

### Uncle Sam No Match For Foreign Diplomats, Says Correspondent

Extracts from a letter written to Newton L. Hall, of the Hall Metal Products, from a friend who is travelling on business in Europe, explode the popular conception of conditions in the old countries and give new light on the attitude of foreign residents towards the United States.

Far from displaying appreciation of Uncle Sam's disposition to aid in re-establishing normal conditions in Europe, the citizens there seem to have the idea that it is no more than their due, and according to Mr. Hall's correspondent are out for all they can get from this source.

His letter, which is an illuminating sidelight on foreign conditions, is printed herewith:

Enroute Berlin to Dresden April 19, 1932.

Your letter of April 5th is just at hand. I have already made inquiry for you thru the Deutsche Bank where I have an old account. Incidentally a fund of \$10,000 has shrunk to less than \$700 and I was able to only extract about half of that amount. It was necessary to use several checks before the Disenkomissar would permit the bank to pay me some \$300 in marks. The condition here is precarious, but it is self-inflicted.

All Europe is crooked. There is just one thing everyone here thinks about and that is to let the rich Americans pay the war debts. The various governments are aiding and abetting the citizens to be poor and prostitute the situation so as to avoid payments of foreign obligations. What we did for them during the war is rankly unappreciated. It was our divine duty to them.

One student of international politics aptly described the picture. "Our European politicians are much smarter and more adroit than your American statesmen. We have gone around your representatives just as a cooper goes around a barrel, and you will not know that you are on the inside of the barrel until we shortly slip in the bung."

That statement succinctly sums up the lay opinion of all Europeans. This maudlin sentiment about France and the rest in behalf of the debts they owe us is damnable and ridiculous. Most of our ambassadors and consuls are simply rubber stamp officials who have practically no initiative. Displaying the same intelligence in an average business pursuit as they do in foreign service they would draw not more than \$14 per week. I know this from experience with them when I needed help.

England is going to lose India. The average young Englishman can't even blow his own nose by himself. They have retrograded to a place where they must soon step out of the world's procession. They have thrived on the ignorance of their colonial constituents. But this is all changing rapidly. There is taking the sixty million untouchables in India and teaching them that they are of the same flesh and blood as other men and not dogs or beasts. When these untouchables awaken it is goodbye British. Similarly, in South Africa is England making the same mistake. South Africa has kept to a gold standard just to tempt the world the lack of sympathy for Great Britain. Australia is close behind.

While America is jolting with France about payment of war debts France is spending millions upon her international military harem. These soldiers from Indo-China, Morocco, Singale, Jugo Slavia, Czechoslovakia and other protectorate of France will finally be so well trained that they will want something to do and it will be done against France. It has always been that way.

In Vienna we found the best dressed people of all Europe while the state treasury is flat. What a paradox and how self-evident of what Germany is doing with her pump card to defy France from getting blood out of a national "turnip." The war didn't settle a damned thing. Germany found the shoes Mars provided were too tight and when she was forced to cast them aside France picked them up and now has them on. They are getting tighter every day but France is miserably provincial and ignorantly proud of her imaginary position.

Not many Americans can see beyond their noses when they get over here. They are ballyhooed

### Smith Market Gets Favorable Comment By Health Officer

District Sanitary Inspector G. O. Isaacs commented very favorably on the high quality of products sold by Smith's Market, 1639 Cabrillo avenue, following an inspection of the premises recently. The report, which was signed by Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer; Dr. H. C. Smiley, district health officer; as well as by Sanitary Inspector Isaacs, reads as follows:

"I have inspected the business location of Mr. A. C. Smith since he has been in business in Torrance and have always found that he stocked the best quality of meats and other products, and at all times found his premises in a very sanitary condition."

### Mortgage Co. Takes Action to Help Owners

ity to take care of the payments of the mortgage indebtedness on same, and

WHEREAS, there has been a considerable public demand that some sort of a moratorium waiving principal and interest payments on mortgage indebtedness on small homes be declared, and

WHEREAS, action of this kind, desirable as it might be, is absolutely impossible on the part of any City, County or State legislative body, and

WHEREAS, a measure of relief along this line would be highly desirable on the part of the large mortgage companies operating within this territory, and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Guaranty Company did yesterday, by action of its Board of Directors, provide for temporary deference of the maturity dates of principal payments for a period of 18 months, and

WHEREAS, this action on their part will be the means through

A resolution presented by Councilman A. E. Henning of this district, commending the Mortgage Guaranty Company for its action in coming to the aid of distressed property owners, by declaring a temporary moratorium on principal payments, was adopted May 6 by the Los Angeles city council. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, many small home owners have been forced to lose their homes through their inability

### Sales of Grocery Company Decrease

Sales of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for the four week period ending April 30th were \$72,368,664. This compares with \$85,026,365 for the same period in 1931, and is a decrease of \$12,657,701, or 14.89%.

April sales, expressed in tons, were estimated as 422,714 this year, compared with 456,704 in April 1931. This is a decrease in quantity of merchandise sold of 33,990 tons, or 7.44%.

Average weekly sales in April were \$18,092,166, compared with \$21,256,591 in 1931, a decrease of \$3,164,425. Average weekly tonnage sales were 105,675, compared with 114,176 in April 1931, a decrease of 8,498.

### TOBACCO PLUG FOR MUSEUM

DANVILLE, Va.—(U.P.)—A plug of chewing tobacco made in Pittsylvania County 75 years ago will be preserved as a relic in the National Museum at Washington. The tobacco was grown with slave labor and was in storage when the Civil War began.

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and carried from one ecstasy to another about art, antiques and whatnots, paying the old, old price all suckers pay. It has cost us much more to travel over here than it does at home. Most commodities in the retail stores are higher than they are in California and a close analysis will generally reveal no advantage of purchasing here at retail. Wholesale is different, if you know the modus operandi.

International tariffs are working havoc with the small countries and in many places they are returning to bartering without the use of money.

Tell your American friends that every dollar we knock off on the European debts will have to be paid by Americans; that every reduction makes another war more inevitable, and, finally, and worst of all, it will retard American industry that much more because of the burden we will transfer upon it. Charity should start at home.

The British are still two years behind on prices. They argue that there has not been a panic, and the trouble is almost imaginary.

### Light Wine Fight



The California Vineyardists' Association, a \$300,000,000 organization headed by Donald D. Conn, above, managing director, has gone on record demanding alteration of the prohibition laws to permit sale of light wines. "Unless this is done the grape industry will perish," Conn said in a statement to United Press. As the vineyardists' spokesman, he charged the government had betrayed the grape growers by blocking the grape concentrate outlet for the grape surplus.

### Aged Resident Dies at Lomita

John Langfitt, aged 79, passed away Saturday, May 7, at his home at 1117 1/2 Eshehman avenue, Lomita. He was born in Indiana and had lived in Lomita for the past 10 years, making his home recently with his niece, Mrs. Sarah Isabel Shehart. The remains will be taken to Mr. Langfitt's former home in Iowa for burial. The funeral party will leave for the east Friday morning.

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