

Debt Plan Approved by Senate

Final Vote on Funding Agreement Passed by 70 to 13—Measure Now Goes to Conference.

Nebraskans Oppose Bill

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Congressional approval of the British debt funding agreement virtually was completed tonight when the senate passed the house funding bill.

The bill was returned to the house for adjustment of amendments not relating to the plan for funding the British debt of \$4,604,000,000 over a term of 62 years at reduced interest, but providing that settlements with other debtor nations must have the approval of congress instead of the president.

The opposition consisted of four republicans, Senators Borah, Idaho; France, Maryland; La Follette, Wisconsin; and Norris, Nebraska, and nine democrats, Ashurst, Arizona; Gerry, Rhode Island; Heflin, Alabama; Hitchcock, Nebraska; McClellan, Tennessee; Reed, Missouri; Trammell, Florida; Walsh, Massachusetts; and Walsh, Montana.

Supporters of Bill

Forty-six republicans and 24 democrats voted for the passage of the bill. The republicans were: Ball, Brookhart, Bursum, Calder, Cameron, Capper, Colt, Couzens, Curtis, Dillingham, Ernst, Fernald, Frelinghuysen, Gooding, Hale, Harold, Johnson, Jones (Washington), Kellough, Keyes, Lenox, Lodge, McCormick, McCumber, McKinley, McLean, McNary, Moses, Nelson, New, Odell, Page, Phillips, Poinder, Reed (Pennsylvania), Shortridge, Smoot, Spencer, Stanford, Sterling, Sutherland, Townsend, Warren, Watson, Weiler and Willis.

The democratic supporters were: Bayard, Broussard, Caraway, Dial, Fletcher, George, Glass, Harrison, Jones (New Mexico), King, Myers, Overman, Owen, Pittman, Pomerene, Ramsdell, Robinson, Sheppard, Shields, Smith, Stanley, Swanson, Underwood and Williams.

By a vote of 61 to 21 the senate rejected the amendment of Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska, to fix the British interest rate at the same rate as paid on United States bonds.

Conferees Named

Chairman McComber of the finance committee, Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, a member of the finance committee and also of the allied debt commission, and Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, were appointed at the conference for the senate.

Only two important senate amendments are in dispute between the senate and house. These are the amendment of Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, providing for approval by congress instead of the president, of funding agreements with other nations, and one by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, providing for appointment of three democrats on the allied debt commission. Both were adopted by the senate without record votes.

The attacks in final debate today, as well as in previous discussion, centered on the reduced interest provided in the British settlement. This is 3 per cent for the first 10 years and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter.

Day's Activities in Washington

Congress was asked by the budget committee to appropriate \$75,655,000 for funding of taxes illegally collected.

The British debt funding bill was passed by the senate, 70 to 13, and sent to conference with the house.

The house, by a 159 to 112 vote, ordered an inquiry into the importation of intoxicating liquors by foreign diplomats.

American exports during January, it was announced, totaled \$339,000,000 compared with \$344,425,000 in January, 1922.

The resignation of E. Mont Reilly as governor of Porto Rico was received at the White House, where its text was made public without comment.

Upon passage of the British debt bill, the administration shipping bill was restored to its former place as the unfinished business before the senate.

Announcement was made at the White House that President Harding had accepted the resignation of Directors Forbes of the veterans bureau, effective February 28.

John G. Neihardt Poems Will Appear in The Omaha Bee

Works of Nebraska's Poet Laureate to Be Reprinted on the Editorial Page.

By special arrangement with John G. Neihardt, the poet laureate of Nebraska, The Omaha Bee will begin publication next Sunday of daily selections from his lyric and epic works.

Neihardt writes about Nebraska—he sees the drama of the plains as has no other great literary figure. To him the story of the pioneers contains as much adventure and real nobility as that of any period of world history. He finds in the life of the Indians and in the wanderings of the early settlers all the thrill and color of life that Homer found in the adventures of Ulysses in the Odyssey or that Virgil depicted in the Aeneid.

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His courageous lines appeal to all classes of people. Once a miner who had spent two winters in the Yukon wrote Neihardt, telling how, in the darkest hours, that the poem had cheered him.

Used by Gompers. Samuel Gompers used it during the war in closing an appeal to the American Federation of Labor to do its utmost for the nation in its peril.

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Dynamite Is Used to Blaze Walls

Charges Fail to Topple Corner of Armour Hog Plant That Is Menacing Firemen Fighting Blaze.

Contractors Seek Men

Two explosions of dynamite between 329 and 4 yesterday afternoon at the base of the northeast corner of section 17 of what was once the Armour hog plant in South Omaha failed to raze the remaining angle of the wall.

The explosive was set off with the idea of weakening the foundation and causing the wall, which is menacing the safety of firemen in the vicinity, to collapse, and to expose a new portion of the blazing embers to streams from high pressure hose lines.

The fire had died down to a mass of smouldering ruins at that time, but firemen continued to predict that it will require several days entirely to extinguish the blaze.

Resume Car Service. Street car service was resumed over the Q street viaduct at 4 yesterday afternoon.

Bulletin was posted late yesterday at the Armour plant calling for 200 men to start work this morning clearing away the debris from the fire-blackened ruins.

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Pressure Is Decreased. The longest line, he said, was close to 2,900 feet, the length of the hose materially decreasing the pressure at the nozzle.

O. C. Willis, general manager for Armour & Co. here, declared yesterday that lack of pressure in the water mains was largely responsible for the delay in checking the flames at the Armour fire which started Wednesday morning.

Two hundred men at noon yesterday began the work of clearing away the debris from about the fire-swept structure in preparation for rebuilding operations.

The smoke, kept close to the ground by a light north wind, hampered the fire fighters somewhat in their work. They say the black smoke indicates the fire has reached a quantity of dressed hogs in one of the lower stories.

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Put on the Lid



Vessels Continue Hunt for Missing British Steamer

Belief Expressed That Tuscan Prince Has Foundered—Fog and Heavy Seas Hinder Search.

Seattle, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Fighting their way through blinding fog and heavy seas, rescue vessels tonight continued their search over the Vancouver island coast for the British freighter Tuscan Prince, missing since early Thursday, when its wireless flashed a last message:

"We are breaking up fast; we are going to drown."

On shore, in the vicinity of Estevan Point, Vancouver island, and south from Cape Flattery on the Washington coast, searchers sought traces of survivors of the wreck or bodies of the crew.

A "large steamer," said by a fisherman to be ashore near the northern entrance to Barclay sound, Vancouver island, and at first believed to be the wreck of the Tuscan Prince, was partially identified by coast guard headquarters here as the hulk of the steamer Nika, burned off Unatilla reef Thursday.

Another report that a vessel was grounded in Neah bay, Washington, was denied in a message from coast guard officers there, South of Cape Flattery.

Shipping men here expressed the opinion that the Tuscan Prince had foundered. While keeping up a search for the missing vessel, the coast guard cutters Snohomish and Algonquin were attempting to take off from the beach at Carnation point, Vancouver island, the 23 members of the crew of the steamer Santa Rita, wrecked there Thursday.

Both vessels expected later to patrol to the northward along the shore line.

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Resignation of Forbes Accepted by Harding

Washington, Feb. 16.—The resignation of Col. Charles R. Forbes as director of veterans' bureau has been accepted by President Harding, effective February 28, it was announced today at the White House.

Without comment White House officials made public an undated letter from the retiring director, who now is in Europe, assigning ill health as the reason for his resignation.

The vote on the measure was 515 to 68. Many of those who voted against it declared the loan, while destined ostensibly for the organization of the Polish army against "unwarranted attack from the east," was really put through as "a means of coercion against Germany from the west."

Abel Shotwell III. Abel V. Shotwell, former county attorney, is confined at the Nicholas Senn hospital with a severe attack of grip.

German Police Shoot Two Poilus

Tension Increased by Affair—French Move Tanks Into City.

Essen, Feb. 16.—Two French soldiers were wounded here last night by German security police who interfered in a cafe altercation. The tension, which already was high, has been increased by the shooting and today the French moved tanks into the city.

The shooting incident arose from the soldiers demanding drinks in the cafe and being met with a refusal by a waiter. A row was started, the security police appeared and the French claim fired the first shot.

A guard of French soldiers has been placed in the Essen branch of the reichsbank but this is explained as a measure to protect the supply of electric current to the Kaiserhof hotel, the French headquarters, which is fed through the bank's transmitters.

Several cases of attempted sabotage were reported from various parts of the Ruhr. One instance resulted in the death of a German railway worker who was shot by a sentry as he tried to enter a round house held by occupying forces.

Prison Sentences. According to a telegram from Duesburg, the governor, recorder and inspector of the local prison, were tried yesterday by the Belgian military court for refusing to accept prisoners arrested by the Belgians.

Each was sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined 50,000 marks. The officials will be expelled from the occupied territory when released.

Upon receipt of the verdict the prisoner staff went on strike and the prisoners were removed to Dusseldorf.

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Former Inmate of Asylum Killed by Sheriff's Posse

Reno, Nev., Feb. 16.—Dr. J. Perry Tyson, formerly a practicing physician here and later an inmate of an asylum for the insane, was shot and killed today at Wadsworth, Nev., after he had repulsed a sheriff's posse for almost 24 hours.

He had tried to persuade the Indians on the Pyramid Lake reservation to start on the warpath, and when they were made to arrest him, he escaped to the hills. The sheriff searched for him Thursday night and later found him at Wadsworth.

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S. D. Woman Frozen to Death. Minnewauke, N. D., Feb. 18.—The body of Mrs. C. B. Erickson, wife of a farmer near Madlock, was found late yesterday a mile from home, where she froze to death in Tuesday's blizzard, according to word received here today. This is the first death reported in North Dakota from the blizzard.

The Weather. Forecast. Saturday fair, not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m., 11 p. m., 59; 6 a. m., 10 p. m., 58; 7 a. m., 9 p. m., 57; 8 a. m., 8 p. m., 56; 9 a. m., 7 p. m., 55; 10 a. m., 6 p. m., 54; 11 noon, 19° 8 p. m., 53.

House Kills Language Law Change

Indefinite Postponement Carries, 74 to 20, Following One of Most Exciting Scenes of This Session.

Omahans Support Bill

By F. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Laboring under more excitement and feeling than has been shown at any previous session, the lower house this afternoon voted 74 to 20 to concur in a recommendation of the committee on education to postpone indefinitely amendments to the present language law.

This bill, introduced by Representatives Collins, G. B. Strehlow, and Elasser, all of Omaha and members of the American Legion, was reported late last night for indefinite postponement by the committee by a vote of 6 to 2. Those voting against indefinite postponement in the committee were Broome, O'Gara and Kemper.

The report of the committee was presented at 2 this afternoon. The filing of this report was followed by a motion by Strehlow of Omaha that the house not concur in the report and place the bill on general file for consideration of the entire membership.

That started the fireworks. Elasser of Omaha charged that the committee, without any notice given the introducers, voted the bill out for indefinite postponement without giving Strehlow, one of his fellow introducers, an opportunity to present an amendment to the original bill, which cut the drastic part of the proposed amendments fully 90 per cent.

The Strehlow amendment, read during the debate, left the present law intact except that it provided that it was optional with instructors in parochial or public schools whatever school hours foreign languages should be taught. The exact wording of the Strehlow amendment follows:

"Provided that nothing contained in the within section and the two preceding sections shall prevent the teaching of any foreign language outside the prescribed school curriculum or outside the prescribed school hours."

"I presented a number of men from Omaha before the committee last night and made clear it was a local delegation and that further amendments to the original bill were proposed," Elasser said.

Claims Steam-Rolled. Broome, a member of the committee, who objected to the action taken, declared a "steam roller of the majority" had been used in the hearings and sent the bill out with a recommendation for indefinite postponement.

Kieffer, an American Legion man, asserted "all of this talk about hearings being stifled is bunco. I am glad three ex-service men are the introducers," Kieffer said. "I want to say, there are only three ex-service men in the state who favor this repeal of this law."

"I just heard someone say, 'That's a damned lie,' he said. At this point, Speaker Mathers said: 'We want everyone to be treated as a gentleman and to act like one.' Smiley arose at this point. He said: 'Strehlow stayed away from the committee purposely so as to have an excuse to attempt to raise the bill over the committee's action.'"

Give Mullin Credit. "The intent of this bill is to give Art Mullin an opportunity to tell the United States supreme court next week that a repeal of this law is pending in the Nebraska legislature," Jacoby said. "The attorney general and assistants and Art Mullin and assistants appear before the United States supreme court next week to argue the constitutionality of the language law."

"I want to say that Art Mullin never talked to me about this bill prior to its introduction," Elasser, one of the introducers, said. "This is merely befogging the issue," Collins, one of the introducers, said. "Public sentiment has nothing whatever to do with the deliberations of the United States supreme court. I am young and perhaps some time I will say everything is 'bunco' and that I don't want to hear any arguments on either side of the question, but at this time I feel I should be open to conviction at any time."

Kemper asserted the committee had taken undue haste in acting on the bill.

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