

time to let it know the real truth of the present situation.

"At the very moment we were leaving Belgium the king recalled to us his trip to the United States and the vivid and strong impression your powerful and virile civilization let upon his mind.

"Our faith in your fairness, our confidence in your justice, in your spirit of generosity and sympathy, all these dictated our present mission."

Mr. De Wiart then handed to President Wilson the results of the official inquiry instituted by the Belgian government, showing in detail the destruction in Belgium.

WILSON EXPRESSES FRIENDSHIP

"Permit me to say," Mr. Wilson began in reply, "with what sincere pleasure I receive you as representatives of the king of the Belgians, a people for whom the people of the United States feel so strong a friendship and admiration, a king for whom they entertain so sincere a respect, and express my hope that we may have many opportunities of earning and deserving their regard.

"You are not mistaken in believing that the people of this country love justice, seek the true paths of progress, and have a passionate regard for the rights of humanity.

"It is a matter of profound pride to me that I am permitted for a time to represent such a people and to be their spokesman, and I am honored that your king should have turned to me in time of distress as to one who would wish in behalf of the people he represents to consider the claims to the impartial sympathy of mankind of a nation which deems itself wronged.

"I thank you for the document you have put into my hands containing the results of an investigation made by a judicial committee appointed by the Belgian government to look into the matter of which you have come to speak. It shall have my most attentive perusal and my most thoughtful consideration."

QUOTES REPLY TO KAISER

At this point President Wilson began using the identical language in his reply to Emperor William where he said: "You will, I am sure, not expect me to say more." His words were identical up to the point where he told the emperor it would be unwise to express a final judgment.

After that Mr. Wilson said to the commission:

"I need not assure you that this conclusion, in which I instinctively feel you will yourselves concur, is spoken frankly, because in warm friendship, as the best means of perfect understanding between us, an understanding based on mutual respect, admiration and cordiality.

"You are most welcome and we are greatly honored that you should have chosen us as the friends before whom you could lay any matter of vital consequence to yourselves in the confidence that your cause would be understood and met in the same spirit in which it was conceived and intended."

PROTECTION AND WAR

The war checked imports from Europe, and the checking of imports has sent higher the already high cost of living. If anything else than war had interfered in this way with foreign trade, the effect on the cost of living would have been exactly the same. If there had been no war, but if congress had revised the tariff upwards instead of down, imports would have been restricted as the war has restricted them. So the war, while it lasts, is undoing whatever good work congress has done with the tariff, and is putting us back on a high protective tariff basis. How do the protection advocates like it?

But there is in the present situa-

tion some consolation, which would be denied us under a protective tariff. The war can only last a comparatively short time—a few weeks or months at most. Then the markets will open automatically without a long wait for congress to wrangle over the matter. Of course, even then, there will not be immediate relief. It will take some time to restore the ruined and disorganized industries of Europe—the very industries that protectionist politicians have been telling us are inimical to our own. Yet it is evident now that the American people are largely dependent for prosperity on these European industries.

It will take even longer to repair the injury caused by killing and maiming of thousands of Europe's effective laborers. These "pauper" laborers whom our Penroses, Smoots, Lodges and other protectionist legislators have held up as menaces to American labor, we now see have in fact largely helped in the part to make things easier for American labor.

When it is all over, when peace has been proclaimed, when European industries will have been rehabilitated and time will have restored the supply of European laborers, will not the voice of the protectionist be again heard, proclaiming the same old exploded fallacies? Who can say? But if it does, let the sad lesson of this war be borne in mind.—San Francisco Star.

PROGRESSIVE PRAISE FOR THE PRESIDENT

In his speech in Kansas City, Kansas, opening the state campaign for the progressives, Henry J. Allen declared for the new rule in county and state affairs, defended President Wilson's administration in its Mexican and other policies, and declared that the new spirit in politics called for the elimination of politics from local and state offices.

"The only argument that is made for the amalgamation of the progressive and republican parties is that united we can 'whip the democrats.' That has been the aim of all our political activities as far back as I can remember. That is the reason we have made such slow progress in the development of government. Has it occurred to you that possibly the democrats do not deserve to be whipped? If Woodrow Wilson carries out his program and succeeds in doing what everyone concedes he is trying to do, possibly the American people will demand his re-election, and why shouldn't they? That is the new idea, the new spirit in politics.

"If he fails it will be because his party is merely the democratic party and unable to catch the new spirit. Then his party should be defeated, just as the republican party was defeated.

"Let us get the vision of the government, rather than the party.

"The people must first get possession of the government and then administer it for the people who live under it and who pay the costs of the administration. We can neither reduce taxes nor promote the public welfare upon a platform of 'whipping the democrats.'"—Kansas City Star (Prog.).

FINANCIAL FACTS AND ACTUAL CONDITIONS

(From the Washington Post.)

Twelve nations have proclaimed moratoriums.

Twelve nations have thereby officially declared that their people and their financial institutions have not enough emergency currency with which to carry on business.

The Bank of England is issuing ten shilling paper notes on account of the scarcity of gold and silver.

The Bank of France is issuing

paper notes of two francs, and the Imperial Bank of Germany is issuing paper notes of one and two marks for precisely the same reason.

The cotton planters of the south cannot sell their cotton in Europe because the merchants and manufacturers of Europe find that European financial systems are broken down and that the gold basis is a sham and farce when tested by the only true test, the needs of business and the people.

The banks of the United States call upon the government for \$150,000,000 in emergency currency, and that aid was ready, thanks to the foresight and persistency years ago of The Post and a number of Washington financiers who firmly and pressingly advocated the establishment of that reserve for use in time of need.

Thanks to that currency the financial institutions of the United States are in the strongest, soundest and safest condition, and will remain so, despite the utter failure of the system in Europe, which many of their managers regarded as a model of finance.

Europe is on a paper basis now, with issues of paper growing larger each day, with a corresponding daily destruction of private and public credits, and of private and public assets.

Why shut our eyes to manifest conditions? There is no theory about the above facts.

There is no theory as to what would happen if the stock exchanges of this country were opened today to European investors so they could cash their securities and draw our gold in pay for them.

There is no theory in the fact that South American nations cannot send us gold in payment for what they purchase here when Europe cannot send them gold for what they send to that continent.

There has been a world-wide error made in finance by theorists; there has been constructed a world-wide basis of finance utterly inadequate for the needs of this twentieth century; too narrow, too feeble, too contracted, and those who were most influential in fastening this unsound system upon the world should realize quickly that the masses of the people will not stand for the losses and suffering that this system is bringing upon them through the demoralization of business affairs in every continent.

The people of the south and the west never had faith in the adequacy of this so-called gold basis system, paralyzed by its failure, unable to and as they see foreign countries buy and pay for their products, as they see the stock exchanges of the world put up their shutters, put out their lights, and lock their doors because gold is unobtainable, they do not change their belief.

The emergency currency of the United States has saved this country at a critical moment.

The government of the United States, through its wise and prudent action, can do much now to place the world upon a broader, a sounder, a firmer basis of metallic currency.

One that will carry more safely the issues of paper; one that will be a relief to finance and commerce in every continent.

There is no argument left to the advocates of the gold basis system when the financial and commercial wreck of Europe, and the financial and commercial paralysis of every other continent, save our own, is on exhibit today.

Make the basis of finance broader, firmer, sounder, safer than is possible with the gold basis.

It won't do for this century; this era.

It is a proven failure and must be changed.

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No Experience Needed. I show You How

You need no experience to become my Branch Manager. I want honest men of determination who are ambitious to succeed, and I will teach such a man all he needs to know to handle the business successfully. If you are one of the thousands of slaves to the pay-check, grinding away the best years of your life for some other man's profit, let me show you how to embark in a business that should free you forever from this grinding, body-wrecking wage slavery. Let me show you the way to financial independence and happiness. A few dollars starts you. Then by putting your profits each week back into the business you should grow rapidly. I show you how to make a start with just a few dollars and the postman should soon wear a path to your door laden with letters, orders, and moneyed mail.

You Need No Office. Your Own Home Will Do

The beauty of it all is, you need no office, no expensive office equipment. You don't even need to quit your regular job; just work in your own home, evenings, spare time, etc. Let your wife, sister, mother or relatives help you. You need no outside help. Think of it! A chance to build up a big, successful, mail-order business right at home in your spare time. Isn't that great? Isn't that wonderful! RISE, GO ON AND UP! The road is clear. A glorious future summons you to the battle of betterment. Dare on, you whose souls are bruised with past defeats. Twist your frown into a smile, because fortune awaits you NOW. Let me show you how to BE more, DO more, HAVE more in this life. Don't be a WISHER and a HOPER and a HESITATOR, held down by foolish doubts and empty fears. Don't be timid, clinging with a drowning man's grasp to your slender salary, just because you think money-making is a mystery that you can never learn. I will do my level best to put you on the quick road to independence and show you how to get a look-in at luxury and happiness. Don't be a boss-scared, job-bugging, wage cowed slave; stop doing the dull drudge lock-step to and from work. Let me set off the sky-rocket of your ambition NOW. Pardon my plain talk, but plain talk, like the arnica you put on a burn, stings like blazes but goes straight to the spot. Plain talk stings good men to action; prods their pride and puts them on the primrose pathway to prosperity.

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Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 469A Marcellus Avenue, Manassas, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.