

SIDELINES

By A. N. Schrieber

In last week's article, the author presented the premise that since England fears immediate European war caused by the impending economic crisis of Germany, she is attempting to get the United States to loan Germany a billion dollars. The economic crisis in Germany was discussed and is continued in this article.

BUT SINCE GERMANY can not pay cash or get credit she is forced to "barter". Thus in exchange for U. S. cotton Germany will send us quantities of finished goods. (Barbed wire, recently heavily exported by Germany to the U. S., is not on the exchange list. One wonders if that is being conserved for effective fencing in future front line trenches.)

In contrast to the rising price level the wage level is steadily decreasing. Last week the Frankfurter Zeitung published the following facts. A typical electrical engineer with a wife and child now earns approximately \$80 per month after government deductions are made. This represents the upper 10% of the population. An average worker representing the other 90% makes approximately \$29 per month with which to support himself and his family.

HOW LONG GERMANY can continue under present conditions to starve its population is problematical. But, if she were to go to war, food could be rationed as an emergency measure and protests could be called sabotage with the resulting firing squad. Germany spent \$7,000,000,000 for military and armament purposes last year instead of for food and thus her stomach is empty and her muscle is strong.

NOW ENGLAND understands the German situation: economic crisis and bristling militarism, and she fears the consequences. John Bull thus reasons that if Frau Germany can be given a loan to tide her over a financial crisis, war can be postponed sufficiently long to allow England to become properly prepared. John Bull wonders who shall be the kind and auspicious person to make the loan and immediately dear benevolent Uncle Sam is remembered. So, in the fall of 1936, John Bull sent Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, and Sir Otto Ernst Neimeyer, British financier, to the United States to discuss reciprocal trade agreements and neutrality status for the benefit of the press, and to sound out Uncle Sam's temperament and pocket book over private tea cups.

JOHN BULL'S DELEGATES returned with a rosy picture that must have been made with mirrors which eliminated the Johnson act that prevents loans to countries in default to the United States. Also, Uncle Sam's family, John Public, has no further uses for European "promises to pay". However this does not dismay John Bull. He is confident that Uncle Sam can be made to listen to reason, claiming that, if the loan is not made and war comes, Uncle Sam can not possibly stay neutral. That sounds lovely but Uncle Sam wonders why John Bull doesn't make the loan himself.

ENGLAND CANNOT make the loan because \$7,500,000,000 must be spent in the next five years to make Britain militaristically secure and to provide the proper moral effect to deter other arming nations. This program will average \$168.54 for every man, woman, and child in England. Thus since the United States is believed wealthy and prosperous, the attempt is being made to buy European peace with American dollars. British statesmen further believe that President Roosevelt can be persuaded to do a "Wilson act" because of his personal ambition to further world peace as evidenced by his attempt to draw the United States into the World Court during the early part of his first term, and his more recent efforts at New World peace alliances between the United States and Latin America.

EVEN IF THE absurd loan were completed it is questionable that the desired results can be obtained. The advance to Germany would actually

Invite Oldenburger to Address Seminar

Dr. Rufus Oldenburger was extended an invitation last week by Notre Dame University to take part in conducting a seminar on metric geometry. Professor Karl Menger, leading Austrian mathematician who was vice president of the 1936 International Mathematical Congress and recent appointee to the faculty of Notre Dame University, is in charge of the seminar.

Because of his international leadership in the field of higher dimensional matrices and determinants, Dr. Oldenburger was selected to address the seminar. Among those taking part in the seminar are Dr. Torrance of the Case School of Applied Science, Dr. Randels of Northwestern University, Professors Graves and Reid of the University of Chicago, and Professor Haas, theoretical physicist of Notre Dame University.

These men along with a group of younger mathematical instructors hold seminar meetings every two or three weeks at Notre Dame University for the purpose of discussing research in the fundamentals of geometry and developing the field by use of higher dimensional matrices and determinants. Results obtained at the seminar will be published in future issues of the mathematical journals.

permit her to further divert national funds for armaments and would ultimately draw the United States closer into the next war.

WHILE THE WHOLE idea of a U. S. loan to Germany is ludicrous at the present time, foreign diplomats

Dr. Shannon Speaks On February Heroes

Dr. Frederick F. Shannon, pastor of the Central Church, Orchestra Hall, spoke to the student body last Wednesday morning in an address commemorating America's three great presidents who are associated with the month of February: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Woodrow Wilson.

In an interesting manner, Dr. Shannon presented modern conceptions of the contributions of these three presidents, and departed from the consideration of these men as immortals. Wilson was brought out as fully the equal of Lincoln and Washington, and the speaker characterized Lincoln as a humanist, Washington as a realist, and Wilson as an idealist. It was emphasized that each person has to some degree the qualities of a humanist, realist, and idealist which only need awakening.

Dr. Hotchkiss presented the speaker to the audience and thanked him after the closing applause. Dr. Shannon succeeded Dr. Gunsaulus, former president of Armour Institute, as pastor of Central Church and has spoken on several occasions to Armour men.

have been known to perpetrate other fantastic schemes and the immediate future will probably be filled with political antics based on the four Marx brothers philosophy. Thank heavens for such fundamental Americans as Senators Borah and Johnson in our governmental organization who can be counted upon to resist such ideas to the last ditch.

Concert—

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number, only the back-stage shell was illuminated—with dimmed blue lights—thus silhouetting the singers vividly. This is only one example of the wonderful lighting effects that played throughout the evening with seemingly endless variations. R. Lischer, graduate student in the Architectural school of Armour, devised and directed these light combinations.

George Danforth, also an architectural student, is a young composer and pianist whose ability is worthy of considerable attention. He manipulated his fingers across the glistening keyboard throughout his intricate arrangements of George Gershwin's melodies with force, color, and decisiveness. . . . Danforth's arrangements included "Summer Time", sung by sixteen voices of the Glee Club. His encore: "In My Solitude," in George's own inimitable way—hardly conventional, but enjoyed fully.

Most important to your reviewer were the impromptu comments heard in the lobby during intermission and after the concert. It was evident that of all the Glee Club numbers, "Moonlight and Roses," an encore early in the program, was the hit of the evening. "Spirit Flower", by the double octette, ran a close second. All other pieces could easily be considered in the third division of popularity.

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Plan Interfraternity Dinner Dance in April

The Interfraternity Formal Dinner Dance date was changed from March 20 to April 17 by the Interfraternity Council last week at a meeting held at the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house.

Arrangements for the dance are being made by Oreste Tomei and the dance is tentatively planned to be held at the Belden-Stratford hotel. Bids will cost five dollars each and will be available to all fraternity men. Over seventy couples are expected to attend the dance.

Ray Bacci was elected by the Interfraternity Council as interfraternity athletic manager to assist the intramural manager in arranging fraternity athletic competition. A fraternity basketball tournament is in progress this week and a bowling tournament is planned for the near future.

Further comments revealed that the orchestra found two favorites when they played the lively "Espana" by Waldteufel and "Song of the Bayou" by Bloom. "Valse Bluette" by Drigo, was smoothly and carefully rendered.

The robust baritone trio—H. Bodnar, E. Skrzydlewski, and T. Yeakle—were at their best.

Camera Club Offers Photography Talks

E. P. Mehringer will inaugurate a series of bi-weekly photographic lectures, given under the auspices of the Camera Club, next Friday morning at 10:30, with a discussion of photographic fundamentals. These lectures will continue for the duration of the semester and will include instruction in the use of the camera and related topics. The speakers, with a few exceptions, will be the active members of the "Armour Eye".

At their last meeting on February 15, four chairmen were appointed: F. Harker to head the studio committee, I. Jahnke to lead the dark room committee, A. G. Barry as librarian, and R. F. Grunwald to guide the activities of the program committee. It was also decided at this gathering to increase the scope of the club to include associate as well as active members. The monthly fee for the former has been reduced to twenty-five cents.

Plans for a salon at open house night were formulated, and an invitation was extended to all Armour camera enthusiasts to exhibit their work on that evening.

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