

### Bonar Law Issues Call for Help to United States

#### British Premier Wants Co- Operation of America in Set- tling Reparations—Would Cancel Interallied Debts.

London, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Premier Bonar Law, in an important statement in the house of commons yesterday, declared frankly for the policy of the Balfour note, which advocated adjustment of interallied debts by all-around cancellation, England on its part surrendering its share of reparations to be paid by Germany. Thus the prime minister indicated that the new government, despite its first declaration that the Balfour note no longer existed so far as the present British government was concerned and that it would not consider itself bound by it, feels impelled to the same policy as the previous government.

The remainder of Bonar Law's speech was clearly addressed to both France and the United States—to France, a plea for moderation in dealing with Germany on the ground that that country is already on the verge of collapse; to America, a call for help and co-operation in settling the difficult problems of reparations and interallied debts.

#### Draws Dark Picture.

Another important phase of his speech was the dark picture drawn of England's economic and industrial future, should the much hoped for improvement in trade not materialize. The prime minister showed the utmost anxiety that there should be no misunderstanding of British feelings toward both France and the United States and said that it was only England's difficult position he was making clear. England was burdened with very heavy taxation, which was a clog on industrial enterprise, resulting in terrible unemployment—a problem that made it necessary, first that there should be no military occupation of German territory, which would still further handicap Europe without producing results in cash; and, second, compelled him frankly to face the fact that England was unable to pay the American debt if it received nothing from Europe.

In the subsequent debate the most noteworthy speech was made by James MacDonald, the labor leader. Mr. Lloyd George also spoke, but confined himself to a brief expres-

sion of complete approval of Mr. Bonar Law's speech.

Mr. MacDonald, on the contrary, gave a complete elucidation of the policy of the labor party. He maintained that the United States held the key and was the only country able to give Great Britain any help. He differed from the premier, however, in believing that it was inadvisable to mix together too much the questions of reparations and interallied debts. He admitted that Germany possessed enormous industrial possibilities, yet it must be carefully handled, or it would follow Austria into bankruptcy. He feared that both France and England would need to lower their expectations from Germany very substantially.

#### Statement Borne Out.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Information reaching the American government through trade channels, it was said, tends to bear out the statement of Premier Bonar Law that an economic collapse is threatening Germany. In fact, it was declared, Germany appears to be approaching the point where it will be unable to import food in sufficient quantities to feed the people.

So far as the allied debt was concerned, officials maintained silence. The position of the United States, however, has been repeatedly stated as one holding the debt question to be distinct from reparations.

#### Head of Volga Relief Society Dies at Lincoln

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—Dr. H. P. Wekesser, president of the American Volga Relief society, died here early this morning, following an operation for appendicitis. He was a member of the American college of surgeons and for a number of years was an active worker in the cause of relief for European sufferers along the Volga river. A breakdown from overwork in this and other endeavors contributed to his death, physicians here said.

Surviving Dr. Wekesser are his widow, two children, one brother and two sisters.

#### Winterset Jury Frees Alleged Ballbat Slayer

Winterset, Ia., Dec. 15.—Fred Menzies, charged with the slaying of Earl Schweers last September at Hebron, was found not guilty by a jury in district court here. Schweers was killed with a baseball bat following an argument during a Sunday baseball game.

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### Grain Company Manipulations Will Be Aired

#### Nye-Schneider-Fowler Stock- holders Enjoin Disposal of \$75,000 in Printing Company Stock.

Suits filed in the district court by the stockholders of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler grain company against Frank Fowler, former president of the company, threatened to make public various inside transactions involving the handling of the company's assets by Fowler prior to the company's financial embarrassment a year ago. The stockholders of the company have obtained from District Judge Fitzgerald a temporary restraining order enjoining Fowler from disposing of \$75,000 worth of stock in the Omaha Printing company, which they allege rightfully belongs to them.

They allege that the company acquired this stock in payment of claims which it held against Ray Nye, former head of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, and also former president of the Omaha Printing company. They claim that Mr. Fowler, while president of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, sold to that company a part of his own holdings of this stock and took in exchange stock in the Omaha Printing company. This, it is alleged, was at a time when Fowler knew the Nye-Schneider-Fowler stock was greatly depreciated in value, while the Omaha Printing company stock was worth more than par.

**Fraud Is Claimed.**  
The plaintiffs claim that this transaction constituted a fraud upon them as stockholders of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company. A few months later the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company was forced, in order to avoid bankruptcy, to turn over control of its stock to Julius Barnes, operating as the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company. The injunction is preliminary to efforts by the stockholders to secure restitution of the amount claimed.

S. S. Sidner of Fremont, attorney for Mr. Fowler, said last night that the suit is entirely without foundation.

**Attorney Explains.**  
"I was both attorney for the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company and president of the First National bank of Fremont at this time, said Sidner.

The Omaha Printing company stock was owned by Mr. Nye and was taken by Mr. Fowler when Mr. Fowler made good certain obligations due from Mr. Nye to the First National bank. The Omaha Printing company stock was never the property of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company and cannot in any way be considered an asset of that company."

The Nye-Schneider-Fowler company has several hundred stockholders in Nebraska and its affairs have been the subject of much concern to them for the last two years. The suit just filed is said to be one of several which are threatened.

#### Auto Accident Slayer Is Sentenced to Prison

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 15.—Dan Clark, convicted of manslaughter for the death of Miss Edna Morgan in an automobile last summer, was sentenced to eight years in the reformatory.

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