

PRESIDENT HOOVER CONVINCED THAT STARVING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN DURING WAR USELESS

Washington, Dec. 18—Back of Mr. Hoover is correct in his premises. Memories of the effect of the submarine blockade, and how near it came to bringing England to her knees are still too fresh. Britain thinks, it far more important to eliminate the submarine. In this, however, she has been blacked every time the proposal was made by other countries, France taking the lead most of the time in insisting on the submarine as a "defensive" weapon.

British officials admit that the British army never suffered for lack of food, and was in no real danger of suffering which proves at least part of Mr. Hoover's contention. They suggest, however, that if the submarine blockade had been started earlier in the war, with a force of undersea boats anything like comparable to the number operating later, that Britain might have been forced to yield.

Moreover, the British do believe that their blockade of Germany had much to do with crippling German strength. They know the German soldiers had plenty of food right up to the armistice, but they believe that the efforts of Germany to find substitutes for all sorts of things, successful as they may have been, nevertheless operated to prevent her bringing a greater force to bear on the battle front.

Mr. Hoover has all the human side of the argument, but he does not have the unanimous approval even of the United States Senate on his proposal. Some of the Foreign Relations Committee are shaking their heads and saying it is of no use to make war less terrible—that to soften the blow would merely prolong the agony in each case. Friends of the President believe, however, that the seed has been planted and that it will sprout and grow. Public sentiment, they believe, will eventually force governments of the great powers to make some such agreement as Mr. Hoover has suggested. If successful, they think it will go down in history as one of the great humanitarian movements of all time. If its critics are right, they insist, no particular harm will be done by trying it.

It is apparent here that Mr. Hoover has an uphill fight before him to accomplish this dream of eliminating starvation as a weapon in future wars. In private conversations members of the diplomatic corps hold out little hope that the big naval powers, exclusive of the United States will favor taking such a radical step. The British Government word from London indicates, does not agree that

BROADWAY HAS NO TIME FOR THE HAS BEEN; FRIENDS MANY AS LONG AS CASH IS PLENTIFUL

New York, Dec. 19—Brittle is the friendship of Broadway. It is a strictly purchasable commodity. Transactions of that nature are all spot cash. The spender has friends, associates, sycophants, yes-men and women, bodyguards and followers. At the first sign of failure of the fountain the entourage begins to drop away. The bank roll exhausted, he's as lonely as an Arctic explorer separated from his party. Broadway turns away without bothering to bite the hand that fed it. Sometimes, but not always, it speaks a brief epitaph. That epitaph is, "He was a good guy when he had it."

Not at all particular is Broadway from whence comes the dollars that it craves. Mere possession, together with an inclination to open the hand are sufficient. Currency carries no history of its past on its face or back. Even if it did, Broadway would not bother to read. It may even be blood stained but it passes just the same. The origin is immaterial. Two young bank employees are in a position to bear witness to that. They took thousands from the institution in which they worked. Broadway got it? They got nothing save the prospect of going to prison for long terms.

A Peculiarity
That is a peculiarity of Broadway. It takes everything and gives nothing. That is, it gives nothing save perhaps disillusionment and regrets. After all Broadway is only an illusion. Possibly delusion is the better word. The victim thinks he is having a good time,

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that he is living, that he has friends by the core. He also believes that he is making a lasting impression on Broadway. And Broadway with its brittle friendship, stifles a yawn and waits for the end which is bound to come.

More often than not, that end is complete obscurity. Those who have been worsted by Broadway, according to all reports, never come back. They are not even ghosts. Having vanished once, they vanish completely. They may return, but they are not seen. Broadway has no place for the has-been. It lives for the moment and that moment having passed, it cannot be recalled. Still, the end is not always so commonplace. There are times when it is more sinister. Rothstein was a familiar Broadway figure. So was Marlow.

It has been said often that the old time spenders have disappeared. There are imitations, however, who still strive to throw money about in a big way. But they don't click as they did in the past. Times have changed; money is more plentiful. What was once important money now is merely supper money. But the effect is just the same. If the spender goes broke, he is washed out completely. In this connection, I have in mind a young man who, for a week, blazed a vivid trail. Everybody knew him and everybody seemed to like him. One night after paying his check he didn't have taxi fare left—and he walked to his hotel.

Just another instance of the same sort though a bit more tragic. A young man taken into custody on a charge of embezzlement confessed that he had spent his stealings along Broadway. As but one charge had been made against him and his record having

XMAS BAKING IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Yes, Christmas is in reality only a matter of days away. The stores are showing wares which tempt the eye of every buyer, and holly, mistletoe and wreaths of evergreen are making their appearance.

Such tantalizing odors from the kitchen! As soon as you enter the house you realize that Christmas baking is in full swing. And there is so much extra baking for Christmas everyone who calls has to have a piece of special Christmas Fruit Cake especially between Christmas and the New Years when adage has it that a piece should be eaten from a different household for every month in the year to ensure happiness.

Why then make a small cake, which, when the season is over, is nearly done. The recipe which is given below make three-medium sized cakes. Or if you wish you may use half quantities, but this cake keeps so well in a cool place, rolled in oiled paper, that if you have a family, it seems to be a good recipe to always keep in mind.

The proportions are: 3 pounds butter, 2 pounds brown sugar, 5 pounds raisins, 1 pound shelled almonds, 3 pounds currants or dates, as desired, ½ pound lemon peel, ½ pound orange peel, ½ pound citron peel, 1 bottle vanilla, 1 bottle almond, 1 nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 teaspoons soda, ½ cup corn syrup, 1 cup sour cream, 1½ dozen eggs, 3 cups flour.

Cream butter, add sugar and cream together, and add eggs, one at a time, beating well and sift cup of flour over fruit and mix well. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Bake five hours in a moderate oven.

CANADIANS FACING MORE COMPETITION

Ottawa, Dec. 17—The hog industry of Canada must prepare to face increased competition from the lower Danube basin, due to the projected construction, by British interests, of packing plants in Bulgaria, with a direct line of steamships to western Europe and other alterations in that part of Europe.

In the markets of Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, the Adriatic ports and the Orient, wheat, wheat flour and lard from Canada are now competing with wheat, wheat flour, lard, pork and pork products from Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

The recent expansion of corn acreage in the south Danube states, the increased shipments of hogs, pork, pork products and lard up the Danube and the projected construction by British interests of plants in Bulgaria with a direct line of steamships to western Europe, centres attention upon the potential importance of the south Danube corn belt as a hog producing region. There is little question that the hog industry of Canada must prepare to face increased competition from the lower Danube basin.

NO CHECKERS IN PUBLIC

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 18—Playing checkers in public places has been forbidden by Mayor John E. Langdon in his campaign against gambling devices. "If we closed up all other games and let checkers stay," he said, "the pool rooms soon would be gambling on checkers."

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"Just imagine; my wife tells me she trusts me only as long as she has me in sight."

"What a pity that he should also be nearsighted."

been clear, his bail was set at only a thousand dollars. He smiled at that and immediately got in contact with his Broadway friends. That was quite some time ago and he still is in the Tombs.

Fame of any sort can purchase Broadway's friendship as readily as money. But that friendship bought in that manner is just as brittle. With the waning of fame, Broadway is through. Broadway wants only success and it wants that fresh. But money, new or old, is always good—so long as it lasts.

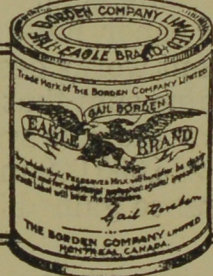


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