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SURVEY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF U. S.

Recognition of Mexico De-
pends on Conduct

Cuba to Have Financial Ad-
viser - Move for Trade
With Russia—Japan Con-
ciliatory; Negotiations Pro-
ceed Satisfactorily.

(By Harold Phelps Stokes, Special De-
p. to N. Y. Evening Post.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Here is a bird's-
eye view of our foreign relations accord-
ing to latest developments:

Mexico—The next move is up to Gen.
Obregon, who takes office today. If
the new Administration, in formal and
convincing fashion, confirms the assur-
ances given informally in the course of
recent negotiations, recognition will fol-
low at an early date.

Cuba—Albert Rathbone, ex-Assistant
Secretary of the Treasury, was today
appointed financial adviser to the Cu-
ban Government. It is hoped that he
may be able to help straighten out
Cuba's finances. The economic affairs
of the island are in such bad shape as to

Cheapness in the disguise of Economy

has often played havoc with an otherwise
well appointed Tea Party.

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give this Government cause for very con-
siderable anxiety. State Department of-
ficials were not willing either to confirm
or deny, however, last night's report that
conditions were so bad that they were
thinking of sending Major Gen. Enoch
H. Crowder, one of the Government's
principal experts on Cuba, down to the
island on a special diplomatic mission.

Will Move For Trade With Russia.
Russia—Senator France of Maryland
said today that he was going to try his
best to persuade Congress to re-es-
tablish trade with Russia. The State De-
partment, however, is still averse to any
official move in that direction.

Armenia—Word was received that the
League of Nations in session at Geneva
had received the President's offer to me-
diate with a view to ending hostilities
in that country.

Japan—Negotiations are proceeding

satisfactorily. Word from Geneva that
the Japanese would not at this time press
their demands for race equality before
the League of Nations was received at
Washington as an evidence of a concil-
iatory spirit on the part of the Japa-
nese Government.

In discussing the Russian situation
Senator France expressed the view that
the Republican majority in the Senate
which was unwilling last spring to act
favorably on his resolution lifting the
blockade and making for more friendly
relations, would now be in a different
frame of mind.

"Our foreign market has shrunk to
such an extent in every department of
our commercial and industrial life," the
Senator declared, "and unless we find a
new market where we can sell goods for
cash or for commodities, we shall have
a distressing condition of unemployment."
Russia, according to all the evidence
that we have, is the one country in Eu-
rope that wants large quantities of our
goods and is willing to pay cash for
them. I think the new Administration
will act accordingly.

Present Administration Unyielding.
Whatever the "new administration"
may do, it may be said authoritatively
that the present administration plans no
change of policy towards Russia. It
was to be expected that the new Ad-
ministration would bring about a re-
newed agitation for some form of re-
cognition of Russia, but that agitation
has had no reflex at the State De-
partment. The view held is that trade with
Russia is a laudable thing.

The state department will not ac-
knowledge, however, that it has put any
inhibition on such trade. It is willing
enough to let anybody undertake to do
business with Soviet Russia that wants
to do so. Only the department will not
assume any obligations in connection
with that business. The belief is held
that the Russian Government has no
means of payment in cash except gold
the title to which is questioned.

UNHAPPY MIDDLE CLASS IN GERMANY

Farmers, However, Said to Be
Prosperous

Hard Straits of Workers—
Children in Rags—Prices
Away Beyond Reach of the
People.

(Associated Press Correspondence)
Paris, Nov. 10.—Something of the
seriousness of Germany's economic con-
dition, from a French viewpoint, is told
by Jean Hericourt, foreign editor of Le
Temps, now studying the situation in
Germany.

Members of the middle class, whose
stationary incomes spell poverty in the
rise of prices and the workers, are said
by him to be "particularly unhappy."
Fortunately, he adds, farmers are pros-
perous.

"There is cruel misery," he writes,
"in the homes of workers who have many
children. This condition is not limited
to families of the unemployed, of whom
there are 400,000 in Germany. It is
characteristic of the present crisis that
a workman cannot manage to feed and
clothe his family, even when he works
at relatively high wages.

Poverty-Stricken Children.
"I have been in homes where the father
got 200 to 300 marks a week. When he
must feed five or six children, it is des-
titution. To buy bread, fats and potatoes,
even in insufficient quantities, he must
spend 50 marks a week or more. Rent,
gas and a little coal absorb part of the
remainder. How can the family be
clothed? Even a poor suit costs 1,500
marks, a pair of shoes 150 to 200 marks.
Linen has become almost
unobtainable luxury."

In Berlin, M. Hericourt visited modest
homes with welfare workers. "We saw,"
he says, "in the homes of hard-working
people who did not ask aid, pallet-beds
and rags, so miserable that my com-
panion could hardly believe his eyes. There
are children three and four years old
that their mothers carry in their arms,
actually wrapped in rags when they go
out, because they have no clothes. One
hears little complaint, however. The
habit of privation produces a sort of
torpor and no one seems concerned ex-
cept with finding a little something to
eat."

In these conditions, he concludes, "un-
healthy propaganda has free play," but
there is nothing incurable in them and
there must be found some policy to meet
the needs for "the interests of peace are
the interests of France."

INSURE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Fifteen Shillings a Week
After Three Days—Must
Have Good Labor Record.

(Associated Press Correspondence)
London, Nov. 30.—Eight millions of
British workers become automatically
insured against unemployment under the
Unemployment Insurance Act of
1920, which has just come into opera-
tion.

This new act extends compulsory in-
surance against unemployment to prac-
tically all persons in receipt of re-
muneration not exceeding £250 a year.

After a "waiting period" of three days
of unemployment, beneficiaries become
entitled to fifteen shillings per week for
men, twelve shillings for women, seven
and one-half shillings for boys under
eighteen, and six shillings for girls under
eighteen.

To qualify for benefit an insured per-
son must not quit his or her job with-
out good cause and must not have been
discharged for misconduct or have gone
on strike. There must also be no re-
fusal of a suitable job offered, and
should a dispute arise on the question
of "suitability," the insured person may
appeal to court of referees. Not more
than fifteen weeks' benefit may be
drawn in any one insurance year.

Employers are free to set up insur-
ance schemes of their own giving equal
or greater advantages. The state rate
of contribution to such special schemes
or contracts will not exceed 50 per cent.
of the amount paid to the general
scheme, as it is taken for granted that
in industries with insurance systems of
their own the rate of unemployment
will be lower than in other trades.

BODY OF EX-EMPEROR AND
WIFE TO BE RETURNED TO
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Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 18.—(Associated
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