

### Senate to Vote on Debt Funding Measure Today

#### Agreement Is Reached to Hold Session Until Action Is Taken—Debate Limited to 10 Minutes.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Agreement providing for a vote on the British debt funding bill before the senate adjourns Friday was formally entered into late today after a similar proposal had been blocked earlier.

Under the agreement it was provided that after 2 o'clock the time of each senator for debate will be limited to 10 minutes and that the senate should remain in continuous session until the bill is disposed of.

Passage of the bill was regarded as a foregone conclusion and conceded by opponents in today's debate, which was confined almost exclusively to democrats divided on the legislation.

The formal agreement for a vote before adjournment Friday came unexpectedly after what appeared to be fruitless negotiations.

Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, who made two extended speeches vigorously attacking the bill, objected earlier to any unanimous consent agreement, but finally yielded.

#### Early Vote Expected.

The agreement made was offered by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, with Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, in charge of the bill, insisting upon a vote before adjournment Friday.

A continuous session was not expected, however, as the session and others said the discussion appeared to be over.

The session would end soon after the time limit would go into effect. A new feature of the voting agreement, insisted upon by Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, provided that the chair should not keep a list of senators to recognize for addresses.

Senator La Follette said this was a practice to which he had often objected in the past.

Among the democrats participating in today's debate, Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia; Pomerene, Ohio, a member of the foreign relations, and Owen of Oklahoma, former banking committee chairman, spoke in behalf of the bill.

The opposition speeches included those of Senator Reed and Senators McKellar, Tennessee, and Walsh, Montana.

#### Hitchcock Criticizes Bill.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democrat of the foreign relations committee, criticized sharply the interest rates given to Great Britain and other features of the funding agreement, but said he might be "compelled" to vote for the bill finally.

He offered an amendment providing that the British interest payments should be the average borne by United States securities and paid semi-annually.

Senator Robinson, the prospective democratic leader, supported the bill as a factor for world stabilization.

"It probably will bring about stabilization of business and also of interest rates," he said, expressing the belief that interest charges probably would work lower in a few years.

Senator Glass said the funding arrangement was better than the existing obligations and Senator Pomerene, emphasizing probable effects upon world business conditions, expected from the bill, said he would vote for it wholeheartedly.

Vigorous onslaughts against the measure were made again by Senator Reed, who attacked British policies.

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### Mrs. Annette Lady Farrell Quietly Wed to N. Y. Man



Annette Lady Farrell.

Mrs. Annette Lady Farrell, divorced wife of Howard Farrell, club man and former president of the Farrell Strap company, was quietly married at the home of her mother, Mrs. Van B. Lady, 5011 Chicago street, at 1 Wednesday.

With her husband, John Francis Sullivan, she left for their new home in New York city. Rev. Edwin H. Jenks officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Farrell obtained her divorce August 10, last year, and was given custody of her two boys, 8 and 11 years old, and \$5,000 alimony. She collapsed on the stand while testifying at the trial of the suit. She testified between sobs that her husband came home intoxicated and when she asked him where he had been was informed it was none of her business and that he took off the belt to his trousers and beat her with it until bruises appeared on her back and arms.

While the divorce suit was pending, Farrell filed a petition in bankruptcy last and present, foreign and domestic.

He declared that the debtor nation was able to pay the original debt, which, he said, was a "moral obligation." He declared that a debtor which would not meet such an obligation would lose its credit before the world and also could be compelled to pay.

Says Britain Could Pay. These statements were deplored by Senator Owen as "mischievous and harmful" and as expressing dissent from any policy of force in the debt collection.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, argued that Great Britain was able to pay the original debt and that American taxpayers should not be compelled to aid the British by assuming larger financial burdens themselves. This argument also was stressed by Senator Hitchcock, who said he objected to voting for a bill which, he declared, virtually would increase the British loan by \$340,000,000 and cause the United States to lose \$1,000,000 in interest payments under the reduced plan.

Senator Hitchcock said he realized the importance of reaching an agreement on the funding and did not complain of the 62-year maturity period. He said Great Britain could not be expected to pay within 25 years, stipulated under the existing law, and added that he would not object to the reduction in the British interest from the present 5 per cent rate to the 4 1/4 per cent provided generally on liberty issues.

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(Continued From Page One.) take care of various matters, and they have been a great help in the situation. As this is but a small part of our hog plant and our sheep and beef killing and curing cellars are not affected, it will not take very long to rebuild it.

A. McKenzie, superintendent of motive power, and C. R. Marquess, architect for the Armour company, both of whom arrived from Chicago yesterday morning, said it was too early to make any statement as to rebuilding. Mr. McKenzie yesterday morning was on the roof of the hog plant making observations.

#### Defective Motor Blamed.

Defective motor at the top of an elevator shaft in section 13 of the

#### Armour Fire Recalls Four-Day Blaze in 1916

George Parks, South Side contractor, is an observer of the Armour packing plant fire, on account of his particular interest in fire walls. Mr. Parks has made a study of fire walls for many years and he has built fire walls which have resisted severe conflagrations.

At the time of the serious fire in the Hammond packing plant hog house in 1916 mention was made in the newspapers of the fire wall which separated the hog house and beef house, the latter building being protected by the heavy wall which Mr. Parks built in 1892. The wall is still in use. During 1897, when the beef house of the Hammond plant was destroyed by fire, the hog house was saved by this same fire wall. The wall at the Hammond plant is 85 feet in height and 225 feet long.

It is recalled that the Hammond beef house burned four days and yet the big wall was impervious to the attacks of the flames.

hog plant was given Wednesday night by O. C. Willis, plant superintendent, as the cause of the fire.

Shortly before 4 Wednesday afternoon M. J. Dineen, assistant fire chief, suffered an injury to his leg in an explosion and was removed to the Armour hospital. Mike Bellitz, captain of company No. 10, was stunned when he fell several feet Wednesday afternoon, and John Bogacz, driver for No. 10, was taken to Nicholas Senn hospital when he ran a spike in his foot.

#### Covered by Insurance.

Mr. Willis stated Wednesday the buildings and contents are fairly well covered by insurance. The amount of the insurance, he said, varies with the amount of the stock on hand.

Four fire trucks responded to another fire in the Swift & Co. sheep stables shortly after 10 Wednesday night. Damage was slight. Firemen fighting the fire were being supplied with food from the Armour cafeteria.

Clouds of thick, greasy smoke from the fire were reported on the horizon southeast of Lincoln, Neb.

#### Tons of Water.

"We want to get to killing hogs again as soon as possible, and will take steps to that end," he said.

Following the crumbling of the south wall of section 13 yesterday firemen clustered about the breach and poured tons of water into the blazing interior, checking the flames sufficiently to prevent the spread of the blaze.

Mrs. L. J. Healey, Mrs. C. A. Grandon and Mrs. F. W. Carmichael, representing the local chapter of the Red Cross, called on C. R. Orchard, plant employment superintendent, yesterday morning with offers of assistance.

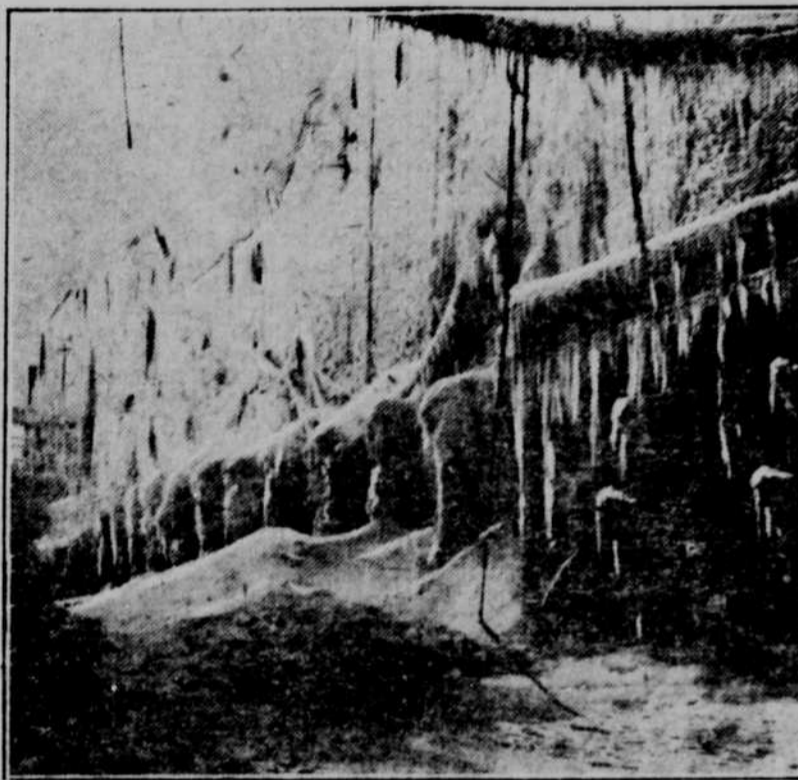
Mr. Orchard stated that the com-

### Big Wall Collapses in Blaze



Above, view of section 18 of the Armour hog plant just after several hundred tons of the south wall collapsed shortly after 11 yesterday morning. Below, A. W. Armour, vice president of Armour & Co., and John O'Hern, general superintendent of packing plants, who arrived in Omaha yesterday morning from Chicago.

### Ice-Coated Fire Ruins



At the base of the wall is shown a mass of ice and frozen spray from the hog plant, coated with ice as the result of constant play of streams from high pressure hose lines. At the base of the wall is shown a mass of ice and frozen spray from the hose lines eight feet deep.

pany hopes to absorb most of the men out of employment, and that it is equipped to handle the situation temporarily, but that relief might be needed if continued unemployment developed.

The women stated they were prepared to establish a soup kitchen, if necessary.

R. B. Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities district, was assured yesterday by fire department officials that water service during the fire had been satisfactory.

#### Whole New Building.

John O'Hern, general plant superintendent of the Armour company, who arrived yesterday from Chicago, declared that an investigation has revealed that the sprinkler system with which the plant was equipped had worked, but that in his

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transport St. Mihiel. The vessel is to carry army freight to San Francisco and Alaska, and members of congress will pay their own subsistence. Mr. Weeks said, so that the trip involves no added expense to the government.

Returning from Alaskan ports, the party will leave the ship at Seattle to proceed to their homes by rail.

Mr. Weeks hopes to make the trip himself, but was not sure that he could do so. He estimated that it would take the St. Mihiel 60 days to reach Alaska and return to Seattle.

Many of the men who will continue their service in the new congress and who deal with public works appropriations, have never seen the construction undertaken at the Panama canal, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Puget sound points and in Alaska. The Alaskan railway project also will be inspected, the ship calling at St. Michael at its most northerly port in Alaska.

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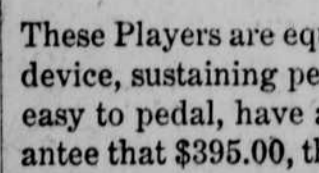
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