

Currency of France Reported to Be Tottering

France on Eve of Debacle Similar to That of Mark—Finances of Other Nations in Danger.

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London, Dec. 9.—On the eve of the London conference the visit to London of American Ambassadors Houghton from Berlin and Fletcher from Brussels is being given much significance. They have conferred with Ambassador Harvey here, and before coming to London they conferred with Ambassador Myron T. Herrick in Paris. I am able to state from high authority that they have not been instructed from Washington, but each man came, moved by a common anxiety for the financial and economic danger in which the whole European continent now stands.

According to this authority, French currency is on the eve of a debacle similar to that of the German mark and the Austrian crown, which can only be prevented by realization by the French of economic facts. If the French franc goes it will be followed by the Belgian franc and the Swiss and Dutch currency, also likely will be affected.

French Plan Advance.

So far the French have shown no signs of having acquired economic sanity. If they fall Saturday to secure from England forgiveness of the French debt and a loan for Germany sufficient to pay reparations, their plan is to advance as far as Essen with five divisions, but the authority with whom I talked has no confidence that they will gain anything. He believes the cost of this occupation, as in the past, will be more than any return which can be expected.

It is pointed out that between January, 1921, and May, 1922, the mark only fell from 200 to the dollar to 200 to the dollar. In the next six months it slumped to 8,000 to the dollar. In his opinion, the French are starting on the same slope, and French bankers are in a panic over the situation.

J. Pierpont Morgan, who has been invited to come over practically to reorganize the French finances, left Paris when it became apparent that politicians would not accept his plans for restoring the economic sanity of Europe.

Great Britain Sound.

Great Britain alone is sound financially and financiers and manufacturers have practically given up hope of restoring trading conditions on the continent and are determined to bend all energies to develop trade in the British dominions and South America. This is likely to bring about a keen competition with America, but it is hoped that this competition will continue as fair and friendly as at present.

The Belgian delegation, headed by Premier Theunis, arrived here this morning and M. Theunis called on Prime Minister Bonar Law and had a long conference. The Belgians refused to talk, but I understand that their attitude is that they do not want to follow the French in the application of coercion on Germany, but they

feel they will be forced to do if the French go ahead.

The Italian and French delegations will arrive tonight. There is much speculation about the attitude of Premier Mussolini, of whom little is known here, but it is believed he will pursue a realist policy, demanding advantages for Italy in return for his support from whichever side he casts his influence.

The formal conference will begin Saturday in the cabinet room of 10 Downing street, and it is expected it will continue until Tuesday. Efforts are being made to clamp down the lid of secrecy, issuing only colorless official communiques, but it is expected the lid will be pried open before the end of the conference.

Opera Star Denies Charges in Petition for Divorce

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Madame Margaret Matzenauer, opera star, in a formal answer and cross-complaint to the divorce suit of her chauffeur husband, Floyd Glatzback, filed here yesterday, entered a general denial of his charges against her and asked that she be awarded a decree on grounds of cruelty and infidelity.

J. J. Lerman, attorney for the singer, announced he would introduce three canceled checks for a total of \$357.50, which he said were given by Madame Matzenauer to Glatzback and forwarded by the husband, without the singer's knowledge, to Mrs. Lottis Frates of Carmel, Cal. One \$100 check, it is set forth, was sent to the Frates woman by Glatzback six days before he and the opera star were married on June 13, 1921.

State Rests Case in Murder Trial of Colorado Editor

Durango, Colo., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—After the examination of its 29th witness in the trial of Rod S. Day, editor of the Durango News, the state rested its case yesterday. Day, who has been on trial in the district court since Monday, is charged with the murder of William L. Wood, city editor of the Durango Herald, on April 24.

It was announced definitely by attorneys for the defense that Day would be placed on the witness stand Saturday to tell his own story of the newspaper quarrel, which ended in a street encounter in which Wood was shot to death.

Dry Officers Popular.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 9.—Spectacular raids on a number of roadhouses in Kentucky and the subsequent conviction of those arrested have resulted in numerous letters being sent to the federal prohibition officers, whose headquarters are in Covington, asking them to come across the river and "clean up" Cincinnati. The outcome of these requests has been a conference between the officers stationed in Kentucky and those assigned to the Ohio side of the river and a statement by the latter that conditions which prevailed in the Kentucky roadhouses are not to be found in the vicinity of Cincinnati.

Golfing Bishops Lose.

London, Dec. 9.—The golfing bishops have lost a case. The ecclesiastical commission met to consider a request that Sunday golf be permitted on the Royal Winchester course, controlled by the commission. The bishops who play golf voted in favor of granting the request, but they were outvoted.

Noonday Program Tuesday, 12:20 to 12:50

Musical program with trio: Emily Cleve, violin; Adelyn Wood, piano; Louise Shaddock Zabriskie, violin; Dorothy Steinbaugh, soprano.

Auditorium—Fifth Floor

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- Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
- Mashed Potatoes Buttered Brussels Sprouts
- Hot Rolls
- Cocoanut Cream Pie Apple Pie
- Old-Fashioned Rice Pudding
- Vanilla Ice Cream Black Walnut Ice Cream
- Pineapple Sherbet Orange Ice
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Burgess-Nash Tea Room—Seventh Floor.

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The Jack-Rabbit Man

Uncle Dave will be here at the Burgess-Nash store, Tuesday, to tell funny animal stories to boys and girls, and to autograph the books of his own stories.

He is the author of the famous Little Jack Rabbit Books, that have made Jack Rabbit, the Squirrel Brothers and Chippy Chipmunk characters to be known and remembered.

Uncle Dave will be in the Book Shop from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1:30 to 4 p. m.

At 4 o'clock he invites all children to come to our auditorium where he will tell stories. There is no charge.

Book Shop—Main Floor.

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A pair of knitted gauntlets is sure to please the girl who is out of doors a great deal. There are two styles, plain and a combination of colors.

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These are the regulation gauntlet length, in white, heather and fawn.

Pair, \$1.25

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A longer glove than most gauntlets, insuring greater warmth. The tan are striped with white or brown, the heather with white.

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All Silk Hose Reinforced Feet



Special effort has been made to obtain a large assortment of better grade all silk hosiery, with reinforced feet and garter top. We can now show these in regular and children's weights. Some have the side seam up the back. Black, gunmetal, brown and all the wanted shades.

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Modish three-piece suits, exquisite fur-trimmed models and tailored styles of heavy Tricotine, Poret Twill, Twill Cord, Fashiona, and Panvelaine. The colors are navy, brown and black; sizes range from 16 to 44. Squirrel, caracul and fox are used as trimmings.

Burgess-Nash Suit Shop—Third Floor.

Vanities Dear to Femininity Whether for Gifts or Personal Use

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| Cappi
A small thin model, gold plated and engraved.
\$1.00 | Luxor
Duo-compact with powder, rouge and mirror, plain polished case.
\$1.00 | Rose Maid
Gold filled vanity with handsome metal label. Your choice of shades in powder.
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\$1.00 | Hudnut
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| Yardley
Gunmetal vanity containing lavender scented powder. An attractive compact at
\$1.00 | Elizabeth Ellen
Gold plated case with a delightfully perfumed compact powder, in all shades.
\$1.00 | Beechams
Double compact of powder and rouge. The case is gold plated.
\$1.50 | Melba
Silver plated, lavender decorated compact containing Melba powder.
\$1.25 |

Burgess-Nash Toiletries Shop—Main Floor.



News of Wonderland Toytown

What wonders it holds for small boys and girls to whom the Land of Make-Believe is the one in which they really live. Here they may go to Santa's own house, talk to him and tell him what they would like most to have him bring. He, in turn, will answer all the questions about which fathers and mothers are sometimes a little vague.

Burgess-Nash—Downstairs Store.

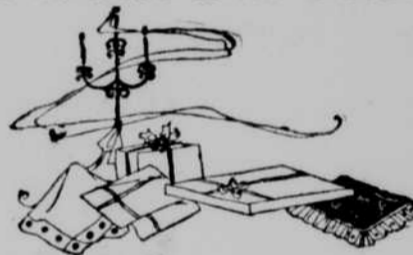
Holiday Fabrics Are Ever Welcome Gifts

The material for a new blouse or dress is always sure to please. Likewise acceptable are gifts made by one's own hands. For this reason we are offering at special prices, a few of which are listed below:

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| Radium Pongee
36-in. width, an excellent silk for lingerie, blouses and dresses. White, light blue, gray and pongee.
Yard, \$1.25 | Costume Velvets
The imported velvet is very soft and of rich quality; may be secured in black and 20 other shades.
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| Silk Shirts
Heavy quality broadcloth silks suitable for men's shirts and pajamas. Plain colors or stripes.
Yard, \$1.95 | Kimona Silks
These are most attractive, the lovely butterfly and flowers are suggestive of the Orient. 36-inch width.
Yard, \$1.65 |
| Velvet Corduroy
Wide wale corduroy suitable for bath or lounging robes. 33-inch width.
Yard, 95c | Blue Serge
Practical for school or business dresses. 46-in. width that cuts to advantage.
Yard, \$1.45 |

Burgess-Nash Dress Goods Shop—Second Floor.

Handkerchiefs In White and Colors



In this department you will find gifts for every member of the family, and for every one whom you wish to remember. All are specially priced for holiday selling.

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| Children's Handkerchiefs, packed seven to the box, box..... | \$1.00 |
| Children's Plain and Fancy Colored Handkerchiefs. Priced at only, each..... | 5c |
| Children's Plain and Colored Handkerchiefs. Very attractive, 3 for..... | 25c |
| Women's Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Priced at 35c, or 3 for..... | \$1.00 |
| Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs are priced, each, from 50c down to..... | 25c |
| Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs especially for gifts. From \$1.00 to..... | 60c |
| Women's Lawn and Swiss Handkerchiefs, with hand embroidered corners. Box of three is priced from 75c to..... | \$1.95 |
| Men's Linen Handkerchiefs. Box of three is priced moderately, at only..... | \$1.00 |

Burgess-Nash Handkerchief Shop—Main Floor.

Glove Silk Vests for Gifts, \$1.69

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- All-Wool Booties, pair, 50c.
- Silk and Wool Hose, pair, 75c.
- Warm Corduroy Bonnets, each, 95c.
- Japanese Silk Quilts, special, \$2.95.
- Hand Embroidered Pillow Slips, each, \$2.95.
- White Blankets, ribbon bound, priced up from \$2.75.
- Celluloid and Ribbon Novelties priced up from 35c.
- Hand-Embroidered French Gingham Dresses at \$2.95.
- Black Sateen Rompers, pair, \$1.25.
- Sweater Sets, 3-piece set, \$3.95.

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