

## United States Likely to Mediate in Reparations

### Lack of Harmonizer Stumbling Block Heretofore to Agreement Between France and Germany.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—German overtures through informal channels for American intervention to obtain a revision of German reparations schedules reported in London dispatches of the Associated Press throws the first definite light on the method by which American influence is being drawn into a new attempt at final adjustment of the vexing reparations problem.

The next step to be looked for obviously is an indication of the French attitude of the German proposal that an American economic commission review Germany's present situation and estimate her capacity to pay as a basis for a new reparations treaty.

There is reason to believe that previous government reports from Berlin are of a character to justify hope that if the French should prove agreeable to the proposed plan for reparations revision, no insurmountable obstacles would remain in the way of an agreement as to the specific amount Germany could and would pay.

committed on reparations views in opposition to the French position to be effective in negotiations to the Paris government.

As the proposal approved by the Cuno government is seen here, it represents employment of American commercial and governmental agencies to bring German and French views into harmony.

The share of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in the shaping of the new proposals for adjustment of the European tangle, it was learned today, dates back to executive discussion of the subjects by directors of the chamber with President Julius Barnes at the Galveston meeting of the board last month. Enough promise of success in bringing about a compromise reparations program developed at that meeting to warrant a grant of full powers to Mr. Barnes by the board, powers to Mr. Barnes by the board.

Whether the board then had proposals of similar business organizations in Germany is not known; but Mr. Barnes and Elliot Goodwin, secretary general of the chamber, conferred at great length with Secretary Hughes last week, their visit synchronizing with the many other incidents that served to make it clear that the Washington government had before it some project for settlement of the reparations tangle.

It is recalled here that the Cuno government in Germany rests very largely upon its support on the industrialists group which presumably includes the commercial and business interests now moving for intervention of American business representatives in the reparations problem. As the task of actual payment of Germany's reparations must of necessity fall largely upon this political group, added weight is attached to proposals from that quarter.

American observers have reported that without support of the industrialists the Cuno government could not stand.

## Capture of Two Soldier-Bandits Rivals Movie Thriller as Victim Aids Police



Above, left to right: Detective Valentine Buglewicz, Herbert Johnson and Detective William Cich. Inset: Andrew Gonord, left, believed by police to be a real Parisian Apache, and Charles H. Robbins, soldiers, arrested by the trio above as highwaymen just about to adjust their masks for further depredations after robbing Johnson.

In his confession Robbins is alleged to have admitted they intended to hold up the Central Park pharmacy, but lost their nerve, just before the battle in which they were made prisoners.

In their fight in the dark alley with the Frenchman, Gonord, Buglewicz started a "haymaker" for the bandit, but it landed on the jaw of Johnson, the victim of the holdup, spurring that young man to greater effort in the subjugation of the soldier.

"Well, something, ought to happen. I haven't had any excitement for quite a while."

With this adieu to his folks, Herbert A. Johnson, 18, 3424 North Fifth street, employee of the United States Rubber company, left home for Fontenelle park to indulge in his favorite outdoor sport—skating.

And before he got home yesterday morning he'd had plenty. He had been held up and robbed, and he had assisted in the capture of two soldiers who had robbed him, after a fisty fight in a dark alley and a movie chase around the block.

Johnson was going home when he was stopped at Forty-third street and Grand avenue. A man shoved a gun against his ribs, told him to "stick 'em up," and the bandit's companion started to search him.

But Johnson took a swing at the searcher with his skates. The man ducked. The marksman with the revolver warned Johnson and he gave up.

"I thought it was some of the gang 'framing on me' because I had been 'fussing' their girls," Johnson said.

But after he had been robbed of \$3, some pennies and a wallet, he stepped into 4737 North Fortieth street and called police.

Detectives William Cich and Valentine Buglewicz responded with Patrol Driver Lyman Wheeler. They picked up Johnson and at the Central Park pharmacy, Forty-second street and Grand avenue, they espied two men with masks about to be adjusted.

Both men halted when told to, but one of them took to his heels suddenly and Wheeler knocked down the other. Buglewicz had stopped to leave his overcoat in the drug store. When he saw the man fleeing, he stepped into the alley and headed him off. They grappled.

The fugitive shoved his knee into the sleuth's stomach and Buglewicz split open his "sap" on the man's head. Buglewicz was knocked out for a few moments, but Johnson had leaped on the prisoner and he was captured.

Buglewicz was taken home ill for the rest of the night. The prisoners were taken to police headquarters, where they are said to have signed confessions.

They are Pvt. Andrew Gonord, 22, and Pvt. Charles L. Robbins, 20, Breckenridge, Pa. Robbins was the man with the gun, police say.

"Other soldiers were doing it and getting away with it easy so we thought we would try it. We needed spending money," they are alleged to have told the detectives.

Gonord says he is a native Parisian and has been in America two years and three months. He claims to have served as a poilu in the Soissons sector during the war.

He talks familiarly of the Montmartre and byways of Paris in which denizens of the underworld are known to prowl. Police officers believe he is a true Parisian Apache.

When he was down, receiving Buglewicz's blows in the dark alley, Wednesday night, he set up a hue and cry of "Mamma, Mamma," according to Johnson.

The soldiers will be charged with highway robbery, police said.

Members of the department yesterday were singing the praises of Johnson, the victim, for the way he went about capturing the holdups and the aid he gave the detectives.

"If more holdup victims would be as prompt in calling headquarters as

## Farmer Passed Storm by Loans

### War Finance Corporation Reports 41 Per Cent of Advances Repaid.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The American farmer has demonstrated that when properly financed he can weather the worst economic storms, the war finance corporation declared in its annual report sent to congress today. The report set forth that 41 per cent of the money advanced to the agricultural industry had been repaid in advance of maturity or when due.

Advances by the corporation saved the industry many millions of dollars, the report declared, explaining that the corporation's officers believed its activity had proved as beneficial in the restoration of confidence as in the actual pouring of cash into spots where credit was tightest. The loans had made it possible for thousands of farmers to handle their products in an orderly fashion, it was added, and the confidence instilled in them through the knowledge that money was available acted as a stabilizer, the value of which, the report said, could only be estimated.

"It is impossible," the report continued, "to estimate the full effect of the aid given by the corporation to the live stock industry, because calamities that are averted can never be measured. It is generally recognized, however, that by providing as it did financing for more than 6,990,000 head of live stock, the corporation checked

the demoralization in the industry, gave the stockmen a breathing spell, stabilized the market, and turned the tide away from disaster toward recovery and reconstruction.

The effect of the corporation's activity on the live stock industry was typical of that on many other phases of agriculture, it was added and satisfaction with the assistance rendered has been expressed to the corporation in countless ways.

## Police to Hold Party for Children Christmas Night

The annual Christmas party for poor children of the Third ward will be given by the police department in the assembly room of central police headquarters Christmas night.

Sergeant Samuel Morris will be the bewhiskered Kris Kringle. If public generosity continues there will be plenty for the more than 300 children expected to attend, according to Sergeant Frank Rose of the committee in charge, but there still is need of new toys and candies.

From the state penitentiary yesterday came a letter with \$1 enclosed, accompanied by a note from an Omaha convict that he wanted to give his last dollar to help make the poor youngsters happy.

"We still need a ventriloquist," said Sergeant Rose, "to help make fun for the youngsters."

## Paralyzed by Booze

Police surgeons were called to 412½ South Thirtieth street yesterday afternoon, after Frank Andrews, thirty-third and Cuming streets, entered there and suddenly collapsed. The surgeons said he had been drinking. They diagnosed his case as partial paralysis. Andrews was taken to his home.

## Day's Activities in Washington

The nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an associate justice of the United States supreme court, was confirmed by the senate.

Hearings on the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty were concluded by the house judiciary committee.

The War Finance corporation, in its annual report, declared the American farmer, if properly financed, could weather the worst economic storms.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, offered an amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing that the president call an international conference for discussion of economic questions, as well as the reduction of armaments.

Plans for the creation of an American commission to aid in the adjustment of the European reparations problem, were said to have received the unofficial approval of the United States, Germany and Great Britain and to be under consideration by France.

The government of Costa Rica has issued a decree prohibiting the holding of boxing matches in the republic.



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