

KAISER BLESSES BREWERS IN U.S. SAYS HOBSON

America Must Be Sober to Win War, Says Ex-Naval Commander

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, former naval officer, Congressman and speaker, was the principal speaker at a big patriotic mass meeting held here last night in the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church. In an address charged with a dynamic force that thrilled and inspired his hearers, Captain Hobson made a passionate plea for the young men of the nation. He urged that his listeners write letters to the President, the Secretary of War and their Congressmen, asking that all measures be taken to protect their boys from the war and crime. He showed statistics and figures, proving that alcohol was a greater destroyer than war.

Captain Hobson was introduced by Bishop James H. Darlington, who guided his work of "bottling up" Germany's fleet during the Spanish-American War.

"The greatest hour of America's national life has arrived," affirmed Captain Hobson. "It is a tragedy that we are found unprepared, but we have never suffered defeat, and destiny is always hovering over this nation. The time is now ripe in the world's history for nations to live as neighbors and working together in brotherly love. Humanity, in this hour of peril, has called to America, and America has answered."

Must Win War

"We resolve that at any cost, the war must be won. This means we must concentrate every resource to the winning of the war. To-day there is no North and no South; we are all Americans."

"We are asked to save a loaf of bread each week. If every family were to save a loaf a week, it would mean 2,000,000 loaves of bread. If every family were to save a loaf a week, it would mean 6,000,000 loaves of bread per day. There is no use in making the war safe for democracy if we allow it to degenerate."

"The speaker, and in eloquent language he painted a picture of the soldier and his temptations."

"I'm not afraid of Germany," Captain Hobson continued, "but I am afraid of the apathy and indifference of our people." He urged that every American man and child join the Red Cross Society and wear the little button as an emblem of peace.

"The greatest problem of all ages is to take the millions of degenerate from the neck of humanity. America must be sober to win the war. The destiny of the world hinges on whether we make the world sober or not." The speaker showed that the Germans were behind the brewers. The brewers have the Kaiser's full backing," he shouted.

Following the address, Dr. Silas Swallow offered a resolution to the President, asking a "bone dry" prohibition. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the audience of more than a thousand people.

U. S. FINANCIAL SUPREMACY TO BE PERMANENT

America's Ascendancy to a Proud Place in the Money World Should Continue

Washington, Dec. 21.—America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. "It is probable that the demand by European countries," the report says, "especially Russia, France and Belgium, for building material, machinery, railway equipment and other construction and reconstruction material will be larger than during the war. Much of our new business in South and Central America, Australia and the Far East, as well as in Africa, is expected to be permanent, especially in view of our increased purchases of raw materials and foodstuffs from these countries."

Since 1914 the flow of gold has been steadily toward the United States in payment for this country's goods, until one-third of the world's visible supply of gold is held here. Net imports of gold have amounted in three years to \$1,115,000,000, and in addition millions of dollars worth of American securities held abroad have been returned here in exchange for merchandise. Millions also have been invested in foreign securities and government loans and the United States has made loans to the allied governments amounting to \$2,250,000,000 to the close of the fiscal year 1917.

"Three years ago the suggestion that the United States would soon be a creditor nation received scant respect either here or abroad," the report says. "Now speculation is turning on our future rank among creditor nations."

Nation's Greatest Year

The fiscal year 1917 was the nation's greatest year in foreign trade, the amount of exports and imports being not to larger quantities.

"That higher prices are not confined to the United States, but are general throughout the world is proved by the general increase in the prices of imported articles," says the report.

Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$5,294,000,000 and imports were \$2,660,000,000. The exports showed an interesting feature in the growth of sales of completed manufactures, \$2,844,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and decrease purchases of finished manufactures made a striking contrast on the other side of the ledger.

"There has been a pronounced tendency," says the report, "to buy direct from the original source of supply instead of through middlemen as heretofore."

Most Exports to Europe

Most of the exports went to Europe, consisting in the main of army supplies and foodstuffs, but tremendous increases were made in commerce with Latin America, the Far East and remote parts of the world which formerly were customers of European countries. It is this new trade which the bureau is organizing to all American manufacturers to retain after the war, and which Burwell S. Cutler, chief of the bureau, says can be done despite the United States becoming a belligerent, adding:

"It is certainly expected that our trade with South America, the Far East, South Africa and with Australia will not be too seriously interfered with and that we may reap in the future the benefits of having cultivated these markets so assiduously and intelligently during the past few years."

Exports to North American countries increased from \$529,000,000 in 1914 to \$1,164,000,000 in 1917, a gain of 120 per cent. Shipments to South America more than doubled, rising from \$125,000,000 to 250,000,000. Exports to Asia increased more than threefold, from \$113,000,000 to 350,000,000. Sales to Oceania rose from \$84,000,000 to \$111,000,000, and to Africa from \$28,000,000 to \$53,000,000.

An interesting fact recorded in the

report is that war has not stimulated exports of raw materials, which are needed at home and which it is difficult to ship owing to the war, although exports of cotton showed a recovery to \$543,000,000 after the depression in the market during the first two years of the war.

Europe Second Place

For the first time in the history of the United States, Europe took second place in selling goods to the United States. Imports of \$766,000,000 from North America during the fiscal year 1917 were greater by \$156,000,000 than the imports from Europe. The increase in purchases

from North American countries was due largely to the greater value of sugar purchased from Cuba. Imports from South America showed a gain of 100 per cent. over 1914.

In order to retain the advantages gained by aggressive business methods and honest dealings, the bureau is engaged in efforts to furnish reliable data on all commercial subjects and also to aid American commercial activity in every foreign field. The corps of special agents employed to investigate specialized lines in various countries has been doubled and now numbers twenty-six. Their activities have extended into South Af-

rica, New Zealand, Australia and Oriental countries. Much information has been gathered and assorted by the bureau for the benefit of American manufacturers. A separate division for handling Far Eastern affairs has been organized, to promote commerce with nations there as the Latin American division has stimulated trade with American republics.

Manchuria Situation Is Reported Grave

Tokio, Dec. 21.—Reports reaching

her. The Japanese consular authorities have protested to the Russian authorities, but with no effect.

City Eats 10,000 Lbs. of Horseflesh Weekly

New York City is now consuming 10,000 pounds of horseflesh a week, and thriving on it, according to a statement made yesterday by W. Horace Hoskins. He is dean of the New York University State Veterinary College, Twenty-sixth street and First avenue.

Dean Hoskins states five butcher shops in the metropolitan district have been doing a big business in horse meat. One deals in nothing else. The meat is sold under government inspection at fifteen cents a pound.

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Sound Sterling Retained as British Monetary Basis

London, Dec. 21.—Retention of the sound sterling as the monetary unit of its division into 1,000 parts or shillings has been agreed upon by the attitude of bankers, the Association of Chambers of Commerce and the Central Association. This would permit the retention of the existing gold and silver coins down to and including the six-penny piece, without any alteration in their respective values. For example, the sixpence is represented exactly by twenty-five mills. In regard to coins of lower denomination, it was unanimously agreed that they shall consist of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10-mill pieces, of which the latter two would be of nickel.

SNAIL USES FALSE TEETH

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 21.—While working in a garden, a snail was hauled a bucket of water out of her deep well and false teeth fell in. They were appropriated by an old and toothless snake which, though somewhat of a pet, has learned how to use the teeth and is knowing away a wall of the well, letting the water run away into the pond. Workmen are afraid to give it battle.

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