

TOTTERING UNDER DEBTS

Bulgaria Is Suffering From Huge Obligations; Several Generations to Liquidate.

(By Associated Press)
SOFIA, Feb. 7.—Bulgaria is tottering under a burden of debt and indemnities which its financiers say will take several generations to liquidate. Under the peace treaty the smallest of the belligerent nations is required to pay the Allies 2,225,000,000 francs gold (\$450,000,000).
 Converted into Bulgarian francs (levas) at the current rate of exchange, this amounts to the staggering total of 87,000,000,000 levass. If to this sum is added the country's external and internal debt of 40,000,000,000 levass, a total of 127,000,000,000 levass is reached. (Nominally a Bulgarian levas would be worth about 19 cents.)
 Nobody knows, even the Bulgars themselves, how this colossal sum can be paid without wrecking the country and exhausting its resources.
 Under the Neully agreement the Bulgarians were to pay their first installment of \$450,000,000 indemnity in 1919, but up to the present they have liquidated in three installments.
 Bulgarian government officials say they can make the state solvent and pay all its obligations if the powers will waive the indemnity payments for a reasonable period of time. They insist they can make little progress so long as the Reparations Commission holds the indemnity demand over their heads like Damocles' sword.
 The country's total outstanding paper money amounts to \$3,250,000,000 levass, only one third of which is covered by gold reserve.
 An encouraging feature in Bulgaria's otherwise apparently hopeless financial and economic situation is the steady increase in her exports, which for 1921 were in the proportion of 3 to 2 to her imports.
 With the object of stimulating exports and imports the government is planning the establishment of an international bank, composed in part of foreign capital, with branches or representatives throughout the world. An effort will be made to interest American bankers in the institution.

JAPAN HAS BIG OPPORTUNITY
 Arms Conference Agreement May Put Her Into Class by Herself Commercially

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Feb. 7.—That Japan has an opportunity, thanks to the benefits likely to accrue from the limitation of armaments proposals in Washington, of revolutionizing her industries and of establishing herself as the producer of the finest and lowest priced goods in the world's markets, is the conclusion reached by Mr. R. Fujiyama, President of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, in an article in the Futsuyo-na-Nippon, in which he discusses the post armament problems of the country.
 "Japan loves peace as much as does any other nation in the world," says Mr. Fujiyama, "and she warmly supports the American proposal to limit armaments. If the nations of the world are firmly resolved on peace, armaments can be altogether abolished though certain means of defense must be provided for the preservation of order."
 Mr. Fujiyama goes on to show how if Japan would reduce her land armaments in the same proportion as she will her naval forces, she can effect a reduction in her expenditure of about four hundred million yen a year.
 "As to the proper use of this money thus saved, the President of the Chamber of Commerce expresses the opinion that nearly half of it should be applied to the abolition of such taxes as tend to retard industrial progress or interfere with the national well-being. The taxes that he would like to see repealed are those now imposed on cotton textiles, soy, lighting oil and medicines, as well as the business tax, which at present inflicts a hardship on many, especially on those in small or modest lines of business. Together with the repeal of taxes comes the raising of the present taxable minimum.
 "The balance of money saved by the reduction in armaments, amounting to about Yen 250,000,000, should, in Mr. Fujiyama's opinion, be used for the development of industry and the improvement of the standard of culture."

Housework Scare Revival Brides
 "Show me their hands," said the assistant at the butcher shop, "and I'll tell you whether they're young brides or whether they've been at the cooking stove for some time. The young things have only been initiated into the mysteries of the gas range show the scars of battle. It's a cinch that they've got a number of burns. And the hands of the bride will show cuts, too, of a general thing. The perils of housework are many."

The Important Things
 If a society woman can be sure that her clothes and her dog are the very latest things in style she will take a chance on the proprietries.

Freedom of Knees



School officials at Newark, N. J., in righteous wrath have ordered high school girls not to roll their own. They said freedom of the knees was upsetting discipline. So now the girls don't—in school. But outside—well, these Newark high school girls posed this picture to show what the school officials objected to.

FOOTBALLERS WILL PRACTICE

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 7.—Spring football practice will start April 10 at Washington State college here, if weather conditions are favorable according to an announcement by Assistant Coach "Hack" Applquist. The training season will continue five weeks.
 Head Coach Gus Welch is in the east and will not return to Pullman until the fall. Ford Danton, captain-elect of the varsity, will assist Applquist with the training.
 More than 50 men are expected to turn out for the spring work.

LOST PORTRAIT IS DISCOVERED

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 7.—Discovery of a longlost portrait of George Washington by the American artist, Gilbert Stuart, in New York recently drew attention to the Stuart portrait of Washington which hangs in Memorial hall in the State Library building here. Nearly every artist who comes to this city makes an effort to see this Gilbert canvas. It was bought direct from the artist by virtue of a resolution of the General Assembly in May, 1800. The understanding was that it had been painted by order of a committee from South Carolina and was then declined on the ground that it was a portrait of General Washington.
 A committee from Connecticut consisting of James Hillhouse, whose acres in New Haven are now the property of Yale university, Chauncey Goodrich of New Haven and John Trumbull of Lebanon, conferred with Gilbert as to a Washington portrait and purchased the one he had painted for South Carolina. It was hung in the senate chamber of the historic state house in Hartford and after about 70 years it was taken to the senate chamber of the present capitol. A few years since it was placed in the state library.
 A copy of a Washington after Stuart but not by him hung for many years in the state house at New Haven when Connecticut had two capitals and two state houses, and is now in the Hartford high school.
 Another Washington, also a copy, is in Wadsworth Atheneum here close by a picture of Farragut in the rigging of the U. S. S. Hartford in the battle of Mobile Bay.

Four Dead In Train Wreck In Arizona

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Four persons are dead as a result of a collision between an Arizona Eastern passenger train and an automobile at Webster's crossing, near here, late Saturday. The dead are: Mr. Mrs. C. J. Hatch and Mrs. E. T. Bryce of Ashurst, Ariz., and Andrew Brown of Fort Thomas, Ariz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Bryce died at a local hospital during the night. Dewey Bryce, 23-year-old son of Mrs. Bryce, was the only occupant of the car who escaped uninjured. He jumped, he said, just before the train crashed into the machine at the grade crossing. The party had been attending church services, Bryce said, and were enroute to their homes when the accident occurred. The machine was demolished.
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RADICAL SONG IS LOSING OUT

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Feb. 7.—The "Internationale" is fast becoming a lost song in Russia. Nobody wants to sing it. It is never heard in the streets of Moscow, or in the towns of the provinces. When it is played by order in public gatherings, the crowds and audiences refuse to join in the singing.
 This was illustrated at the Grand Opera, recently, when Leon Trotsky, the War Minister, appeared with some friends in a box. The orchestra struck up the tune of the revolution, and but a very few in the audience rose out of respect.
 Lately Isadora Duncan, after a public performance of her dances, asked the audience to join her in singing the "Internationale." This seemed a signal for the audience to leave. Everybody began going out, as the orchestra played and Miss Duncan was left to sing alone.
 One of the reasons for the lack of enthusiasm for the song is that it has been sung too much. People are tired of it here, just as British soldiers got tired of "Tipperary."

JAPS TO BE REARED RIGHT

HILO, Island of Hawaii, T. H., Feb. 7.—Japanese residents in Hawaii have been admonished to rear their American-born children as good American citizens. "Save to the point of instructing them that they must fight for their native land, America, against the land of their ancestors, Japan," by M. Zamoto, editor of the Herald of Asia, who is staying here several days on his way back from the international conference at Washington, according to an address he delivered today before an assemblage of plantation managers and business men.
 "I find Japanese here are very well contented with their lot, with the treatment they receive and with the cordial attitude and friendly ways always extended to them by their white neighbors," Mr. Zamoto said. "Among other things I have tried to impress upon the Japanese people, who are Japanese subjects, and under the existing laws cannot very well expect to be admitted as Americans, that they are Japanese subjects and would probably die Japanese subjects; that circumstances had located them on this island for good. They have found themselves rooted to the soil and whether they like it or not, most of them intend to stay."
 "As they are under protection of the American law and obtained a very good living under the hospitality of the American government, they must consider themselves American citizens in spirit, if not in fact, and should identify themselves with the local interests of Hawaii. As for their children, who are already American citizens and who are being taken care of very well in the public schools, they should so bring them up at home as to give them every opportunity and encouragement to become good and loyal citizens of the United States."

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ELGIN FEEDS THE PHEASANTS

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Feb. 7.—A La Grande doctor came in Wednesday morning to consult with Dr. Butler concerning the condition of Francis Miller, son of Emil Miller, of Cricket Flat. His condition has improved within the past few days.
 Word has been received from Sam Mason that he is in the hospital present and quite ill.
 Thos. Barnes, from Union, was in Elgin during the past week and attended the K. of P. lodge meeting here Tuesday night.
 Wednesday evening about 22 members of the Elgin Knights of Pythias drove to Imbler to attend the lodge meeting there. The trip was made by sleigh.
 Friday evening the Epworth League had a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall. It was held in honor of Mr. Hall's birthday and the big birthday cake held it prominent place at the refreshment table. The evening was spent in games and resulted in a very merry party.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bean will soon move into their new apartment that the Blumenstein brothers are arranging for them over the postoffice. It will be ready for occupation about March first. The apartment will be modern in every respect and one of the most delightful small homes in Elgin.
 The literary program held at Highland school house on Friday night was a splendid success, both as to attendance and the program rendered. Much credit for this is due to the efforts of Miss Isabelle Miller, who is teaching there this year.
 Reverend Delbert Loree of Cove is holding a series of revival meetings at the church in the Fairview district. Owing to the inclement weather conditions, the attendance has not been so very large up to the present time.
 Raymond Shelton has been ill with pneumonia for the past week but is recovering now.
 The family of Doctor Dryborough came to Elgin this week. The doctor has been here for about a month but his wife did not come until Thursday, to establish their home here.
 Roy Meade of Pine Grove is quite ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meade.
 Jesse Crum returned from a business trip to Salem, where he has been for the past several days. While there, he looked up matters of interest to Elgin residents.
 A collection has been taken up among the business men during the past week to establish a fund to provide feed for the numbers of China pheasants, which are spending the winter in the fields near town. The farmers are doing their part by applying grain where it is possible. The unusually long stretch of snowy weather has covered the birds' usual food supply.
 Wiley Gordon is another of the high school boys who has an attack of pneumonia.
 Joe Hallgarth was among the local visitors to La Grande this week and reports about as much snow there as here.
 Riley Chandler and M. J. Buckley of the E. O. L. & P. Co., have been experimenting with an electrical appliance for thawing out water pipes. So far now it has been operated successfully but they hope soon to have it working. The long spell of freezing weather has affected the mains and supply pipes and as a result, a great many households have been without water for more than a week.
 The Farmers Union meeting that was held in Elgin Saturday was a success. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McGoldrick of Imbler, John Wells of Allied, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman of La Grande were among the members attending from outside points. Following the basket dinner one of the most pleasant

The Moors Grouchy Submission



They don't look any too pleasant about it, but the Moors of the Moors of Farjans are shown at the formal surrender to Col. Riquelme. Some of the event being celebrated by a tea party the evening before.

features of the day, a program was given. This was participated in by some of the members of the local Ad club, who were invited guests for the afternoon and the union members.
 Owing to the illness of three members of the high school basketball team, the game with Union has been postponed.
 C. D. Bean has bought the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bean and plans to move into it as soon as the necessary repairs following last week's fire, can be made.
 Whether to or from the ocean, or other places, and the time of the deposition of snow.
 5. The hibernation of other animals, and the time of their going into winter quarters, and their re-appearance in the spring.
 6. Unusual rains and inundations.
 7. Unusual events brought. The history of locusts and other insects in unusual numbers.
 8. The remarkable effects of lightning.
 9. Snow storms, hail storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, their course, extent and duration.
 10. All facts concerning earthquakes and subterranean changes.

INSTRUCTIONS COMPREHENSIVE

(By Associated Press)
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 7.—Registrars of the first United States land office, if they followed at all closely the instructions sent out when the first offices were established, were a fairly busy lot of men, judging by the circular of instructions sent out at that time, in 1817. John C. Ing, registrar of the Sacramento land office at the present time, has received from the national capital a lithographed copy of the original land office instructions.
 The circular read, in part, as follows:
 "You will receive with this several blank forms of a meteorological register, to which I beg leave to request your attention.
 "The column entitled 'Miscellaneous Observations' is intended to comprehend a variety of objects, among which are the following:
 1. The time of the unfolding of the leaves of plants.
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11. Concerning epidemic and zoonotic distempers.
12. The fall of stones or other bodies from the atmosphere. Meteors, their direction, apparent velocity, etc., and particularly the interval between their apparent explosion and the hearing of the report.
13. Discoveries relative to the antiquity of the country.
14. Memorable facts as to the topography of the country.

POLO REVIVED AT RIVERSIDE

(By Associated Press)
RIVERSIDE, Calif., Feb. 7.—Riverside, where it is claimed, polo was first played in California, is having a marked revival of interest in the game, with two clubs active.

One organization, the Riverside Polo and Racing club, is playing weekly games and has arranged for a tournament February 6, in which Santa Barbara, Coronado, Denver and other players will compete.
 The rival body, the Riverside Polo club, is laying out two fields and on their completion will organize a team.

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