

**GOMPERS SPEAKS**

**ON DISARMAMENT**

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he hopes to see America take the lead, he said today.

Mr. Gompers' statement endorsing the international economic conference which has been proposed by the general committee on the limitation of armament, follows:

"An international economic conference should follow the conference on limitation of armament, taking full advantage of the tremendous impetus which it has given to international thinking.

"At bottom the major immediate troubles of the world today are economic.

"The world is not living normally. Over large portions of the world the machinery of production is practically at a standstill. In some places it is even in a state of decay.

"Work is disjointed, production crippled.

"I venture to assert that thousands of skilled workmen have lost much of their skill and much of their will to work, because of the long continued absence of opportunity to work. The world is losing both immediate and potential production.

"This jeopardizes progress. "However much exploitation may interfere with the process, it is inescapably true that human progress, the improvement of standards of living, the broadening of human horizon, rests upon our aggregate ability to produce and distribute wealth.

"We cannot suffer a great breakdown in production without paying a penalty. It may not be immediately obvious, but society pays, nevertheless.

"An economic conference, rightly conceived, going about its work in the spirit of the conference now being held, determined to achieve, having our best possible contribution of mind and thought and unselfish constructive ability, could accomplish much toward a restoration of economic stability.

"It must be clear that a purely financial conference would be inadequate. More than finance must be considered. Finance may be discussed, but it is essentially secondary to commerce and production. Production is primary, finance is important, but secondary.

"The root of the trouble is in the fact that factory wheels are idle, that human hands are idle, that human beings are in need. It is the basic needs of life that must be considered. Commodities must be studied. A comprehensive dealing with necessities and fundamentals is the prime requirement of the hour.

"We have been given such hope, such audacity to hope, by what we have been witnessing that it is possible to go beyond hope and to expect that we shall have the great statesmanship to bring about such a conference and to carry the great project to success.

"The first essential on this globe is the proper sustenance of human life. The response already manifested indicates the broad desire for a conference that will consider human life. It will be noted that European leaders already are manifesting keen interest and curiosity. American idealism again has an opportunity to function for the salvation of the world. I trust that those who are

charged with the responsibilities of government may see and seize this great opportunity."

Since the general committee's proposal for an international economic conference, to be called by the government of the United States, was announced on Monday, many vigorous endorsements from all over the country have reached the committee's headquarters, 1319 F street. Under the chairmanship of Bishop McLowell, a battalion of nearly 1,500 speakers are ready to take the platform to arouse a nation-wide expression of public opinion in behalf of recurring international conferences, and a world agreement based upon an "organic and continuing relationship" of nations. Any organization in any state may be provided with a speaker, by notifying the speakers' bureau, general committee on the limitation of armament, 1319 F street, Washington.

**PRACTICAL LESSONS ON HUSKER FARMS**

**PRACTICAL LESSONS FOR HUSKER FARMERS**

The college of agriculture, through its department of rural economics, has recently made another step forward in bringing before the farmer the facts concerning the economics of agriculture. The method used to reach the farmer is through meetings held in rural school houses at which an extension man from the college of agriculture is present to explain various phases of farm economics such as the use of farm accounts, the influence of cost of production on profits, the freight rates, the corn surplus, the trend of agricultural prices and the organization of the various farm enterprises. At one of these meetings held recently in Johnson county, E. L. Taylor of the extension service discussed the present corn surplus and the problem it presents.

Mr. Taylor also presented a very interesting chart which by a curved line showed the fluctuations of prices from 1849 to 1920. One particularly interesting fact brought out by the chart was that price fluctuations were practically the same for the Civil war and the World war. First there was a depression then a rise in prices which continued rapidly until they reached a peak shortly after the war closed. Following this peak they dropped with great abruptness. It also brought out the fact that agricultural prices rose first and dropped first in both cases.

Several such meetings to study farm economics have been held already and a large number are planned for January and February.

**GLEN A. REEVES VISITS ON NEBRASKA CAMPUS**

Glen S. Reeves, '18, professor of mathematics and physics at the University of Omaha, was a week-end visitor at the campus. While Mr. Reeves was in school he was very active in the electrical engineering college, in which he was registered. Mr. Reeves was a member of Sigma Tau, honorary engineering society and was actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. He is a member of the Bushnell guild.

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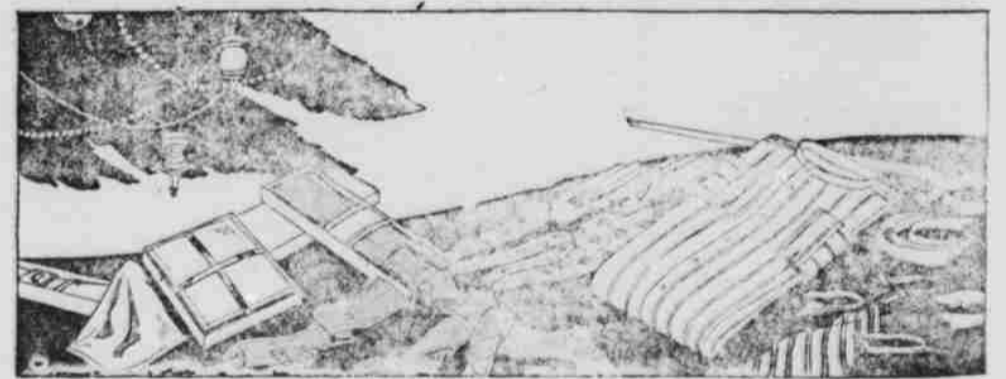
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