

Germany to Collapse In 2 Years, Writer Says

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 7 (U. P.)—Germany will collapse suddenly within the next two years, in the opinion of Frank J. Taylor who, as a United Press staff correspondent, wrote in 1919 that defeat in world war I had created no "deep-seated aversion to militarism among the German people." He predicted another war would follow.

It is his belief that the present war will end as did the last one, with the Germans suddenly deciding they had enough but rationalizing defeat once more as merely an interim between wars.

Taylor, now a well-known magazine writer, was sent into Germany after the last war to cover the birth of the new German republic and reorganize the Berlin staff of United Press. Three months after the armistice he filed from Berlin a dispatch which said:

"Three months' careful study of Germany, following the signing of the armistice, forces the conviction that neither war from without nor revolution within has worked any psychological metamorphosis of Germany as a nation, or of Germans as individuals. *Just the Form' Changed*

"The revolution has changed the form of government. It has not changed the governed. It has not brought despair nor humiliation. A half dozen speakers at the national assembly in Weimar voiced the general feeling of the people when they said, in effect:

"We have not been defeated militarily. Hunger and the revolution forced us to quit. We accepted President Wilson's 14 points and demobilized voluntarily, according to the provisions of the armistice."

"No German making the first pretense at frankness will attempt to create the impression that the disastrous results of 1914-1918 have created any deep-seated aversion to militarism among the German people. Men and women, both in and out of government circles, talk very casually of another war of revenge against France if Alsace-Lorraine is taken from Germany. They refer to this possibility as though it ought to be accepted by everyone as a logical matter of fact."

When a clipping of his 24-year-old dispatch was called to his attention today, Taylor said that he was only reporting the outspoken opinion in Germany.

Saw Clouds of Present War

Editor's Note: Three months after the end of the first world war the Germans were planning to renew the fight, Frank J. Taylor, United Press correspondent then in Berlin, reported in a dispatch to the U. P. which was widely printed in the United States in March, 1919. Today, Taylor, now a magazine writer in California, believes that the collapse of Germany in the present war will parallel that of world war I. Recently the United Press distributed to its clients a reprint of Taylor's prophetic dispatch of 1919. The reprint from the Nashville American caused so much comment that it was decided to interview Taylor at his home in California.

They 'Voluntarily Quit'

"They viewed the ending of the war merely as an armistice proposed by the American president under advantageous conditions," he said. "They felt they simply accepted an offer and voluntarily quit, for the time being. There was nothing sub-rosa about this belief."

His dispatch passed out of Germany, Taylor said, with the aid of Gen. George H. Herries of the American military mission in Berlin, who sent it by diplomatic pouch to Paris.

"When I arrived in Berlin on the heels of the armistice," Taylor said, "I was amazed at the complete exhaustion of the country.

"Her food supply was gone. Her railroads were a hopeless tangle. Industry had collapsed. The morale of the people was low. But the bluff had been kept up until the last."

That will happen again, Taylor said, and again the Germans will not believe they have been licked.

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SEES PALESTINE AS JEWS' HAVEN

Mrs. Lowdermilk Says All Of Race in Europe Could Live There.

When the war is over, all the Jews of Europe could be put in Palestine and rehabilitated there, Mrs. Walter Lowdermilk of Washington said here today. She was to speak this afternoon at the annual donor luncheon of Hadassah in the Claypool hotel.

Mrs. Lowdermilk, wife of the assistant chief of the department of agriculture's soil conservation bureau, lived in the Near East for eight months, returning here in 1940.

She declared that Palestine had plenty of absorptive power and suggested that Jewish colonists in Palestine be placed under the rule of an international league or court at the close of the war.

Barracks Available

She visualized an extensive power and irrigation program which could be built on the basis of what the Jewish colonists already have done. She pointed out that barracks now occupied by allied soldiers could be utilized to help house the new Jewish colonists after the war and said tanks could be turned into bulldozers to help in construction of power plants, etc.

"In ancient times the population of Palestine was two and one-half million," she said. "At the beginning of the 20th century, when the Jews began their reclamation work, the population was less than 300,000. . . . The country has natural geographic features which if utilized would make it possible to support many more colonists."

She was to take the Hadassah members on a kind of travel through Palestine describing the work of reclamation there. Among the graphic examples of work done, she cited the reclamation of the Dead sea land.

Gardens in Dead Sea

"Colonists," she said, "have washed the soil of the dead sea with sweet water from streams and now are growing gardens there."

She described what she called the Jewish chicken and the Jewish cow. "The small Arab cow," she said, "gave 100 to 150 gallons of milk a year. The Jewish colonists bred it with Holland breed and now have a cow that gives an average of 780 gallons a year. The Arab chicken laid 70 small eggs a year. The Jews bred it with a Leghorn and now have a chicken that gives 150 big eggs a year."

She described the setting up of new industries by the Jewish refugees, praising specifically diamond cutting and textiles.

Her husband made land use studies all over the world and she said she joined with him in the opinion that "the Jewish colonies have done the finest reclamation of old lands found in three continents," and in that "the Jewish colonies are the most successful of modern times."

HEAVY FIGHTING IN BURMA RENEWED

By UNITED PRESS
Renewal of heavy fighting in Burma was announced today in a New Delhi communiqué reporting a British withdrawal on the Mayu peninsula in the face of a Japanese flanking threat to extended communication lines.

The fighting, first in several weeks on this vital Pacific war front, is continuing and the Japanese are suffering heavy casualties, the communiqué said.

In the southwestern Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's planes bombed the Salama area, north of allied-held Buna, toward which ground forces are working up the New Guinea coast. Other air raids were scattered in the area. MacArthur's aides who journeyed to Washington seeking more help in the Pacific area returned without revealing the results of their trip.

LOCAL MEN PRISONERS
Two Indianapolis soldiers are among 263 who are held as prisoners of war by the Japanese, the war department revealed today. They are Capt. William S. Gochonour Jr., 410 E. 56th st., and Capt. Nelson N. Kauffman, 3337 College ave.

JAMES PLEW DIES OF FALL
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SEE PARITY BILL AS FARM 'CLUB'

Senators Hope to Salvage

Measure as Weapon to Keep Wages Down.

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WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.)—Farm bloc senators who whooped the Bankhead bill to the White House by a 78-to-2 vote hope to salvage scraps of the vetoed legislation today as a weapon against any relaxation of labor's wage ceilings.

The weapon will be first used, if at all, against John L. Lewis' effort to obtain a \$2-a-day increase for his United Mine Workers. The Bankhead bill would increase farm income by eliminating from parity price computations the benefit payments now received by farmers.

President Roosevelt vetoed the bill last week, asserting that it would loose a "tornado of inflation." The administration is opposing Lewis' wage demands and other efforts to

break through little steel wage formula ceilings on identical grounds.

Mr. Roosevelt's firm opposition has blocked enactment of the Bankhead bill at this time, but its sponsors have decided to avoid a showdown which once and for all would kill the legislation. It will remain

dormant on Capitol hill, to be revived only if labor makes a major break through wage ceilings.

Senator John H. Bankhead (D. Ala.), who sponsored the vetoed legislation, discovered yesterday that he could not muster the two-thirds majority necessary to override the veto. Therefore, farm bloc leaders decided to avoid the showdown by moving merely to refer the issue to the agriculture committee.

Technically, the bill will not be dead. Neither can the veto issue be raised in the house so long as it remains in committee custody.

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