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## The Occupation of the Ruhr.

It was said at the time of the occupation of the Ruhr District by France that the result of the occupation would be the only means of deciding whether her policy was the right one or not. In other words there were those who believed that Germany could pay if she would, and there were others who claimed that Germany had not the wherewithal to meet the demands made by the Allies in the form of reparations.

During the period of occupation, with her chief manufacturing centres in the hands of the French and Belgians, her payments to the Allies became smaller and smaller, and owing to what is known as her passive resistance, the occupying powers found it impossible to compensate themselves from her resources, or even to obtain enough to meet current expenses.

Whatever may have been the ultimate object of France and Belgium it is impossible to say. They emphatically denied any intention of annexing the territory, but one fact is evident—they determined to obtain what they could for themselves regardless of the claims of the rest of the Allies.

At last Germany's resistance has come to an end, and from all that can be ascertained, she is in a state of bankruptcy, and disorder is everywhere in evidence. The question is, was that the object of France? If it was, then her policy has been successful; but as to whether it was right or wrong, has yet to be answered.

In many respects her success places her in a more difficult position than she was before. If she attempted to annex the territory she would not only antagonize her former allies, but the immediate effect would probably be to unite the different factions in the German Empire, and to provoke another war.

In spite of the fact that Chancellor Stresemann has been compelled to resign, the fact that he has been asked to form another cabinet would make it appear that he is considered sufficiently strong to restore order out of chaos, and if he can do that, Germany's resistance may even yet prove more formidable than France anticipated.

The peculiar problems that have arisen, the difficulties that face Germany, and what more directly concerns us, the effect upon the world generally of the collapse of her economic system are fully described in the following article which we have taken from the Financial Post:

## THE RUHR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

By JAMES MAYOR, Ph.D.  
The German Government has ceased to support passive resistance in the Ruhr. What then? Has the policy of France been successful? In answering this question, the first point is, what was the policy of France? Was it intended to bring pressure upon Germany to pay reparations in the same manner as the occupation of French territory in 1871 by Germany was intended to bring pressure upon France to pay the French indemnity? Or, was

the policy of France directed to the end that Germany should be deprived of the means of paying reparations and therefore would be obliged to acquiesce in continued occupation of the Ruhr by France? Or was the policy of France directed toward the creation of such a political and economic situation in Germany that government by a central authority of the various provinces of which the new Germany is composed would become impossible and that Germany must be broken into the fragments out of which the former German Federation and later the German Empire were compounded?

## France's Success Not Yet Certain.

In none of these cases can the policy of France as yet be said to be successful. It still remains for the future to determine in what measure Germany will or can pay and whether the Reich will be dissolved into independent states.

It may be that Germany deserves to be deprived of the Ruhr; it may be that she deserves to have her economic system smashed; it may be that she deserves to be broken in pieces, yet none of these consequences can take place without serious reactions upon all other countries, including France and Belgium.

The economic prosperity of Germany under the Empire is unquestioned. Not less so is the economic prosperity which was induced by Germany's exportation of goods to the rest of Europe. Before the vigorous movement of German exports, the docks of Rotterdam and Antwerp were antiquated and almost idle; after that movement began, both enjoyed an unprecedented maritime trade, and both grew from medieval cities into great modern seaports. France also enjoyed, although not in the same proportion, the advantage of the increased capacity for consumption of Central Europe. During the same period, the trade between the British Empire, including Canada, and Germany expanded enormously.

## Labor the Chief Difficulty.

Between the close of the Franco-Prussian War and the outbreak of the Great War, two great countries became industrialized and the vigorous trade movement induced by their industrialization diffused greatly increased well-being throughout the world. These countries were Germany and the United States, both of them undergoing at the commencement of the period reconstruction after the strain, in both instances, of victorious war.

What must be the effects upon the commercial nations of the cutting off from Germany by France of the chief industrial region of Germany?

1. Can France maintain the quantity and standard of production previously maintained by Germany? It is clear that if France does not do so, there must be a net decline in production and therefore a net decline in general well-being. Up till the present time, the population of France has exhibited no tendency to expand. It is possible that under the influence of increased demand for French labor, skilled and unskilled, the population may expand, but this influence is slow in its effective action. Meanwhile, France has been unable to provide from its own resources either the manual or the organizing labor necessary to carry on the industries she has acquired from Germany in Lorraine, the Saar and the Ruhr. Belgium has supplied, at great inconvenience to herself, some of the labor; so have Poland and Italy. The great exodus of Germans from Lorraine necessitated immediate industrial recruiting on the part of France. The expulsion of Germans from the Ruhr and the Saar was impossible without simply closing the industrial establishments. Yet Germans can only now be retained in these regions by the payment of relatively high wages. The magnitude of these wages must of course depend upon the rates prevailing in other contiguous markets. It may well be that the inevitable increased cost of labor due to various causes affecting the supply of it in the occupied areas will have as one of its consequences the elimination of net proceeds for reparations payments.

2. Can Germany maintain the equilibrium of its industrial life after the elimination of Lorraine, the Saar, the Ruhr and Upper Silesia from her industrial system, and can she maintain it after the separation of Bavaria from the Reich, not to speak of other separations which might readily follow?

German Government's Dilemma.  
It is necessary to remember that, while after the fall of the Napoleonic Dynasty, France was able to overcome the communist revolt to establish a stable government, and thus to organize her finances in such a way that in an incredibly short time she was able to pay the indemnity. Germany was in no such position. Although the disorder of her finances at the conclusion of the war was great enough to require in any case some time for reorganization, the process has been retarded by the fact that after the collapse of the Hohenzollerns the government which succeeded found itself in precisely the same dilemma as the provisional government in Russia. The socialist elements in the government in both cases demanded increased state expenditures, levies upon capital and the like

all leading to orgies of state extravagance and to further disturbance of the economic equilibrium. The political state of Germany at the close of the war rendered reparations payments on the required scale impossible. In order to effect reparations payments, reorganization of economic life was indispensable, and under the influence of social democracy this reorganization could not even be commenced.

From an economical point of view Germany has now only three courses: first, to absorb a large part of her industrialized population into state enterprises; second, to permit her artisans to go upon the land, and third, to encourage emigration. All of these courses are fatal to industrial development. Two of them have decisive limits. All the industrial population cannot be employed either in state enterprises or upon the land, the latter being over a great part of Germany deficient in fertility.

## German Break-up Would Affect Whole World.

From a political point of view, the breaking up of the German system must have consequences even more serious than the breaking up of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian systems. Imperialism may have its evils, but the sudden reversal of any system may have a crushing effect upon all surrounding systems. A political change in Germany, whether or not it is accompanied by dissolution of the Reich, may have one or other of two forms. It may be in the direction of a monarchical regime, with as intermediate phase a military dictatorship, or in the direction of a "dictatorship of the proletariat." In either case, political, social and economic progress throughout Central Europe and scarcely less so throughout the world for a generation or more.

The effect upon France can scarcely be otherwise than unfavorable. Either a monarchical or a communist revolution in Germany must inevitably result in the tearing up of the Treaty of Versailles and therefore in repudiation of Germany's obligations under it. If the German attitude involves temporary abandonment of the Ruhr, followed by armament, is France prepared to occupy Germany? What would be her position if she found her armies surrounded by a hostile population, refusing to work or to offer supplies? What would be the attitude of the French peasantry who would be called upon to provide conscripts, and of the French bourgeoisie who would have to furnish the money? What would be the attitude of the revolutionary French population?

## Canada and U.S. Cannot Escape Evil Effects.

So long as the Soviet controls Russia, with or without any administrative success, there is unquestionably great danger in inviting disturbance in any country in Europe. The Russian danger lay in the mass movement of illiterate peasants and workmen and in the ease with which these could be guided into mere destruction of the means of life. The same danger threatens Central and Western Europe.

Further deterioration of economic life in Europe must have unfavorable reactions upon the rest of the world. The United States and Canada cannot escape. No matter how bountiful may be the crops, the exchange value of these must decline; there is further depreciation of purchasing power in what were formerly largely consuming countries.

France has now one safe course and one only. She can give Germany time and even assistance if necessary to save her from a kind of bankruptcy which might bring every other nation to the verge of liquidation.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**  
The Annual Sale of the Ladies' College Aid Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28th and 29th. SECRETARY.—oct.5,23

## A Suggestion to Motorists

A certain motorist who makes frequent use of his "cut out" late at night and in the early hours of the morning, has recently been disturbing certain sections of the city unnecessarily. In English and Canadian towns the use of the "cut out" is forbidden, and if there is not a similar regulation here, there should be. Some motorists who choose the early hours to tour the city seem anxious to sound a fan fare with the horns every now and again. No one wishes to interfere with their pleasure, provided it is not at the expense of others. A moment's thought would make them realize that frequently such a disturbance means a sleepless night for an invalid and for the parents of a sick child. We feel certain that a reminder is more than sufficient for most of the drivers.

Follow the crowd to Kilbride on Tuesday night, October 9th, to the Grand Old Time Country Dance, to be held in the Kilbride Hall. Come and enjoy a good time.—oct.5,11

## A Magnificent Residence

As will be seen by advertisement in to-day's paper, that magnificent residence Victoria, King's Bridge Road, will be sold by Auction by the popular Auctioneers, Messrs. Dowden & Edwards, at noon Monday, October 22nd. Standing in its beautiful grounds, with tall spreading trees, its natural state surrounded by Halls, its names of perennial flowering plants, its lawns, tennis lawns, and large vegetable garden, it approaches most nearly to one of the stately houses of England.

Then the house with its spacious rooms and broad hall, its handsome staircase of Mahogany, with carved balustrades, its large bedrooms, its conservatories make it one of the finest homes in Newfoundland. It is two-storied, has every modern convenience and is planned in such a way as to make it one of the easiest homes for the housewife to manage.

Its surroundings cannot be spoiled for at the back it adjoins Government House grounds, on one side has a large field given to the Church of England on which to build a Bishop's residence, and on the other side in its own grounds stands the house built by the late Hon. J. B. Woods. We must not forget to mention the outbuildings, a garage capable of holding several vehicles with large barn above, a fowl house, potting house, stable and harness room. Everything is in perfect order and such an opportunity for a beautiful home will seldom offer.

## Train Notes.

Frederic's west bound express made good progress after leaving Northern Bight, having arrived at Port aux Basques 8.30 last night. The mails and passengers were transferred quickly and within half an hour the Kyle was on her way to North Sydney.

The Kyle will be due back to Port aux Basques to-morrow morning with mails and passengers, and the next express will be due in the city on Monday afternoon next.

The regular cross-country express will go out to-morrow at 10 a.m. The local Carboniferous ad Tropaeus trains were due to arrive on time.

## Lost From Schooner F. M. Petite

Inspector General Huthings received a message last night from Constable Fahy, Bay Bulls, stating that Capt. Yarn of the schooner F. M. Petite had reported the loss of a child, Arthur Childs, during the storm of Monday night, whilst the vessel was making port from Labrador. Childs belonged to English Harbor, Fortune Bay.

A Job lot of children's Boots, in Black and Brown, laced, sizes 5 up to 2; only \$1.30 a pair. Parker & Monroe, Ltd.—oct.4,11

## Coastal Boats.

**GOVERNMENT.**  
Argyle left Baine Hr. 2.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.  
Clyde left Morton's Hr. 1.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Glencoe left Port aux Basques 6 a.m. yesterday.  
Home left Bonne Bay 11 a.m. yesterday, outward.  
Kyle left Port aux Basques 10 p.m. yesterday arrived at St. John's 10 a.m. to-day.  
Saguna left St. John's yesterday for Humbermouth.  
Malakoff left Port Union 9 a.m. yesterday, on Trinity Bay route.  
Prosper left Trinity's Island 9 a.m. to-day going north.  
Portia was anchored off Egg Island last night near Cartwright on her way north.

All-of-a-Sudden Peggy, Casino Theatre, Monday and Tuesday. Play directed by Mrs. Baxter, secure your tickets to-day at Hutton's Music Store, and don't fail to see a first class play. A specialty, Mount Cashel Band. Patrons please notice that curtain will rise at 8.30 p.m. sharp. oct.6,11

## McMurdo's Store News.

When finishing your shopping to-day don't forget your week-end supply of Candies. We have all the choicest selections for both the Kids and Grown-ups. Special prices Friday and Saturday each week.  
Scotch and Klondyke Nuggets .50c.  
Choc. Raisins and Gingers .50c.  
Maple Walnut and Cherries .50c.  
Nougatines and Pineapple Cubes .50c.  
Raisin and Coconut Cutters .45c.  
Lady Almond and Walnut Caramels .50c.  
Choc. Caramels and Walnut .50c.  
Dessert Fruits and Apricots .75c.  
Apricot Fruit Jellies .50c.  
New Season Walnut .50c.  
Moch Walnut .50c.  
Orange and Lemon Slices .55c.  
Delicious Coconut Bon Bons .50c.

Outpost customers will receive prompt attention at the CENTRAL BAKERY, Central Street.—oct.4,25

## Storms Damage at Burin Fears for Two Others.

The following message was received yesterday by Deputy Minister of Customs, H. W. LeMessurier from Sub-collector Paul of Burin:—

"Great loss of property here in sale of Monday. Schooners Alice Roberts and Jack Frost were ashore at Port au Bras and it is feared will be a total loss. The James U. Thomas of same place is ashore at Lamaline but will likely be floated. Grave fears are entertained for the schooner Cavalier of Great Burin, which left here early Monday morning for Sydney with nine men and a dog. Lucy Dibbon of Port au Bras, which left St. John's Sunday morning for here with four men and one boy. No news received of them so far. The storm was the worst for many years."

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Mechanics Society will be held in their Hall on Monday, October 8th, at 8.30 p.m. JAMES J. LEAHEY, Sec.—oct.11

## An Athletic Ground

TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE C. of E. COLLEGES.

A movement is underway to provide a recreation ground for Bishop Field and Spencer Colleges. Since Llewellyn Place had to be given up some fifteen years ago, the Colleges have been compelled to be satisfied with a makeshift in one place or another with the result that the athletic training has been seriously handicapped. The proceeds of the Old Fellows Dance on October 24th will be given to the fund. Spencer Club has contributed \$100.00, and various gentlemen in the city have already promised handsome donations. During the next week the Old Fellows Club will seek the support of all interested in the object with the intention of raising sufficient money to purchase a suitable ground and begin laying it out.

## Band Concert

The C.L.E.C. Band is holding a Band Concert at the Hospital to-morrow afternoon as one of their members, Mr. Arch Wiseman, is now at that institution undergoing treatment. The programme will consist of the following: Opening Overture, "Lead Kindly Light," March, "Old Comrades," Overture, "Post and Paganini," Waltz, "Flights of Fancy," Selection, "William Tell," March, "Bullets and Bayonets," Waltz, "Grass and Beauty," and Grand Chorus "Hallelujah."

Mr. Wiseman has been a member of the band for several years and all members are sorry to hear of the accident which occurred last week, but are hoping to see him around again in short enjoying the best of health. This action on the part of the members of the Band is all the more commendable when it is considered how many demands are made on their spare time.

**Good Potato Crop**  
The potato crop which is now being harvested appears to be much better than last season despite the fact that the spring was very cold. Out at Ashleaf, Long Point Road, Mr. Tucker from a patch of ground about 30 x 80 feet has lifted 875 barrels of good-size potatoes. He weighed 6 selected tubers and they tipped the scale at 7 lbs. 2 oz.

**Supercote Roofing Liquid** for covering all kinds of felt and Ruberoid, one coat lasts ten years.—oct.5,21

See the High Grade Sample Shoes for ladies in all new styles, sizes 3, 3½ and 4; only \$3.99 at Parker & Monroe's, Ltd., East End Branch.—oct.4,11

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You can help to save life and property from needless destruction.

Clean your Premises, remove rubbish.

Correct defective chimneys, stoves and other hazards.

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The following have kindly undertaken to deliver addresses on "Fire Prevention":

MONDAY, A.M., OCTOBER 8th.  
St. Bonaventure's College, his Honor Judge Morris.  
Bishop Field College, Geo. R. Williams, Esq.  
Methodist College, Reuben Horwood, Esq.  
Presbyterian College, J. J. McKay, Esq.  
Bishop Spencer College, Mrs. Allan Fraser.  
Carew Street School, L. R. Curtis, Esq.  
Centenary Hall School, Arranged by Principal.  
Convent Schools, Arranged by Dr. V. P. Burke.  
Holy Cross Schools, W. J. Browne, Esq., B.A.  
Parade Street School, F. C. Morris, Esq.

Salvation Army Colleges, Arranged by Principal.  
Springdale St. School, C. E. Hunt, Esq., M.H.A.  
St. Joseph's School, J. C. Pippy, Esq.  
St. Patrick's Hall Schools, W. J. Higgins, Esq., M.H.A.  
Synod Hall Modern School, Councillor Dowden.  
United Business College, P. G. Butler, Esq., B.C.S.

OTHER DATES DURING WEEK.  
Church Lads' Brigade, Major Williams.  
Methodist Guards, Major Russell.  
Nfld. Highlanders, Officer Commanding.  
Rotary Club, T. V. Hartnett, Esq.  
Nfld. Modern Association, D. James Davies, Esq., B.Sc.  
F. R. OUTERBRIDGE, Hon. Secy. Com.

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