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# STEEL-RINGED POLAND LAND OF FEAR AND ARMED FORCE; FRANCE'S MILITARY YES MAN

People Are Restless, With Potential Foes on  
Every Side; Need Big Army to Balk  
Invasion, Is Claim.

250,000 TROOPS READY TO MOVE

Mighty Chain of Forts Built Along Frontier;  
Viewed as Tyrant by German and  
Lithuanian Neighbors.

The following article is the fourth of a series by Richard D. McMillan, United Press staff writer, on "Why Doesn't Europe Disarm?"

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WARSAW, Jan. 19.—This is the capital of the land of fear and armed force.

I have walked through the streets and seen soldiers everywhere, not so many as in the time of the Soviet-Polish war twelve years ago, but the country today has more than a quarter of a million men under arms, and could put an army of 1,000,000, or more, in the field in a few weeks.

Along the frontiers are mighty chains of forts, built under supervision of French military engineers. Behind this ring of steel, behind the battalions of bristling bayonets, the Polish people are restless and fearful. On every side they have potential enemies—Germany, Lithuania, the mighty masses of Soviet Russia. Poland needs her arms and her army, she says, until her frontier neighbors can be subdued.

Poland is France's military "yes man." The Polish army is largely French trained, just as her bastions, as I have said, were built with France's financial and engineering aid.

The Poles are France's most powerful ally and, in the event of war, each would rush to the other's aid, as I have said, were built with France's financial and engineering aid.

Strong Alliance With France

The Franco-Polish pact of mutual assistance brought into being the strongest military alliance in Europe. As long as it exists, Poland will feel comparatively safe. If it were broken, if Versailles were revised, Poland would be prepared to fight for her life.

A wave of fear ran through the country when the Radicals and Socialists in France won the last elections.

"It then was whispered" a Polish statesman told me, "that M. Herriot, the French premier, would denounce the Polish alliance. It was a false alarm, happily for us."

Poland as Tyrant

Poland's mode of thinking in relation to disarmament is much the same as that of France. But Poland's geographic situation gives her a more potent argument for security than disarmament than France.

The 30,000,000 inhabitants of this Republic, recreated and enlarged under the peace treaties, believe they are the bulwark in Europe against Bolsheviks.

In the eyes of Germany and Lithuania, Poland is the tyrant of eastern Europe.

Under force of her arms, they accuse, Poland has increased her size far beyond the limits laid down by the allies.

Lithuania Is Bitter

Lithuania is particularly bitter against Poland because of the Polish filibustering expedition shortly after 1920 when Polish troops 15,000 strong seized the city of Vilna and some 60,000 square miles.

Poland says this belongs to her ethnographically; Lithuania puts forward the same argument in support of her claim. A liberal country in military strength, which did not become a nation until after the war, Lithuania appealed to the League of Nations.

But the dispute never has been settled.

The powder magazine in eastern Europe in the eyes of politicians is, however, not the Polish-Lithuanian frontier, but the Polish corridor.

The firm conviction in the hearts of every Pole is that Germany will not rest until she has wrested the "corridor" from Poland and thus re-unite East Prussia to Germany.

Germany says she wishes to do so by peaceful means, by revision of the Versailles treaty, but Poland maintains if her army were cut Germany would use force.

The Germans say that in ten years Poland will have 50,000,000 inhabitants and in twenty-five she will be mightier than Germany.

If the present situation is consolidated by allowing Poland to retain her might and territory she will become the dictatorial nation of central and eastern Europe.

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# SEATTLE SWAP PLAN SUCCEEDS

## Aggressive Jobless Group Works Out Its Own Relief

Back to Barter—No. 4



Not a cent changes hands . . . (1) The two women collect and launder clothes of members of the Houston, Tex., Unemployed Citizens' League . . . (2) When they return the finished work, they are given script certificates for the work done . . . (3) Then they exchange these certificates for food.

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WHEN 50,000 jobless men and women, willing to work and determined not to beg, take the offensive, against misery, something is very likely to happen.

It happened in Seattle, where an organization known as The Unemployed Citizens' League has probably the most aggressive movement of the unemployed in America.

Tired of asking help from others, these moneyless men and women are helping themselves—and getting a living by exchanging their labor directly for the necessities of life.

No organization of mere human dervishes, Seattle's Unemployed Citizens' League, is a wife-aware and up-to-the-minute concern.

Its membership includes jobless workmen, teachers, accountants, salesmen, truck drivers, lawyers, actors, doctors, carpenters, architects, seamstresses, cooks, and men and women of about every other occupation.

There are only two qualifications for admission: 1. You must be without a job. 2. You must be willing to work for yourself and for your fellow-members as well.

Suppose you lived in Seattle, were out of a job and joined this league of unemployed—

Regardless of whether you had formerly been a bank cashier or a day laborer, you would be credited for your work at 50 cents an hour—everybody gets the same.

You would do, under the direction of the leaders, the kind of work assigned. You would not be paid in money, but in goods and services.

If you needed food, clothes or shoes you would get them—food that jobless men earned by working for farmers, clothes that jobless tailors and seamstresses made or repaired in the league's shops; shoes that jobless cobblers made or repaired.

It is a crafty, if costly, scheme in his political plans. Kang-Hsi having established friendship with the khans, princes, chiefs, and tribes whose lands and powers stretched over many Mongolian miles, Chien-Lung wanted to clinch their loyalty for the Manchus and thus claim as loyal vassals the Mongol hordes.

He carried his expensive game to the point of bringing from India, the powerful Tashi Lama; built a lavish temple for this prince of the church and scattered a path of gold, gems and gifts to the very doorway of the Jehol palace.

These two, seated in the throne-room, represented at the time an incredible strength.

ND all the time, a shrewd smile

A must have played about the monarch's mouth as he feigned almost passionless毅力.

It was not so simple for the weaker emperors of the future to follow his stride. Few, in fact, seemed ever to find the same appreciation and feeling held for this beauty spot by the worthy Kang and Chien.

And today, entrenched in the

ruins of their poetic and cunning

handwork, a former follower of bandit chieftains now holds sway; his favorite wives safely escaped to the southern cities and military plains building about him.

In all her present tatters, Jehol

is perhaps a mightier stage set than ever.

NEXT: Glamorous tales of Jehol.

If your landlord were clamoring for his rent, a suave committee from the league—probably composed of a lawyer, an architect, and a contractor—would see him for you.

Perhaps the landlord could be persuaded to let the league's workmen make repairs or improvements on the property in return for the rent; if he declined, perhaps he might be shown the danger of letting a house stand vacant when somebody might tear it down for firewood.

If he still refused, perhaps there would be a gentle hint of alterations necessary to conform with the city's fire, sanitary or building ordinances.

If your water were turned off, a league committee would see the city water department for you.

These city officials would be reminded that an uninterrupted water supply is essential to public health—and perhaps there might be a subtle hint of 50,000 outraged voters at the next election.

Too aggressive to sit back and

wait for work, the league has gone out to hunt it. Salvage of all sorts, including nails carefully extracted from old lumber, and cast-off clothing that has been remade by skilled league tailors, has proved a veritable gold mine.

Old machinery, junked trucks and autos have been rebuilt for the league's transportation and manufacturing units.

Such things as the league has been unable to swap for on a large scale—gasoline, for instance—its suave committees frankly have "chiseled"; for instance, pointing out to an oil company that it would be better to donate 1,000 gallons of gasoline than to face higher taxes for tax relief.

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DENVER has copied parts of the Seattle plan in its Unemployed Citizens' League of Colorado, organized by Charles D. Strong, a Denver architect. With branches in several nearby cities and towns, its sponsors claim a membership of 45,000 persons, including dependents.

Among other enterprises it lists a coal mine, a woodcutting camp, eighty trucks, and certain forms of manufacturing.

The work began last fall, with the labor of jobless men on farms in return for foodstuffs. In some cases, harvesting was done on shares.

All the food, fuel, and clothing thus far produced has been used in direct relief, leaving nothing to be bartered. Members co-operate with the Red Cross in distribution of flour from surplus government wheat and in the making of clothing from Red Cross cloth.

The Denver league is represented on the recently-formed mayor's committee to supervise administration of federal relief money obtained by the city.

In Houston, Tex., a band of jobless men and women who are pledged not to accept a cent of money, are earning the actual necessities, and a few of the luxuries, of life through the Unemployed Citizens' League of Houston.

Each member exchanges his labor for commodities or services that accumulate to the league's "treasury" and are distributed equally.

MONEY is the one thing that

A Houston's jobless will not work for, and it is absolutely forbidden to figure it in any of their calculations.

A laundry, a shoe shop and other enterprises are operated, and, in one case, the men earned milk for their families by repairing and cleaning an alley in the rear of a large dairy.

In Waterloo, Ia., there are 2,100 members of the Waterloo Unemployed Relief Club, all getting

for passage of a bill compelling

hourly inspection of coal mines, the vote was 86-0 to

The house also passed a bill pro-

viding for printing names of electors for president and vice-president on separate ballots.

Senate amendment of a house bill

declaring a moratorium on sales of

property for delinquent taxes until

February, 1934, was concurred in.

The amendment struck from the

original bill the classifying of speci-

al assessments, such as the Barret law, as taxes.

LAST SURVIVOR DEAD

Civil War Veteran Taken at Dan-

ville; Services to Be Held.

Funeral services for Robert S.

Hall, 90, Hartsville, only survivor of

Company H, 12th Indiana infantry,

who died Wednesday at the old sol-

diers' home at Danville, Ill., will be

held at 8 tonight in the Shirley

Brothers funeral parlors, 946 North

Illinois street. Burial will be in

Breckenridge, Mo., Friday.

FLYING TACKLE HERO

Youth Hears Woman's Screams, Nabs

Alleged Purse Snatcher.

Don Bugle, 26, alleged purse snatcher, was captured early

Wednesday night when Richard

Jones, 18, of 2505 East Tenth street,

brought him down with a flying

tackle at Tacoma and Ninth streets,

after Mrs. Bertha Morse, 849 Tacoma

avenue, screamed that her purse

containing \$20, was taken from her.

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# COMPLETE CONGRESS FLOP CONCEDED BY DEMOCRATS; ENTIRE PROGRAM FIZZLES

Split Party Opinion, G. O. P. Opposition, and  
Senate Filibuster Unite to Spell  
Doom of Ambitious Plans.

## SPECIAL SESSION HELD CERTAIN

### Budget Balancing, Beer, Repeal and Farm Relief Left by Wayside; Bankruptcy Bill Only One With Chance.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Democratic congressional leaders today conceded the complete collapse of their once-ambitious program for the short session.

Prohibition repeal, beer, farm relief, and budget-balancing legislation, one by one, have fallen prey to divided party opinion, a senate filibuster, and determined Republican opposition.

The program will be put over until the special session, which congressional leaders today will tell President-Elect Roosevelt now is inescapable.

One piece of legislation leaders of both parties are convinced must pass immediately—the drastic La Guardia-McKeown bankruptcy bill, designed to scale down debts and permit extensive industrial reorganization upon a sounder financial basis.

Has Good Chance

It is conceded better than an even chance of approval. The house judiciary committee expects to report the bill soon.

The tragic-comic collapse of budget-balancing will be made official Friday, when the house ways and means committee enters the remains of the Democratic tax plan.

Majority party members of the committee already have concurred and decided that nothing can be done about taxes in the remaining six weeks of the muddled short session. This was their answer to President Hoover's plea for immediate taxes and bigger economies.

The senate filibuster, led by the leather-jungled Huey Long of Louisiana, has prevented the passage of any important legislation in that body, except for the Philippine independence act. First of eight appropriation bills necessary to keep the government running has yet to be approved.

Beer Legislation Halted

Beer legislation, passed