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## ROBERT W. MADRY WRITES OF THE CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

Madry Has Been In Europe 5 Months and Has Been Reporter On The Paris Edition of the New York Herald For Some Time

### GIVES HIS OBSERVATION

We gladly give below an in-why the German is today finding the task of making both ends meet a most difficult one.

Germany just now is really in a better condition than most people would expect to find the war-ravaged country after reading the numerous reports that have been spread broadcast regarding the food shortage existing there. As a matter of fact there does exist a scarcity of food for the ordinary working classes, because of the high prices obtaining, but for those who are able to pay the price there is a plenty of most of the cafes one can get bread of the dark brown color. But there are some select restaurants and quite a few hotels where white bread and a plenty of it is to be had. The German government has made pretensions towards rationing the bread supply by passing regulations requiring foreigners as well as residents to secure bread cards which give one a certain allowance each week. In practice, however, these regulations are very ineffective, for not more than one-fourth of the restaurants observe them. So the whole food situation resolves itself into a question of whether or not one can pay the price. This leads to another interesting point concerning wages.

With these considerations we find that while the average German citizen is far from enjoying what an American is pleased to call prosperity, he is at least not suffering for want of food or clothing.

#### Bolshevist Tendencies

The lack of ordinary pre-war comforts and conveniences has, however, caused a cloud of despondency to settle over the heads of many Germans, who now consider themselves merely existing and who would welcome any sort of change that gives a ray of hope toward their betterment. A great number of the workers are welcoming Bolshevism and communism with outstretched hands. When the Soviets were about to capture Warsaw, it was frequently rumored in Berlin that they were also planning to invade Germany after taking the Polish capital. Such an idea met with the strongest sort of approval from many of the German workers, who declared themselves ready and eager to join the Bolsheviks. I tried to analyze the psychology back of such sentiments and after talking with representative Germans of all classes I found this to be the state of affairs.

#### Wages Low.

Wages in Germany today are surprisingly low, when the relative small value of the mark is taken into consideration. With a pre-war value of 25 cents, the mark at this writing is not worth quite two cents. Added to this cost of high living is the fact that prices have increased from 10 to 15 times their pre-war level, taking an average of course.

So, with these facts in mind and considering that wages have not advanced in proportion to rise in prices, one can easily understand

## LIST OF JURORS FOR THE NOVEMBER TERM JUDGE LYON PRESID.

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#### 2nd Week

J. M. Branch, J. W. Therington, Wade Miggell, Ben Fishel, J. B. Bell, W. T. Clark, W. N. Sherrod, C. W. Walston, Joe Harper, G. S. Minga, J. W. Madry, J. W. Tillery, H. P. Phillips, W. H. Howington, Henry Farber, Maek Cook, W. H. Allen, E. Clark.

Greenville, Ala., Nov. 5.—A negro was rushed to the county jail for safe keeping. He is charged shooting to death A Mrs. A. B. Little while seated in her home before the fire with a child.

the Soviet regime is making for a stable government, while others equally as well qualified to speak have found conditions to be exactly the reverse. The status of the Russian government today is the cause of much debate and speculation. But the consensus of opinion of those who have studied the situation carefully and impartially is that the Soviet regime is gradually but surely tottering and will probably pass into history before the end of the coming winter.

#### The Reds Defiant

But, to revert to the main theme they are undoubtedly large numbers of Bolsheviks in Germany and they don't take pains to hide their identity. You can find them everywhere.

"Why, certainly I'm a Bolshevik," they will proudly tell you after having listened for five or ten minutes to a condemnation landed directly at them.

If the Reds had captured Warsaw, Poland's capital, and crossed the border into Germany, there is little doubt but that great masses of the Reds in Germany would have risen up and joined hands with them in spite of the German government's declaration of neutrality. And then this combined Bolshevik horde would have been prepared to invade France, according to the sentiment I gathered. And the fact that France really did anticipate and fear such an outcome is clearly evidenced by the way in which she gladly rendered aid to Poland while the latter was struggling with the Russians.

## HALIFAX COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS

Presidential ticket, Cox 3,430, Harding 524.  
For Governor, Morrison, 3,540, Parker 413.  
For Senate, Kitchin 3,502, Dickson 295.  
County ticket average 3,450.

## LATEST TELEGRAPH NEWS DESPATCHES

New York, Nov. 5.—District Attorney Swann began a formal investigation of an alleged fraud in election as a result of finding twenty six ballots marked for the Democratic ticket at the mouth of a sewer. The street cleaners were requested to search the underground passages for more votes.

New York, Nov. 5.—With Hardings electoral votes virtually fixed at four hundred out of a possible five hundred and thirty one and a new Senate set down at fifty nine Republicans and thirty seven Democrats the Republican leaders awaited belated returns from eight contests to decide the Republican house majority. So far the Republicans are assured of two hundred and eighty six house members to one hundred and thirty seven Democratic, and four other designations giving the Republicans the greatest majority ever held in the house. One woman representative is assured a Miss Alice Robertson of Oklahoma a farmer and restauranter winning.

Memphis, Nov. 5.—Tennessee is regarded as definitely in the Republican electoral college, with newspaper returns indicating Republicans have five of the states, ten congressional seats and two already being Republicans. The newspaper returns show Taylor leading Governor Roberts by forty thousand.

New York, Nov. 5.—The final contract between Dempsey and Carpentier will be signed late today.

Marion, Nov. 5.—Soon after his vacation Sen. Harding is expected to take steps toward consultation of statesmen on campaign promises for formulation of America's program toward the world peace association.

Berlin, Nov. 5.—Germany's treasury faces deficit of seventy billion marks. Dr. Helfferich the former Vice Chancellor declared in the Reichstag. The minister of finance Wirth said he would introduce a bill for a sacrifice tax and ask credit of a billion marks to buy cereals abroad.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Richmond Terminal Company has applied to Interstate Commerce commission for authority to issue six

## KITCHIN DECLARES ROCKY ROAD AHEAD NEXT CONGRESS

The New Minority Leader Predicts That Democrats Will Win Next Election

## TAP IS IN FINE METAL

Washington, Nov. 4.—"Don't be released of the burdens? Not worry, the Democrats will come back to Congress two years from now with a majority that will make every Democrat smile," said Claude Kitchin, the new minority leader of the House.

The Republican congress with its great majority is certain to do two things that will damn it in the hearts of the American people. It will repeal the excess profits tax and let the Esch Cummins railroad law stand as it is now written in the statute. The repeal of the one act and the retention of the other will defeat any party that does these things.

"Listen! Within the last four years the corporations that pay these excess profit taxes have made \$20,000,000,000 profits. Do you suppose the American people will stand for the taxes to be lifted from the shoulders of these great profiteer corporations and had not brought the minority transferred to their own leadership to him at this time out a protest, that will defeat the party that does it? Do you think the people who have given their sons as cannon fodder to the war will in addition bear the minority tax burdens of that war while men who reaped billions out of that war and staid at home will that Mr. Clark have the honor.

notes of five hundred thousand dollars each give holders out standing demand notes amounting to three million dollars and issue two fifty thousand dollar notes one to Atlantic Coast Line and other to Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac security cash loans.

Merae, Ga. Nov. 5.—Officials are investigating the burning of five stores at Scotland and towns believing of incendiary origin.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Nicky Arnstein pleaded not guilty in the District of Columbia supreme court on the indictment charging him and others with conspiring to bring stolen security from New York to district. Bail was denied.

London, Nov. 5.—The British recognition of Mexico is expected to follow the recognition of the United States, former Mexican minister at London said.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Recruiting for the navy is progressing so satisfactory the navy officials believe it will soon be possible to send a sea large number of ves-

**An Obnoxious Measure**  
"Another thing the Esch-Cummins railroad law will soon permit another advance in passenger and freight rates and the advance will be granted. The public will clamor for public ownership, but the Republicans will advance the rates as high as they dare and then stop. They will not modify the law or amend it. In two years it will have become one of the most odious measures ever enacted."

Mr. Kitchin has practically recovered his health and never looked better. He said he never felt better and never viewed the future with more optimism than at a moment when he will have to lead his party in the House against a Republican majority of 128 or 130. He said the defeat for re-election of Champ Clark had not brought the minority leadership to him at this time out a protest, that will defeat the party that does it? Do you think the people who have given their sons as cannon fodder to the war will in addition bear the minority tax burdens of that war while men who reaped billions out of that war and staid at home will that Mr. Clark have the honor.

Toledo, Nov. 5.—The Willis-Overland automobile plant, employing around fifteen thousand closed for an inventory and will remain closed an indefinite period.

The Hague, Nov. 5.—The possibility of Holland becoming Republican provided recommendations submitted by the constitutional revision commission, unless the eleventh year Old Princess Juliana weds a suitable husband and gives birth to a son.

### COTTON MARKET

December	19.65
January	19.28
March	19.25
May	19.22
July	19.17

### LOCAL MARKET

Cotton	19 cents.
Cotton seed	48 cents.

# FOOTBALL

## WAKE FOREST COLLEGE — VARSITY —

—VS.—

### NAVAL AIR STATION

## At Scotland Neck, November 11th

Tickets On Sale At E. T. Whitehead Co.