

WHILE EUROPE FIGHTS AMERICA PROSPERS.

Herbert Kaufman in The Chicago Sunday Tribune.

It's here—your chance has come. Half the world had to be blown off the map to produce the opportunity. More billions of pounds, francs and marks' worth of assets than the total created wealth of the world five hundred years ago had to be smashed to smithereens—nobody knows how many leaders in manufacturing, shipbuilding, railroading, finance, merchandising, chemistry, medicine, engineering, electricity, dyeing, weaving and publishing, not to mention an indefinite number of less important but quite useful folk—had to be lost in the cataclysm, to arrange matters for your benefit, but at all events you are one of the residuary legatees of the still vast, valid estate.

Now make good—you're nailed. We've always suspected you, but you were so confoundingly plausible with your excuses—so clever with your explanations of how you just missed it, that we gave you the benefit of the doubt and—another try.

But you won't "get by" again unless you produce the goods. If you ever before had an idea you never before had such a market for it. If you ever possessed business acumen and judgment, you'll never again face a universe so sadly in need of your gifts.

The bomb that burst at Sarajevo temporarily paralyzed the development of half the world.

For years to come Europe must chafe in handcuffs—bereft of recourse and resource—and turn to America for the alleviation of her necessities.

Last year it was twice as difficult to merchandise yourself or your wares—to get a hearing and to get ahead—because now there is only half the rivalry that existed then.

This is not an urge to capitalize our neighbor's woes. On the contrary it is a suggestion to get busy and lighten them.

The more we help ourselves the quicker we analyze the situation and sensibly set about relieving the world strain—the sooner we repair the universal tears and snags and patch up the broken machinery—the better off everybody will be.

Here and there a flying splinter or a chip of shrapnel has figuratively flown across the Atlantic and actually injured an isolated interest, but, man alive, such cases don't count—ninety-nine per cent of us never had less reason to worry about our material prosperity.

There's a silver lining to every war cloud, too, and it's all showing on our side of the ocean.

There are mouths to feed and backs to clothe—prescriptions to fill, automobiles and farming implements to produce, shoes to be furnished and steel to supply—it's just as though half the stores in the country were suddenly closed—half the farms abandoned, half the factories and laboratories shut down—It doesn't take much imagination to figure that the active merchants and farmers and manufacturers would have everything their own way; and yet that's just what has occurred.

Hard times are impossible under these conditions. The most superficial analysis proves it.

Shed a tear in the name of decency and humanity over the appalling tragedy, but in the name of good citizenship and good sense simultaneously help devastated lands and your own country by spreading cheer among the blinded doubters whose pessimism is retarding a necessary and immediate boom.

By every law of logic and profit there shouldn't be a still wheel or a creaken smoke stack on the whole continent. By raising our production to its maximum limits we can not only create enormous fortunes for ourselves but at the same time so reduce costs that we can also lighten the misfortunes of our kinsmen yonder.

History won't repeat the present performance in your lifetime. It's your best and biggest chance.

DEMOCRATIC ABSENTEEISM.

In the verbal bouquets that President Wilson threw to the Democratic Congress in his letter to Mr. Underwood there was one subject upon which there was silence. That was the matter of Democratic absenteeism during the long session just past. The failure of the members of the majority party to remain in Washington and attend to their Congressional duties has been a scandal. Finally, the most extreme measure possible was adopted, that of "docking" the pay of members of the House for each day's absence from duty except for sickness.

It was the Democratic leader himself who was compelled to adopt this radical policy in order to keep enough of his party at their posts of duty for the House to attend to business. Only once before has it been necessary to resort to this "docking" law. That time was some twenty years ago, and then, as now, it was a Democratic Congress that compelled its adoption.

The Democratic membership of the House is two hundred and ninety. It requires the presence of two hundred and eighteen members to make a quorum for the carrying on of business. Thus, the Democrats have seventy-two members in excess of the quorum number. It is reasonable to suppose that when matters of vital importance to the country were being acted upon the Democrats would have maintained a quorum of their own members, especially so when the House was carrying out a legislative program that had been passed upon and ordered by a caucus of the party.

Before the financial pressure was brought to bear upon the Democrats there had been one hundred and thirty-nine roll call votes in the House, which Democrats with pocketbook nerves, but with no proper sense of their duty, had missed. On each of these roll call votes there was an average of one hundred and three absent Democrats. And on over one hundred of these votes Republicans had to supply the difference between the Democratic shortage and the number necessary for business of the House to proceed. Many of these roll calls were of the very important legislation that was before Congress.

It is the Democratic party that is responsible for legislation and for the conduct of the House. But if it had not been for Republican votes the House would have been helpless most of the session and its majority clogged. It was not until the "docking" resolution was passed that the important business of Congress had any attraction for the Democrats. When it became a question of losing the sum of twenty dollars from their pay for every day of unexpected absence then there was a sudden rush of Democrats to Washington. That was apparently their one interest in legislation.

One of the reasons for this absenteeism was the vicious rule of King Caucus. Everything was foreordained and decreed by the mandate of the party caucus. A bare majority of the caucus could decide in advance what the House was to do and how. Therefore, the members had nothing to do with legislation. There was no such thing as sincere debate and discussion on the floor; there was no opportunity for the offering of suggestion or amendment. The iron hand of the caucus was over all.

It is not a fortunate issue upon which to go before the people of the country, this record of Democratic negligence and the Democratic system of high-handed dictation that made it possible. Can it be that this is the kind of Congress that is wanted by the voters of the United States?

The dreadnaught dreads the submarine. Closed season for openwork will soon be in our midst.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Honorable A. A. Whitener, Republican candidate for United States Senator, will address the people of Burlington and vicinity in the Burlington Brick Warehouse, Friday Night, October 30, 7:30 O'clock. Mr. Whitener is a pleasing speaker, and will entertain his audience. The ladies are especially invited, comfortable seats will be provided. Our friends will please see that due publicity is given to this announcement.

COST TO TAXPAYERS.

According to the sworn statement of C. D. Johnston, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, in his annual exhibit for last year, which was published in The Burlington News, under date of December 24th, 1913. This report shows that the Register of Deeds office cost the tax payers of Alamance County last year as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Salary of C. D. Johnston, \$1,600.00; Clerk Hire to C. D. Johnston, 600.00; Fees Paid C. D. Johnston, as per his statement, 987.28.

Total Amount Paid C. D. Johnston, as per his statement, \$3,187.28

The tax payers will please understand that this amount is what Mr. Johnston says that he received. If you doubt it see copy of Burlington News, Dated December 24th, 1913. If Mr. Johnston did not receive it, he should not have said that he did, and if he did receive it, he should be manly enough to say that he did. This paper does not say that he received this amount, we say that he said he received it over his sworn signature. This is more money than the register of Deeds office ever cost the tax payers in the way of fees and salaries since the office was created. This information is given so that the tax payers of the county may know how much this office cost them, and they can act accordingly.

TWO MEN HOLD SIX OFFICES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Deputy Sheriff, salary, \$1,000.00; Constable, fees, estimated, 600.00; Cotton Statistician, for Alamance and Guilford Counties, Fees, Estimated, 500.00.

Total amount for the three positions, \$2,100.00

The above offices are held by Mr. C. D. Story, the other officers are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Register of Deeds, salary, \$1,600.00; Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, fees last year, 987.28; Trustee for the County Sinking Fund, fees last year, 35.00.

Total amount for the three offices, \$2,622.28

With two men holding six positions, no wonder there is no position for anyone else, and yet there are people who do not believe that there is a court house ring. This information is given for the benefit of the tax payers and they can act accordingly.



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BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. W. Back, Pastor. Sunday Worship, 11:00 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. J. L. Scott, Superintendent. Praise and Prayer Services, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Christian Culture Class, Saturday at 3:00 P. M. Church Conference, Wednesday before First Sunday of each month, 7:30 P. M. Observance of Lord's Supper, First Sunday in each month. Woman's Union, First Monday of each Month, 3:30 P. M.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

East Davis Street. Rev. George L. Curry, Pastor. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies every Monday afternoon after First Sunday in each month. Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:30 Every Sunday Evening. Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. J. G. Rogers, Superintendent. Good Baraca and Philathea Classes. You are invited to attend all these services.

MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Front Street. Rev. T. S. Brown, Pastor. Morning Service 11:00 A. M. Vespers 7:30 P. M. Services every Sunday except the morning of Third Sunday. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Prof. J. J. Robertson, Supt. Teachers' Meeting Wednesday 7:00 P. M. (Pastor's Study). Woman's Missionary Society, First Thursday, Monthly, 3:30 P. M. L. C. B. Society, Second Thursday, Monthly, 7:30 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Second Sunday at 3 P. M.

FRONT STREET M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Pastor. Peace to those who enter. Blessings to those who go. Preaching every Sunday, 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with offering for Church charities, First Sunday in each month. Sunday School, every Sunday, 9:30 A. M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M. Board of Stewards meet on Monday 8:00 P. M., after Fourth Sunday in each month. Woman's Missionary Society meets 4:00 P. M., on Monday, after 1st and 3rd Sundays. Parsonage, corner W. Davis and Hoke Streets. Pastor's Telephone, No. 168. Ring—Talk—Hang Up—"Busy."

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Rev. F. B. Noblett, Pastor. Preaching every first Sunday at 11:00 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Second Sunday at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 A. M. A. M. H. F. Moore, Superintendent. Everybody Welcome.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Church of The Holy Comforter. The Rev. John Benner Gibbs, Rector. Services every Sunday, 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Holy Communion: First Sunday, 11:00 A. M. Third Sunday, 7:30 A. M. Holy and Saint's Days, 10:00 A. M. Sunday School 9:30 A. M. The public is cordially invited. All Pews Free. Fine Vested Choir.

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