d Wait Till Nations Have Reached Agreement, Henry Baring Hodge Says

WAS U. S. SECRETARY

The United States Government ought m day out of the present confusing in Europe until the nations have reached some definite for agreement, according to Henry Brief Hodge, who has just returned to Paris, where he was general secretary to the unofficial American delestion at the reparations conference.

The delegation, although not an official roting or acting part of the conference, was nevertheless appealed to in many cases for an impartial decision in various discussions.

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Mr. Hodge, who is a member of the
Philadelphia Bar, by virtue of his position was able to see the inside workings of the great mass of mistrust and inthe entire European situation.

Calls Situation Serious

The whole situation is very, very sists," said Mr. Hodge, in an interview at the Racquet Club. "Unless sasthing is done to prevent Germany has going down the drain, the whole world is lishle to be drawn into the sizetion. We are living here in an are of false prosperity. It is merely a present of all the reserve. It is absolutely abnormal and is not really the indication of good times.

"When that resumption of buying cause and plenty is on hand we will have to look to Europe for a market. Germany today is a huge plant, unmedied and without productivity. She needs raw materials and foodstuffs, and wottain them must have some basis for ineign exchange. As a market for our products she is negligible, for she has money. Unless something is done for her by next March, she will be in the throse of starvation, for much of the food is imported. Calls Situation Serious

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"People today in Germany are getting rid of their money as far as cash is concerned. They are converting it into foreign securities or goods and chattels, anything that has tangible value rather than the fluctuating quality of the paper scrip.

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"The economic situation is dependent on the political situation. The United States is and should be deeply concerned with the economic future, but as long as the political situation is a upset she should remain far away from the scene.

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"Everything today seems to depend
at the co-operation of England and
France. Premier Bonar Law. of Great
Britain, is the dominating figure of the
situation. Premier Poincare, of France,
is narrow and has not the breadth of
vision. It is up to these two to settie
the question. This Nation should never
enter into any political entanglements
is Europe, but should be interested in
its financial and economic rehabilitation.

"The United States as a Government embot make any more loans to foreign ations, but it can encourage private loss and credits if such credit is insured and guaranteed in proper way by the nations whose peoples receive them. The nations of Europe look to us for sid, but they lay down no plan but the casellation of the debts. Such action would be absurd until they were any macellation of the debts. Such action would be absurd until they make up their own balances and see where they

The French say they are offended by sur stand. They have in some cases likeled us to a man who saved a friend when he was attacked by footpads and then left him to lie wounded in the street. They think we should now take definite action, but with the vagueness that is evident in all the present muddle they cannot and do not say what this definite action may be."

CAUGHT BY "COP" IN AIR

Bed Luck Raine Upon California Speeder

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—Bad luck literally rained on Don-fale Bifore yesterday when a "John Doe" summons charging him with speeding fell in front of his automo-ble on a highway near here. Looking up, he saw an airplane circling about. It developed that Robert Byers, traf-fc efficer, was "taking the air" with an aviator friend when he saw Bifore meeting. Fulling a summone from his speeding. Pulling a summons from his pecket, Byers had the airplane swoop dewn and dropped the paper in front of the automobile. Biflore stopped and picked it up.

EMERSON CLUB ENTERTAINS

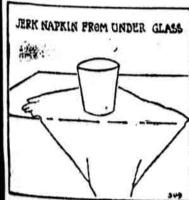
leng and Story Made Up Interesting Program for Gueste

In observation of "guest day," mem-bers of the Emerson Club entertained forty of their friends at tea yesterday at the Plastic Club, 247 South Camac

street.
A story entitled "Silly Ass," by Barnes, was rend by Mrs. Jease H. Holmes, and was followed by a musical program featuring Miss Almeda Lahman, soloist, and Dorothy Goodwin, directed by Mrs. Arthur Sellers. Mrs. Robert L. Coates was hostess.

\$100,000 Fire in Pittsburgh Pittaburgh, Pa., Dec. 20 .- (By A. Several families were driven from r homes today when fire destroyed four-story building here. Five ad-lining buildings were damaged. The was estimated at \$100,000.

After-Dinner Tricks



, 849—The Napkin and the Tumble A tumbler is set on a napkin, which has been spread on the table. The performer states that he can remove the hapkin without disturbing the tumbler. The trick is done very nestly, and appears to be a difficult feat of jugglery. Take the edge of the napkin and give it a swift jerk. It will be swept right out from under the tumbler without disturbing the latter in the least. With a little practice, a decanter can be lead instead of the tumbler, the decanter being placed upside down upon the least. HERE AND THERE HOME NEEDS

Just a few more days and Christmas, the day that closes the last chapter of another year, when in our hearts is the true spirit of the season, peace on earth and good will toward all mankind. Gift shopping finished, and thought turns to preparation for feating, and the ever-groaning table of delicacies and over indulgence this day permits.

Custom and even Merrie Eng-Demands! land sends a leg-end for old English plum pudding, fruit cake or mince ple for Christmas day serving, else bad luck and frightful woes follow us throughout the week eise bad luck and frightful woes follow us throughout the year! So this day we use the frugal Scotch imported food. Cox Gela-Une for delicious salad or the extra sweet, but for the courageous who would deviate to a simplier and lighter pudding, I still suggest the helpful cook book sent upon request by Cox Gelatine Co., 546 Greenwich St., New York, or your food shop.

Christmas
Fruit Cake!

It is permissible to enthuse over the really delegable in

really delectable in really delectable in fruit cake.

Freihofer's Special Xmas Fruit cake was made for you a year ago—twelve months mellowing—browned perfectly, a climamon-colored cake, richly filled with all the yuletide fruits and, for a fruit cake, light in digestion.

As a "last-minute" gift this cake suggests itself, coming in an artistic dull blue and old gold metal box and for the clever woman planning the decorative table, snow icing and the use of holly and berries to carry out the Xmas spirit, this cake lends itself admirably. All food shops.

Every Little (hester Gump behavior X mas Eve, waiting for the portly benefactor who makes his yearly call so silently. To refresh him for his continuous allnight journey, do have in readiness a healthful beverage he will like, a man's beverage—Ginger Ale—made from Hires' Household Extract. It contains such healthful ingredients, and when made in your own home, a distinctly mellow, cheery cup of purity and freshness that make it a bit different from the ordinary ginger ale.

A Mineral from the mountains
Water of Italy—a healthbuilding water containing phosphorus and iron to be
taken at meal time.
It carries medical endorsement,
Write Mediatory Co., 412 W.
Broadway, New York, for information of this product.

Riddle Day Christmas is the of the Year day of fairy castle dreams, sweet beautiful illusions so real to every kiddle when every little hero and heroine of Mother Goose's family is to them as real and living as

is to them as real and living as Santa Claus.

A holiday suggestion, one useful is—Kiddle Soap—a pure white soap in very small cakes—three—in dainty Mother Goose boxes with Mother Goose children in gay colors, harmless, non-washable and a book of Mother Goose rhymes. The unique, artistic gift and one that will teach grubby little hands to love to wash. Call Camden 960 for Kiddle Soap.

Hour and thoughtful consideration used in selection of the appropriate for your holiday giving; careful wrapping in artistic true festive spirit enhances. Eleventh-hour true festive series and inserts. wrapping in artistic true restrict the spirit enhances. Eleventh-hour needs in Xmas seals, card inserts, tinsel, wrappings or calendars—every sort—in delightful new ideas; books, juvenile or fiction—the Baptist Book Shop, 1701 Chestnut St.

Forme Another unusual sale being held at the Plaza Art Rooms, 59th St. at 5th Ave., New York, Today at 2 o'clock an auction of Art Home Furnishings of Mrs. James A. Deering and other

consignors.

Also jewelry—modern settings in platinum; bracelets and solitaires—blue whits stones. This offers opportunity for jewelry selection for the season giving at less than Fifth Ave. prices.

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To offset a delicious, green or fruit salad will certainly demand its rightful appearance appetiging with an appropriate appetising dressing—select mayonnaise, Mrs. Harting's, because of its light delicate and deliciously sweet and

The Oift combining beauty with the practical and looking ahead into balmy nights when its use will be appreciated, or perhaps even now an indoor room that affords space for the New Englander divan. The effect of harmony of colors, of arrangement, of contacts is instinctive and you will shower grateful feelings upon the room possessing this divan, when exhausted, even to its maker for its special features, adjustable footrest, adjustable back, convenient removable upholstery and balance.

In varied colored fabrics har-monisingly easy to look upon the Englander divan found in all bet-ter furniture department.

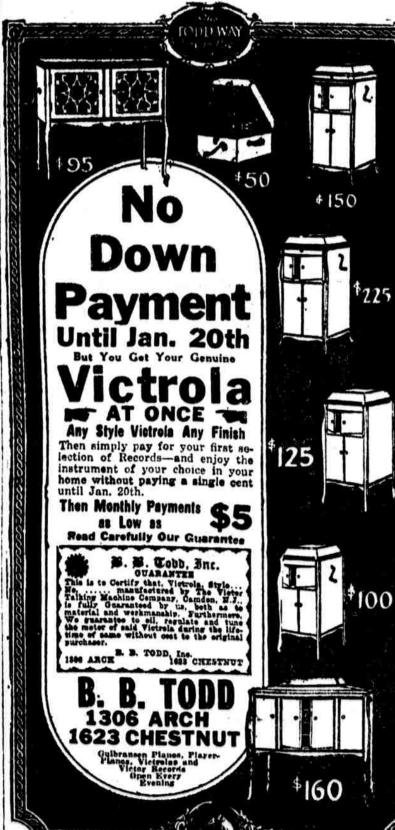
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Christmas Dinner

Grapefruit-with Cherries Celery with Roquefort Olives Saited Nuts Potatoe Stuffing Current Jelly-Mrs. Harting's Roast Goose Candled Sweet Potatoes . . . Cauliflower Stuffed Tomato Salad-Cox Gelatine

Serve with Mrs. Harting's Mayonnaise

Special Xmas Fruit Cake Freihofer Frozen Plum Pudding-Cox Gelatine Toasted Crackers Camembert Ginger Ale-Hire's Household Extract



Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

Is Sharing Heaps of Gleeful Christmas Secrets—and Still There Are Thousands of Fresh Gifts at \$5 and Less

If furs are on her hope list why not a fox animal scarf from the Down Stairs Fur Shop?

Warmth that's stored away in these deliciously soft animal scarfs is typical of the Christmas gift spirit. Women young and old will love their silky comfort and becoming fluffy lines. New fox scarfs just unpacked to help belated shoppers are in taupe, black or brown and are priced \$20 to \$50.

One and Two Skin Animal Scarfs, \$5 to \$60 Japanese marten scarfs.\$25

Stone marten scarfs, \$40 and \$45 (Down Stairs Store, Fur Shop. Market)

Children's Furs \$1.75 to \$22.50

Wee fur scarfs and muffs for the tiny girl just out of baby-hood-larger but equally pretty fur sets for children up to twelve years old. No doubt about their being liked by any lucky new owner. All the furs are truly named and carefully made to give real service.

There are sets of white and natural coney, opossum, squirrel and nutria. Separate muffs are \$1 to \$10, according to size and kind of fur. Real ermine sets

are \$55. (Down Stairs Store, Far Shop, Market)

Silk Slippers \$1.75, \$2.75



A gift that will surely please her, particularly if she has or is going to receive a Japanese kimono to complete the picture. Made of pink, blue and royal purple silk with hand-embroidered birds and flowers in nat-uralistic colors. Flat stitched (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Tiny Shoes

Soft little square-toed shoes to fit baby feet, even before said deet have learned to toddle, per-haps. Lace and button styles in black kid, tan kid and buckskin; some are in combination color

Sizes 2 to 5 with smooth soles, \$2 to \$2.50. Sizes 4 to 8 with wedge heels,

\$2.25 to \$8.25. (Down Stairs Store, Chestnut)

Flannelet Nightgowns \$1.50

Soft white flannelet with the yokes hand-embroidered in color or trimmed with colored silk ribbon. Striped flannelet gowns in pink or blue, have collars and are braided. All regular sizes for women. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Women's Fancy Gloves \$1.25 to \$1.50

\$1.25 for strap-wrist chamoislisle gloves with 5-inch flaring cuffs. A perforated band is lined with harmonizing darker color in effective style. Half pique sewn. Squirrel, covert and walnut. \$1.50 for 12-button length chamois-lisle gloves in the same colors and with 2 perforated

bands.
(Down Stairs Store, Central)



Quilted Silk Sacques for Baby, \$2.50, \$3

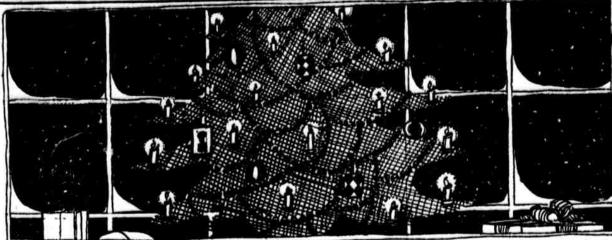
From far-away Japan come these exquisite little sacques made of flowered white silk and lined with pink or blue. They are hand-quilted to a state of cozy fluffiness and fasten with soft tasseled cords. Daintiest gifts imaginable.

Other Gifts for Baby 25c to \$6.50

Knitted bootees, 25c to 85c. Soft white dresses, 60c to \$1. Bonnets of silk, 65c to \$1.25. Blankets with nursery figures, \$1 and \$1.25. Crepe de chine bootees, \$1 and

Buntings of blanket cloth, eiderdown or quilted Japanese silk, \$2.50 to \$6.50, according to Pink or blue silk quilts, \$2.65. (Down Stairs Store. Central)

Watch chains, \$1 to \$4. Penknives, \$1 to \$2.50. Belt buckles, \$1.25.



Sale of Men's Clocked Part-Wool Half Hose, 35c Pair; 3 Pair for \$1

Surprisingly good-looking half hose for this unusually low price! They are seconds, of course, but very good ones, and quite the nicest half hose we've seen at this price. Firsts of the same quality would sell for at least double.

They are in the brown and green heather mixtures that men like and their contrasting silk clocks are particularly "dressy." Sizes 91/2 to 111/2.

(Down Stairs Store for Men, on the Gallery, Market)

Women's Mercerized Cotton Stockings 35c Pair; 3 Pair for \$1

Women find these firmly woven mercerized cotton stockings decidedly practical for general everyday wear. They have specially shaped backs to insure a comfortably trim fit, and the tiny flaws that make them seconds have been carefully mended. Sizes 81/2 to 10 in black or brown.

(Down Stairs Store, Central)

Men's Capeskin Gloves Specially Priced \$2

Exceptionally soft, beautifully finished capeskin gloves just unpacked. Kinds one would expect to be at least a third higher in price because of their fine appearance. Outseam sewn and with two-tone embroidered backs. Tan and brown in regular sizes, as well as "cadet" sizes for men who need short fingered gloves.

Women's Arabian Mocha Gloves, \$2 Pair

(Down Stairs Store, Central Atale)

Boxed upon request.

Exceptional quality! Heavy, smooth, velvety-soft gloves of pliable mocha, outseam sewn and with spearpoint stitched backs. Gray and beaver. Also gray ones with black embroidered backs. A special lot arrived just in time for Christmas gift selection!

\$5 Blankets Are Pleasantly Woolly

New ones every day in the Down Stairs Bedding Store! White blankets plaided in rose, gray, blue or orchid are 66x80 inches. Plain white blankets with pink or blue borders are 66x80 inches. Silver gray blankets with pink or blue borders are 60x80 and 72x84 inches. All are cotton with a small percentage of wool-warm, yet easy to launder. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

A Bathrobe Is One of the Nicest \$5 Gifts You Can Choose for Her

These new blanket cloth ones are specially nice, for they are bound at collar and cuff with wide bands of satin ribbon, and the buttons are covered with satin. Colors are as light or dark as one prefers, used effectively in floral or conventional patterns.

Embroidery-Trimmed Gowns and Envelope Chemises, \$1-Lace-Trimmed Gowns and Envelope Chemises, \$1.50 Soft pretty white underclothes that women will approve for their nice quality and

careful making. Nightgowns in round, square and V-neck styles with short sleeves. \$1 chemises are in built-up shoulder style; \$1.50 ones have built-up shoulders or straps. All are new and exceptional at these prices.

Women's Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, 25c to 75c

No matter how many she has, a woman never has more than she likes of prettily embroidered good linen handkerchiefs, and these in the Down Stairs Store are the nicest to be had anywhere at the prices, or so people tell us. Initialed or embroidered white linen handkerchiefs with hemstitched hems are 25c. Hand-embroidered handkerchiefs with hemstitched borders are 50c. Especially fine handkerchiefs hand embroidered in white or colors are 75c. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Say "Merry Christmas" With Gift Linens Any friend with her own home is pretty sure to like a bit of embroidered linen.

Indeed, she will probably appreciate it more than almost anything else, and linen is a gift which always reflects flatteringly upon the sender.

3-Piece Buffet Sets, \$2.25

Pure linen sets, including a large oval and two smaller round centerpieces. Finished with nicely done blue-edged scalloping. 24-Inch Madeira Linen Centerpieces. \$2.50

Pure linen and hand embroidered in elaborate solid and eyelet patterns, hand scalloped. 18-inch size is \$2. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Now Here's a Happy Thought!

A whole catalogue of ideas of what to give him or her, gleaned from the Down Stairs Store Luggage, Leather Goods and Jewelry Sections. A gift list replete with happy suggestions, with something within reach of every purse and all the prices quite moderate.

Luggage and Hand Bags for Women

Fabric overnight cases, \$3.50

Leather overnight cases, \$9.50 to \$35. Leather traveling bags, \$9.50 to \$15.

Leather purses, 25c to \$1.50. Leather hand bags, \$1 to \$10. Leather vanity boxes, \$5 to \$8. Velvet hand bags, \$3 to \$8. Silk hand bags, \$3 and \$5.

Jewelry Novelties for Men Cuff links, 35c to \$2.

Leather Goods for Men Leather traveling bags, \$4.75 Leather suit cases, \$10.75 to

Leather brief cases, \$5 to \$10. Leather purses, 50c to \$1.25. Leather wallets, \$1.75 to \$5. Leather collar bags, \$1.50 to \$4.50. (Down Stairs Store, Contral)

Jewelry Novelties for Women

Necklaces, 50c to \$10. Bar pins, 50c to \$5. Bracelets, 50c to \$3.50. Powder boxes, \$1.50 to \$3. Mounted combs, \$1 to \$5. Cordelieres, \$1 to \$5.

Men's

is a bit difficult to please. He's a man and he wants a man's gifts. That's the reason why Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store for Men, on the Gallery, is such a fine place to get the things he really wants. For everything in this moderately priced men's store is carefully selected by expert Wanamaker men who know what Philadelphia men

The shirts are plenty big and well made-not skimped.

The ties are rich looking weaves and right colors and patterns for any man's tastes. The wool scarfs are the correct widths and lengths and

shades. The bathrobes are big, warm, luxurious looking lounging affairs that any man will like to

see on his gift pile. Fresh neckties' specially priced 35c, 50c, 65c, \$1.

Neglige shirts specialized at \$1.50 to \$4. Wool mufflers specialized at \$1,

New bath robes specialized at \$5 to \$10. Raincoats specialized at \$5 to

Leather belts, 50c to \$1. Suspender and garter sets, \$1 Suspender and \$1.50.

and \$1.50.

(Men's Down Stairs Stere on the Gallery, Market, just inside the Subway Door.)

New Rugs

Many Husbands and Wives Combine Forces to Give the

House a New Rug at Christman Standard quality rugs here in room sizes are in carefully chosen patterns and well-considered colorings. They will give good long service and the prices are pleasantly moderate.

Reversible Wool Chenille Rugs 6x9 ft. rugs, \$20. 9x12 ft. rugs, \$37.50. Seamless Velvet Rugs 8.3x10.6 ft. rugs, \$35. 9x12 ft. rugs, \$37.50.

Axminster Rugs 6x9 ft. rugs, \$22.75. 9x12 ft. rugs, \$39. Wilton Rugs 6x9 ft. rugs, \$46. 8.8x10.6 ft. rugs, \$70. 9x12 ft. rugs, \$73.50. (Down Stairs Stere, Chestant)

Man-Size Turkish

Towels, 50c, 75c Big thick rough spongy ones that men will certainly like to get for Christmas. Sorts they will use and enjoy tremendously. Huge white ones more than a yard and a half long are 75c. White ones with red-striped ends or red-striped borders all 'round, about a yard and a quarter long,

Other big spongy ones, all white, white with Jacquard figured borders in colored plaids or striped across the end with a thread of artificial silk and a plain colored hem to make them gifty, are all 50c each. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Velour **Portieres**

Many daughters are buying them for mothers who have been wishing for just such cozy Win-ter household hangings. Well-made two-faced portieres in-clude a varied assortment of two-tone color combinations and some are the same on both sides. They are thick-napped, soft, and have French edges and bound

28-inch\$14.50 36 and 45 inch\$19.50

Girls' Gingham

Dresses, \$1.50 to \$2 Any girl will like them for their graceful lines and touches of pretty trimming. There are three styles, one in plain blue chambray with contrasting pipings and blg white button trimming; two styles are of checked gingham embroidery trimmed. Sizes 7 to 12 years.
(Down Stairs Store, Market)

Dainty Corsages 25c to \$1

Bits of loveliness that a woman is not apt to purchase for herself and so appreciates the more as gifts. Tiny ones for fur or coat, larger ones for afternoon frocks. Both flowers and clus-tered fruit in a flashing array of lovely shades. (Down Stairs Store, Control)