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COLONEL HOUSE PAYING VISIT TO CONTINENT

"Journalist Ambassador"
Quits England—Will Re-
port on Leading Affairs.

DEVOTED TO CAUSE
OF WORLD AMITY

All Europe Highly Interested
in Press Venture of Hither-
to "Silent Colonel."

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London, Aug. 5.—Colonel E. M. House sailed from Harwich Monday for Holland after five busy weeks in England. He was accompanied by Mrs. House, his secretary, Miss Denton, and Henry White, former American ambassador to France. He is enroute to The Hague to visit Dutch and American friends before journeying to Brussels and possibly to central Europe.

Colonel House left London not necessarily worried or anxious, but certainly deeply concerned over the present discouraging trend of European affairs. He expects, while on the continent, to meet labor, political, business and financial leaders of all countries, both to learn direct from them conditions as they exist and political and social tendencies, and to talk with them about conditions in the United States.

In Contact With Nation's Leaders.

During his stay in Great Britain Colonel House, in his new and hitherto untried role as journalist ambassador of the Public Ledger and its syndicate of Canadian and American newspapers, has had a most unusual opportunity of coming into contact personally and confidentially with the leaders of the nation's business, finance, labor, religion and politics. He has met the kings of Great Britain and Spain, has breakfasted with the prime minister, dined with all of England's political leaders and has had intimate chats with the leaders of more than one continental country who have made special journeys from their home capitals to discuss conditions with the man who heretofore has always been known as "the silent colonel."

Colonel House's visit has interested European peoples for two reasons: First and foremost because of their intense interest in America. They have bombarded him with questions concerning America and have voiced frankly their own opinions and fears. Colonel House in his quiet way has been able to explain many of the misunderstandings and misconceptions which so many Europeans have of the United States. Many of those who come to him in belligerent mood, charging America with quitting the game, with deserting Europe and the world, have left in a friendlier spirit, more willing to overlook our own shortcomings while America is in the midst of a political cyclone very similar, indeed, to the upheavals which are of daily occurrence in Europe. Because Colonel House is today in Europe on no official mission, but as a private citizen seeking to interpret and understand Europe, he has been able to talk with complete freedom and his reports on America, unbiased and friendly, have been praised by friend and foe alike—even by some of his former political opponents who are traveling over here today in increasing numbers.

New Role of Special Writer.

The second reason Europe has been interested in Colonel House's visit is because of his association with the American press. It was difficult at first for Europe to imagine a man who always shrank from personal publicity in the role of a special writer and interpreter of European affairs. It has been interesting to the colonel's friends to come into contact with him in his new role, and what has impressed them is that this man, who for twenty odd years has been studying foreign politics, should, as the crowning event of his career, change from an adviser of the government to adviser of the American people through the newspapers. Those who know him believe that he will never again advise any government or any statesman, but devote his entire time toward bringing about an understanding between the peoples, and that he will work as zealously to inform the pub-

lic in the future, as he has in the past, while chief observer and adviser to the President.

From "Silent" to Public Observer.

Colonel House has, indeed, changed from silent observer for the government to public observer for the press. Believing, as he does, that international understanding between peoples, his trip to Europe at this time has marked a milestone in his career, and from now on, even after his return to the United States, the American public will learn to know a new House, a man who has entered the lists to fight for his ideals of open diplomacy, the rights of weaker peoples, international peace by understanding and the League of Nations.

During his stay in England House has been deeply impressed by an opinion which he has heard so often, that of the Russian plan, but that it may, and probably will, assume different aspects and importance in the different countries. Upon that point there seems to be little difference of opinion. But differences arise as to whether it is a good thing for Europe and the world that these experiments should take place, or whether Europe should follow the old order more closely than the new during this period of reconstruction and new orientation.

Another difference arises on the point as to the effect which this continental unrest will have upon England and America. No one knows today to what extent these two nations will be tarred with the red brush of communism.

CHICAGO PRICES ARE BOOSTED

War News Sent Everything
up on Chicago Exchange.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—War news hoisted the price today of every commodity on the exchange. At the topmost point, wheat was up 15 cents a bushel. The close was nervous, 10 cents to 1 1/2 cents higher.

Corn finished at 2 3/4 cents to 6 1/8 cents advance, oats gained 1 1/2 cents to 2 3/4 cents, and provisions 17 to 30 cents.

Closing:
Wheat—December, \$2.40; March, \$2.42.
Corn—September, \$1.48; December, \$1.50 5/8.
Oats—September, 73 5/8; December, 71 3/4.
Pork—September, \$26.80; October, \$27.75.
Lard—September, \$19.25; October, \$16.60.

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FOR THE GUMS

U. S. FINDING IT HARD TO SELL SHIPS

Very Little Demand for the
Wooden Vessels Built Dur-
ing the War—Will be Big
Loss on Them.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Disposal of more than 1,500,000 tons of wooden shipping—406 vessels of various types—built as a part of the government's war time merchant marine programme is one of the most difficult problems facing the Shipping Board. Twenty-one of the craft, aggregating 82,000 deadweight tons, were offered recently but no buyers were found.

Only 194 of these wooden craft are now in operation. Seventy-three are tied up at various ports under managing caretakers and 139 are in storage yards. One hundred and seven of those in "storage" are finished hulls while 22 are converted barges.

Officials of the board say that when the serviceability of the wooden fleet has been demonstrated little difficulty will be experienced in turning it over to private ownership at about \$90 a ton. These vessels were built in an emergency, many of green timber, and some of them made poor showings a year and two years ago but now that they have "seasoned" officers of the board consider them practicable cargo carriers.

Because of the bad record of some of the vessels operators have condemned them all, officials declare, whereas, the records of those now in operation show very creditable performances. One wooden ship out of six round trips across the Atlantic, at

sea 500 days and in port an equal number, was laid up for repairs only 22 days.

To date 532 wooden and composite ships, aggregating 1,848,250 deadweight tons, consisting of 322 cargo ships, one tanker, 115 finished hulls, ten sailing craft, 56 hulls converted into barges and 20 standard barges, have been delivered to the board. A total of 114 of these vessels, aggregating 397,293 deadweight tons, has been sold and 12 totalling 44,546 tons have been lost at sea.

The total cost of the construction of this fleet, estimated by the board at \$170 a deadweight ton, was approximately \$333,000,000. Sale of the 1,500,000 tons now held by the board at \$90 a ton would yield \$135,000,000. These already sold brought about \$28,000,000 so that if the 406 remaining in the government's possession are disposed of to private owners the total loss through the wooden ship venture would be something like \$10,000,000.

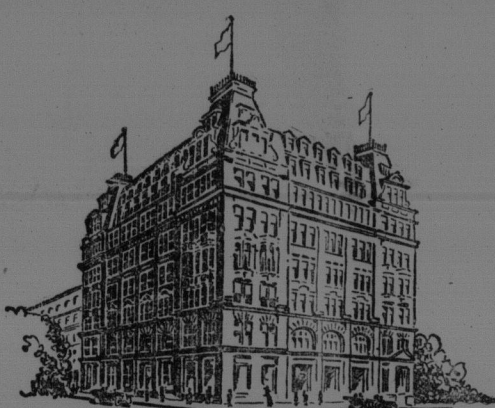
WEEKLY CROP REPORT

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 5.—Weather conditions during the past week have not been of the best for hay-making. Frequent showers have somewhat retarded operations. The clover has been practically all harvested; generally speaking, there seems to be less clover in the province than last year. Much of the hay crop still remains to be cut. Since starting to cut, farmers are verifying the earlier reports put out that there is from 20 p. c. to 25 p. c. less hay than last year. Pastures are said to be poor in nearly all the reports, but recent rains will cause them to improve.

The grain crop is good. Some reports say "Never better." A splendid grain crop in the province seems assured. The turnip crop is growing well and should be well up to the average. The potato crop has improved very much during the past few weeks;

many fine fields of potatoes are to be seen. Late blight is starting to develop in some fields and, if it continues to develop, may cause considerable loss. Those farmers who have sprayed well with Bordeaux Mixtures will again find it the very cheapest form of insurance. There are quite a number of misses in fields in certain districts, but, considering the province as a whole, the potato crops look fairly promising, and, if late blight does not develop to any extent, the potato yield of the province may yet be well up to the average.

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