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FEARING A REVOLUTION.

Events are moving rapidly in Germany following the collapse of the mark which within the last two days has almost disappeared. The mark was normally worth 23 1/2 cents. During the war the government flooded the country with paper money which it was unable to redeem, and since the war it has resorted to artificial expedients to sustain the value of the mark by controlling the traffic in foreign currencies. Now it has abandoned these attempts and financial circles profess to see a cataclysmic collapse of the nation's currency.

Some idea of the situation may be appreciated by the statement that in June last the exchange value of the mark was 10,000 marks for one dollar. On Friday last it had fallen to 750,000 marks for one dollar. To make the situation worse the printers of paper money could not keep up with the demand.

A despatch from Berlin states that the Reichsbank is negotiating with numerous private printing plants throughout Germany to print money, and within a few days, it is said, production may catch up with the demand for this almost worthless currency. Wash baskets are inadequate for carrying the money away, and pushcarts, cabs and motor lorries are being used to convey bales of notes to other banks. Denominations of five and ten million mark notes (about \$7.50 and \$15) are being issued. This is not taken as the beginning of the end. The end is already in sight.

The most serious feature of this almost comic money crisis is its reaction on the cost of living. Food prices rise as the mark falls, likewise automatically entailing a food shortage. Berlin just now has a potato shortage, and this is the poor man's staple food.

In this currency crisis two things are feared: The dissolution of the German empire into the original states previous to the federation, and a royalist coup by Prince Frederick William, believed to be planning his escape from Weieringen. He has been in consultation of late with agents of the Nationalists. He is popular with the ex-soldiers. In the event of the collapse of the empire it would be replaced by Prussia, East Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Hesse, Wurttemberg, Baden and possibly a dozen other small states. France is vitally concerned in the outcome for it would mean a revision of the schedule of reparations.

A ROYAL WELCOME. President Harding was fittingly honored by the people of Vancouver and government officials on the occasion of his visit there on Thursday last. The federal government sent Col. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to Vancouver to make the necessary arrangements for the reception to the president, and it is gratifying to the people of Canada to know that the occasion was made a memorable one by the spontaneous expressions of good-will that greeted the distinguished visitor.

President Harding was received with a salute by the artillery and was given a guard of honor composed of several militia battalions. Hon. J. H. King read an address on behalf of Premier King, and addresses were given by Premier Oliver of British Columbia, and Mayor Charles Tiedall, of Vancouver.

The president's message was one that should touch the hearts of all Canadians for he spoke with pride of the century of peace between the United States and Canada, declaring "our protection is in our fraternity, our armor is our faith; the tie that binds more firmly year by year is ever-increasing acquaintance and comradeship through interchange of citizens; and the compact is not of perishable parchment, but of faith and honorable dealing, which, God grant, shall continue for all time."

President Harding is an advocate of the World Court of Justice as a solution of warfare, and he expressed the conviction that Europe's troubles would disappear if the example of Canada and the United States were followed, in all international affairs. It is earnestly to be hoped that he may succeed in his desire to carry American influence into the World Court. The United States has got to be reckoned with in any future conflict and, in justice to herself, she should be in a position to make her influence felt in the interests of peace before hostilities begin.

A PRISON CLEARING HOUSE. The famous New York State prison, "Sing Sing," at Ossining, is the most up-to-date in America not because of its internal regimen, but because the state prison authorities recognize the place of science in the treatment of crime and have provided the means by which criminals receive rational treatment with a view to remaking life's misfits.

A scientific study in detail is to be made of every delinquent received, in order that the utmost may be done, first in fitting him into the prison's system of factory production, and, second, in helping to shape him for regeneration and eventual emergence into the world as a man remade and equipped for life. The work has a bearing on the distribution of prisoners who are sent to other institutions.

Sing Sing now receives many more criminals than it keeps, and after examination passes them on to other special institutions as mental and physical conditions may warrant.

Mental tests are made as a part of the routine of reception, and four new large brick buildings are now nearing completion for occupancy in connection with the study being carried on. One is a medical building designed especially for the psychiatry department. The mental problem is bound up with two other important phases of the care of inmates. One of them is medical and surgical treatment, the other educational.

The average population is 1,200 inmates. They have the attendance of eminent surgeons from New York City, men of note who serve as a consulting staff and go gratuitously as occasion may demand to operate in the prison hospital. The new medical building has one floor for the psychiatric department, a second for medical and a third for surgical. Another floor is for dental and optical work. The whole building was planned by Dr. Mayo, of the Mayo Institute.

Speaking of the work, Warden Lewis E. Lawes said: "The men of low intellect are easy to gauge. It is the borderline cases that present problems. They have to be welded into the reclamation work—given a place in the prison organization which we try to make as much as possible like normal society outside of prisons. The mental examinations are of great value in determining the capabilities of a man, an important point if you make an individual study of each case." The old penology gave scant thought to such matters, but the prison is now viewed not as a matter of punishment but of reclamation, and Sing Sing to-day is conducted with a view to training men in trades and the routine of earning a living under present-day machine-production conditions. Education is carried on in the institution with day and night classes, and a closely supervised system of correspondent school work. The Welfare League Association of New York founded thirty-five scholarships for the men in the home study department of Columbia University, and one hundred men tried to get them.

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—F. P. A. in New York World.

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THE CANADIAN BOUNDARY.

For more than a century the United States and Canada have been at peace, with no foris along the boundary and no warships on the lakes "for the national defense." This familiar fact served the president for his speech at Vancouver. The will to live at peace is effective for the maintenance of peace between neighbors where military power falls.

The United States does not covet the lands of Canada because it has enough of its own. Americans go to Canada to take up farms and make homes, as Canadians come to the United States to become citizens, but this interchange is scarcely visible, the civilizations of the two nations are so alike. Ships pass from American to Canadian waters and back again, railroads from state to province and province to state without interruption or observable change in the habitations, the dress or the language of the people. We have our differences over tariffs, embargoes and booms, but we have become sufficiently tolerant and sensible not to let these differences excite us. It is interesting, if profitable, to speculate whether all would have been comfortable if Montcalm and not Wolfe had been victor on the plains of Abraham.

The Germans and Poles pass even now back and forth over the boundary, the German and French over theirs where military occupation is not keeping hates alive, the Germans and Czechs over theirs. Neighbors who are divided only by the line which treaties have drawn got on very well where governments do not. There are differences deeply rooted in race, custom, language and attitude, there is a great congestion of population and a sterner strife for a livelihood to make the situation in Europe more difficult than the situation on this continent. But there is in our experience at least an example worth the attention of European peoples, although their differences are marked as American and Canadian are not. For all Europe knows that the old ways have failed. The way that the United States and Canada have lived in close company could not work worse and should work a great deal better. It's worth trying.

—Syracuse, N.Y., Post-Standard.

Canadian Questions and Answers

Q.—What is the value of furs exported by Canada?

A.—Canada's exports of furs, in 1927, reached a value of nearly \$15,000,000.

Q.—How many telegrams are sent in Canada in a year?

A.—15,931,993 telegrams were sent in Canada in 1927; also 1,154,787 marconigrams and cables, and over \$5,000,000 was transmitted by telegraph.

Q.—How were the Rocky Mountains so named?

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