

British Ask Square Deal on War Debt

British Chancellor of Exchequer Tells U. S. Funding Body England Not Asking Favors.

Intend to Pay Last Cent

Washington, Jan. 8.—Great Britain wants a fair business settlement of her \$5,000,000,000 war debt to the United States on such terms as will produce the least possible disturbance in the trade relations of the two countries.

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Scheurer Is New Swiss President



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Committees O. K. Legislature

Threatened Clash on Appointments Averted by the Apparent Fairness of Selecting Body.

Not a Dissenting Vote

By P. C. POWELL. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The house and senate today confirmed appointments submitted by committees on committees today without a dissenting vote.

A threatened clash was averted by the apparent fairness in committee appointments which a parently pleased the democrats as well as some republicans inclined at first to believe an attempt was being made to organize committees unfair to certain legislation.

While the Omaha delegation won heavy representation on the cities and town committees of houses and senate it has very little in the telephone and telegraph committees in which many of the battles may be fought this year.

Heads Judiciary Committee. Cooper of Omaha heads the important senate judiciary committee, while Larkin of Omaha, a new member, heads the manufacturers committee.

Robbins of Omaha is head of the senate municipal affairs committee and Chambers of Omaha is chairman of the miscellaneous corporations committee.

In the lower house the important committee appointments given to Omahans follow: Telephone and telegraph, Timme; cities and towns, Debal; bedding, Smith; Allan, George B. Collins; judiciary, Dysart; Baldrick; banks and banking, Baldrick; railroads, Dyball; labor, Strehlow; Kautsky; revenue and taxation, Dysart; corporations, Dyball.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The first bill introduced in the state senate this afternoon indicates a determination to retain the civil administration code.

S. F. No. 1, introduced by Perry Reed, one of the veteran leaders of the senate, provides for a salary slash of the department secretaries. It provides the secretary of the department of trade and commerce shall receive \$4,000 instead of \$5,000; \$3,000 for finance and agriculture, and \$2,500 for labor and welfare.

Senator Wiltse of Richardson county introduced an inheritance tax bill which graduates the tax. First degree heirs under the terms of the bill will pay 1 per cent up to \$20,000; 2 per cent up to \$40,000 and 3 per cent up to \$100,000 and 4 per cent over \$100,000. It also increases the state's share from heirs of the second degree and all legatees in graduated amounts.

Wiltse is also sponsoring a county board to employ a county agent upon a salary of 200 dollars of the county. The board has the option, however, of submitting the question either by election or open hearing.

Nine bills in all were introduced in the senate which recessed until 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Day's Activities in Washington

Federal prohibition authorities began a check of liquor consignments to foreign embassies and legations here to determine whether any part of such supplies is reaching the bootleg market.

The plan, outlined by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech, settlement of the reparations controversy, it was learned, has been communicated to the French government but no final reply has been received.

The supreme court held, in a decision in the case of the federal trade commission against the Curtis Publishing company, that publishers of newspapers and magazines lawfully can maintain exclusive wholesale distribution agencies.

Closing by the government of hotels and restaurants, particularly in New York city, for prohibition violations, was predicted by officials who discussed advisability of invoking the padlock provisions of the enforcement laws at a conference.

At the first joint meeting of the British and American debt commission, Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer and one of the British commissioners, declared Great Britain intended to repay every cent of her war debt to the United States but desired financing arrangements which would disturb trade relations as little as possible.

Woman Is "Straight Shot." Sandy, Ore., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Thomas Hazan is the champion pistol shot of this community. She recently went out to chicken coops back of her home to end the career of a skunk which had been "snooping" about. She crawled under the coops with her gun and, aiming directly at the "polecat's" tail, shot it in the head.

Millionaire Who Left S. Last July Returns With Capital of 6 Cents

New York, Jan. 8.—With just 60 cents in his pockets, George Pirococo, 40, who left this country last July a millionaire, arrives today on the Greek liner King Alexander, to make his second fight for a fortune. Pirococo lost his wealth in Smyrna when the Turkish hordes came in. He said he could not afford even to bring his wife home.

Pirococo came here first in 1905 as a stoker. He went into the importing business and when he left last summer, he says, he owned more than \$800,000 worth of property in Smyrna.

Almost as soon as he arrived there, the Turks came. His tobacco warehouses, yacht and all his other property were burned.

Today he landed here, one of 105 Smyrna refugees, and confident he would win his new fight.

He started looking for a job immediately.

Federal Agents Probe Shipments of 'Embassy' Rum

Charges That Bootleggers Obtain Liquor From Foreign Legations Stir Up Rumors in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(By A. P.)—Charges that much of the illicit liquor bootlegged recently by Washington bootleggers came in to the United States under consignment to the foreign embassies and legations here, have developed a situation which, in the opinion of federal prohibition authorities, embraces many disagreeable possibilities.

While officials of the federal government will not discuss specifically the liquor raids which Washington police officers declare have provided evidence of a leak from the embassy and legation stores to bootleggers, "dry" prohibitionists are saying there was "more than rumors" to support the theory that some bootleggers permitted re-entry under diplomatic courtesy, have found their way into illegal channels.

The prohibition officials have started a check on diplomatic shipments to determine whether the representatives of any country have been receiving an apparently abnormal supply. The procedure for obtaining entry necessitates formal application by the embassy to the state department which, it was said today, is sending a copy of each application to the prohibition bureau for its information. A further check is being made through customs officials at Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, through which ports the bulk of the diplomatic liquors arrive.

Officials were hesitant to say what action would be taken if it was definitely established that an embassy was receiving supplies of liquors plainly in excess of the requirements of its staff, but it was indicated that this department would be requested, in such a case, to take the matter up with the ambassador or minister in question in the hope of obtaining his voluntary cooperation toward remedying the situation. It was the opinion of officials that if such knowledge should result from their investigation it would be found that a subordinate attaché of the legation or embassy would be proven to have been the culprit without the knowledge of any of his responsible superiors.

Work May Be Shifted to Take Fall Vacancy

Washington, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—It became known here today that President Harding is considering the possibility of moving Postmaster General Work into the interior department, making possible appointment of Senator Harry New, Indiana, as postmaster general.

Friends of Representative Mondell and of Senator Poindexter are still active. Senator Jones of Washington called at the White House today to urge appointment of Senator Poindexter.

Eight Indicted for Arson. New York, Jan. 8.—Eight persons were indicted today for first degree arson upon evidence submitted by the district attorney's office in connection with the burning of a number of laundries. The names of the eight were withheld.

"Cat Woman" Dying of Hunger

Mrs. Bozarti, Who Daily Fed Dozens of Hungry Felines, Found Near Death Surrounded by Over 200 Empty Milk Bottles.

New York, Jan. 8.—(By A. P.)—The "Cat Woman of Avenue B" was in Bellevue hospital tonight dying from starvation.

"Cat Woman" was the name neighbors gave Catherine Bozarti, a queer little woman who never smiled and who moved to the avenue two years ago. Beyond the fact that she loved cats and fed every feline prowler in their neighborhood once a day, just after nightfall, the neighbors never learned a thing about her.

Mrs. John McGowan, who lived in the next apartment to Mrs. Bozarti, tried time and again to question her and even invited her to supper once. But Mrs. Bozarti would not talk about herself; neither would she accept any supper invitations. So Mrs. McGowan shook her head and gave it up.

All day long, even in the hot summer time, the "cat woman" stayed indoors. Then, as night came, she would go around the corner to the dairy for her daily purchase of six quarts of milk. Returning, she would pour the milk in some dozen saucers on the pavement in front of her apartment. Always there was a bunch of cats awaiting her.

But the "cat woman" seemed to have a strange influence over them. She would talk in a low tone and they would quietly await their turn at the saucers. It used to be an interesting sight for the children of the neighborhood, watching Mrs. Bozarti and her cats.

Too Bad They Stay Such a Short Time



Missouri Pacific Road May Acquire Rio Grande Line

New York Bankers Admit Negotiations Under Way for Purchase of Bankrupt Railroad.

New York, Jan. 8.—Negotiations for acquisition by the Missouri Pacific railroad, of the Denver & Rio Grande, Western, now in receivers' hands are under way, it was stated by local bankers tonight. Official comment was withheld on the ground that statements were premature.

Joseph H. Young, a former president and now receiver for the Denver & Rio Grande Western, declared he had no knowledge of such a sale and any such negotiations would have to be passed upon by the courts which now control both roads.

From other sources it was learned that negotiations are in progress looking toward a plan of reorganization of the Denver & Rio Grande Western that would be acceptable to the bondholders and others financially interested in the road. Under that plan, the Western Pacific, which now controls the common stock of the Denver & Rio Grande Western and the Missouri Pacific, which holds a large amount of the road's bonds, would be in joint control of the reorganized Denver & Rio Grande Western. It would, however, be operated as an independent railroad. So far, it is said, the negotiations have progressed smoothly and the plan of reorganization may be announced soon.

What new financing would be required to care for the various bond issues of the Denver & Rio Grande Western and the reorganization of the road was not disclosed.

500 Political Prisoners in Mexico Granted Freedom

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 8.—Five hundred political prisoners have been released from various prisons in Mexico, following the ratification of the amnesty decree by the national chamber of deputies, according to a report received at the El Paso Mexican consulate from Mexico City.

The decree was issued on Christmas day by President Obregon and was ratified by the chamber of deputies on January 5.

Harry Silverman Is Made Deputy Attorney General

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Harry Silverman of Omaha has been appointed deputy attorney general by O. S. Spillman, state attorney general, according to an announcement made today.

Silverman will serve as assistant to T. J. McGuire of Omaha, chief deputy county attorney for the Omaha district.

Silverman served as private secretary to J. Dean Ringer when Ringer was police commissioner of Omaha.

Spillman also announced the appointment of Lee Ray of Alliance to be a deputy attorney general in charge of the blue sky department.

Mother and Two Children Are Killed by Snowslide

Baker, Ore., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Harry Fisher and her two children, a boy 3 and a girl 9, were killed by a snow slide which struck their home in Mayflower gulch, near Cornucopia, Sunday night, according to word received here today. Fisher was thrown onto a hot stove and so seriously burned he was not expected to recover over a nine crew recovered the bodies early today.

Flames Destroy Club at Alliance Buildings and Equipment Valued at \$20,000 Razed by Midnight Blaze.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 8.—Fire starting presumably from spontaneous combustion in a coal basement destroyed the Alliance Coforte club house and contents on the shore of Broncho lake, two miles west of here, Sunday night, entailing damage of \$20,000. About \$12,000 insurance was carried. The loss included \$1,500 worth of personal property of club members, including five canoes, 20 sets of golf clubs, tennis equipment and clothing.

The blaze was discovered by Edward Milburn, caretaker, who was alone in the clubhouse. He heard the engine stop in the boiler room and found the basement in flames.

He telephoned for the Alliance volunteer fire department.

The clubhouse, built two years ago and one of the finest in western Nebraska, was a popular pleasure resort of Alliance business men.

Prairie fire caught from the blaze and burned over several acres. Several hundred persons from town watched the flames which were fanned by a high wind.

Treasury Announces New Issue of Notes

Washington, Jan. 8.—The treasury announced a new offering of 4 1/2 per cent treasury notes, dated January 15 and maturing December 15, 1927. The issue is for about \$300,000,000 with the right reserved by the treasury to allot additional securities of the issue to the extent that victory notes or war savings certificates are tendered in payment or exchange.

About \$200,000,000 of the victory notes which were called for redemption December 15 are still outstanding, according to treasury figures, and something like \$400,000,000 of the 1918 issue of war savings stamps also have not been presented for redemption. Interest stopped December 15 on the called victory notes and January 1 on the war savings stamps.

Governor of Porto Rico Hurt in Auto Accident

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.—E. Mont Reilly, governor of Porto Rico, had two ribs broken in a motor car accident here Saturday and is now confined to his room in a local hotel, it was learned today. The governor is expected to be out of bed within a week.

Governor Reilly's car, occupied only by himself and chauffeur, was struck by another car. No one else was injured.

The governor is in Kansas City, his former home, for a brief visit.

Publishers Not Prohibited from News Dealer Contracts

Washington, Jan. 8.—Publishers are not prohibited by the Clayton law from entering into contracts with news dealers as agents to act exclusively as their wholesale distributing agents, the supreme court held today in a case brought by the federal trade commission against the Curtis Publishing company.

The weather

Seventy-Five Mile Gale Lifts Roofs in Mile-High City

All Firemen Out—Buildings Done Running Into Thousands.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 8.—Descending upon the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain region early last night, a severe windstorm, increasing in velocity from a rate of 25 miles an hour to between 65 and 75 miles an hour, left destruction and havoc in its wake in parts of Denver and nearly a score of northern Colorado towns and in farming sections, according to general reports reaching Denver early today. Fires, fanned by the gale, wrought terror in parts of Denver during the night and virtually every fire department in the city was engaged in battling more than a score of blazes. Several residences, stores, two downtown buildings and a hotel reported fires, none of which proved to be serious.

Heavy Damage. The damage, however, was expected to run into thousands of dollars, although no official estimate was available early today.

The storm, which came from the western Rocky mountains, swept down upon southern Wyoming and northern Colorado late yesterday, unroofing houses and demolishing numerous frame residences. No loss of life was reported. Farmers lost heavily in damage to farm properties, it was reported.

Strikes Denver. Moving south, the storm struck Denver after 9 o'clock last night and continued its errand of destruction. Telegraph and telephone communication to points north of here was virtually demoralized, scores of telephone poles having been blown down in isolated districts.

A 13,000-volt tramway wire was blown down between here and Golden, Colo., crossing 200 telephone wires and burning them. Hundreds of motorists were held up by police, who guarded all roads across which the live wires were strewn, creating a serious menace to safety of drivers.

Jailor Schroeder, he declared, had not given him a square deal. He admitted having assaulted Carpenter (a trusty) for having intimidated him as a white mouse—a squealer, and complained that he had been put in solitary that day. Paul Knapp admitted he had broken out of the local jail in 1918.

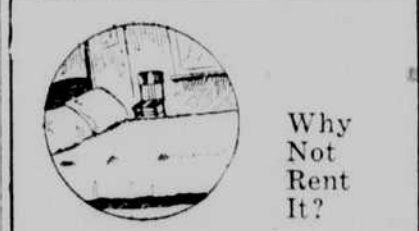
Cave, who gave himself up voluntarily, had little to say, except that he had only followed the gang out and had not participated in the force used.

No Grounds to Impeach Daugherty, Committee Holds

Washington, Jan. 8.—The house judiciary committee at the meeting Tuesday, members said yesterday, will formulate a report to the house holding there were no grounds for the impeachment charges filed by Representative Keller, republican Minnesota, against Attorney General Daugherty.

The committee also is expected to adopt a report by a subcommittee deploring Mr. Kelly's was not exempt from obeying its subpoena, directing him to appear after he had withdrawn from the case. Members indicated this report, if adopted by the full committee, would be presented to the house without recommendation.

Another 19th Ward Murder. Chicago, Jan. 8.—Another murder today was added to the score or more of last year in what formerly was the old Nineteenth ward. Angelo Demora was found assassinated with two bullet holes in his body.



Why Not Rent It? Possibly you have a spare room furnished neatly and cozily, but unoccupied.

The money you realize each month from such a room would go a long way toward paying your house or apartment rent, or, if you own your own home, let it help to pay your taxes and insurance. Advertise it tomorrow.

Hundreds of people choose the rent-a-room through the "Rooms for Rent" advertisements in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee—desirable people, too.

Three Lines—Three Times Ten Dimes

Labor Board Rejects 'One Big Union' Plea

Chicago, Jan. 8.—(By A. P.)—The "One Big Union" idea among railroad men, as represented by the United Association of Railway Employees of North America, and the so-called outlaw union which called the switchmen's strike in 1920, has no standing, so far as the United States railroad labor board is concerned, it was announced today.

The board refused to receive a petition presented by R. C. Greenley, general chairman of the union, for a hearing on a dispute between his men and the Michigan Central railroad, on the ground that Greenley's evidence failed to show he represented a majority of the men employed.

Irish Railroad Damaged in 375 Places in Year

Dublin, Jan. 8.—(By A. P.)—A map issued by the Southern and Western railway shows that during the last year the right-of-way of the line has been damaged at 375 places. Forty-three engines have been derailed, 93 bridges destroyed and 36 signal cabins and other buildings razed.

Indictments Dismissed. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 8.—Indictments returned a month ago by a special grand jury against H. F. Fellows and Orville V. Rinehardt, former officers of a Rapid City Packing company, charging them with irregularities in the company's affairs, have been dismissed, it became known today.