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IN ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP BRITISH SEE HOPE OF WORLD

President Hough of Northwestern University Gives Impressions Gained in Study of Conditions in Great Britain—Anxiety Over Economic Situation—Labor Problem Will Be Solved Through Briton's Genius for Compromise.

Chicago.—President Lynn Harold Hough of Northwestern university recently returned from England, where he spent the summer speaking in leading churches and holding conferences with many educational and intellectual leaders.

In reply to a question as to the attitude of England toward America President Hough said: "The typical Englishman of serious and informed mind believes very profoundly in Anglo-American friendship. Many men such as Mr. Fisher, the president of the English board of education, have been ready to express their belief that it is the hope of the world. There is widespread anxiety about the economic situation. With a great debt to America and the balance of trade the wrong way, many Englishmen are very grave as they speak of the outcome. In England with a population of over forty millions there is the possibility of producing food for something like thirteen millions. The rest of the food must in the long run come from exchange for English products which other countries desire."

Would Cancel War Debt.
"Some men feel that if America would cancel the war debt of Britain it would be a decisive step in producing the right situation. They feel that America came into the war late, and such treatment of Britain and the other allies would be a noble contribution of wealth from a nation which did not, as events unfolded, have to make so large a sacrifice of men as did Britain and France. Some men with a dash of adventure in their estimate of the situation take the view that the dangers are overestimated and that England will quickly recuperate. I heard Lord Beaverbrook, who was on the Mauretania going over, express this view. It is probable that a matter about which little has been said will influence the actual outcome. England has had a long and successful experience in international banking, and before even resourceful Americans learn the psychological trick of it, Britain will probably be competing with America on more even terms. And this is to the advantage of America. No business man able to look into the future would want to break down England's fundamental economic strength even if such a thing were possible."

Labor Unrest in England.
When asked about the labor unrest in England Dr. Hough replied: "At times this summer the situation has been very grave indeed. But an American needs to remember three things if he would estimate it wisely. The first is that there is a fundamental common sense in English character which keeps fighting, but somehow does not go to tragic extremes. England has a way of pausing just on the brink of what seemed about to be a bloody revolution. It has a national genius for wise compromise. The second thing is that the problem has to do with English workers. Our problem is infinitely complicated in America by the many races and the many languages involved. We cannot appeal to a common tradition expressed in a common speech. The problem is severely trying in England, but it is a problem arising out of the life of a group of people who have lived together for centuries and who have a mind without those barriers of race and language which are so terribly hard to surmount. In the third place for all the vigorous language there is a curious appearance of understanding sympathy under the hostility. When one hears Mr. Clynes speak in the house of commons he marvels at the poise and perspective and steadiness of his mind. And there are many such labor leaders. On the other hand the number of men among the ruling classes who speak of the problems of labor and the cost of living with a sort of friendly understanding of the labor point of view is really remarkable."

Frank Exchange of Opinion.
"If I remember Mr. Frank Vanderlip has called attention to this in his significant little book, 'What Happened in Europe.' One night I went down to Oxford with Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland who was to speak to a number of men and women of the labor group gathered at Balliol for three weeks of study. There was the freest and frankest exchange of opinion between the group and this distinguished member of parliament, who by the way only recently resigned from the ministry. There was disagreement too. But the thing which impressed me most was a sort of mental approach between Sir Arthur and these men. There was a certain friendly good comradeship which promised much. Not long before I left the other side an Englishman said to me with a sort of chuckle, that soon he would have only ten shillings out of each pound of his income. He added that in the present situation it was quite right and he had not a word of criticism or complaint."

When the question of prohibition was raised Dr. Hough had this to say: "To the typical Englishman prohibition on a national scale is simply

incomprehensible. He believes that it would not work in England, and that it will not work in America. There is, however, a serious and growing body of public opinion which is inclined to take the prohibition movement in an earnest and open minded way. And there are Englishmen who do not like it who admit its power. Not long before I sailed, for instance, I was at a luncheon where the subject was discussed. Most of the guests were illustrating their opposition to prohibition while the discussion went on. Sir—well, I think I will not mention his name, but he is an Englishman of real significance was sitting on my left, and he said: 'I do not believe in prohibition. I believe it is an invasion of personal rights. But I believe we Englishmen must do the drinking we are going to do in the next four or five years. The economic pressure is going to drive us to it!'

Dr. Hough spoke in the most hearty way of his own reception in Great Britain both by the press and the people. He declared that it was very clear to him that the most priceless things in the future of civilization are bound up in a friendly understanding between Great Britain and America.

SEA GIVES UP EVIDENCE

Casts Ashore Collar of Dog Lost 24 Years Ago After Refusal to Sell.

Oakland, Cal.—Up where the coast of California and Oregon meet, Charles Elias of this city found a dog collar issued in Alameda 24 years ago. Twenty-four years ago Nigger disappeared from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bliss, Alameda.

There came a man to the Bliss home a few days earlier and begged to buy Nigger, a man bound for Alaska, he said. But the owners refused to sell. And so until last week Mr. and Mrs. Bliss knew only that Nigger had gone, and that the man with the fever of the Klondike in his veins had gone also. Then Elias brought them the collar. The leather is still in good condition and the name on the brass plate, "J. J. Bliss, 1894," is as plain as the day it was cut.

So the sea has shed a little light on the abduction of Nigger. He started for Alaska, at least. Maybe his new owner cast the collar into the sea. But maybe one of the wrecks that dot the coast could tell a little more of the story.

TOILERS SPENDING LAVISHLY

English Laborers Have More Money Than Ever and Demand Luxuries.

London, England.—More money than ever before is now in circulation in English villages, and its easy expenditure is apparent even to the casual passerby. Extra wages, earned by workmen, housemaids and farm laborers have brought about an astonishing social change.

One evidence of this is seen in the great increase in bicycles and motorcycles, which has necessitated the establishment of countless garages and repair shops throughout the country. Dancing clubs are springing up everywhere. Whist clubs are favorites and the costliness of the prizes for which the members play a few years ago would have constituted almost a scandal.

The sense of well being and the demand for a more comfortable life is assigned as the cause for this last development. It is taken by sociologists as a permanent thing, which is more likely to increase than to diminish.

Would Hunt Murmansk Mosquitoes for Ivory

Koni, Russian Lapland.—American railway forces and other allied troops operating on the Murmansk front found the Arctic mosquitoes worse foes than the bolsheviks.

"After the war is over," one Yank recently said, "we're going to come up here and organize an expedition to hunt these mosquitoes for their ivory."

"They're not like ordinary mosquitoes. They buzz up, bite a piece out of your leg and then fly away into the trees and eat it."

Second Indian Skeleton.

Towanda, Pa.—Paul Scott who found the skeleton of an Indian in the road in front of his home at Ulster a few days ago, has unearthed another and larger one near the same spot. The land about the Scott farm abounds in Indian lore and many clay pipes, stone dishes and arrow heads have been found.

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