

New Farm Credit Plan is Proposed

System Entirely Independent of Federal Reserve or Land Banks Appears Strong Possibility.

To Replace War Finance

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Washington, April 23.—President Harding's recommendation to congress to act favorably upon the bill providing farmers with credit facilities as favorable as those enjoyed by commerce and industry may lead to the establishment of a rural credit system entirely independent of either the federal reserve system or the federal land banks.

Additional Credits Needed.

That additional rural credit facilities are needed was urged in the report of the joint commission of agricultural inquiry headed by Representative Anderson, Minnesota.

A new chain of banks which would be linked with a central corporation at Washington, to take the place of the War Finance corporation, is proposed.

New Plan Endorsed.

Endorsement of the establishment of a new system has been given tentatively by the farm finance committee of the state bank division of the American Bankers association.

The Simmons bill creates what is entitled the National Agricultural Credits corporation with a life of 50 years.

Linked with the National Agricultural Credits corporation would be three classes of member corporations scattered throughout the country.

Elkhorn Woman, Resident of Nebraska 50 Years, Dies

Elkhorn, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Aye, 76, a resident of Nebraska for 50 years, died at her home here tonight of an illness incident to old age.

Death List in Gasoline Explosion Reaches Seven

Los Angeles, April 23.—Two more victims of the explosion of a gasoline tank and tank wagon at Downey, near here last Friday, died today.

Five Members of Augusta Ball Club Hurt in Wreck

Augusta, Ga., April 23.—Five members of the Augusta baseball club of the South Atlantic league were injured today when the automobile in which they were traveling to this city, overturned just outside Greenville, S. C.

Aged Gladiators Battle on Box Butte County Farm

Crutches Discarded by Cripples Who Fight Over Tobacco Habit—Man, 83, Blind in One Eye Takes Count When Other Fights Back.

Alliance, Neb., April 23.—Thom Langford, 83, crippled inmate of the Box Butte county farm, is in a serious condition with one of his eyes closed, several wounds on his face, neck and head as the result of an attack made upon him by another inmate, W. A. Dunlap, 60, who gouged Langford with a sharp-pointed iron rod during a quarrel.

Dunlap, who is said to be a religious fanatic, is held in the county jail. He is also a cripple, his left leg, arm and leg being practically paralyzed.

Langford is fond of his pipe and his plug, while Dunlap is a total abstainer and frequently berated Langford for his tobacco habit, telling him that he "could never enter the kingdom of heaven" unless he gave up tobacco.

Nine Delegates Already Named in Tour Contest

Holding Elections in Thirty-Four Other Cities in Drive for Devastated France.

New York, April 23.—Nine delegates, representing the highest type of American business women, have been elected to serve on the Good Will delegation which sails from New York July 22, bound for Paris and a tour of France that includes the old battlefields and the beauty spots of Normandy and Brittany.

Woman Charges Mate Forced Her to Do Dirty Work

Wife of Well-Known Golfer Says Husband Made Her Stay Home and Do Housework.

Omaha Bee Staff Writer. Detroit, April 23.—That she was forced to stay at home and "do the dirty work with the washbub" while her husband enjoyed himself on the golf links is part of the latest statement by Mrs. Helen Bourne Joy Lee who is suing Howard B. Lee for divorce.

Lee is a well-known golfer and his wife is the daughter of Henry B. Joy, former president of the Packard Motor company, and niece of Senator Truman Newberry.

At her home on Morross road, Grosse Point, with its four acres of ground, Mrs. Lee talked freely of her alleged poverty.

"Some of my friends say I am like the 'poor, little rich girl,' she said. 'I live in a lovely home, but I haven't any money. I have lots of time to do my own housework, my washing, ironing, cooking and dress-making for the entire family.'

Husband Took Fortune. Mrs. Lee charges that her husband defrauded her of her vast fortune, which has cut her income from \$600 a month to \$250.

"I haven't bought a new dress in two years, except this thing I have on, if you would call it a dress," she said. "I paid \$1.19 for it. The only hat I have bought at a rummage sale last year for 50 cents."

Mrs. Lee attended the fashionable Dobbs Ferry school before she was married.

"Now I am buying the discarded clothes of my old school chums," she continued. "I have learned something of dressmaking, too—more solid facts than art, however. I am making over some old dresses that are six years old. They were things I had when I made my debut. I make the children's dresses out of my old ones and then I pass them along to each one as they grow into them."

Germany Pays 18,000,000 Marks on Reparation Debt

Paris, April 23.—The German government paid the reparations commission the first monthly installment on the new schedule of payments fixed by the commission on March 21, in pursuance to decisions of the allied finance ministers.

Sioux City Traffic Man Gets Position in Chicago

Sioux City, Ia., April 22.—James P. Haynes, commissioner of the Sioux City traffic bureau, has been named to what is said to be the highest traffic post in the United States. He will become traffic director of the Chicago Association of Commerce, at a salary of \$15,000 a year. Haynes has held the position here for five years.

Eight Wounded by Bomb

Bologna, April 23.—Eight persons, four of whom are communists, were wounded by the explosion of a bomb thrown into a cafe.

Employe of Power Company Hurt by Dredger at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—John Pavey, an employe of the Central Power company, lies at the hospital here with his left leg splintered between the knee and the hip as the result of an accident today. Pavey was working on a clamshell dredger, replacing a weakened pin, when the weight of several hundred pounds suddenly broke loose, pinning him down. Unless complications develop, Pavey is expected to recover, although his injuries are considered very serious.

Golden Rod Highway Meeting Is Held at Red Cloud

Superior, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Golden Rod Highway association was held at Red Cloud with an attendance of over 100 delegates from as far as Fairbury on the east, and as far as Otis, Colo., on the west. J. H. Agee and C. A. Bates of Superior were elected president and secretary, respectively.

Banker and Wife Held Up at Home

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hogan Shot at by Gunmen in Attempted Robbery on Lawn of Residence.

Bandits' Bullets Wild

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hogan, wealthy and prominent Omahans, were the victims of a sensational holdup and shooting on the lawn of their residence, 112 South Thirty-eighth street, in the exclusive West Farnam district, early Sunday.

The shots, fired at Mr. and Mrs. Hogan by two bandits, went wild. Mrs. Hogan, police said, was shot as she lay on the lawn where she stumbled and fell in attempting to escape the bandits.

Diamonds and jewelry said to be worth several thousands of dollars, and to have been worn by Mrs. Hogan at a party, are declared to have furnished the motive for the robbery.

Signalmen of U. P. Sue for \$300,000 Back Pay Claims

Alleging that approximately \$300,000 is due them as wages earned during federal control of the railroads, January, 1918, to February, 1920, signalmen of the Union Pacific system have filed suit in federal court against the director general of the railroads and the Union Pacific for the recovery of this sum.

In a statement made last night, Reed A. Flickinger of Council Bluffs, attorney for the signalmen, alleged that the employees were awarded 68 cents an hour for the first 16 months of federal control of railroads and 72 cents an hour for the balance of the 26 months, according to provisions made by Director General McAdoo in 1918.

The plaintiffs, for whom J. E. Morledge, chairman, Brotherhood of Signalmen, is trustee, maintain that the maximum amount paid by the management of these properties to their employees during federal control was 58 cents an hour for the first period of 16 months and 62 cents an hour for the remaining period.

Soviet Statesman Lunches with King

Genoa, April 23.—George Tchitcherin, head of the Russian soviet delegation to the economic conference, not only went to luncheon with the king of Italy on the dreadnaught Dante Alighieri, to the discredit of Italian communists, but also wore for the occasion an immaculate morning coat and a high hat of latest style and was filmed by motion picture photographers as he was shaking hands with the Italian monarch.

Furthermore, the bolshevik statesman was photographed in the act of shaking hands with Louis Barthou, head of the French delegation, who has been particularly active in taking exception to Russian proposals at the conference.

When M. Barthou discovered that he had been photographed in the act of exchanging greetings with the soviet chieftain, there was something of a scene. He demanded in explosive French that the film be destroyed.

The thought of such a film being shown in the motion picture houses along the Champs Elysees, was too much for the French delegate, but the hard-hearted movie man ignored his protests and continued filming the rest of the notables who were the king's guests at the luncheon.

Contracts Let for New Alliance School Houses

Alliance, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Tentative contracts for the construction of a new high school and a new grade building in Alliance have been let by the board of education, the low bidder for the high school being Oscar Alquist of Central City, and the low bid for the grade school being received from George M. Robertson of Lincoln.

Alquist's bid for the high school, exclusive of plumbing, heating and wiring, was \$137,174. Robertson's bid for the grade school was \$27,858. The plumbing and heating contracts for the two buildings are to be awarded separately and, according to the board of education, will likely be given to the Sheehan company of Omaha, who was lowest bidder at \$37,237.

The above figures are exclusive of electric wiring, which is estimated at approximately \$15,000, and furnishings for which the board expects to spend about \$35,000. This makes the total planned expenditures approximately \$250,000.

Church Burns in Big Fire at Emmet, Neb.

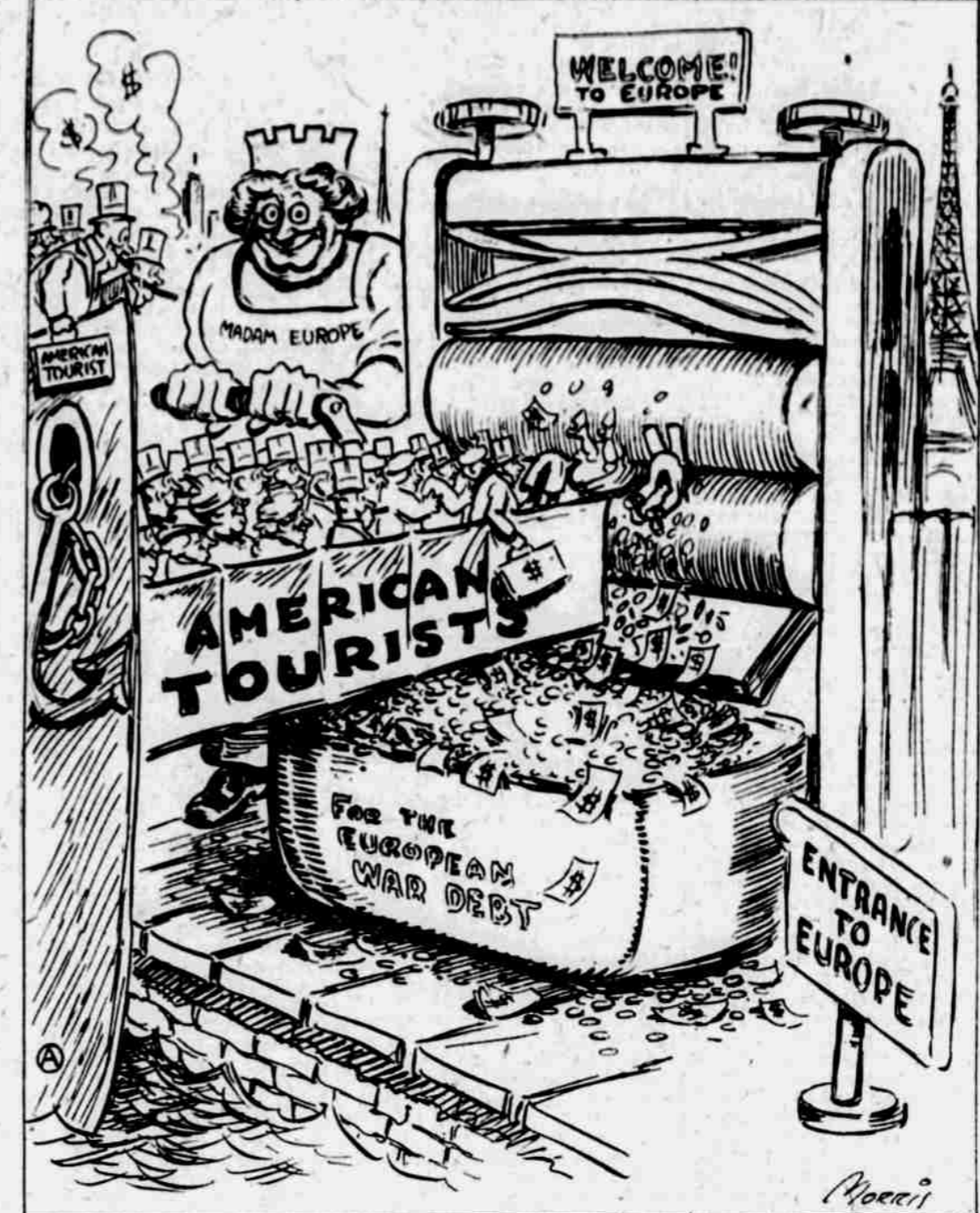
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Assistance from O'Neil prevented the destruction of the remainder of the business section of the village. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000, partially covered by insurance.

Sixteen Filipinos Drowned

Manila, P. I., April 22.—Sixteen Filipinos were drowned when a large sailboat capsized off the coast of the Province of Camarines Sur, according to advices received here today. Eight other persons aboard the boat were saved.

Europe Expects to Make a Substantial Payment on Her War Debt This Summer



Latest Squabble at Genoa Meeting Is Smoothed Over

Genoa, April 23.—Another crisis in the economic conference was passed tonight, when the German delegation announced, after a long session of its delegates and frequent communications with the Russians and Italians, that the Germans would not reply to the note of the 10 powers today stipulating that the signatories "expressly reserve for their governments the right to declare null and void any clause in the Russo-German treaty, which may be recognized as contrary to the existing treaties."

The Germans also decided to settle by private negotiations, the difference between M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, and the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, which arose through Mr. Barthou's written charge that the Germans had made untruthful statements.

Premier Facta and Foreign Minister Schanzer of the Italian delegation are believed to have been responsible for this peaceful settlement of what threatened to be a hopeless barrier to real progress in the conferences on economic and financial work.

A member of the German delegation had decided they would not encourage a battle of notes, but would remain silent and let the conference proceed with its useful work, in the hope that the economic situation in Europe might be bettered.

Sunday has been rather a bad day for the Genoa conference. Easter Sunday brought the signing of the Russo-Germany treaty which created much disruption, and today came the note from the big and little ententes and Portugal to Germany, which, for the moment, repeated the old wound that had partly healed.

New Play to Aid Farmers Is Proposed by Norbeck

Washington, April 23.—Another plan for farmers' long term credits providing a national farmers' finance union, a federal corporation with \$200,000,000 capital, was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota. The organization would be operated by the secretaries of the treasury and agriculture, and four other members appointed by the president. It would be authorized to extend one-year loans to farmers, bankers or co-operative associations up to an aggregate of \$1,000,000,000 in times of crop surplus with agricultural products as security.

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Attempt to Talk From Atlantic to Pacific and Return Planned

San Francisco, April 23.—An effort to talk by radio telephone from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and return the speech to the Atlantic will be made next Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, Pacific time. The speaker will be Eugenius H. Outers, bridge of New York.

Mr. Outers will speak from the broadcasting station, W. J. Z., at Newark, N. J. The New York port authorities, requested the Rockridge station, located in Oakland, Cal., to amplify the speech.

The Rockridge station will attempt to send the speech so that it can be picked up on the Atlantic coast. Broadcasting stations and amateurs between New York and San Francisco have been requested to suspend operations during the half hour beginning at 4:30, while W. J. Z. is sending.

Coolidges Routed by Hotel Fire

Vice President, Wife and Many Notables Forced to Flee When Flames Sweep Ballroom of Willard.

Heavy Damage by Water

Washington, April 23.—Vice President Coolidge, several members of the senate and house of representatives and many other persons prominent in public, business and social life, were among some 600 guests of the New Willard hotel, who were routed from their beds at an early hour this morning by a fire which swept the top floor of the 10-story grey stone structure at Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street.

The blaze had its origin in the ballroom on the 10th floor, where a few hours before President Harding, Mr. Coolidge, members of the cabinet, senators and representatives, foreign diplomats and others had sat around the banquet board as guests of the Gridiron club at its annual spring dinner.

Water Causes Big Damage. The fire was confined to that floor and the roof above, but tons of water poured into the flames seeped through to the floors below, causing much damage. There was some confusion and excitement in the gridiron club, where a fireman pounded on doors and the telephone operator called room after room, but all in the hotel got out of their apartments in safety.

How the fire started, may never be known, but one theory is that a cigarette or cigar stub, left at the table in the gridiron dinner, found a lodging place beneath a rug in a fold of heavy drapery. It was 5:45, when a passing policeman noticed smoke coming from the 10th floor windows.

Calls Mrs. Coolidge.

Several fire companies were on the scene in a few minutes. The clatter of their gongs woke Vice President Coolidge, who, upon going to a window, saw the sparks across the street. He called Mrs. Coolidge, remarked that there was a fire in the neighborhood and suggested that they go out to see it. While they were dressing, they learned that the fire was in the hotel. Leaving their apartment on the third floor, they descended to the lobby and Mrs. Coolidge was sent to the home of the vice president's secretary, Edward T. Clark.

Mr. Coolidge is the second successive vice president of the United States to have an experience in a fire at the New Willard, after President Ebert's experience in 1919. Mrs. Coolidge was sent to the home of the vice president's secretary, Edward T. Clark.

American Ambassador to Germany Installed

Berlin, April 23.—(By AP.)—The American embassy in Wilhelmplatz again houses a fully accredited ambassador, the concluding formalities in effecting complete and formal restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany having taken place at noon today, when Alanson B. Houghton placed in the hands of President Ebert his letters of credence designating him "ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary" of the United States government to Germany.

Accompanied by his staff, Mr. Houghton proceeded to the executive residence where President Ebert, attended by Dr. Haniel von Hainhausen, under-secretary of foreign affairs; Cuncior Von Guellich, also of the foreign office, and Councilors Meissner and Walther, of the president's executive staff, awaited the presentation formalities, which were soon ended after which the American presented credentials with brief remarks, to which Herr Ebert made the customary response.

Omaha Man Will Speak for N. Y. Radio Program

New York, April 23.—(Special.)—Omaha will be especially interested in the radio program from "WV" the government broadcasting station of Bedloe's Island in New York harbor, Monday evening April 24, as a former Nebraska man will have an important part in it. He is R. A. Shiverick, who received his high school training in Omaha, and who is now president of the Allen-Powers Co., Inc., eastern representatives of Clermont steam automobiles.

Mr. Shiverick will talk on "The Romance of Steam," and radio fans after which the American cases against the atmospheric conditions are good, since "WV" station is a powerful one and carries a longer distance than the average radio broadcasting station.

Johnson County Bankers Entertained in Tecumseh

Tecumseh, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The Johnson County Bankers' association held a business meeting in Tecumseh yesterday afternoon and a banquet in the evening. During the afternoon wives of the district bankers were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dafoe. W. B. Ryons, cashier of the First National bank of Lincoln, and A. C. Shallenberger of Alma were the out of town speakers.

Bee "Want" Ad rates are reasonable 17th and Farnam AT lantic 1000

The Weather Forecast. Nebraska: Showers Monday, cooler in west portion; Tuesday, partly cloudy. Iowa: Showers Monday, slightly warmer in east portion; Tuesday, unsettled, probably showers in east portion. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a.m. ... 48 1 p.m. ... 50 7 a.m. ... 46 3 p.m. ... 52 9 a.m. ... 44 5 p.m. ... 54 11 a.m. ... 42 7 p.m. ... 56 12 noon ... 40 9 p.m. ... 58