

Debt Agreement Pleases Ex-Premier

Feeling of Good Will Big Issue

American Government Has Shown Gratiating Spirit of Concession Toward England, Says Lloyd George.

Credit of Britain Saved

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Algebras, (via London), Feb. 3.—As I roll homeward along the coast of Spain a wireless message announces the British government has accepted the American debt terms. The details which I have received are not sufficient to enable me to form an opinion regarding the character of those terms, but a fact of importance, however important on so large a debt to overburdened people, is not comparable in value to the good understanding between these two great communities on whose co-operation peace, freedom and international justice depends.

The American government has not insisted upon the stern letter of the bond, but has displayed a spirit of accommodation and concession which is highly gratifying to those who are anxious to maintain a spirit of friendship, of good will and confidence between the two greatest free communities of the earth.

Genuine Effort. On the other hand it is clear the British government has made a genuine effort to arrive at an arrangement in their decision to take all necessary steps to repay the debt.

The government represents the real sentiment of the nation as a whole. The British taxpayer is no doubt fully alive to the fact that this heavy debt incurred by him during the war was in the main in order to finance American supplies to our allies. We could have paid for all the supplies we required for our own use without resort to any loan from the American government. Nevertheless, the money was advanced to us by the lender on our credit and our signature.

Our credit as a nation, therefore, demands that we should pay. Whether we can collect enough money from our own debtors to meet this charge becomes increasingly doubtful as it is becoming more increasingly needful. Britain is alone in thinking she is under any moral obligation to pay external liabilities incurred for the effective prosecution of the war. The attitude of the late and present government is identical in this respect.

Overwhelming Reasons. Why has the British public taken a different view of their national obligations towards external war debts from that adopted by other allies? In giving the answer I do not wish to dwell on the obvious and trivial considerations which you must weigh whenever you consider whether you will carry out an engagement which you have entered into with another who has already performed his part of the engagement on the strength of your promise.

These ought to be conclusive, but to urge them might be deemed an unworthy reflection on the honor of those who take a different view of their national duty. I have no desire to offer censure or criticism upon their decision. They no doubt have their reasons for the course they are adopting. We have certainly overwhelming reasons for the policy which the British government is now pursuing.

The settling up of accounts is always an unpleasant business, especially amongst friends. Strangers expect it and prepare for it—and there is no resentment on the bill arrives. But a man hates reminding his friend at the end of business in which both have been engaged in warm amity that there is "a little balance" to be paid up.

Not Uncommon Experience. He has been expecting his friend to mention the matter to him, so he puts off introducing the unpleasant topic from year to year. But the friend disappoints his expectations. Not a hint comes from that quarter of any realization that there is anything due. It soon looks as if it had been forgotten altogether. The friend is most insistent of collecting business accounts due to himself. He is angry at all delays in the payment of his own bills, but his conscience is blind on the side of the debts he himself owes.

It is not an uncommon experience, and we are suffering from it today. The war left us a creditor nation to the extent of over 2,000,000,000 pounds, and a debtor nation to the extent of about half that amount. We readily accepted an invitation from our creditor to discuss repayment of the debt we owe. Our debtors displayed an invincible reluctance to enter a similar discussion with us. That ought not to influence our action. Britain is the greatest of all international traders, and her credit rests on the reputation she well earned—that her bond is a sacred trust which her people always honor and redeem without counting the cost in toil and treasure.

Panic Seizes Bankers. I remember when the war broke out the panic which seized bankers and brokers as they contemplated the obligations incurred by British firms with their support, to finance world trade. These liabilities ran into a hundred millions sterling and the only security for repayment was represented by a bundle of flimsy paper

Musical Club of Washington Uni to Appear Here



The Musical club of Washington university, to appear at the Brandeis theater on college night, February 8, under the auspices of the Omaha College club, is making its fifth annual tour. There are 30 young men in the club selected from a student body of 5,000. In addition to the ensemble work there will be vocal and instrumental solos, a varsity quartet and a string trio. The public seat sale opened Thursday.

All Comforts of Home for the Weary Pilgrim Is Slogan at Tourist Camp



All the comforts of home for the weary pilgrim. That's the way the directors of the Omaha Auto club together with Park Commissioner Hummel expect to make good Omaha's advertised promise to welcome the stranger. This picture shows a committee from the Auto club making a final inspection of the new tourist community house at Elmwood park. Reading from the foreground toward the building are J. B. Hummel, W. E. Cheek, L. A. Leppke and G. H. Brewer. They pronounced the building a complete success.

Completely Equipped. This community house is intended as a resting place for the automobile traveler. It will be equipped with easy chairs, a fireplace, tables and reading matter. In another building, similar in style, complete kitchen and laundry equipment will be installed. It will contain gas stove, sink with hot and cold running water, laundry tubs and lavatories.

Plans of the tourist park committee of the Auto club call for a camp which will accommodate at least 150 machines. This camp will be fenced, the grounds will be laid out in streets and lots ample in size for a party of tourists laid out and numbered. Wash racks for cars also will be installed and the camp will be policed day and night.

while other countries who pursued a different policy find the cost of living for their people ascending month by month. A short time ago we were taunted in the French chamber of deputies by the president of the council that our unbound financial policy had been responsible for our unemployment. It is true that if we had gone on borrowing instead of paying our way—if we had defied our foreign creditors instead of paying them—we also, like many other European countries, might have fostered an artificial prosperity by means of discredited currency.

But British credit would have rapidly disappeared beyond recovery and British trade would soon have followed. Meanwhile the cost of living in Great Britain would have been double what it is today.

Hazards No Opinion. We therefore dismissed the policy from our minds without paying it the tribute of discussion. Trust is the only soil in which credit flourishes. Had that trust been forfeited British buyers, and consequently British consumers, would today have been paying more for their wheat, their meat, their cotton and their wool.

The burden of repayment to the United States will be infinitely less than that of the indirect burden involved in large purchases with a discredited currency. The government is therefore right in arranging with the American treasury without loss of time for the liquidation of a debt incurred by this country. Why it was incurred, the circumstances in which it was entered into, the purposes for which the money was advanced are all matters which the American congress might well consider in arranging the terms of repayment. That is however, their province. Ours is to honor our signature.

Protest Sunday Funerals. Tampa, Fla., Feb. 3.—In a recent public address to prominent negroes of the city, including preachers and teachers, Dr. J. R. Harris, city health officer, deplored the practice of negro secret societies holding so many funerals on Sundays. It has been the custom here, Dr. Harris pointed out, for the lodges and relatives of negroes dying during the week to postpone the funerals until the following Sunday. This often necessitates a considerable delay, which is not only opposed to the rules of public health, but also is a hardship upon the feelings of numerous bereaved relatives, whose sufferings are prolonged by postponed and elaborate lodge funeral ceremonies. The negro ministers adopted a resolution supporting the stand of the city health officer.

reward. The purchasing value of our currency already has risen under its burdens and as a consequence the cost of living has fallen steadily

This fully equipped camp will have a two-fold purpose, according to members of the Auto club. In the first place it will bring automobile travelers to Omaha. In the second place it is tempting restfulness is expected to impel those who do come to Omaha to remain in this city longer, particularly cross-country tourists making long drives. The remarkable success of Denver's Overland park tourist camp, where each year thousands of motorists enjoy the hospitality of the mile high city, is pointed out by the Auto club as an indication of how a city may gain by a first-class tourist camp. In the new camp Omaha will have one second to none in the country in convenience or facilities and it is believed there will be a tremendous increase in the number of tourists who will stop off for a period in Omaha.

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McCormick Sees Possibilities in Rubber Industry

Secretary Hoover Urged to Investigate Production With View to Encouraging American Investments.

Washington, Feb. 3.—In a letter addressed to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, urged that the Department of Commerce investigate the possibilities of developing rubber production in Latin-American countries with a view to encouraging American investments. Referring to the possibilities for increased trade between the United States and South American countries the Illinois senator suggested that the Department of Commerce be provided with sufficient funds for an aggressive campaign to promote this trade.

Conditions affecting European credit and trade today gave thoughtful men concern about our own future markets," said Senator McCormick. "The great value of volume of our exports seems to be amazing, considering the diminished buying power of the populations chiefly affected by the great war."

Precisely as our government has preached diversification to farmers and manufacturers, so ought it now seek for them a diversification of our foreign markets. In 1921 a little less than a quarter of our world trade was carried on with Latin-America, but nearly half of it with Europe. I venture to suggest that congress ought to make available to your department increased funds which will permit an aggressive and intensive campaign for the increase of trade between North and South America.

I am informed that during 1921 and 1922, approximately 95 per cent of our crude rubber supply consisted of plantation grades produced in the British and Dutch possessions in the far east. Since the United States consumes between 70 to 75 per cent of the world's supply of crude rubber, the significance of this trade is quite evident. Our utter dependence on these far eastern sources of supply might become most serious in case of war."

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Omaha Leads in Law Enforcement, Dempsey Asserts

Reports from Other Cities Give Omaha First Place Except in Recovery of Loot.

Omaha, instead of lagging behind other cities of its class in law enforcement, as has been charged indiscriminately, leads them by a wide margin in virtually every department of police work, according to Chief of Police Mike Dempsey, who submitted figures to prove his contention.

Chief Dempsey wired to 13 cities in different parts of the country for data on law enforcement, and received replies from Minneapolis, Seattle, Oakland, Denver, Providence and Salt Lake City.

Favorable to Omaha. Comparison of the data received is extremely favorable to Omaha, except in the percentage of stolen property recovered. Omaha's per cent is 55.7, while the other cities range from 39.5 to 89 per cent, at Oakland, Julius Stigge, secretary to Chief of Police Dempsey, however, stated that in all probability the reports from other cities included recovery of stolen automobiles, which is not included in the Omaha figure.

The local motor theft bureau has a record of 95.6 per cent recoveries, a figure greater than that reported by any other city.

Omaha also leads in traffic control, with only 3.4 accidents per 1,000 population. Figures for other cities are Denver, 4.7; Minneapolis, 5.9; Oakland, 7; Salt Lake City, 7.6; Providence, 17, and Seattle, 27.

Facts Distorted. Omaha police have confiscated 1.1 still for every 1,000 population, as compared with confiscations ranging from .19 to .32. "We are willing to let these figures speak for themselves," said Charles Van Dusen, chief of detectives. "Aggravators in the last few weeks have distorted facts and created a false impression as to the activities of the Omaha police."

He cited the case of a minister who declared from the pulpit that there were 23 murders in Omaha last year, only six of which had been solved. The facts are, according to Van Dusen, that with 23 murders, only six had not been solved.

Lumberjack Heavy Eater. Iron Mountain, Mich., Feb. 3.—Charles Smith, a lumberjack, who towers 6 feet 6 inches in height, won a \$100 bet that he could get away with two dozen fried eggs and a 12-inch slice of ham at one sitting. In the presence of a large gathering Smith "licked the platter clean" in the twinkling of an eye.

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