

RUMORS OF FINANCIAL RUIN IN EUROPE ARE UNJUSTIFIED

Persistent rumors that all Europe is on the verge of a financial collapse are not justified by the facts, a prominent American financial expert said in a statement recently.

Conditions were serious, he added, but not panicky, and would doubtless be relieved greatly when peace was signed and the embargoes lifted. He predicted that England would be stronger within a year than ever.

Great Britain, with a war debt of \$40,000,000,000, the financier added was in a situation comparing favorably with her debt and per capita wealth at the conclusion of the Napoleonic wars. The allies owe Great Britain between \$9,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000. The financier estimated that only about \$4,000,000,000 of the \$20,000,000,000 invested abroad by Englishmen before the war had been disposed of.

Discussing France, he said that the situation was unsatisfactory, because the government does not levy a heavy enough taxation, and consequently the moneyed classes have more money than ever before, while the government is nearly bankrupt.

If the taxation problem is faced fearlessly, he added, France's hardest time will be over within six months.

The courage of Italy in levying heavier taxes than France, he continued, had helped her, but the expansion of her present foreign credits, within six months the situation may become serious.

The financier declared that the condition of Belgium was not as bad as the Belgians imagined, because she has the industries and population which doubtless will restore manufacturing rapidly.

Knowledge.

The son of the family was home on his first vacation since he had attained to the dignity of college prefect. He and his father were discussing affairs of the day, and finally the boy remarked:

"Say Gov, I hope when I am as old as you are I'll know more than you do."

"I'll go you one better, my boy," the father replied. "I hope that when you are that old you will know as much as you think you do now."

Public Ownership.

Visitor (in public gardens, interested in botany)—Do you happen to know to what family that plant belongs?

Old Gardener—I happens to know it don't belong to no family. That plant belongs to the park.—Florida Times Union.

Would Do Their Best.

Uncle Sam Hodge came down from the Kentucky mountain with his yearly produce to market. His team of oxen was somewhat weary with a two-days' pull. But when Sam reached the city limits he was confronted with the sign: "Speed limit, fifteen miles an hour."

He pulled his whiskers a moment in silent meditation, and then drawled out to his oxen, "Well, I know darn well we'll never make it, but we'll do our doggone best."—Everybody's Magazine.

Wouldn't Ruin Himself.

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