

## Senate Delays Final Action on Refunding Bill

Three Amendments Defeated  
During Argument—Refer-  
ence to Farm Bloc Brings  
Sharp Tilts.

Washington, Jan. 31.—By fairly decisive votes the senate refused yesterday either to require congressional approval of the agreements to be entered into with debtor nations by the proposed allied debt refunding commission or to limit authority of the commission in deferring the time when interest payments on the \$11,000,000,000 foreign debt shall begin.

Despite an agreement sharply limiting debate, a final vote was not reached. Late in the day a reference to the agricultural bloc by one senator brought a tart reply by another; that led to further discussion and finally it was decided to recess until tomorrow.

The first amendment rejected was that proposing approval by congress of the bond conversion agreements.

It was proposed by Senator Johnson, republican, California, and was voted down, 44 to 36.

Next the senate rejected, 49 to 32, an amendment proposing that interest on the converted bonds be paid semi-annually or annually.

Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, then proposed that the commission be prohibited from deferring interest payment by any country for longer than two years, but this also was voted down, 44 to 34.

Senator Simmons offered an amendment limiting the time for deferring interest payments to three years. This was pending when the senate finally went into a brief executive session, preliminary to taking a recess.

In the debate there were charges of "senator" influences behind the bill. Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, declared powerful financial interests, both in the United States and abroad, did not intend that the allied debt refunding commission, preliminary to taking a recess.

Montreal Stock Exchange  
Firm Declared Insolvent  
Montreal, Jan. 31.—Fairbanks, Gosselin & Co., members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, were declared insolvent from the floor of the exchange yesterday. George W. Fairbanks and Jules Gosselin, who lead the firm, refused to make statements. Gordon W. Scott and George Gosselin are now in charge.

## The Story of Ninette

By RUBY M. AYRES.  
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(Continued From Yesterday.)  
CHAPTER XXXI.  
A New Guardian.

Cavanagh rose to his feet again, scattering the little bundle of letters at his daughter's feet. "She wrote to me once," he said, "and I searched every nook and corner for her I never found her, and it was only after those years afterwards, when I met you down at the Delays that I knew she must be dead, and that you were my daughter."

Ninette stooped and picked up the little bundle of letters, and she made no effort to read them, and she made no attempt to raise her eyes to her father's face as she asked a faltering question:

"And now—all this money—"  
"It was all built on a dishonest basis, whatever I may be doing now, and all vast fortunes are made that led to further discussion and finally it was decided to recess until tomorrow."

"You despise me, Ninette?" he asked.  
"No; only—" she could not put her thoughts into words—could not tell him what Peter Nothard had said of him: "His name stinks in the city. He had hated him for saying it even then, when she did not know of her relationship to Cavanagh, but she felt now that it scorched her very soul with shame."

"You are not going to leave me, Ninette?" her father asked after a moment.  
She shook her head.  
"Where could I go?"  
And then, suddenly realizing the coldness of her words, she rose to her feet and went to him, and laid her hands on his shoulders.

"I think—I think I'm fond of you in my own way," she said, hesitatingly, "but, isn't it—dreadfully—"  
"And for a moment she thought of the guttering candle in the room the night Josh Wheeler died and the howling of the dogs which had been her mother's last memory of a world where she had known so little happiness. Cavanagh put his arms around her with a sort of passion.

"Love me, Ninette—love me," he said hoarsely. "I'm getting an old man now and there's nobody else in all the world to care if you do not."

She returned his kiss warmly enough, but her heart felt cold.  
So much had happened to her during the last six months, and yet out of it all, what had been her sum total of happiness? A few friendly words, a few laughs, but nothing that remained or that had left a lasting impression of a wild grouping forward and longing for something substantial in a world which seemed unreal and dreamlike, on which to build up the future.

Mrs. Cranford's drawing room, her thoughts involuntarily flew to Peter Nothard's study and its fire-lit peace.

It was the first time she ever had thought of it with regret, but a sudden lump of emotion rose to her throat now and for an instant her eyes were blurred.

Then the door opened and Mrs. Cranford sailed into the room.  
She was very handsome and very stately, and Ninette looked at her with unwilling admiration as they shook hands.

She had white hair and the darkest of eyes that seemed to look out on the world with good-humored sort of tolerance, and very low, musical voice.

She greeted Ninette kindly, but without enthusiasm, and talked mostly to her father.  
"We shall see you again, of course, before you sail?" she asked him when he was over and he rose to go.

Ninette rose, too.  
"Yes, I shall see you again?" she appealed hurriedly. Now the moment for parting with him had come she was conscious of a sense of panic at once more being left behind. Was she never to have a real home, or any place she might call her own?

Cavanagh put an arm around her. "Of course you will see me again," said. "Tomorrow I shall come and carry you off for the whole day. My train does not leave until 10 at night." He kissed her and went to the door with Mrs. Cranford, and Ninette furtively wiped away the tears that would rise.

"He might have taken me," she thought. "He might have taken me." And the dread stole into her mind that perhaps he, too, as Peter Nothard had done, already begun to regret his responsibility and to find her a nuisance.

But it was surprising how soon she felt at home with Mrs. Cranford. Although the house was large and conducted in magnificent style, there was an odd feeling of home and informality about it, and Ninette realized the fact with gratitude.



SLEEPY-TIME TALES  
THE TALE OF  
PONY  
TWINKLEHEELS  
BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

### CHAPTER X. Ebenezer's Record.

The old horse Ebenezer had beaten Twinkleheels in the race to the barn. While Johnnie Green slipped their halters on them, and they munched the oats that he gave them, neither of them spoke. Johnnie mounted Ebenezer bareback, and, leading Twinkleheels, he turned down the lane.



It's very kind of Ebenezer to race with you, the Muley Cow bellowed.

But I did running enough when I was younger. I used to race at the county fair, every fall.  
"Did you ever win a race at the fair?" Twinkleheels inquired.  
"Yes!" Ebenezer answered. "Yes!" I can remember winning a race now and then.  
"He never lost a race in his whole life!" cried the Muley Cow, who was walking just ahead of them. "Ebenezer used to be known as the fastest horse in these parts. He had a record."

"Twinkleheels gasped. "A record!" he exclaimed. "What's that?"  
"I don't know, exactly," said the Muley Cow. "I never saw Ebenezer's But it must have been a fine one, for

Perseverance, we are told, will conquer anything. And I, myself, believed it would, until one day last spring. But when my old Buff Cochon hen laid down and passed away, I lost my faith, in spite of all the wise gazabos say. For that old brindle mule of mine had persevered in vain. For nine long weeks that yellow fowl had set with might and main, in our old garden patch. Her failure broke her stout old heart—the door-knob would not hatch.

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Farmer Green was always talking about it.  
"A horse's record," Ebenezer explained, "is the fastest time he ever makes in a race." Then he added, to Twinkleheels, "You and I will have another race the next time we're in the pasture together."

Twinkleheels gave him an odd look. Somehow Ebenezer did not seem just a poky farm horse, as Twinkleheels had always regarded him. For the first time Twinkleheels noticed that Ebenezer had many good points. There wasn't a single bunch on his legs. And his muscles showed plainly, as they rippled on his lean frame beneath a coat that was both short and fine.

"I don't believe I could beat you if we raced a hundred times," Twinkleheels blurted.  
"Of course you couldn't!" the Muley Cow interrupted again.  
"Oh, you might," Ebenezer said. "There'd be no harm in trying, anyhow. Racing with me would be good practice for you, even if I did win. If you're going to have a race, don't look for an easy one! Choose a hard one. That's the kind that will make you do your best."

Twinkleheels thanked him.  
"It's very kind of Ebenezer to race with you," the Muley Cow bellowed. "You ought to feel honored."

"I do," said Twinkleheels. "But please don't talk so loud! I don't want everybody on the farm laughing at me because I lost a race."

The Muley Cow went into the barn grumbling.

"That pony is a young upstart," she muttered. "The idea of him telling me not to talk so loud! Ebenezer is altogether too pleasant to him."

Old Ebenezer continued to be agreeable to Twinkleheels. They often raced in the pasture, later, and though Twinkleheels never won once, he enjoyed the sport.

And he never called Ebenezer "poky" again.

## Yacht Owner Has Narrow Escape

Gordon Woodbury Swept  
Overboard But Returned to  
Vessel by Same Wave.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 31.—Gordon Woodbury, former assistant secretary of the navy, was swept over the railing of his yacht, "Half-moon," 40 miles off Cape Charles Friday night, but was returned by a wave to the ship, it was stated last night when the yacht, formerly the "Germania," prize state yacht of former Emperor William of Germany, was towed into Old Point Comfort in a damaged condition by the Standard Oil tanker, Japan Arrow.

Several members of the crew were also swept over the rail, it was added, but all but one were rescued. The Japan Arrow came up a few minutes later and got a tow aboard.

Four Men Known Killed  
in Kentucky Mine Explosion  
Pineville, Ky., Jan. 31.—A mine explosion killed four persons and may have killed or entombed many others at Layman, 20 miles from here. The explosion occurred in the mine of the Layman-Calloway mines shortly after 9 last night. Four bodies have been recovered.

The only report officials of the mines have been able to get, because of poor telephonic communication, is that four were dead and that the rescue party was penetrating slowly into the mine. Special rescue equipment has been asked for.

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**Dog Hill Paragrafts**  
By George Bingham  
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