

OUR BEEPERS IN DOWNTOWN FIRE

Inflation of Mark Ruins Germany

Trickery by Government and "Industrialists" Causes People to Lose Faith in Settlement. Example Is Set for U. S.

By MARK SULLIVAN.

London, May 19.—The purpose of the present article is to tell just what happens to a nation and a people whose unit of currency goes through the experience that is called "inflation." The purpose is to tell in terms of the experience of Germany and the mark. Not only will it be of interest as a narrative of what has actually happened in Germany, it will also have some value as an example in the light of occasional hints—hints which the writer cannot help feeling are sinister—of what some persons would be willing to bring about at home in America. To get the analogy it will merely be necessary to imagine what has happened to the dollar in America as happening to the dollar in Germany.

Before the war the value of the German mark was, roughly, 25 cents. Today it is worth so little you can call it anything you wish—for convenience, say one one-hundredth of a cent.

To a degree, an infinitesimal and comparatively harmless degree, something like this has happened to our dollar, for the dollar which was worth 100 cents in 1914 is worth today, measuring in purchasing power, about 60 cents. To the degree that this has happened in America it has been a matter of deliberate currency inflation, but chiefly a matter of credit inflation, a thing that accompanied the issuing of bonds to pay for the war and was largely unavoidable. If there should be anything in America which would like this depreciation of the dollar to go further, why? It would be a matter of deliberate inflation, a thing that would be good for a nation, the present narrative of what inflation has done to the people of Germany will be enlightening.

U. S. Menaced.

America is not wholly immune from the possibility of being inflated from Europe by the views of what seems superficially to be afflicting in deflation. We have among us at least a few of the kind of people who think inflation is a good thing. Without attempting to make, or even to hint, what would probably be unpleasant predictions as to what would be the result of such a policy, it may be said that among the dangers of the campaign of next year is the possibility that somebody may arise with a cheap money panacea. Indeed, some persons let drift months ago has already pointed in that direction.

Let us take the German people, class by class.

For convenience, take first the class that had money in the savings banks. Those of the German people who have saved their money and put it in the savings banks, and in the other German equivalents of savings banks, are precisely like those of our own people who do the same sort of thing. This class of people is the salt of every nation—the workers who make what we practice to spend a little less than they earn; who, every Saturday night, take some part of their pay and put it in the savings bank as a protection against sickness or old age, or for the education of their children.

This class of people in Germany has been robbed of everything they had.

Thrift of No Avail.

Before the war—and even during the war, because deflation did not begin until near the close of the war—a good, hard-working German workman could pile up his savings mark by mark, and look forward to the time when he should have in the savings bank, enough to provide for the rest of his life. He is on the world, he has no provision for the future, he is bewildered: He was taught that thrift was a virtue, and now he finds that some mysterious power which he does not understand, some malevolent agency of the government or business, or both combined, has made all his savings of no avail.

Take next the class of people who carry life insurance. This class in Germany is precisely like the same class at home—men with a care for the future and for their families. Year by year they paid their premiums in the full confidence that when they should come to die they would leave behind them enough to provide for their families and children from immediate want. They were as confident of the security of their life insurance, as sure the money would be there to take care of their families, as they were of death itself. But now they find that after paying 25-cent pieces to the insurance companies all their lives, their families will get back pieces of paper worth less than a hundredth of a cent. You can imagine the sense of outrage and dazed bewilderment with which these people contemplate their present position.

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Noted Lawyer May Run in Presidential Race



Dudley F. Malone Throws Hat Into Political Arena

Husband of Omaha Girl May Be "Surprise" Candidate for President—Says Women to Rule.

By International News Service.

London, May 19.—Dudley Field Malone, democrat, formerly collector of the port of New York and now an international lawyer, dividing his time between Paris and New York, shed his hat into the American political ring today as "surprise presidential candidate" in 1924. Malone said he believed women would rule the world in the future instead of men. He is married to Davis Stevens, formerly of Omaha, a leader of the militant suffragists in the United States.

"I shall fight in the next presidential election," he said, "possibly as a surprise candidate. I am opposed to American participation in the league of nations or the international court of justice and arbitration."

Malone refused to disclose his presidential plans to any further extent but he believes that President Harding and Henry Ford will be two of the presidential candidates next year. In addition, he believes there will be an "unknown."

Outlining his views of the future, Malone said:

"I believe in the future the world will be ruled by women. I do not regard the future with apprehension. A man-made world has just left millions of dead upon the battlefields. No sex could make a poorer job of things than the men. They cannot govern."

"Participation by the women is not going to bring about a millennium, but it will help the men to create questions of peace and war with practical realism."

"Labor leaders in the United States are 25 years behind conservative English labor leaders in political intelligence."

"American foreign policy based upon the design of oil domination or even world exploitation would mean an American policy based wholly upon commercial exploitation. I do not believe that the American people approve such a policy."

Shipments From Ruhr Increase

Average of 300 Carloads Fuel Exported From Occupied Areas During First Two Weeks of May.

Germans Plan New Offer

By Associated Press.

Essen, May 19.—In authoritative German quarters it was declared today that the French and Belgians by no means have reached the preoccupation volume of coal and coke exports from the Ruhr, as claimed by Premier Poincaré. It was admitted, however, that the first fortnight of May saw an average daily export of 300 carloads. Shipments reached as high as 757 carloads on May 9, but dropped to 135 the next day because of bridge destructions. By May 13 traffic had been sufficiently restored to send out 428 carloads.

During April, 9,445 carloads were exported by way of the Rhine bridge at Duisburg, compared with 1,210 in March. One hundred bargeloads also were exported in April.

The Germans attribute the great increase over the previous month mainly to the fact that 44 mines were under occupation in the Ruhr in April against 10 in March.

To State Fixed Annuities.

Berlin, May 19.—Germany's forthcoming reparations proposals will stipulate definite annuities instead of offering a fixed total, according to information from political quarters. It is stated that the German league of industrialists is preparing a plan which will enable the government to make an offer based upon positive concrete guarantees for which the German industrial, financial and commercial interests, political parties and labor unions will go security.

Although the details of the forthcoming offer have not been divulged or discussed, it appears that the powerful industrial league has succeeded in convincing the government of the desirability of a plan based upon reparations.

The league instead proposes to substitute a system of gold annuities to be guaranteed through the co-operation of labor unions in connection with a plan calling for increased production all around. The gold is to be raised by a process which is described as a giant hypothecation of all the nation's productive units—mines, factories, farms, banks, fisheries, etc.

Chancellor Cuno and his cabinet are developing a plan calling for holidays to an examination of the basic features of the scheme, but are not expected to reach a definite conclusion before the end of next week.

It appears, however, that the government has permanently jettisoned its policy of obtaining a hearing among the creditor powers, especially France, for any reparations plan based upon an intangible loan and it is believed that the proposals as outlined above suggest a more promising solution.

Presbyterians Oppose Sunday Moving Pictures

Committee Presents Resolution Demanding Films "Clean Up and Clear Out of Lord's Day"—Bryan Scheduled for Two Addresses on Sunday—Would Bar Teaching of Evolution.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, May 19.—Presbyterians of the United States received a report today from the committee on Sabbath observance, demanding that motion pictures "clean up and clear out of the Lord's day."

Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, who is attending the assembly as an elder of the church, was absent from the hall attending a committee meeting when Dr. Harry L. Bowdler, president of the Lord's Day Alliance, attacked the Sunday motion picture show.

"I have nothing against the movies," said Dr. Bowdler, "if they will clean up and clear out of the Lord's day."

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Prisoners of Bandits Face Death

Two Americans and Two Britishers Have but 48 Hours to Live if Brigands Carry Out Threats.

Time Limit Out Tuesday

By Associated Press.

Pekin, May 19.—Fifteen foreigners, six of them Americans, some of them ill, all of them weary, bruised and footsore, poorly fed and worse clad, tonight are looking death in the face in the Patzuke hills of Shantung province, as they approach the end of their second week as captives of the bandits who raided the Shanghai-Pekin express near Suchow, May 6.

If the foreign and Chinese governments are unable to satisfy the brigands by Tuesday that their terms for the release of the prisoners will be met, and the robbers' chiefs makes good his threat, two of the Americans and two Britishers have little more than 48 hours to live.

They will be shot as a warning to the robbers' gangs to force compliance with their demands under their chief's ultimatum sent out Saturday.

"We are pleading for our lives," and unless Pekin, Washington and London realize that the bandits are ready to sacrifice their own lives for the release of their captives in their fight for reinstatement in the Chinese army, immune from punishment, "we are surely doomed," is the statement made by Loen Friedman, one of the Americans, speaking for all.

To Hold Mass Meetings.

Friedman's message, sent to his brother in Shanghai, has stirred the foreign commission of China. In Shanghai Sunday a mass meeting will be held to pass resolutions demanding that the American and British governments guarantee the promises of the Chinese government to the captives and to the freedom of their friends.

Two of the Chinese prisoners were flown from the cliffs because their promised ransoms had not been paid, and five others were shot down in cold blood for failure to obey orders.

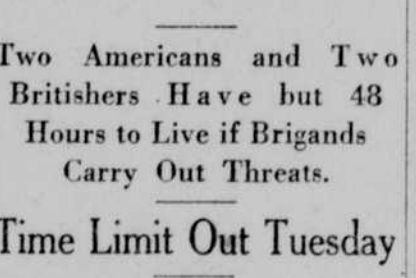
One man, Marcel O. Berube, a Frenchman of Shanghai, Friday was given his freedom with instructions from Wang, the bespectacled, scholarly young bandit leader, to go to Pekin and lay before the Chinese government and the foreign diplomatic corps the desperate plight of the 15 others.

Will Tell Story Today.

Berube Sunday will tell his story and present the ultimatum of the outlaws to the diplomats, including Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, American minister, who has returned to the capital from a trip to Shanghai and the bandit zone.

Two factors apparently have (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

First Omaha Elk Will Help Lay Cornerstone



Notables to Be Guests of Omaha Elks Saturday

Burlington General Passenger Agent at Chicago, First Exalted Ruler, Will Attend Cornerstone Laying.

Omaha Elks announce a rapidly growing list of notables, who will attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new building next Saturday. John Francis, general passenger agent of the Burlington railroad at Chicago, who was the first to announce his intention to attend, Governor Bryan will also be present.

From present indications officers of the lodge say it will be the biggest ever celebrated with the national convention at Atlanta. The train will leave Omaha over the Burlington July 6. From Chicago, they will travel over the Big Four to Cincinnati and over the Southern to Atlanta. Stops will be made in Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Chattanooga. Over 40 reservations have been made for the trip.

The Spring Frolic continued at the Auditorium last night. Officers reported themselves well pleased with the returns and stated that they had been assured by the audience that they were well pleased with the performance.

Plans are rapidly being completed by the lodge for the special train which will take them to the national convention at Atlanta. The train will leave Omaha over the Burlington July 6. From Chicago, they will travel over the Big Four to Cincinnati and over the Southern to Atlanta. Stops will be made in Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Chattanooga. Over 40 reservations have been made for the trip.

2 Trapped When Blaze Razes Store

Flames Cause \$125,000 Loss to Sixteenth Street Building—Three Alarms Turned in to Check Spread.

Theater Patrons Flee

Four persons were injured last night in a fire that swept the Fashion store, 107-111 South Sixteenth street. Two of those injured were firemen and the others were residents of the Dodge block, 101 South Sixteenth street, who were trapped in their rooms when the flames got beyond control. The loss was set at approximately \$125,000.

J. W. Moore, 305 Dodge block, was trapped in the bathroom in his apartment. Unable to open the door and blinded by smoke, Moore crashed down the door in an effort to escape. He suffered a severe cut on his right ankle by glass. He was attended by a police surgeon. Eleven stitches were taken to sew up the gash.

Herbert Keith, 310 Dodge block, suffered lacerations on the head when he was caught under a falling ceiling while he was trying to save his sister's photograph.

Hurt in Fall.

C. L. McDermott, fireman, engine company 2, was severely cut on the knee when he fell in the burning building collapsed, trapping him 20 feet into a pile of burning debris. He was attended at the police station and taken home.

Earl Bates, fireman, hose company 6, suffered a crushed chest when he was caught between a hose and a window frame. It is suggested that he be home after the police surgeon had attended him.

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 and the fire department had its first hose line in use at 9:15. A second alarm was turned in at 9:30 when the flames got beyond control and a third alarm was sounded at 9:50. Fifteen hose lines were cast, steadily upon the building from the time of the last alarm until the fire had burned itself down. So fierce were the flames that little progress could be made for nearly half an hour.

Theater Endangered.

Patrons of the Empress theater were ordered from the place by Assistant Fire Chief Coyle shortly after 9. The management requested all persons to leave who were nervous about the fire. It is suggested that Coyle's order was issued. Only a few in the audience left at the first request, however. There was no disorder when the patrons walked out. The roof was blazing in a few places when sparks fell, but the fire was extinguished by the fire companies.

The management of the World theater was directed by the chief to be ready to clear the house at a moment's notice and men with fire extinguishers were stationed on the roof.

The first alarm was turned in by an unidentified person who reported that an automobile fire. Detectives Tom tenth and Dodge streets. Firemen went to the scene equipped to fight the automobile fire. Detectives Tom Bryan and Motorcycle Officer Cleary (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Heavy Damage Caused By New Orleans Storm

New Orleans, May 19.—Thousands of dollars' damage to houses, street car tracks, telephone and electric systems was caused here today by a severe rain and wind storm which in some sections of the city reached the proportions of a cyclone.

No lives were lost but dozens of men were injured as accidents to automobiles attempting to navigate flooded streets were recorded.

Many shanties along the Mississippi river front in the lower part of the city were blown down. The veterans' bureau hospital in Algiers was damaged by none of the 200 veterans from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi being treated there was injured.

A gypsy baby was blown from its parents' camp into the Calbarone canal which was overflowing its banks. It was rescued after having been swept away for nearly three city blocks by the strong current. At a hospital it was said the baby may die from the shock and exposure.

Hull Renews His Request for Cut in Sugar Tariffs

Washington, May 19.—Chairman Hull of the democratic national committee today renewed his request of President Harding for a 50 per cent reduction of sugar tariff rates under the flexible provisions of the new law.

"The recent action of Canada is reducing the tariff on raw sugar 43 cents on 100 pounds, and on refined sugar 50 cents on 100 pounds," said Mr. Hull in a statement, "immediately resulted in the price of refined sugar to Canadian consumers, as reported in the press. Here is positive proof that a reduction of sugar tariffs results immediately and directly in a corresponding reduction of sugar prices to consumers."

2 Burwell Children Are Buried Alive

Boy and Girl Playing in Sand Pit Are Killed in Cave-in.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Grand Island, Neb., May 19.—Mildred and Fred Hahn, 11 and 13, children of Fred Hahn, mail carrier at Burwell, were buried alive while playing in a huge sand pile in a sand pit near Burwell. When they failed to return home, a search was instituted. Their bodies were discovered, when one foot of the little girl was found protruding. Both had been dead for some time.

The wind a few days ago shifted the sand and made several big blow-outs. It is believed the children were buried in a sandstone place and their play caused the sand to shift.

Mrs. Harding Attends First Show Since Her Illness

Washington, May 19.—For the first time since her critical illness last September, Mrs. Harding, this afternoon attended a vaudeville show. She was accompanied by her house guest, Mrs. George Harvey, wife of the ambassador to the Court of St. James and her secretary, Miss Laura Harlan. The first lady was accorded an ovation when she entered the theater.

One Injured in Runaway

Mechanic Struck by Truck

Morris Colek, 2619 Blondo street, was injured on the head late last night when the team he was driving ran away after an unidentified motorist had crowded him into the curbing at Twenty-sixth and Mason streets. The team ran into a telephone pole, throwing Colek to the pavement. The motorist sped away after the accident.

Henry Gerstein, 4949 North Thirty-sixth street, suffered painful injuries to his back last night when struck by an automobile truck at the Cooper Motor company, 2066 Farnam street.

Gerstein was working at a bench when Edward Woods, 2404 Cass street, drove into the garage. He was unable to stop the car in time to avoid striking the mechanic. Gerstein was taken to his home.

Committee Country Club Site Approved

By a two-to-one vote the members of the Country club last night selected to move the club to the site voted by the committee. This location is between Sixty-sixth and Seventy-second street, about two and a half miles north of the Military road. This site is now Olive Crest and was formerly the old Brandeis property.

Windsor Megawill was elected to the board of directors. Glenn Wharton and John Redick were re-elected.

The meeting was one of the largest ever held. More than 175 members attended.

Discussion on the moving of the club lasted from about 8 to 11 before a vote could be taken.

Thousands of Klansmen Gather for Demonstration

Valparaiso, Ind., May 19.—Twenty thousand Ku Klux Klansmen from every part of the United States were in Valparaiso tonight for a gigantic demonstration. Chicago alone sent 1,300 in two special trains. There was a special train of 12 cars from Indianapolis. Automobiles bearing klans banners are thick in the streets. The nature of the ceremonies was not revealed.

Barney Google Accepts Invitation: "Sparky" to Put Abadane in Shade

Barney Google is coming to Omaha. And so is his famous steed, Sparky.

That is the reason why the huge countenance of Charlie Gardner, rodeo king of Ak-Sar-Ben, is wreathed with a cheerful grin.

Friday Gardner wired Barney urging him to come to Omaha. And yesterday he received this reply:

"You can tell the wide, wide world I'll be in Omaha for the Ak-Sar-Ben races. And you might as well give those jungle circuit owners a word of warning now. As for Charlie Irwin's offer to let Sparky plug bunk with Abadane, just tell Irwin for me to throw that plug of his clear out of the stable and make room for a real galloper. I can't tell you the day I'll arrive because the 'avee' woman is hot on my trail, but tell the gang I'll be sure to be there."

Oldest Reformed Jewish Minister in America Dies

New York, May 19.—Rev. Dr. Hugo Winter, oldest Reformed Jewish minister in America, died at his home today at the age of 88. He had held pastorate in Louisville and Detroit and was rabbi emeritus of the Union Hill temple, Brooklyn, where he had been for 42 years.

Dr. Winter is survived by five sons, one of whom, Hugo Winter, is assistant district attorney.

Denies Engagement

Cardiff, Wales, May 19.—Lady Blythwood declared today that there was no truth whatever in the report that her daughter was engaged to the prince of Wales.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. May 19, 1923.

Temperature.

High 70; lowest, 58; mean, 67.

Total snow since January 1, 122.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths.

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Hourly Temperatures.

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