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FRENCH RECONSTRUCTION

As the war nears its hoped-for final phases, more and more are the conditions which will exist thereafter taking up the attention of the serious thinkers throughout the civilized world. That the peoples will not go back to where they left off in August, 1914, and start again as if nothing had happened is inconceivable. There will be changes and alteration in the mode of thinking of practically every class in the community. What will happen, who can tell? And what people would like to happen, a great number have not yet dared to put into words. Every country is coming in for its share of criticism, both destructive and constructive.

The case of France was discussed at some length by one of Britain's prominent writers recently. The writer lays emphasis upon the tragic aspect which the Twenty Years' War has inevitably assumed in the light of what has happened since August, 1914—or perhaps one should say since 1870. The word "tragic" is, for once in a while, well chosen; for the essence of tragedy is "inevitable necessity." The advent of Napoleon as military dictator of France in 1797 showed that Britain had been right in going to war with the French Revolutionary Government in 1793. The tragedy lay in the fact that, as the necessary price of saving mankind from the tyranny of Napoleon, Britain should have had to assist in establishing "the black forces of clerical and military despotism" in Central and Eastern Europe. The growth of these sinister forces, and their consolidation under the aegis of Prussia, constitute undoubtedly the main feature of European history since 1848. But the rise of the Teutonic and Slav despotisms was only one element in the tragedy; the other was the failure of France, the focus of European civilization, to recover sufficiently from the effects of the Twenty Years' War to act as a counterpoise to the reactionary power of Germany and Austria. Many causes have been assigned for that failure.

One cause was the decline in

the increase of population, which has been continuous since the time of the Napoleonic wars. This cause cannot apply to the purely rural districts, for the land "carries" more people under the French system than under any other, and the peasant proprietor clings more tenaciously to the soil than the agricultural laborer. As a matter of fact, the arable land of France could hardly "carry" more people than it is doing at present. What is wanted is an "effective demand" for labor in industrial and mercantile employments—a demand which would overcome the tendency to restriction of families and, so to speak, create the "surplus" population which it would employ. It is the lack of this demand which has prevented France from raising an industrial superstructure corresponding in strength to the substantial peasant basis, and increasing her national power in the same ratio as Germany; and the same cause has led to the comparative poverty of the "salariat" in France, and to the overcrowding of the public services—conditions whose weakening effect upon the nation can be gathered from the fact that while the birth-rate per hundred families is 295 among employers and 284 among wage-earners, among salary-earners it is only 199.

The war has re-emphasized the vital importance of France as the citadel of European civilization. The question of the ultimate cause of her failure to expand industrially in the same ratio as her immediate neighbors is therefore one which concerns the whole world. The main cause is that France's coal resources are only a twentieth of those of Germany. This disparity has been aggravated by the fact that France's largest ironstone fields are situated in the extreme northeast, where, owing to the wealth of coal just across the border, in "German" Lorraine, they have been largely subject to German exploitation. The industrial equilibrium of Western Europe was seriously disturbed when France lost the Saar coalfields; and this is a point which cannot be overlooked in any "reconsideration" of the Alsace-Lorraine question. But France's ability to make na-

tional use of any extension of her coal area will certainly involve some slight change in social ideals. French education is over-literary; there is a lack of the spirit of commercial and industrial adventure, and much French capital which might have irrigated domestic enterprise has run off into foreign channels, mostly of a gilt-edged nature. The intellectual snobbery of the lycee, which points to Paris as the only place where an intelligent man can exist, will have to give place to a conviction that the highest service a bright boy in the "provinces" can render his country is not to join the intellectual proletariat of Paris, but to devote his talents to increasing the commercial prosperity and general prestige of his own town. Paris will do all the better if it is firmly buttressed by a strong array of revived provincial capitals, each of them the commercial and intellectual centre of a group of busy industrial towns.

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From March 2nd a.m.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Sections 36 and 134.)

Re Application Nos. 9831-1, 9833-1, 9834-1.

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register Frank W. Hart, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as owner in fee under four Tax Sale Deeds from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1917, and one Tax Sale Deed dated 22nd day of September, 1916, of ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Prince Rupert, more particularly known and described as Lots seven (7) and fifteen (15), Block twelve (12), Lot twelve (12), Block forty-eight (48), and Lots thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34), Block fifty-one (51), all in Section Eight (8), Map 923.

You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 35 days (which may be effected by publication in the Prince Rupert Daily News), and your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" with amendments, and to the following extract therefrom:

"and in default of a caveat or certificate of its pendency being filed before the registration as owner of the person entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, . . . and those claiming through or under them, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by virtue of any unregistered instrument, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes, and the Registrar shall register the person entitled under such tax sale as owner of the land so sold for taxes."

AND WHEREAS application has been made for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above-mentioned lands, in the name of Frank W. Hart,

AND WHEREAS on investigating the title it appears that prior to the 13th day of October, 1916 (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were the registered and assessed owner as stated below.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time I shall effect registration in pursuance of such application and issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the said lands in the name of Frank W. Hart unless you take and prosecute the proper proceedings to establish your claim, if any, to the said lands, or to prevent such proposed action on my part.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., this 15th day of February, A. D. 1918.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles.

To F. W. Clayton, Prince Rupert, B. C., assessed owner of Lots 33 and 34, Block 51; Charles Planitz, Edmonton, Alta., registered and assessed owner of Lot 12, Block 48, and sold for taxes on 14th day of September, 1915; V. Straube, 657 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C., assessed owner of Lots 7 and 15, Block 12.

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