

Early Agreement on Debt Funding Issue Predicted

Washington Officials Optimistic Over Prospects Following Negotiations With British Representatives.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—Although the British debt commission sailed from home with the mission which brought it to America uncompleted, well informed officials in Washington are by no means pessimistic over the possibility of an early agreement for the refunding of the British war debt to the United States.

In view of the facts disclosed for the first time, some of those familiar with the recent exchanges between the British and American commissioners would not be surprised if British assent to a settlement plan tentatively worked out here is given soon after Chancellor Baldwin and his colleagues of the British commission arrive in London.

While the greatest reserve is shown here regarding the nature of the tentative platform, it is known that it represents the considered judgment of both commissions as to the maximum concessions that might possibly be granted by the United States. In view of the advanced stage reached in the discussions, the sudden decision of the British government to recall its commissioners to London for consultation instead of authorizing them to conclude the agreement is said to have come as a complete surprise to the British themselves no less than to the American side.

Outlook Optimistic.

As the home government has been kept fully informed of every step in the progress of the negotiations, it had been assumed that the absence of objections to the plan, as it developed, could be construed only as forecasting assent to the final stages.

The conclusion has been drawn in diplomatic circles here that the grave change in the European political situation after the two commissions began their work caused the British government to hesitate to assume any new financial burdens at this time unless it was assured of the ability of the taxpayers to bear them.

Among the many elements of apprehension which thus may have influenced British officials are enumerated the possibility of an expensive war in Turkey, heavy losses of trade as the result of the operations of the French in the Ruhr, followed by increasing unemployment of English workmen, unrest in India, and unsatisfactory conditions in Egypt, which might make it necessary to modify its present independent status.

To tie up the government in such an enormous financial transaction as that contemplated by the commission under these conditions, is said to have been viewed as hazardous in the extreme.

Half Million Dollars a Day.

Few persons outside of the innermost circles here have any knowledge of the extent of the obligation Great Britain was to assume under the plan considered.

It is known that the original American plan of refunding would call for the payment by the British government of upwards of \$1,000,000 a day, with the last payment 60 years in the future. After a careful study of the figures presented by the British, however, the American commission is said to have been disposed to accept the view that half of that sum—or \$500,000 a day—represented the full extent of the British ability to pay.

To meet even that charge it was held that the British government would probably find it necessary to make extensive changes in its whole financial and economic system. That would, of course, make it incumbent upon the cabinet to seek the aid of parliament and secure legislative approval of its plans.

Old Cruiser Yields Small Fortune in Spanish Coins

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 21.—The old cruiser Yorktown, one of the vessels of the United States navy that saw service in the Spanish war, has yielded a small fortune in gold Spanish coins to the crew that was wrecking it at the Crowley shipyards here.

Spanish gold pieces, estimated to be worth \$4,000 to \$5,000 in all have been found by the wreckers in drain pipes, in boiler tanks and in other sections of the vessel. It is believed the gold pieces belonged to members of the Yorktown's crew during the Spanish war and were lost.

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Babe in Arms; Kills Husband

Mrs. Paul Eberle and baby



Mrs. Paul Eberle, wife of a wealthy Des Moines stock broker, shot and killed her husband as they were riding in his automobile. Mrs. Eberle, holding her baby in her arms, fired four shots, while her husband held the steering wheel. Removed to a hospital in Oskaloosa, Ia., she collapsed and became hysterical, declaring she fired in self-defense.

Hughes Expected to Quit Cabinet

New York Dispatch Says Secretary on Verge of Handing Resignation.

New York, Jan. 21.—A special dispatch from Washington to the World says: "The occasional rumors that Charles Evans Hughes would quit his post as secretary of state, have not been taken too seriously until this afternoon. But now an informed and dependable administration source permitted the information to leak out that Mr. Hughes has reached the verge of a decision to hand his portfolio back to President Harding and to return to the practice of law.

"Because of the reliability of the source of this news, it was widely credited here for it detailed perfectly with recent events and the recurrent fits of irritability which Mr. Hughes has displayed within his domain over the rising tide of denunciation directed at him from the country and especially from republicans.

"Moreover, it followed close on the heels of the G. O. P. insurgency on Friday in the senate of foreign relations committee, when Johnson, Borah, Brandegee, Moses and McCormick, all republicans, all united in demanding a showdown on the administration's foreign policy."

Gen. Duncan Honored by Reception at Club

A reception by invitation to officers, their wives and specially invited guests, for Maj. Gen. and Mrs. George B. Duncan was tendered at the University club. Mrs. W. B. T. Belt and Mr. Belt were among the prominent Omahans who represented the city.

Receiving with the major general and his wife, were Col. and Mrs. H. A. Eaton, Col. and Mrs. Amos Thomas, and Col. and Mrs. Philip K. L. Hall of Greenwood, representing the officers' reserve corps.

General Duncan is in command of the Seventh army corps area. He was previously in command of the Fifth infantry brigade of the Third division, the Seventh infantry brigade of the Fourth division and in command of Camp Merritt, N. J.

During the world war General Duncan rose to the rank of major general and participated in the Oise-Aisne defensive and the Meuse-Argonne offensive, being awarded the distinguished service medal by our government, the order of the Bath (compensation) by Great Britain and the legion of honor (commander) and the croix de guerre (with palm) by France.

During the Spanish-American war he took part in the campaigns of Santiago and Puerto Rico and in numerous engagements in the Philippine insurrection.

Pioneer Omaha Woman Dies in San Francisco

Mrs. Bertha Rabinowitz, 85, pioneer Omahian, died Saturday in San Francisco, where she had been visiting with her children, according to word received here.

Mrs. Rabinowitz came to Omaha in 1888. After the death of her husband 24 years ago, she made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Morris Rosenblatt, 401 South Thirty-eighth avenue.

Besides Mrs. Rosenblatt, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. Stein of Detroit, Minnie Rabinowitz of New York city and Mrs. Anna Ruchman of San Francisco, and by three sons, Abe, Joe and Nate Rabinowitz, also of San Francisco.

Mrs. Rabinowitz's body will be brought to Omaha Wednesday for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

World Chamber of Commerce to Discuss Interallied Debts

Paris, Jan. 21.—The council of the International Chamber of Commerce decided to put the question of interallied war debts on the agenda of the Chamber of Commerce convention which opens in Rome on March 18. Reparations, international credits, exchange and transportation, customs regulations and the double taxation of firms established abroad will also be discussed.

The council decided to invite United States Senator William E. Borah to talk to the delegates concerning the American viewpoint on European affairs.

Europe Tottering on Very Brink of Economic Abyss

Britain Taking Neutral Stand Regarding Occupation of Ruhr—Italy Continues Efforts to Settle Trouble.

London, Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—The 10 days' military occupation of the Ruhr for the avowed purpose of forcing Germany to pay delayed reparations finds Europe dangerously near a social, economic and industrial abyss, over the edge of which France and Belgium, with their burden of war trappings, already may have disappeared, according to the view held in British official circles.

Stolid John Bull sits far to one side, immovable and almost unapproachable by the fourth member of the disrupted allied family, Italy, whose nervous efforts to bring about Franco-German mediation were features of today's developments in the European situation, as viewed from London.

The Italian ambassador, who just returned from Rome, has approached official circles here and broached the question of mediation, which, if the British initiated, might terminate the enforcement terms of the Versailles treaty at the point of the bayonet, without the Germans being given another chance to pay after financial reforms had been instituted by Germany.

Play Losing Game.

British officials assert that every card the Franco-Belgians have played in the Ruhr has been a losing one, pointing out that the results thus far have been entirely negative, the only benefit being to Great Britain in increased coal orders from Germany. At the same time it is admitted that there is still "a very remote possibility" that the French may be right, for it is remembered that Premier Poincaré predicted that it possibly would be weeks before profitable results of the occupation policy were evident.

To British observers the problem of the Rhineland, shorn of defaults, sanctions and treaty technicalities, finally resolves itself into one of foreign domination of people who give every indication of resistance. Great Britain professes to have learned well the lesson of Ireland, and believes that the allies likewise should have profited by the postwar disasters in Russia and Asia Minor and in the more recent events at Memel, where a supposedly unarmed population overthrew a foreign administration which was considered oppressive.

Position Difficult. The position of the British government the Rhineland occupation began. The policy of dissociation has been followed closely; however there has been the greatest care on the part of official circles to emphasize the hope of maintaining the entente. Nothing has been said or done in London to embarrass the French or Belgian occupation forces; not the slightest intimation of sympathy for Germany, whose refusal to comply with the French demands has been termed foolhardy and only likely to end in further penalties.

Nevertheless, increasing penalties and seizures by France and Belgium and the admonitions from British official circles have seemed ineffective and each day there is further evidence of German opposition.

Fortunately for the peace of mind of Bonar Law's government, the parliamentary vacation enables the ministers to view the progress of the occupation without being daily subjected to criticism and questioning from the floor of the house of commons. Political quarters believe that should the house of commons be called upon today to vote on the question of British policy there would be fewer than a dozen votes in opposition, but that labor would demand even further dissociation and the immediate withdrawal of the British troops from Cologne.

Blanche Arndt, 52, Dies of Stroke of Apoplexy

Blanche Arndt, 52, 6319 Spencer street, died at the family residence Saturday morning. Death was due to apoplexy. Funeral will be held from the residence Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Interment will be in Mount Hope cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Fred Arndt, five daughters and five sons.

Police Face Hard Problem to Explain Death of Dancer

San Diego, Jan. 21.—After working another 24 hours in an effort to explain the death of Fritz Mann, dancer, whose body was found on a nearby beach Monday, the police late today said they were up against what appeared to be a hard problem.

Detectives from the district attorney's office were reported at work on new clues in the case, but nothing of their nature was given out nor would anyone confirm officially that new clues were available.

Inability to identify Dr. Louis L. Jacobs, physician at Camp Kearny, as the man who, in company with Miss Mann, rented a cottage in La Jolla last Sunday night, was declared this afternoon by A. E. Kern, manager of the cottages.

British Debt Commission Praises American Press

New York, Jan. 12.—Declaring that the debt question was too delicate to discuss at this time, members of the British debt funding commission sailed for home on the Olympic.

Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the British exchequer, and Montagu C. Norman, governor of the Bank of England, both paid glowing tributes to the fair treatment they had received from the American press.

"I am particularly grateful," said Mr. Baldwin, "for the personal kindness and the fair way it has handled this matter. The temper of the American press has been a model of what a respectable press should be. I hope I will find on my return home that the British press conduct has been similar."

Legislative Bills

H. R. 187, Barbour—Providing that where a school district in a county maintaining a county high school is 20 miles from that school and there is another high school within that county or another, within 20 miles, the pupils may attend the nearest high school on payment of tuition out of county high school funds.

H. R. 188, Ward, by Request—Repealing section 934, referring to approval of bond for petition for error from lower court.

H. R. 189, Keck—Taking from the regent the power of fixing the tuition fee for nonresident pupils in the State university and providing for an annual fee of \$10.

H. R. 190, Keck—Providing that the party sustaining damages in an automobile collision shall have the right to sue in the county where it took place, and that service of summons from any court having jurisdiction in that county shall require the attendance in the county of the person, even if served in some other county.

H. R. 191, McCain—Providing that when a chance of venue is taken it shall be at the expense of the party at whose instance it is granted.

H. R. 192, Osterman—Amending the law relating to the methods of procedure in cities of the second class and villages in the construction of sewers.

H. R. 193, Eisner—Amending anti-polluting law by substituting for the words "inducing or influencing" a person to quit employment the words "intimidate or coerce."

H. R. 194, Donnelly—Changing the date of the holding of annual school meetings from the second Monday in June to the last Monday in April.

H. R. 195, Mears—Requiring railroads to stop all trains carrying caretakers of livestock at all depots for the accommodation of such caretakers.

Second Herrin Trial to Begin February 12

Marion, Ill., Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—Nine men will be tried on charges of murder in connection with the Herrin mine killings at the next trial in circuit court, beginning February 12, it was announced by Assistant Attorney General C. E. Middlekauff, in a notice sent to the attorneys for the defense. These men will be tried on a charge of having killed Antonio Molkovich of Erie, Pa., one of the employees of the Lester strip mine, who were killed during the rioting June 22.

Among the nine to face trial on the second murder charge are three—Otis Clark, Peter Hiller and Bert Grace—who were acquitted Friday on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Howard Hoffman.

Pilot and Student Flyer Killed in Plane Wreck

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—E. C. Davis, pilot for a commercial aviation company, and William Trapper, automobile mechanic and student flyer, were killed here when the airplane in which they were flying plunged 300 feet into San Francisco bay.

A life saving crew from Crissy field was dragging the bay waters tonight in an effort to recover the bodies.

Davis formerly was an air mail pilot and during the war was a lieutenant in the army. He lived in San Francisco. Trapper, it was said, lived in Spokane.

The airplane's fall was caused by an explosion in the fuselage which tore the wings from the machine. The men fell close to the place where Lincoln Beachey was killed when his airplane fell during the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

Niece of Late Pope Dies.

Rome, Jan. 21.—The death is announced of Gilda Parolin, favorite niece of the late Pope Pius X. She died in the house across from St. Peter's square where the sisters of the late pontiff reside.

Bee Want Ads bring results.

Rumors Fly Thick as Near East Meet Nears Conclusion

Reports and Counter Reports Indicate Increase in Tension Among Delegates to Lausanne Conference.

Lausanne, Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—As the near east conference approaches what is expected to be its final chapter, all kinds of reports and counter reports are in circulation, indicating an increase in the general tension.

The Turks announced that the British delegates had refused to entertain a suggestion that the Mosul dispute be left to the league of nations. The British replied with the remark that the Turks had never advanced such a suggestion to the British.

There was another protest to the president of the conference by the Russian delegation—that it had not yet received a copy of the projected treaty concerning the straits. The soviet foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin, demands a copy immediately and declared the Russians must have three days to study it before discussion in plenary session.

The Assyro-Chaldean representatives have issued a lengthy indictment of Persia, accusing that country of torturing and massacring Assyro-Chaldeans, and insisting that Persia should be invited to the conference to justify its acts. Persia recently protested because it had not been invited to send delegates to the conference.

Indications reached Lausanne that the English papers have reports that in the event of a rupture of the conference the United States and Turkey will negotiate a separate treaty immediately.

Ambassador Child's comment on this was that there is a more likelihood of the United States making a special treaty than any other nation.

Dogs Listen in Dogged Silence as Court Cuts Income to \$350 a Month

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Trixie and her unmarried sister, Fritzie, erstwhile dog heirs to the estate of Mrs. Katherine Howard, variously estimated at from \$16,000 to \$50,000, listened in dogged silence to a pronouncement reducing them to \$350 worth of dog biscuit a month.

An agreement was reached in court turning over the bulk of the estate to Mrs. Frank Leighton, sister of Mrs. Howard, and the only heir at law.

With the settlement came an amazing story of conspiracy and double-jointed intrigue. At the hearing last week Mrs. Leighton produced a will designating her as the sole heir, but the signature was missing. It had been chewed off, presumably by some dog interested in the case. Her attorneys put the blame flatly upon Trixie and Fritzie. They also said these two dog heirs had chased their little brother to the street and caused him to be killed by a taxicab.

However, Trixie and Fritzie will continue to enjoy the income from the estate, which amounts to \$350 a month, but no one is offering to lay any life insurance upon them.

Aged Mother and Young Wife Defend Alleged Murderer

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The defense in the South murder case rested, when Judge Colby adjourned court until Monday at which time arguments will be submitted. South's aged mother and his young wife testified in support of the alibi claimed by the defense.

Rum Fleet Plainly Visible Off Coast of New Jersey

Highland, N. J., Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—"Rum row" was clearly visible from shore without glasses. It was seen that the liquor fleet off Ambrose channel lightship had increased overnight. It numbered 18 good sized vessels, with a number of small schooners nearby. Business seemed dull.

General Agricultural Situation Promising

Washington, Jan. 21.—The general agricultural situation is full of promise, the Department of Agriculture announced, in reviewing conditions of the first half of January.

Improvement in fall sown grains quite generally throughout the country was reported as a result of mild and open weather, which enabled backward fields to catch up in seasonal development of growth. Farm work has proceeded satisfactorily in most sections and plowing for spring crops is generally further advanced than usual.

Omaha Club Elects Board of Directors

H. A. Tukey was re-elected a director in the Omaha club at a meeting held in the clubrooms. The other two directors elected are J. E. Fitzgerald and E. W. Gannett.

The outgoing directors are N. B. Updike and A. C. Potter. No meeting was held by the new board to elect a president.

Lucky Strike Cigarette advertisement with 'It's toasted' slogan and '12's' pack size.

Large advertisement for 'A Tale Worth Telling' featuring a parrot and a man, with text about product service and the Omaha Bee.

Advertisement for Forhan's toothpaste, 'THE ODDS? AGAINST YOU'.