

DECLARATION AFTER SPEECH OF CHANCELLOR

Otto Landsberg, Socialist
Deputy, Approved Chan-
cellor's Speech.

ON DEBATE ON NEW CREDIT

Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—After Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg had spoken in the Reichstag to-day, Dr. Peter Spahn, vice-president of the Reichstag and leader of the Centre party, read in the name of all the non-Socialist parties, the following declaration:

"We, too, wish to end this war forced upon us. We look with admiration and gratitude upon the uninterrupted, victorious progress of all our troops who, with our brave Austro-Hungarian-Bulgarian and Turkish allies are marching from success to success, who have carried our glorious banners far into the enemy's lands and just destroyed the Serbian army. We rely upon the unshakable position of our armies in the east and west, defying all attacks by our enemies, which guarantees us and our allies complete success in the war. We look to the unshakable economic and financial might of our nation and country, which has assured us our food and armament sufficiently."

"May our enemies swear themselves anew to persistence in the war, we await in complete unity, with calm and the hour which will make possible

determination and confidence in God peace negotiations, whereby the military, economic, financial and political interests of Germany will be permanently assured in the most complete extent and by all measures, including expansions of territory as are necessary for this purpose."

SOCIALIST VIEW

Deputy Otto Landsberg, a Socialist Democrat, in his speech in the Reichstag to-day, after the Imperial Chancellor had answered the Socialist interpellation on peace, expressed approval of the chancellor's address as a reasonable invitation to the Entente allies to initiate peace negotiations in which Germany was willing to join.

Herr Landsberg declared that the Socialist appeal for peace was based on no anxiety about the outcome of the war. He said he shared Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's opinion that the war has been forced upon Germany and that guarantees were necessary to prevent a repetition. No true German, he asserted, was desirous of ending the war on any other terms. He repeated the declaration made earlier in the day by Dr. Philip Scheidemann, Socialist, that the Socialists never would consider a peace involving the retrocession of Alsace-Lorraine.

WAR CREDIT

London, Dec. 10.—The Reichstag, at yesterday's session referred the war credit of £500,000,000 (\$2,500,000,000) without debate to the budget committee, according to a despatch to the Central News Agency from Berlin by way of Amsterdam.

Hundreds of wild ponies rounded up on Exmoor, were driven into Banpton, Devon, and were sold by auction a few days ago at a fair which has been in existence since the days of King John. Till a few days ago the ponies were free to wander with the wild red deer over Exmoor. Some of them had never seen a man before, and it takes two or three strong men to master one of the wild little creatures.

OLD WORLD NOTES

"Over-age" masters are now greatly in demand by English domestic servants. A servant the other day gave notice to her mistress. She could give no reasons. She simply fingered her apron nervously and adhered to her notice. At a tea party of housewives another housewife unravelled the mystery. Her servant also had given notice but had been frank with the reason. Her master, she said, was of military age, and sooner or later he would be called on to serve his country. She foresaw that when that happened the household budget would have to be revised and a servant would no longer be kept. She did not want to have to find another place at a moment's notice, hence she preferred to leave now. The first mistress went home, tackled her deserting maid, and extracted a like confession. "Master is only 30," she said, "and it makes things unsettled. Wives of men above military age are already contemplating a new inducement in their advertisements of servants. The new advertisement will end: 'Husband safe fixture, forty-five, rheumatic, not even a special constable.' Husbands will not be shown the advertisements."

Spare the calves was the subject of an address by Lord Selborne, at Newcastle recently to northeastern country farmers. He said there was more wheat in the world than we could eat, but there was not more meat. On the contrary there was the greatest shortage, although mercifully the outbreak of war found more live stock in the country than ever before. It was because of the shortage of meat that he wanted the greatest possible number of calves kept for rearing and turning into beef. Concluding, Lord Selborne said it would not be safe in future for the kingdom to have to depend on imported food to the same extent as in the past. He asked his audience to suppose that twenty years hence children had to face another such war that the enemy had built not fifty but five hundred powerful submarines, and that no complete naval answer to the submarine had been found in the meantime. What would be the position then if it depended on overseas supplies of food?

The dangers of the work carried on by large numbers of women in the munition factories has made it necessary for the government to lay down strict rules as to the attire which may be worn. The filling of cartridges for instance is done in the danger buildings, and every woman engaged on this work must wear fire proof cap and overalls which are provided by the government and kept at the factory. As soon as the women cartridge fillers arrive at the works they must take off their ordinary boots and put on a special pair made without nails. If metal came into contact with some of the material they use an explosion would be caused, and the restrictions even extend to hairpins, which must on no account be worn. Each woman on presenting herself at the factory is carefully examined as to dress and any neglect to carry out these rules

must be remedied before she is allowed to enter.

The wheat crop of England and Wales is the largest crop since 1898, according to a recent report of the Board of Agriculture. The total production is sixty-eight million bushels, which is about eight millions more bushels than last year, when the area under wheat was 363,000 acres less. The yield, however, has been 1 bushel per acre less than in 1914, and nearly three quarters of a bushel below the average of the preceding 10 years. Nearly all the other grain, hay and pulse crops are somewhat below the average. Oats have yielded a little more per acre than last year, and are only slightly under the average. The hay crop is the smallest since 1901, except for the very poor crop of 1911.

The trouser-clad women window cleaners of Nottingham, who recently adopted this costume for safety in climbing ladders, have rapidly reverted to skirts and blouses. Their uniform of tunic and trousers, which closely resembled "workmen's" overalls, did not please the Nottingham

work girls, who are said to be among the smartest dressed girls in England. Crowds of girls would follow the trouser-clad women through the streets asking questions and making loud cat calls. Flesh and blood could not stand it. The women went to their employers and protested. Now they wear skirts once more.

The City Guild of Basketmakers is organizing at the Guildhall London, an exhibition of baskets made by disabled sailors and soldiers. Liberal prizes are offered, and it is anticipated that exhibitors will be forthcoming from each of the institutions at which the trade is being taught to the wounded. The exhibition synchronises with a very marked revival of the industry in England. For a number of years Austria has held the supremacy, and, indeed, in certain branches a practical monopoly but now the English firms are again gaining control of this industry.

Two thousand women marched in procession in Birkenhead, Cheshire, the other day in protest against the landlords increasing their rents. Banners were carried. One of the uncom-

plimentary allusions to landlords and "rent rackers bore the words: 'Father is fighting in Flanders; we are fighting the landlords here.' The protestors visited the town hall, where the mayor received a deputation which stated that in some instances rent had been increased three times since the war began.

Women bank clerks are rather slower in performing their duties, than were the men whom they replace. "For the most part very satisfactory but not quick," was the verdict passed by a prominent bank official a few days ago. "It takes two to do the 'writing-up' of pass books formerly done by one man." The duties performed by the women clerks who are filling the places of men who have enlisted, are purely clerical. One large bank employs about 350 women.

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