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**Trade and Commerce**

A weekly letter from London  
 (From a special Correspondent.)

LONDON, May 21.—The effect of the German elections has had a very disquieting influence in political circles. The German Socialists, who are committed to the acceptance of the Expert Reparations Reports, have lost considerable ground while the Nationalists who have committed themselves to the rejection of the Reports, have made solid gains, and it now appears as if they would be the deciding factor when the new Reichstag meets to discuss the Reports. France is pessimistic as to the result; but, of course, time is on the side of reason. There is bound to be a great re-shuffling of parties in Germany, and, in view of the utter financial ruin which faces Germany should the Reports be rejected, hopes are entertained that, although stubborn obstruction may be offered to them in detail, they will be ultimately swallowed as a whole. Curiously enough financial circles in London refuse to be so perturbed as political. So far the situation has had no effect upon markets, although a check is observable on the recent upward movement in Continental securities. The "City" refuses to take an immediate pessimistic view and trusts that the huge financial interests in Germany will see to the ultimate satisfactory settlement of the reparations question.

**Parity of the Pound Sterling**

Recent happenings in the financial world all round have had a good effect on the pound Sterling, and British financiers are not far from optimistically talking of the not far distant day when it will be restored to its pre-war parity. Sir Felix Schuster, one of our leading bankers, has just told us that at a not very distant date there is a likelihood of our return to a free gold market. We here note a circulation of 437 millions, made up of 146 millions of Bank of England Notes and 291 millions of British Government Currency notes. In July 1914 the reserve of gold in the Bank of England was only 33 1/2 millions. Sir Felix Schuster now suggests that our whole currency note issue should be transferred to the Bank of England and thereby remove all suspicion of government managed currency. The aim is to restore the free flow of gold so that European capital may come back from America and American capital find useful employment in Europe.

**The End of "Bawra"**

All countries which produce wool will be interested in the new era which the wool market has entered by the passing of a war-time phase. The British Australian Wool Realisation Association, Limited, known throughout the wool trade of the world as "Bawra", came to an end on May 2nd with the sale of the last ten million bales of British Government owned wool accumulated from supplies ordered during the war with which to clothe the British and Allied soldiers. In the Spring of 1916 the British Government commenced the purchase of wool for war purposes. It first acquired the British clip at 35 per cent over the 1914 prices, then the Australian and New Zealand clips of crossbred and merino wool, and year after year continued to do so at an agreed price which brought great prosperity to sheep farmers, far attached to the contracts was a condition that for any wool not required for military purposes the British Government should bear any loss on re-sale but should return to Australia and New Zealand one-half of any profits which might result. "Bawra" came into existence after the Armistice in 1921 and took charge of the marketing of the surplus to keep the market steady by preventing excessive quantities of wool being offered for sale at any time.

**£34,000,000 in Profits**

"Bawra" then automatically became the owner of half the Australian carry-over and was appointed the agent for the sale of the South African and other wool. The magnitude of the transaction may be realized from the fact that the Australian interests transferred to "Bawra" were assessed and capitalized at £22,000,000 against which negotiable documents were issued to the growers. It was only towards the middle of 1923 that the liquidation reached a stage when these holdings ceased to be a controlling factor in the wool market. Added to the good price received at the time Australia has since received half profits amounting to £34,000,000. It will be understood that British wool interests view with no regret the disappearance of "Bawra", because, now for the first time since 1914 wool production on an economic basis will be sold in a free market.

**The end of Double Taxation**

It is good news for those abroad that the British Budget just introduced, contains a provision exempting from income tax those who are not ordinarily resident in this country. This double form

**Tokio Editor Attacks Japan's Foreign Policy**

(Associated Press.)

TOKIO May 21.—Japan's foreign policy is pitifully subservient to the United States and Great Britain, according to Heibiro Tokutomi, probably India's most noted editor, in a diatribe against the foreign office which appeared in his paper, the Kokumin, recently. The creed of Japanese diplomats, according to Mr. Tokutomi, is that just as the earth revolves around the sun, so international politics moves with the Anglo-Saxon race as its axis. "All intelligent people know the damage this creed has done to Japan's prospects," the Kokumin editor continues. "Although an independent country, Japan has often appeared as though she were a dependency of Britain or America in the field of international politics. The main reason the Asiatic peoples have ceased to trust Japan is because this country, ashamed of associating herself with other Asiatic nations, has been bent on following the lead of the Americans or British in all matters. "This being so, the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance was gratifying not only to the United States but also to all eastern peoples, for it raised in the minds of the Indians, Persians, Turks and Afghans the hope that thereafter Japan would be able to give full play to her mission as an Asiatic country. However, it remains to be seen whether Japan will live up to the hopes of her fellow Asiatics."

of taxation has been a vexatious question for years and now that it has been cleared away it should have a good effect on international trade. The whole question of international taxation has occupied the attention of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations. Now that Great Britain has shown the way it may hasten on similar action by other nations.

**Sheffield Cutlery's New Methods**

Signs of activity are noticeable in the Sheffield cutlery trade, attributable to the keenness of competition. In the past there has been little change from the state of stagnation previously reported, although Australia, where the old-fashioned razor is still preferred, is keeping one section of the industry busy with handsome orders. The greatest problem by which Sheffield cutlery manufacturers are now confronted is that of bringing down to an appreciably lower level the costs of production without in the least degree "taking it out" of quality. They have reached a period when the wonderful reputation established by the cutlery of a past generation will have to undergo a sort of reconstruction, so that the fabric shall be strengthened and the building made more imposing and more lasting than ever. Many manufacturers are seriously engaged on the work at the present moment. There is involved in it the question of the transition from handicraft to equally skilful, but more accurate and uniform, machinery processes. From that great change there arises no necessity to sacrifice quality. Rather should it be enhanced. But the transition, when completed, will create a situation full of probabilities, by a succession of labour-saving and output-increasing devices for cheapening competition and meeting outside rivalry.

**BIRDS HEADS**

Birds' heads in the brilliant shades of the parrot and parakeet are used very smartly on hats by the Parisian milliners.

**Few Folks Have Gray Hair Now**

Druggists Says Ladies Are Using Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture improved by the addition of other ingredients by asking at any drug store for a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," which is merely the old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients. Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully, besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears! Later another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.

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