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WEALTH.

BY BURRITT HAMILTON.

Poor am I? I am rich, though penniless. I have my wish—can all your wealth buy more? You own the land. I own the landscape. It is well. I would rather hear the laughter of my little boy, the song that springs involuntarily to his mother's lips; I would rather be a cashier of a bank of kisses with a billion in reserve; I would rather direct a syndicate of smiles paying daily dividends of honest joy; I would rather be a treasurer of a trust company having a paid up capital of splendid hope and a charter perpetual in this world and the next—I would rather own these dollarless resources of content than to be able to draw my cheque for a million with which I would purchase neither love, happiness nor immortality.—*The Port-of-Spain Gazette, Sept. 24th.*

FRENCH WAR LOSS WAS 26 PER CENT OF MEN MOBILIZED.

Andre Tardieu, Speaking On Treaty, Says 57 Of Every 100 Men Under Thirty One Were Killed.

Paris, Sept. 2nd.—Andre Tardieu, speaking for the government during the debate in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon on ratification of the German peace treaty, said the French war losses constituted twenty-six per cent, of the men mobilized. Fifty-seven per cent, of all men with the colors under thirty-one years of age were killed.

"The peace obtained by the French delegation is a peace which guarantees

solidarity and justice, in accordance with the principles for which our soldiers died," Mr. Tardieu declared.

Andre Tardieu expressed surprise that the members of the Right were criticizing the treaty because the terms were too mild toward Germany, and the members of the Left because they were too severe. In conclusion he said, that the treaty gave France all the necessary guarantees especially the Anglo-French American conventions, to place Germany in such a military and economic position that France need have no fear of a recurrence of aggression on the part of Germany.

Louis Barthou, formerly Premier and chairman of the Ratification Committee, declared that the treaty was insufficient and obscure. He reproached Premier Clemenceau with having kept the parliamentary commissions in ignorance of the negotiations. "You rendered great services during the war, but you did not win the war alone. Why should you negotiate peace alone?" Mr. Barthou asked.—*Ibid.*

COMING AMERICAN 'CRASH'

London Business Men Says "We Have Nothing To Fear."

An encouraging view of our trade prospects in comparison and competition with America's is taken by Mr. E. Mackay Edgar, head of the well-known City firm of Spering and Co., which has large interests in America, Canada, Mexico, Russia and elsewhere.

We in Great Britain have very little to fear from American competition, said Mr. Edgar in an interview yesterday. Don't think that I am crabbing America. That would be absurd in view of her size, wealth resources and the industrial character and aptitudes of her people. But America has some pretty considerable troubles ahead of her, and very heavy handicaps to overcome. In my opinion we stand a better chance of getting through the rough waters than she does.

The Falling 4: A New View.

Take, for instance, this question of the American exchange. It looks a very bad thing for us when the pound is only worth about seventeen shillings in New York but it is very much worse for the Americans. It means that we cannot afford to purchase in the United States; that we will buy anywhere except there, and that we will only take such American goods and products as we are phy-

sically unable to get from some other country where the exchange is less adverse.

And America just now wants to export all she can. She is loaded up with goods and products, the output of which has been enormously stipulated by the war. What is she to do? She must either sell at a loss or cut down production. In either case there is bound to be a drop in wages—then look out for squalls.

Towering Prices In America.

We talk a lot over here about the demands of labour, Mr. Edgar continued. We grumble at the high cost of living. But our difficulties in this respect are nothing to America's. Everything there—production prices and wages—have reached such a high-sky level that the drop when it comes and it will come—will be nothing less than a crash.

The predominance which America enjoys by reason of her vast natural resources is a rapidly wasting asset.

Some day, and before very long, America will have to come to us for the oil, copper and perhaps the iron ore she needs, just as she has to come to us for the wool. That is why the removal of the Treasury restrictions on the export of British capital abroad is so enormously important.—*Ibid.*

Publication.

It is hereby made known that Government has transmitted to the undersigned Sheriff the list of arrears of *Ground- and Building Taxes* to the Colonial Treasury for the year 1918, with orders to levy for said taxes if receipt for payment of the taxes be not produced within 3 weeks from date.

The branches of "The National Bank of the D. W. I." in Christiansted and Frederiksted are authorized by Government to receive and give receipt for the taxes every week-day at the Bank from 9-11 o'clock a. m. and from 1-3 o'clock p. m.

Christiansted's and Frederiksted's Sheriff Office, October, 6th, 1919.

D. NOLL.

LOST.

ONE MILLER TIRE AND TUBE WITH SPARE RIM, size 31 x 4. Any one who can give information leading to recovery will please report at this office.