

Germany Is Now Able to Pay Debt

Unbiased Americans Regard Present Time as Expedient to Settle Reparations—Country Is Recovery.

Occupation Held Fatal

By MARK SULLIVAN.
London, June 7.—Discussions accompanying the most recent phase of the reparations question have included assertions that Germany's capacity to pay has been reduced by the French invasion of the Ruhr to the extent that German industry thereby has been interrupted and disorganized. This is undoubtedly true. But admitting this, it is the testimony of entirely disinterested Americans who have lately surveyed Germany closely that it is now better equipped for economic production than any other country.

This is partly the direct and partly the indirect result of the depreciation of its currency. The German business man who has made money has used his profits to improve his plant. That has been one of the few safe uses to make of money in Germany.

Factories Improved.

To leave money in the bank was to see it shrivel overnight. To make the ordinary investments of profits in bonds and mortgages was to see their value decline with the depreciation of the mark. For that reason, German business men have been building additions to their plants and installing improved machinery.

Further than this, every German business man has had the advantage of having his debts in bonds and other obligations against him reduced to little or nothing by the depreciation of the mark. Finally, the whole class of people in Germany who have lived on their accumulated savings have been reduced to poverty, and are now added to the ranks of labor.

The depreciation of the mark has been brutal and criminal in its injustice and hardship it has worked, but from the point of view of economic life it has made Germany as a whole a nation better equipped for maximum production at minimum costs than before, and better equipped than Germany's trade rivals now are.

Now Proper Time.

These same Americans are equally insistent that it is the part of wisdom to fix promptly a definite sum which Germany can readily pay and that the world cannot get back on its track until this is done. Because the French policy has impeded the fixing of reparations at a definite possible sum, these Americans generally deplore the French policy and think that Britain was wiser in refraining from occupation of the Ruhr.

So far as the French policy up to late has seemed to express a disposition to keep Germany under indefinite bondage, indeterminate with respect to both time and amount, American observers generally regard it as fatal to both peace and economic recovery.

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Political Coup in Oklahoma

Governor Walton Casts Aside Farmer-Labor Body That Elected Him.

By Associated Press.
Oklahoma City, Ok., June 7.—Executing a spectacular coup, Governor J. C. Walton yesterday cast aside the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction league of Oklahoma, which put him in office, and laid plans for the formation of a new all-embracing farmer-labor body for the control of state politics. The executive summoned a conference of the heads of all the principal farmer and union labor organizations of the state to meet him on June 18, so that the directed the farmer-labor body of Oklahoma can be delivered into the hands of the "rank and file" through their "democratically elected representatives."

The Farmer-Labor Reconstruction league was not invited.

Mother of 3 Graduated from Barnard College

By International News Service.
New York, June 7.—Mrs. Katherine Bouton Clay of Newark, N. J., mother of three children, was graduated today from Barnard college here with a bachelor of arts degree and special honors in modern languages.

Northwestern Train Kills Man Mile West of Fremont

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Fremont, Neb., June 7.—A man believed to be F. S. Kendall, 23, Los Angeles, died at the Fremont hospital yesterday morning shortly after being struck by Chicago & Northwestern train No. 44, one mile west of this city. Engineer G. D. Allan stated that he discovered the man lying with his head on the tracks too late to stop his train.

The theory is advanced that he fell from another train and had suffered injuries that rendered him unconscious.

Trains Are Delayed by Caterpillar Horde in Oregon Mountains

Albany, Ore., June 7.—Caterpillars that are reported to be devastating the coast mountain region between Eddyville and Blodgett delayed the Albany-Newport train enroute here one hour and 25 minutes.

One man is reported to have been driven from his home by the insects. The caterpillars have destroyed all orchards in their path, have resorted to eating needles from fir trees and are even reported to be eating the bark from more tender trees.

The caterpillar army was more than an inch deep on the railway tracks, and the trainmen exhausted their strength in attempting to make grades in the devastated area. The horde is marching eastward, the trainmen said.

New Trial of Connell Case Asked

Lawyers for Doctor Who Lost \$50,000 Damage Suit Say Vaudeville Stunts Were Pulled at Hearing.

Claim Jurors Biased

Attorneys for Dr. Karl Connell, who lost a \$50,000 suit for damages brought by Violet Johnstone of New York last Tuesday, in their support for a motion for a new trial filed yesterday, characterize the trial as a "vaudeville show owing to the demonstration and actions of the large crowd."

The attorneys gave 58 reasons why District Judge Wakeley should vacate the verdict of the jury and give them a new trial.

In substance the reasons are: "That the verdict is not sustained by sufficient evidence and that the verdict is contrary to law; that the court erred in giving about 30 instructions and erred when he would not give certain instructions as desired by the defendant.

Marriage Promise Void.

"That the preponderance of the evidence in this case does not show or establish that any promise to marry was ever made; that the said alleged promise to marry is void and no recovery can be had in this action for the reason that said alleged promise is within the statute of frauds of the state of Nebraska and also of New York and as shown by the proof of the time of commencement of this action.

Free Milk, Ice, an Ideal Charity

Fund to Protect Infants from Heat Discursed by Visiting Nurses.

Two features make the Free Milk and Ice Fund an ideal charity. First, the fund is distributed through the Visiting Nurses, and therefore without expense.

Second, the fund is drawn on to supply pure milk and cooling ice exclusively to the babies and small children of the poorest homes who positively have no other means of getting these life necessities of the hot weather.

Already the preliminary heat has made itself felt. A slight lull is here at present.

Heat on Way.

The torrid waves will descend with out warning and unless prepared for will take their toll of baby lives. So, for the babies' sakes, don't delay sending in what you can spare right away. The calls from the helpless little ones will come in by the dozens at the first hot spell. And help must be available immediately. Hundreds of good people have saved babies' lives through this fund in the past. Hundreds will do the good work again this summer.

Privilege and Opportunity.

You may be one of them. It may be a privilege and opportunity which will return good fortune to you in many mysterious ways.

Previously acknowledged.....\$17.50

Thomas E. Godfrey.....1.00
R. R. Grotz.....1.00
Thomas E. Godfrey.....5.00

Total.....\$24.50

Checks should be made out to "Free Milk and Ice Fund." Checks and money should be mailed to "Free Milk and Ice Fund, The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb."

Short Ballot Campaign Launched in Nebraska; Governor Attacks Plan

Support Pledged at Lincoln Meeting to Submit Proposal at Next State Election. Initiative Says Appoint-ment Officers Would Play Into Hands of "Big Business."

All Ranks Behind Plan

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, June 7.—Fifty Nebraskans, representative of every walk of business and politics, met today and pledged themselves to support circulation of initiative petitions calling for a short ballot to the voters at the next election.

The meeting, replete with testimonials of inefficiency of the present dual system of state government and the long ballot, ended when on motion of W. M. Stebbins of Gothenburg, Elmer G. Lamb of Tecumseh was chosen as chairman of the short ballot organization, with power to select 12 committee members, two to be appointed from each congressional district. The appointments will be made within two weeks.

This committee has power to appoint as many subcommittees as it sees fit and to draw up the initiative petitions and arrange for their circulation. It will require approximately \$4,000 signatures to insure presentation of the short ballot proposition to the voters.

Has Power to Choose.

The same committee also has power to determine on the shortness of the ballots, whether only the governor, or the governor and lieutenant governor and state superintendent shall be proposed as the only state officers elected.

Personnel of these in attendance at the meeting was admitted by every one to be as cosmopolitan, politically, as any meeting ever held in Nebraska to launch a governmental reform project.

It included W. M. Stebbins, wealthy conservative republican banker; Arthur G. Wray of York, leader of the so-called Independent radical thought in Nebraska; F. P. Neff, conservative democratic member of the legislature; George Williams, Fairmount, conservative Nebraska farmer; F. L. Bollin, Lincoln, progressive democrat who was a candidate for democratic nomination for attorney general; State Senator C. E. Allen of Cozad, conservative republican leader; State Senator John C. McGowan, labor leader and C. H. Gustafson, farm co-operative society leader.

Shun Party Politics.

Nearly every speaker urged keeping the proposal out of party politics. In his reference to the opposition of Governor Bryan and his cabinet made today that the short ballot was supported by big business came when W. M. Stebbins read an excerpt from a speech delivered by the governor's brother, William Jennings Bryan, before the constitutional convention at Lincoln July 12, 1920, in which Mr. Bryan urged adoption of the short ballot by the convention. That part of the Bryan speech read by Stebbins follows:

"A word to officers. The governor should, in my judgment, be elected for four years, made ineligible to reelection. I believe in the short ballot. Instead of having all the state officers go before the people when it is impossible for the people to know these men personally or to weigh their claim with intelligence, I think that we should elect the more important ones and then put upon them the responsibility of selecting those who are to be associated with them."

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In Reference to the Omaha Bee's Growth in Circulation

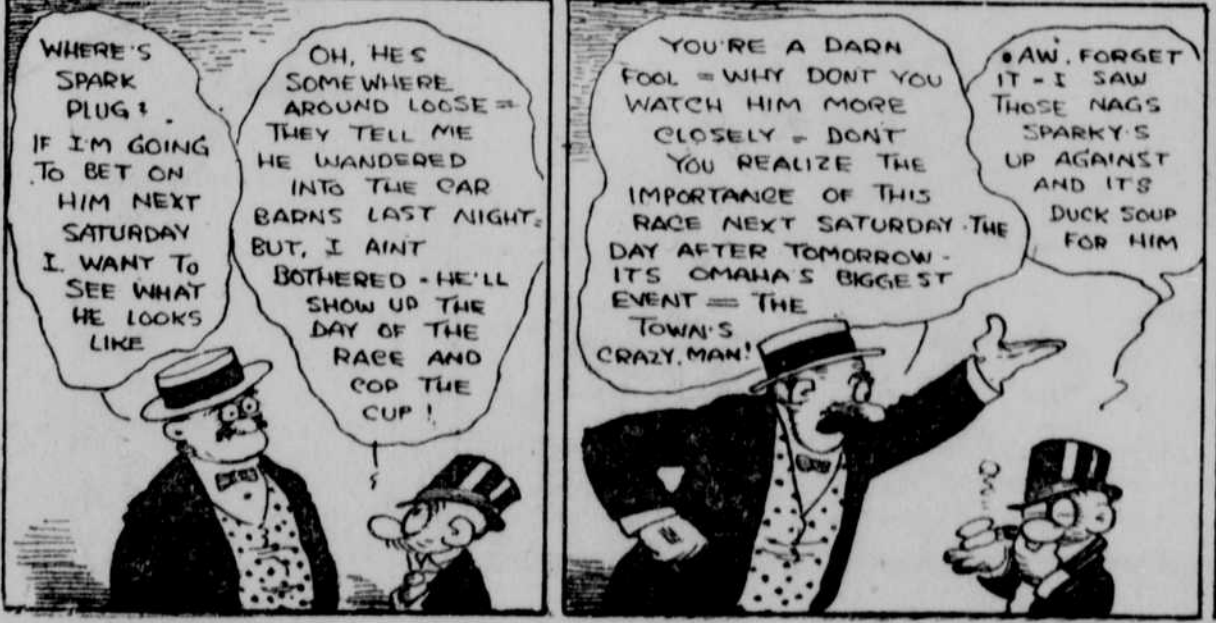
Yesterday The Omaha Bee published a chart which showed very clearly that the Omaha Bee had made a total gain of 13,075, or four years' worth of circulation, while the second newspaper had shown a gain of 7,184, while the third newspaper had suffered a loss of 7,332 in daily circulation as taken from the latest audit figures of 1922 and 1921.

It is not the purpose of The Omaha Bee to confuse its readers. A statement has been made by the World-Herald in which they show comparisons from other than the audit figures which they hope to mislead and discredit the chart published by The Omaha Bee.

In figuring the cost per inch per thousand papers The Omaha Bee has used the audit circulation figures for 1922 and the average advertising rates as published by the newspapers on the three thousand-inch contract basis.

Cost Per Thousand Papers Per Inch	OMAHA BEE	World-Herald
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BARNEY GOOGLE--- BARNEY'S STILL IN GOOD SPIRITS.



Wait! The Evening's Program Is Not Over Yet



And if Uncle William needs any help to put the young man out, we judge he won't have to look far.

Senate to Approve World Court With Reservations

Disagreement Between Harding and Chairman Adams of G. O. P. National Committee Over America's Entry in International Body Is Settled—Party Stampede Is Averted.

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER.
Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee.
Washington, June 7.—The stormy debate precipitated by Chairman John T. Adams of the republican national committee with President Harding over the world court program appears to have been amicably adjusted. Mr. Adams' spirited protest against European entanglements appears to have borne fruit. When President Harding starts on his western trip, he will advocate the world court, but he will make it clear that the present administration does not intend to permit itself to become entangled in European affairs.

In his previous protests against European entanglements, Chairman Adams has carefully refrained from inveighing against the world court. What the committee has been fearful of has been that

"Therefore, you cannot compare a private corporation and a governmental business corporation in the same terms.

"We, at present, have a code system of state government. That plan when it was adopted, took the power that was in the hands of the elective state officers, where they passed upon policies of the government, and centralized it in the hands of the officers and employees below them. When the constitution was amended that when the governor appointed a code secretary it would automatically transfer the powers to the code secretaries by making them executive officers. And that is what the Dysart bill, the Mathers bill and the Reed-Hastings bill would have done if any one of them had been permitted to become a law. We would

Multi-Murderer Sentenced to Die

Moscow Slayer of 33 to Be Shot in 72 Hours—Crowd Cheers.

By Associated Press.
Moscow, June 7.—Vasil Komeroff, convicted of the murder of 33 persons and his wife, as his accomplice, were sentenced today to be shot within 72 hours. Neither betrayed any emotion as the sentence was passed, but there was loud applause from the crowd in the court room and cries that the sentence should be carried into effect immediately instead of waiting 72 hours.

Messenger Boy, 18, Held for \$141,000 Theft

By Associated Press.
New York, June 7.—James Foley, 18-year-old messenger for the brokerage house of Charles Barney & Co., was arrested today on a charge of stealing \$141,000 in bonds which he reported on Tuesday he had lost.

7 Die as 20,000 Riot at Leipsic

More Than 100 Wounded in Demonstration Against Ruhr Occupation.

By Associated Press.
Berlin, June 7.—Seven persons were killed and more than 100 wounded in yesterday's disorders at Leipsic. It is announced in special dispatches today. The dead include one policeman, the head watchman, while there are many policemen among the wounded, 37 of whom are in a serious condition. The demonstration was in protest against the Ruhr occupation and the insufficiency of the unemployment doles. Some 20,000 persons. It is said, took part. Order was restored at 9 o'clock last night.

Boy Killed by Lightning

By Associated Press.
Logan, Utah, June 7.—Eleven-year-old Horace Kent, son of Melvin E. Kent of Lewiston, was instantly killed yesterday when he was struck by lightning while working in a beet field on his father's farm.

Teutons Offer to Pay Billion Marks a Year

Reparations Note to Allies Suggests General Conference to Which Germany Admitted.

By Associated Press.
Berlin, June 7.—Germany's amatory reparations note which was handed to the entente and United States governments this afternoon, proposes a system of annuities estimated to total 1,200,000,000 marks annually if an international loan is not available for immediate capital payments.

The annuities would become effective in 1927 and their number and amount would depend wholly on the degree of Germany's economic recovery. The memorandum declares an initiative requisite to a practical solution of the reparations problem is the early convocation of a general conference to which Germany would be admitted on an equal basis.

The document is brief and wholly devoted to elucidation of the mooted points on which the creditor nations had requested amplifying statements. It makes no mention of the political situation, the Ruhr occupation or the question of abandoning the passive resistance and indulges in no recriminations. Neither does it refer to the conditions under which Germany is prepared to carry out the payment of the annuities.

Honduras Communication Resumed After Two Weeks

By Associated Press.
San Salvador, June 7.—Communication with Honduras, which had been cut off for the past two weeks, was resumed yesterday. A message received from Tegucigalpa, the capital, says President Gutierrez has issued a decree granting unconditional amnesty to all political exiles.

U. S. Birth Rate Declines

Washington, June 7.—A decline in the birth rate and a slight increase in the death rate in 1922 was shown in provisional census bureau figures for the year announced today by the Department of Commerce.

For the 24 states reporting birth figures the rate for 1922 was 22.7 for each 1,000 of population against a rate of 24.4 for 1921. For 33 states the death rate last year was 11.9 against 11.6 for 1921.

Pastor Created Knight

Paris, June 7.—The Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, former pastor of the American church in Paris, who is returning to the United States, has been created a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

Contract for Auto Held Up for Probe

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, June 7.—Towest bid on 1924 auto license tags received today by J. R. Ferris, new state purchasing agent, is \$10,000 more than the amount for which the same number of tags were purchased for last year. There were seven firms entering bids last year and three this year.

Tags, numbering 300,000 pair, were purchased last year for 10.89 cents per pair and were owned by the Continental Metal & Products company of Chicago, was 14.95 cents per pair.

After bids were opened the two unsuccessful bidders charged that the Chicago firm was unable to deliver the plates by October 1, the date specified in the contract for delivery. "I will hold up awarding of bids until I probe the charges," Ferris said.

The next bid is 16.75 cents per pair while the highest is 18.2 cents.

STREET CAR RUNS WILD; TWO INJURED

Council Bluffs Motorman Dying as Result of Tram's Plunge When Brakes Fail to Hold.

Woman Hurt in Leaping

One man who received a fractured skull is not expected to live, a woman suffered a broken arm and six others were uninjured Thursday night in Council Bluffs when an incoming northbound Fairmont park street car got beyond control at South First and Knapp streets and careened headlong down the hill to Broadway, about five blocks away.

The car was equipped with hand-brake only. As it neared First and Knapp street, the motorman, J. Geary Oyster, 1215 Fairmont avenue, remained to the side passengers that the brakes were slipping. A moment later he shouted to the conductor, Richard Stevenson:

"My God! The brakes aren't holding! Pull the trolley!"

The car gained momentum as it plunged down the incline and got beyond control.

Try to Escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colburn, 819 Commercial avenue, Colburn's brother, H. Colburn, and his wife of Perry, Ia.; Miss Inah Weir, Warner apartments, and an unidentified man, rushed to the rear entrance and pleaded with the conductor who was holding the trolley from the feed wire, to open the doors. He refused.

At Pierce street Motorman Oyster opened the front door and jumped or was hurled to the pavement, striking on his head and right shoulder. Someone succeeded in opening the rear door and Mrs. Frank Colburn fell backwards through the opening, fracturing her right arm and receiving a deep gash to her cheek. She was taken to Mercy hospital and Oyster was taken to Jennie Edmundson hospital where his recovery is doubtful.

Autos Bowled Over.

Three automobiles which were parked end to end at the curb were piled up and wrecked by the onrushing street car.

When the car came to a halt, Conductor Stevenson opened the door and the five passengers who remained inside during the plunge alighted. They were frightened, but were apparently unhurt.

When the electric light pole was uprooted, taking a large block of cement walk with it, it fell on Broadway and grazed a woman and child who were hurrying from the path of the wild tram.

The trucks which were damaged were parked on the west side of First street and were owned by the Bartel & Miller Grocery company. A touring car owned by Henry Masters was also struck. No one was in them at the time.

Misses Another Train.

One of the large Omaha-bound cars stopped short at the intersection, missing the runaway by less than 10 feet, eyes witnesses assert.

Mrs. Eva Taylor, 515 Perrin avenue, and her small daughter, Jean, were crossing First and Pierce streets when the car approached. Jean was pulled to safety by her mother. The two were so close that they could have touched the car, the woman stated.

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The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., June 7, 1923:

Temperature	Relative Humidity	Precipitation
High: 65; Low: 48; Mean: 52; Normal: 59.	Deficiency since January 1, 1923: 7.7.	Total: .00; total since January 1, 1923: .00.
Hourly Temperatures.		
6 a. m.	68	61
7 a. m.	68	61
8 a. m.	68	61
9 a. m.	68	61
10 a. m.	68	61
11 a. m.	68	61
12 m.	68	61
1 p. m.	68	61
2 p. m.	68	61
3 p. m.	68	61
4 p. m.	68	61
5 p. m.	68	61
6 p. m.	68	61
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