

ELEVATE EUROPE IS WRITER'S PLEA

NOT DRAG AMERICA DOWN

Says This Is Solution of World Problems; Would Try to Bring Other Countries Up to Level of U. S.

The solution of the world's problems lies not in the attempt, by international agreements to drag America down to the level of the rest of the world, according to George B. Lockwood, who declares in an editorial in the current issue of the National Republic that Europe, by following our example should seek to risk to our economic level. Mr. Lockwood says in part:

Would Sacrifice America
 "Concealed in the background of the movement to involve the United States more deeply in the political and financial affairs of Europe, has been the determination of financial imperialism to sacrifice the welfare and safety of the American people to a scheme of international financial communism. This is the meaning of 'equality of trade conditions' one of the fine phrases to the music of which it was attempted to march America into the maelstrom of European politics and finance after the World War. A new phrase is 'economic disarmament'—in other words, the equalization of national resources and wealth—an equalization in which the United States is expected to furnish the assets and the other partners in the enterprise the liabilities. The American people have dimly sensed the deeper meanings of this program, and have up to this time been fairly successful in eluding the invitations to sit down for the division.

Have Earned It
 "What the American people have they have earned, under institutions providing more incentive and opportunity for human endeavor than has prevailed elsewhere in the world. They have accumulated their national wealth through production carried to such a point that they are turning out, with six per cent of the world's population, half the staples of world industry. What is more important, they have established a standard of wages and living, of reward for labor and productive enterprise, incomparably the highest in the world. They have achieved this through methods the rest of the world can emulate, if it will. The solution of the comparative poverty of the rest of the world is through adoption of our system of political unity, through abandonment of international hatreds, prejudices and rivalries largely of economic origin, through less politics and more production of the necessities of life. The solution is not in dragging America down to their level, but in rising to ours.

Not for the U. S.
 "The American people will not play this game. They will leave it to those who have begun it. They will not sacrifice American standards of life in order to make profitable American investments in the cheap labor markets of the Old World. They will not forgive the national debts of European countries to the United States in order to strengthen the European security for private debts to American investors. They will fight no wars to collect these debts either private or public. They will not create a condition in the United States at the behest of the international communists of capitalism which will compel Americans, because of the social upheaval sure to follow an attempt to degrade our living standards to those of Europe, to fight a civil war with proletarian communism."

STANDARD ROAD

Eighteen feet has come to be the minimum standard width for main highways, and except for roads in the vicinity of large cities and a few heavily traveled roads between certain cities, this width will be ample for several years to come.

SOURCES OF POWER ARE INEXHAUSTIBLE

So Declares Writer in Magazine and Points to Undeveloped Resources in U. S.

William Haynes, in Nation's Business, writes: Power is the slave of our industries, and power generated from chemical energy will be the crowning service of science to material civilization. President Coolidge's committee has just reported that we have but six years' supply of gasoline. Our stocks of coal have definite limits. Water power is seldom conveniently located and long-distance transmission is always wasteful. But there are other vast sources of energy, and we shall not go powerless. A century ago, wood was the chief source of energy, and we smile at the picture of the great Admiral Nelson busily founding a society to foster the planting of acorns in order that they might be in our day good oak timber to build frigates for the British navy. We build battleships of steel propelled by fuel oil; and within a few years our present fears will seem as foolish as his. We at least know of vast sources of energy undreamed of in the doxy admiral's day and even as yet unused.

There is, for example, the great continuous energy of the sun, the universal source of all energy. Henry L. Doherty, a visionary, but no dreamer, believes that some day we shall learn how to concentrate the heat of the sun's rays and he points out that it delivers a potential power over the area of the United States equal in one minute to all the power we use in a year.

This use of molecular energy may lie in the chemistry of the distant future, but already there have been perfected three different chemical processes for liquifying coal. If they had no importance, would both the Standard Oil and the Shell Petroleum companies acquire substantial financial and commercial interests in the German company which has developed the most promising of these processes? Obviously we are not going to junk our motors for lack of an internal-combustion fuel.

BAKED BANANAS

Baked bananas are in order, as winter advances. Peel the bananas, split lengthwise, place in a baking dish, sprinkle with lemon juice and sugar, and bake until tender. Serve warm for dessert.

It is claimed the bolsheviks are showing activity, but if so it is not commonly manifested in the form of work.

SOCIALIST LEADERS WAR UPON RELIGION

Laugh Up Sleeves at Dupes in Ministry Who Favor Their Principles

It is a surprising fact that many religious leaders in the United States are favorable to socialism, and not a few are outright socialists, says the National Republic. Socialism and communism, both of which go back to the atheist, Karl Marx, are fundamentally anti-religious, and the more "hard bodied" socialists and communists must laugh up their sleeves at their dupes in the ranks of Christian ministry. Here are a few expressions on religion from authoritative socialist writers and publications:

"It is our duty as socialists to rout out the Pagan god. No one is worthy of the name of socialist who does not consecrate himself to the spread of atheism." (Wilhelm Liebnicht).

"The first word of religion is a lie. The idea of God must be destroyed. It is the keystone that has perverted civilization." (E. Belford Bax, English socialist.)

"When the gods are dead, men will begin to live. There will be no more priests, no rulers, no judges when the gods are gone. Religion spells death to socialism, just as socialism spells death to religion." (International Social Review.)

"There can be no compromise between socialism and religion. Socialism is the natural enemy of religion. The purely materialistic view on which socialism is based, is absolutely opposed to Christian teaching." (Socialism and Religion.)

Marx said: "Religion is the opium of the people, but patriotism with its lies, legends, symbols, music and ceremony is ever more used as a means of stupefying the workers."

WINTER DESERTS

Dried fruit shortcakes make good winter desserts. Prunes, figs, dates, raisins, apricots, and peaches may be used in this way. Stew the fruit, sweeten to taste, removing any pits, and add such special seasoning as spices or a few drops of lemon juice if you desire it. Spread the mashed fruit pulp on both layers of a biscuit foundation which has been split in half and well buttered. Cream, either plain or whipped in an acceptable addition to these shortcakes.

The boys and girls are highly successful in putting the basketball in the basket, but less so in putting the firewood into such a receptacle to be lugged into the kitchen.

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