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A WEALTH PRODUCER

The public must have been impressed by the announcement that 150 cotton mills in the piedmont section were compelled to close down for a few days because the Southern Power Company, which supplies most of the current, is unable to obtain fuel to operate its auxiliary plants or to overcome the shortage of water in the streams that generate current in its several big hydro-electrical plants. As a result, thousands of employes are thrown out of work temporarily.

The Record is prompted to say what must have been in the minds of business men for many months—that without the Southern Power Company or some other big corporation this section of the south would have suffered many hardships this winter owing to a scarcity of fuel. The big Duke concern has been a business life-saver and there is no doubt of that fact. The condition that is only temporary might have been indefinite.

SOME LOW TEMPERATURES

That Blowing Rock is a good summer resort may be inferred from the fact that the mercury dropped about as low Sunday morning as it seems possible for it to register, when it pointed to 32 degrees below zero. On the same morning Lenoir registered 18 degrees by the government thermometer, Hickory five below and Raleigh, in the center of the state, about zero. In the extreme east the waters about Morehead City, including Bogue Sound, in which our national guardsmen used to frolic, were frozen over, and the salty winds cut deep into one's flesh. The thermometer in various parts of the state has registered intense cold, but the farther one goes west from Hickory, according to report, the less severe has been the cold, comparatively speaking. North of here, starting with Lenoir, the weather has been unusually rough, and Friday morning the thermometer recorded two degrees below. Happily for the people of the near-mountain and mountain regions, there has been an abundance of wood, and little suffering has been reported.

Senator Knute Nelson, 74 years old, announces his intention to retire from public politics in 1919 in order to devote his leisure time to private business. He has served in congress 30 years and he has made such an able senator that President Wilson has endorsed him for reelection. Senator Nelson is a Republican in politics, but an American in essentials.

Former President Taft, who was too good for the wily bunch of politicians who surrounded him, approves of McAdoo as director general of the railroads. Mr. Taft looks only to the country's good, and he will appear greater in history as a private citizen than any of our other ex-presidents of recent times, not excepting Grover Cleveland.

A new cabinet position of secretary of munitions is provided for in a bill introduced by Chairman Chamberlain to continue until one year after the close of the war. If the war is not ended right, however, we will need that secretary in our business.

Record subscription business was better in 1917 than in 1916, and we will have to travel some this good year if we keep pace with former records. But more people are coming to recognize that time moves so swiftly that they will miss a great deal if they wait for the news.

The Democrats control the house of representatives by a majority of 2 votes, as the Springfield Republican observes, but the Americans control it by a majority of 435 to 0. There is where Democrats and Republicans of intelligence stand.

Although there may be a big demand for sugar, it is a fact that more sorghum is being consumed this winter than ever before—though the consumption per capita must have been greater in civil war days.

Berlin newspapers camouflaged their intense gratification over the German peace terms.

STATUS OF GERMAN WAR AIMS

Philadelphia Public Ledger. There was a suspicion of camouflage in the outcry of the pan-German press at the moderation of the terms offered to Russia, and later comment shows that there is no real dissatisfaction. The Deutsche Courier, which is vigorously imperialistic, thinks that "The German delegates represented the interests of the empire as adroitly and firmly as it was possible for representatives in their position to do." The compliment from the pan-German point of view was well deserved; Dr. von Kuehlmann showed himself a dextrous negotiator, and his demands were such as should satisfy the imperialists. "The only thing that Germany now has to take care of," says the Deutsche Tageszeitung, "is to see that the people of the occupied region are not fanaticized against Germany by the entente powers." The entente, according to the pan-German view, is responsible for fanaticizing the Belgians against Germany—German atrocities had nothing to do with the case. Therefore if the people of Poland, Kurland, Lithuania, and Estonia can be kept incognitudo, they can be drawn into Mittel Europa, and the obvious means is continued military occupation.

While the pan-Germans have dropped their insincere protests, the moderates who have been looked upon by pacifists in entente countries as representing the sane and humane side of Germany are supporting the scheme for veiled annexation. Vorwaerts makes an obscure and not very energetic protest, but Herr Erzberger, the Catholic leader, who last summer brought about Bethmann-Hollweg's fall by demanding peace without annexations, is for the Kuehlmann plan and says that the German declaration is "approved unreservedly" by the reichstag main committee. If there is any such opposition in Germany as Trotsky professes to count upon, no hint of it has come to the surface; Russia can look for support only to its allies, and when this fact can no longer be evaded it may produce a considerable reaction among the Russian people. The allies may have been clumsy in their diplomacy but they mean well by Russia; the central powers may have been adroit but they can no longer conceal the falsity of their profession of friendship.

To realize the meaning of German policy in regard to Russian territory it is well to turn back to Gen. Bernhardi's "Germany and the Next War," a book absurdly boomed in 1914 as though it were an official statement of German policy and then as absurdly discharged as the mere vaporing of a jingo general. It is really a shrewd and intelligent analysis by a thoughtful student of war who was in close touch with German militarism; whether his book was widely read in Germany before the war does not matter. He foreses the bolshevik perfectly in his prediction that in a war with Germany "the revolutionary elements in the heart of Russia would avail themselves of every weakening of the national sources of power to effect a revolution in internal politics, without any regard for the interests of the community." Yet Bernhardi did not advocate a war of annexation against Russia because the cost would be too great.

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No. 21 Ar Hickory 4:45 p. m.	
No. 85 Ar Hickory 12:02 p. m.	
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No. 22 Ar Hickory 11:20 a. m.	
No. 12 Ar Hickory 5:22 p. m.	
No. 16, Ar Hickory 6:30 p. m.	
C. AND N.-W.	
Southbound	
No. 9 Ar Hickory 2:35 p. m.	
Northbound	
No. 10 Ar Hickory 11:40 a. m.	

ening in our weaker neighbors, through the integrity and firmness of our policy, the conviction that their independence and their interests are bound up with Germany and are best secured under the protection of the German arms. This conviction might lead to an enlargement of the triple alliance into a central European federation." To this policy, the break-up of Russia has given a scope that could hardly have been expected when Bernhardi wrote. Each of the fragments becomes one of these weak neighbors who are to be brought under the protection of German arms. In some cases force may not be necessary; appeals to fear or to self-interest may serve. With Russia no longer a great power, the world could not protect them against Germany's methodical massacre and pillage; simply for protection they may feel obliged to become German vassals.

In other cases tempting commercial opportunities may be offered or class may be played against class and race against race. During a prolonged military operation Germany has had time to pick out serviceable fools, to organize propaganda to get rid of patriots, to work up a sham demand for closer relations with Germany. The German-made premier of Poland, it is announced, is hereafter to take part in the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. Germany now expects to win the war not by force but by cleverness and it is well that the allies are beginning to realize the fact.

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