HOW EUROPE CAN ESCAPE COLLAPSE

We Must Aid by Extending Credits, Says Davison.

GRAVE MENACE TO U. S. A.

European Ruin Would Involve America—Starvation and Disease Rampant.

Des Moines, Ia.—Speaking before the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, said:

As chairman of the Convention of Red Cross Societies, composed of representatives of twenty-seven nations that met recently in Geneva, I am custodian of authoritative reports recording appalling conditions among millions of people living in eastern Europe.

One of the most terrible tragedies in the history of the human race is being enacted within the broad belt of territory lying between the Baltic and the Black and Adriatic Seas.

This area includes the new Baltic States—Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, the Ukraine, Austria, Hungary, Roumania, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia.

The reports which come to us make it clear that in these war-ravaged lands civilization has broken down. Disease, bereavement and suffering are present in practically every household, while food and clothing are insufficient to make life tolerable.

Men, women and children are dying by thousands, and over vast once-civilized areas there are to be found neither medicinal appliances nor medical skill sufficient to cope with the devastating plagues.

Wholesale starvation is threatened in Poland this summer unless she can procure food supplies in large quantities. There are now approximately 250,000 cases of typhus in Poland and in the area occupied by Polish troops.

Worst Typhus Epidemic in History.

This is already one of the worst typhus epidemics in the world's history. In Galicia whole towns are crippled and business suspended. In some districts there is but one doctor to each 150,000 people.

In the Ukraine, we were told, typhus and influenza have affected most of the population.

A report from Vienna, dated February 12, said: "There are rations for three weeks. Death stalks through the streets of Vienna and takes unhindered toll.

Budapest, according to our information, is one vast city of misery and suffering. The number of deaths is double that of births. Of the 160,000 children in the schools, 100,000 are dependent on public charity. There are [illegible],000 workers idle.

Typhus and smallpox have invaded the four countries composing Czecho-Slovakia, and there is lack of medicine, soap and physicians.

In Serbia typhus has broken out [illegible] and there are but 200 physicians [illegible] minister to the needs of that entire [illegible]y.

In Montenegro, where food is run[illegible] short, there are but five physi[illegible] for a population of 450,000.

[illegible]ica Overflowing With Riches.

[illegible]ing to the United States a [illegible]rs ago with all these horrors [illegible] in my ears, I found myself [illegible] in a land whose granaries [illegible] flowing, where health and [illegible]nded and where life and [illegible]ger enterprise were in [illegible]

[illegible] that if this plague [illegible] the great ter[illegible] seaboard [illegible] which [illegible] these [illegible]

[illegible] plan, of course, involves [illegible] considerations, the [illegible] which is that of ob[illegible] whether by issuing [illegible] an increase [illegible] taxation. [illegible] say to [illegible] missioner of New York, Dr. Copeland, sailed for the other side just to measure the danger and take precaution against such an invasion.

This is one menace at our threshold. The other, more threatening, more terrible, is the menace of the world's ill will. We can afford to die, but to be despised forever as a greedy and pharisaical nation is a fate that we must not incur.

The French government has many serious problems to solve, but the French peasant is working and the French artisan, while still sadly in need of raw materials, has not lost his habit of industry and thrift. The most encouraging fact about France today is that her people are alive to the seriousness of France's problem, and they are going forward bravely to solve that problem.

Italy, despite her great shortage of raw material, is looking forward and not backward. Italy can be relied upon to do her part!

England is meeting the problems of reconstruction just as those who knew her past should have expected her to meet them.

Plan to Aid Central Europe.

It is not for me perhaps to give in detail a formula for solution of the world's ills, but as I have been asked many times, "What would you do?" I am glad to give my own answer.

Accordingly, I would ask:

1. That Congress immediately pass a bill appropriating a sum not to exceed $500,000,000 for the use of Central and Eastern Europe.

2. That Congress call upon the President to appoint a nonpolitical commission of three Americans, distinguished for their character and executive ability and commanding the respect of the American people. Such a commission should include men of the type of General Pershing, Mr. Hoover or ex-Secretary Lane. I would invest that commission with complete power.

3. I would have the commission instructed to proceed at once, accompanied by proper personnel, to survey conditions in Central and Eastern Europe and then act for the restoration of those countries under such conditions and upon such terms as the commission itself may decide to be practicable and effective. Among the conditions should be provided that there should be no local interference with the free and untrammeled exercise by the commission of its own prerogative of allocating materials. Governmental politics should be eliminated; unreasonable and prejudicial barriers between the various countries should be removed, and such substantial guarantees as may be available should be exacted in order that the conditions imposed should be fulfilled.

4. As to financial terms, I should make them liberal. I would charge no interest for the first three years; for the next three years, 6 per cent, with provision that such interest might be funded if the economic conditions of the country were not approaching normal, or if its exchange conditions were so adverse as to make payment unduly burdensome, I should make the maturity of the obligation 15 years from its date, and I should have no doubt as to its final payment.

5. Immediately the plan was adopted I would have our government invite other governments in a position to assist, to participate in the undertaking.

6. To set forth completely my opinion, I should add that in the final instructions the American people, through their government, should say to the commission:

"We want you to go and do this job in such a manner as, after study, you think it should be done. This is no ordinary undertaking. The American people trust you to see that it is done right."

I would also say to the commission: "Use so much of this money as is needed." Personally, I am confident that with the assistance and co-operation which would come from other parts of the world the sum of $500,000,000 from the United States would be more than enough to start these [illegible]ntries on their way to self support [illegible] restoration of normal condi[illegible]

MEETS ON TUESDAY

Hour For Taxpayers' League Has Been Changed To One O'Clock.

Discussion of the new charter for Baltimore County and action whether or not the Taxpayers' League will support it, will occupy the entire afternoon on Tuesday next, when the League will hold a meeting in the Court House, commencing at 1 o'clock instead of 2.30, as originally scheduled. The change in the hour was made so that those attending the Farmer's Association, which meets at 10 o'clock in the morning on the same day could attend the meeting of the Taxpayers' League.

It is expected that the League will also make a selection of executive committeemen for each precinct on Tuesday.

TO BE AT EMORY GROVE

Rodeheaver, Billy Sunday's Associate, To Attend Golden Jubilee At Camp.

On July 10 and 11 Homer Rodeheaver associate of Billy Sunday, will be at Emory Grove Camp Meeting, this county, to attend the golden jubilee.

The jubilee committee includes Rev. Dr. Don S. Colt, Rev. Dr. J. S. Ensor, Rev. Dr. W. W. Barnes, Wm. O. Atwood and B. Frank Cromwell.

With a shortage of farm labor threatening to be as acute as in 1918, Secretary of Agriculture Meredith has issued an appeal to city men, college students and others who can do so to spend their vacations working on farms, particularly as helpers in the harvest fields.

Reports to the Department from practically every State indicate that the supply of hired farm labor is only about 72 per cent. of normal, compared with 84 per cent. normal a year ago. Secretary Meredith feels that the situation must be relieved if food production is to be brought to near normal.

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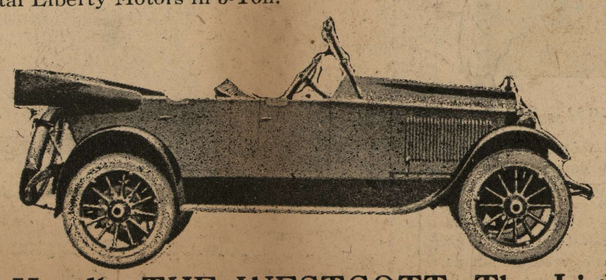

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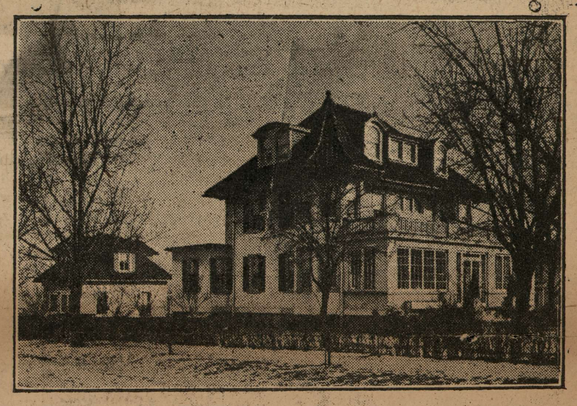

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