Copley says, is this: "We must allow the German to raise his standard of living or lower ours. France is right sentimentally in demanding the reparations she does but completely wrong economically.

"So long as Germany must pay the tremendous reparations, France demands she will have to flood the world's markets with her goods to raise the money. And to win the world markets she must sell her goods, after all costs of production and transportation and distribution are met, at a lower figure than those of the country to which she sends her products. To produce her goods at the required vastly lesser cost, Germany must pay her workers a very low wage.

30 Cents a Day Pay.

"They are getting on an average about 30 cents in gold a day, the Frenchman \$2, and the Britisher about the same.

"The German workman is managing on this 30 cents a day because he is living scientifically although it is not the manner of living he would choose if he had more wages. He doesn't have meat more than once or twice a week, and has little milk, but he has enough of the life sustaining vegetables to give him a healthy existence. He must forgo many of the foods and tempting dishes which, as a human being, he desires. Permitting him a chance to have them by a lightening of the burden on his government, which will allow him a larger wage, will tend to allow us to preserve the standard we have had.

"No man after visiting the ruined towns and villages of France and the battlefield of Verdun where 400,000 Frenchmen died defending their country can question their moral right to great reparations. But if France were to get that which she asks it would bring about the economic collapse of the civilized world."

Mr. Copley is of the opinion that Bavaria and Austria will eventually unite. This is the only escape from economic failure for Austria and Bavaria will lend a willing ear because of the friendly relations of the German speaking populations. Bavaria has long wished to, and will eventually, secede from Germany because of its opposition to Prussia, Mr. Copley believes.

The data he has obtained on his investigation fills several trunks and he will make a thoro digest of it before making his report to congress.

Visit Many Countries.

During his tour which lasted almost three months, Colonel Copley visited England, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Switzerland, Belgium, and Czech-Slovakia. He found hotel rates about one-ninth what they are in American money.

At the Adlon hotel, the best hotel in Berlin, a shave was but 2-2½ cents.

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Whose Summer Picnic Is This?



LOCAL CELEBRITY SIGNS UP FOR CONCERT WORK

Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths Under 3 Year Contract for Work in Musicals and Revues.

Downers Grove's most popular song bird, Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Griffiths, of Belmont street, recently signed a three year contract with the Starling & Showalter agency, for concert work in musicals and revues. She is paired with Miss Corrine Smith and the girls are now in strenuous training for their work and will appear soon in leading theatres in Chicago.

They will sing in the Baiaban & Katz theatres, owners of three of the most prominent and high class vaudeville and moving picture houses in the city, namely, the Tivoli, Chicago and Roosevelt. This is certainly an achievement of note for Miss Griffiths and there is no doubt whatever in the minds of Downers Grove people that she will advance quickly to the top.

Gwen, as she is known by almost everyone in the village, has delighted many people with her wonderful voice and charming personality. She has given recitals for a number of years here being called on by nearly every society in the Grove to assist with their programs and has always been willing to lend her assistance.

It is expected that Gwen will not be available for local audiences any more as her contract will keep her busy elsewhere. If this is so her loss to the community will be quite distinct but the Reporter joins with the rest of the community in wishing her every success obtainable.

LOCKPORT PLAYS BASEBALL HERE NEXT SUNDAY

The local baseball team will tackle the Lockport aggregation next Sunday on the North Side field. They come touted as quite a ball team and are going to bring quite a delegation of fans with them. This will not phase the local team, however, as they have signed up Bert Bennett to pitch for them for the season and this means a cracking good ball team.

Last Sunday the locals took the Joliet Senators into camp by a score of 6 to 1. It was a good ball game but the pitching of Bennett was too much for the Senators. Come out next Sunday and help the boys as well as seeing a real game of ball. The boys deserve your support and are playing a snapper brand of ball since they have a steady pitcher in the box.

KEEP YOUR ENGINE MUFFLED IN THE GROVE

Motorists Had Better Obey the Law—Judge Blakey is Hitting 'Em Hard.

Motorists who delight in going up and down the streets of Downers Grove with their cut-outs wide open had better beware in the future. The village is after the offenders of the persons violating the village ordinance against the roaring of the automobile. Residents have been aroused from their slumbers by the careless auto driver who goes thundering up the street with cut-out wide open. It is disturbing to say the least and the village dads have legislated against it.

The ordinance has been in force for some time but not in effect. Monday evening it was put into effect when Warren Wells came up the street in the garage service car and forgot to close the cut-out. He was promptly haled before the bar of justice and Judge Blakey fined him \$5.00 and costs for the violation, said costs amounting to \$6.60. The judge says he is going to treat them all alike—so beware.

Last Saturday Peter Malek and Theodore Groyaski were arrested on complaint of Gust Johnson for making a general nuisance of themselves playing ball on land leased by him near his home in Blodgett avenue and were fined \$5.00 and costs by Judge Blakey.

HORSE TAKEN FROM WELL BY AID OF DERRICK

One of Lord Lumber Co.'s Horses Rescued After Breaking Thru Old Covered Well.

Last Saturday Sam Chaplin was delivering a load of stone for the Lord Lumber Co. at the Wm. Wirth home in North Forest avenue, known as the Oliver place. While driving up the yard one of the horses broke through an old covered well, his hind legs going down and the front ones sticking out on the ground. All efforts failed to raise him, even with the assistance of the Kidwell Garage service truck.

Finally, after several hours' work a derrick used on the road work was obtained and with the aid of block and tackle the horse was released. Save for a little stiffness the horse was uninjured. The well is an old one which has not been in use for some time. Evidently it has never been filled up, merely a cover put over it.

Mr and Mrs H S Dum and children left this week on a motor trip to Columbus, Ohio, to visit Mr. Dum's brother, George E. Dum. This is their old home town.

ZONING LAW IN THE MAKING FOR DOWNERS GROVE

Village Fathers Passed Ordinance Creating Zoning Commission Last Monday.

The Village Council of Downers Grove took the initial step of making possible the Zoning of our fair village. An ordinance was passed last Monday at their regular meeting creating a Zoning Commission to "carry out the purpose and intent of the Illinois Zoning Law."

This is a very favorable step forward for Downers Grove and one we have been waiting for for some time. Most of our neighboring towns in DuPage County have their Zoning Commissions already at work. Be it said for our Village Dads that they may not be the first to take to the newer ideas but eventually steps are taken to keep good old Downers Grove in the front ranks of progressiveness.

The Commission is to consist of five members, who shall serve without compensation. The Mayor and Village Engineer to be members and three others appointed by the Mayor who have no connection with the village affairs. Their duty will be to employ a competent zoning expert and others to prepare maps and to arrange meetings and formal public hearings in accordance with the Act. Their duties will cease with the adopting by the Village Board of an ordinance submitted by the Commission. (Continued on Page 7)

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PAVING ON SOUTH SIDE

E. A. Meyer Construction Co., of Quincy, gets Contract for \$19,119.00.

At a meeting of the Village Council, acting as the Board of Local Improvements, Wednesday night, July 19, the contract for paving on the South Side was awarded to the E. A. Meyer Construction Co., of Quincy, Illinois, for \$19,119.00.

The streets to be paved are Summit Webster, Church and part of Randall streets. The paving to be used will be re-inforced concrete and work will be started in about a week. With the exception of several streets north of the railroad, principally Rogers, Prairie, Washington and Elm which the village is planning to pave this will finish the street paving for this year. The other streets to be paved are having sewer and water put in and paving cannot be done until they have settled sufficiently to allow work to be done on them.

BEAT UP AND ROBBED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Harry Stoops Kidnaped Near His Home at the Old Lucas Farm, Beaten and Robbed.

Harry Stoops, who lives on the old Lucas farm, in Main street, just south of town was beaten and kidnaped from in front of his home Wednesday. He was carrying quite a sum of money and wore several diamonds all of which were taken from him.

Stoops was walking across the road in front of his home about nine o'clock when an automobile drove up and two men got out and asked him the way to the nearest town. He started to tell them when the larger of the two grabbed him and at the same time the other hit him over the head.

They then put him in the car and drove off, in the meantime relieving him of his valuables. Mr. Stoops says that every time they passed a car the big fellow would soak him down. The bandits drove to 47th street and the Plainfield road, near the quarries and then threw him out.

He was returned home later in the night and Dr. Worsley called to bind up his wounds. Mrs. Stoops heard the commotion in the road and ran out but all she saw was her husband's hat lying in the road and heard the exhaust of the motor. She immediately called the police department and W. H. Edgeton hurried to the scene but no trace of the car or bandits could be found.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS NOW DUE AT VILLAGE OFFICE

Payment to be Made on Sanitary Sewer and Water Pipes Laid on North Side.

Payments on special assessments, Numbers 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57 are now due and payable at the office of Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk, 66 South Main street.

These specials cover the laying and constructing of the pipe, sanitary sewer, manholes, house junctions and connections and appurtenances in Prince, Saratoga, Linscott and Highland avenues and in Main street. They also cover the constructing of cast iron water pipes, including pipe, special castings, hydrants, valves and valve boxes in Linscott, Saratoga, Prince, Forest and Highland avenues and in Main and Grant Streets.

All of this work has been recently completed on these streets, north of Chicago avenue.

FORMER RESIDENTS BURIED HERE THIS WEEK

Elwood McGinnis and Mrs. W. W. Latchford Buried at West Side Cemetery.

Two funerals were held from C. F. Davis' undertaking rooms this week for former residents of Downers Grove. Monday afternoon Elwood McGinnis, 21 years old, was buried in the West Side cemetery. He formerly lived here with his parents in No. Forest avenue, where he was born. He died in Urbana, Ohio, Thursday, July 20, and the body was shipped here for burial.

The funeral of Mrs. W. W. Latchford was held here Wednesday afternoon and burial was made at the West cemetery. Mrs. Latchford was the daughter of W. S. Wilson, who formerly was in the tailoring business in Main street.

Three years ago the family moved to Dellfield, Wis., where Mr. Wilson died just a year ago from the day of his daughter's death, Sunday, July 23. The body of Mrs. Wilson was shipped here from Brooklyn, N. Y., where she died and where she has been living since the first of June. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, William, and a brother in England.

YOUTH LOSES HIS LIFE AT THREE RIVERS, MICH.

Thos. McAllister, 13 Years Old, Was Drowned Friday in Four Feet of Water.

Thomas McAllister, Jr., 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McAllister, of Glencoe, former residents here, was drowned Friday afternoon at Fischer Lake, Three Rivers, Michigan. He was spending the summer there with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mather, who have a summer cottage on the lake, while his parents were in Europe.

Thomas was out in the lake with his boat not very far from shore and had his bathing suit on and was wading alongside the boat in about four feet of water which just reached his chest. His aunt saw him there and noticed nothing wrong but a few minutes later she looked again and saw only the boat floating, but no sight of the boy. She became alarmed and called for help. The boy was found in about four feet of water and four doctors worked over him for an hour. It was thought by them that the youth had become frightened or shocked over something and sank into the water unconscious.

The body was shipped to Hubbard Woods and a short service held there in the church Monday, playmate from the school which he had attended there acting as pallbearers and the body placed in a vault in Mt. Carmel cemetery awaiting the arrival of the parents from Europe. Thomas McAllister was born in DeKalb, Ill., and lived for a year here with his parents in North Main street. He attended St. Joseph's school during the term 1918-1919.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McAllister have been in Europe for some time and at present are visiting with Mr. McAllister's father and mother in Ireland. Una McAllister, a sister, has been attending a school of journalism in Paris. They were notified by cable and will be unable to get a boat before next Monday.

Thos. Jr., leaves to mourn his loss, besides his father and mother, four sisters, Una, Zada, Josephine and Kathleen; and one brother, Fabian.

LA GRANGE BOYS' BAND TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Temple Association Site, Curtiss and Washington, to be Seen of Ice Cream Social.

A bunch of boys, each blowing a horn, cornet or tuba, or beating a drum will enliven the village Saturday evening, July 29, at Curtiss and Washington streets.

The boys are members of the Childrens Brass Band from LaGrange and the occasion for the music is an ice cream social given by the social committee of the Masonic Temple Association of Downers Grove.

In preparation for the event a group of villagers headed by Harry Downes cut the weeds and otherwise "prettied" up the lot last Monday night.

The boys will discourse sweet melody from seven to nine, what time they are not eating ice cream. It is understood that tickets for the occasion have been distributed but tickets or not the promoters of the affair have indicated that everyone is welcome.

LOTTIE H. O'NEILL GUEST IN WILL COUNTY

Lottie Holman O'Neill was the guest of the Will County Home Improvement Association at their annual picnic in Cherry Hill last week. The president, Mrs. J. W. Owen of Joliet in introducing Mrs. O'Neill stated that while the Association is not a political organization, she felt it wise to assist woman candidates to meet the women voters at the various gatherings of women believing it proper to encourage women to become acquainted personally with candidates before voting, a procedure in line with the campaign for intelligent citizenship which thinking women are encouraging.