

REPUDIATION By European Nations And Central Powers OF WAR DEBTS Not Approved In U. S.; Cancellation Declared DISCOURAGED

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The interview which Rudyard Kipling says he did not give to Claire Sheridan performed at least one mission besides that of furnishing food for paragraphs for several weeks. It focused the attention of Americans on what appears to Europe, as our national smugness and superiority concerning the vicissitudes, tribulations and problems of Europe. We prefer to consider our attitude as merely one of aloofness, due mainly to the isolation of our situation, and not the expression of any feeling on our part that we do not care what becomes of the rest of the world, so long as we prosper.

We think that perhaps Mr. Thomas Lamont may have heard of this purported interview of Kipling's before he made his speech before the American Bankers Association, and that perhaps it helped to crystallize the ideas to which this speech gave utterance. The Hon. Reginald McKenna, being an Englishman, did not need to have the English point of view brought to his attention, and it is probably a good guess that his suave sentences concealed sentiments more Kipling-like than he would have had his American audience divine.

Although public sentiment may very easily be stirred to a point where most Americans will believe that we should "do something" about Europe's predicament, still cancellation of the debts owed by foreign governments as a result of the war is a great deal more than "something" and the feeling is strong that in the case of Europe, as it would be with an individual debtor, the help which would prove to be of the most worth would be the kind of help which would enable the debtor to pay off his debt ultimately, not cancellation.

The present administration is said to be unfavorable to the idea of cancellation; certainly Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, does not favor it. In a speech at Toledo on the 15th of last month, Mr. Hoover discussed the question at length. "Repudiation of the foreign debts by America," he said, "would undermine the whole fabric of international good faith. I do not believe any public official, either in the United States or any other country, could or should approve of cancellation. Certainly I do not." Mr. Hoover says that this question of foreign debts is one of the most complex and difficult in character that the American people have ever encountered, that it greatly concerns American commerce, and that widespread discussion of it is of great value to the economic issues involved.

Mr. Hoover says that Europe has made great economic progress since the armistice, and that its troubles today are solely in the political and fiscal fields. He is convinced that with the exception of some minor amounts the debts can be paid in some reasonable period of time without realization of the oft-expressed "undue strain" on the debtor countries or the threat of a flood of goods from the debtor countries in such quantities as would endanger American industry. "I have the feeling," said Mr. Hoover, "that many men in Europe are thinking of these things in terms of despair, due to their immediate difficulties. There is no need for despair in the future of Europe if it can maintain peace. Its hard-working population, its tremendous industries, its enormous productivity and its magnificent intelligence, its fabulous development of skill and scientific knowledge are vital forces that must win if they have half a chance."

Mr. Hoover's presentation of the problem is masterly and his arguments and conclusions, judged purely on a business basis, are illuminating and sound. It is a splendid reply to Mr. McKenna's speech, although it is intended to be such. There are, however, some moral aspects of the problem, and these Mr. Hoover did not discuss with the thoroughness he gave to its economic phases. He ignores the fact that after we made our cause one with that of the Allies our unpreparedness was the cause of their suffering a loss of life beyond all price. For a whole year after our entrance into the war our Allies bore the brunt of the loss in flesh and blood. This fact, too, should have consideration and its influence weighed in any large discussion of the problem. In the end we think that the problem must be considered and settled in a spirit of generous good will toward our Allies, and with a weighing of all the facts of the problem, moral and economic as well. The letter of the obligation, measured in dollars and cents, must not be the only consideration. The value of lives cannot be ignored.

Lloyd George's Resignation Of course the great high-light in the European situation is the fall of David Lloyd George from the British premiership. The satisfaction in France over his resignation is said to be deep and general, and accompanied with a much stronger hope of unity between France and England.

In all problems affecting the reconstruction of Europe, Lloyd George, however, is not eliminated from the European or world political game but his power is curtailed, and the general election will show whether or not his policies have been repudiated by the people of England. Lloyd George is the last one of the "Big Four" of the peace conference to renounce his political position. He survived the author of the Fourteen Points by a year and a half, Clemenceau by three years; and Orlando, the other member of the Four, did not survive the peace conference. That Lloyd George is a more adroit politician than any of these can hardly be doubted, and it is doubtless due to this fact that nearly four years elapsed after Armistice Day, with Europe still in confusion and turmoil, before he met his downfall.

Streetcar Systems Succumb A press dispatch from Berlin states that one by one the streetcar systems throughout Germany are suspending, due to the prohibitive costs of operation. Nearly a dozen municipalities have already suspended the operation of their street railways and their street railways and there are loud cries for help raised by the lines of Berlin, Hamburg and other large cities. The financial difficulties of the lines are all traced to the depreciation of the mark. The expenses have been increased 250 times the pre-war amounts. Imported construction materials, such as copper and rubber, have increased in price 400 to 450 times their former peace-time costs. The higher price of coal also has proved a big factor. Wages have gone up about 200 fold, while the streetcar rates have risen only 100 to 150 times what they were in 1914. The municipal railways also claim that their tithe with the federal railroads, especially the suburban lines, which have special government support. Among the municipalities which have been forced to suspend streetcar operations entirely are Osnabruck, Munster, Wurzburg Schweinfurt, Zittau, Altona, Landsburg-Warthe, Bernburg and Gotha.

The federal railways also are finding themselves confronted with difficulties. They have been forced to abandon many extension projects and to curtail traffic on the established lines. Their tariffs continue to be low compared with the prices of other daily necessities. An American going from Berlin to Cologne a few weeks ago paid about 4,000 marks for a first-class round-trip ticket with a sleeper. Only a few minutes before that the item states, he paid 6,000 marks for two pairs of woolen socks. Recent proposals were made to charge foreigners higher rates on the railroads, but on second consideration were rejected.

Savings Deposits Climb The reports received by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger from national banks relating particularly to the number of savings accounts and deposits in the institutions up to June 30 last indicate an increasing prosperity and thrift on the part of the public. These reports show that on this date there were 6,782 national banks in the continental United States carrying savings accounts or operating savings departments, and that they were custodians of \$3,046,054,999.999 savings deposits credited to 8,873,327 depositors, to whom the banks were paying interest at an average rate of character ever reported by national banks, compared with June 30, 1921, shows an increase of '62 in the number of banks which are featuring this class of business, an increase of 764,08 in the number of depositors and an increase of \$88,499,999 in savings deposits. The eastern states rank first in the number of depositors, the middle western states second and the southern states third.

Luxury Tax Imposed A London paper prints a summary of the first official publication of Soviet Russia's duties on imports from Europe. It throws an interesting light on the state of industry in the country and the heads of the population. Among tax-free goods are the following: all kinds of grain, horses and cattle; clay and building materials, such as stone and cement; various chemical products; iron and steel of all kinds in rough state; gold, silver and platinum in rough state; agricultural machinery; flax and hemp. All luxuries, on the other hand, are heavily taxed. It is curious to find that the heaviest tariff on the books is levied on sleeping carriages built after the design of the International Sleeping Car Company. The rate is 1910 rubles per meter in length, and other railway carriages are nearly as heavily taxed. Musical instruments are not far behind, the import tax on organs being 300 rubles and on pianos 190 to 225 rubles. The tax on saxophones is not reported, and we are wondering what it is. Furs are taxed 500 rubles per pood. Firearms and precious stones are among many articles which are not to be imported.

12 PRISONERS KILLED IN NEW EARTHQUAKE

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 15.—Twelve prisoners were killed and a squad of soldiers buried beneath falling walls when a new series of earthquakes occurred in the Copiapo district early today. The soldiers were searching among ruins for victims of last Saturday's terrible quakes when the new shocks occurred. The falling walls of buildings covered the men, but most of them escaped without serious injury. Soldiers are patrolling the various villages and towns that were caught in last week's horror to prevent pillage. Contributions for quake sufferers are being received at government headquarters from all parts of the country. In some parts of Holland a birth is announced by fastening a silk pin-cushion on the door. In the pin-cushion is red, the baby is a boy; if white, a girl.

SANDY NEWS DEPARTMENT

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Bull Run Pupils Win Spelling Bee

SANDY, Nov. 13.—The Bull Run pupils carried off the honors last Saturday at the spelling contest put on by the Sandy grange. There were five children chosen to spell from the fifth grade in these schools. Mrs. Greta O. Turner of Bull Run pronounced the words and Mrs. Will Bell acted as judge. The Sandy school won the contest at the "bee" held a few months ago. Lola and Victor Bacon, Helford Peterson, Gerald Fisher and Roy Ward were the Bull Run contestants and Mildred Frace, Myron Kjosse, Winnifred Glockner, Lawrence Gannon and Forrest Shaw represented Sandy. Mildred Frace was the last one to go down on the Sandy side. Armistice day receives recognition as a part of the lecture hour program. Floyd Douglass, Merlyn Malar, Lola Bacon and Robert Bodley gave recitations and patriotic songs were sung.

Sandy Boy Writes Of Manila Reptile

SANDY, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Warren Wilkins of Firwood recently had a letter from her son, Albert, a former Sandy union high school boy in which he told of "typhons and typhoons" in Manila very interestingly. Young Wilkins recently saw a native lieutenant killed by a typhon, which was 25 feet in length, and so large that the unfortunate lieutenant must have taken it for a piece of a log. These immense reptiles kill by striking. Albert said he has been looking in the glass often since he saw the typhon kill its victim to see if he were getting any gray hairs. The natives keep these reptiles to kill rats. Wilkins and another fellow also had an exciting experience in a typhoon that swept the bay where they were trying to rescue a stranded seaplane with a tug. There are many typhoons at Manila. Albert is well and happy. He enlisted about a year ago on his birthday for three years.

Armistice Program Is Well Attended

SANDY, Nov. 14.—The Armistice program was well attended at the Odd Fellow's hall. Miss Margaret Miller having charge of the affair. Among the numbers given were patriotic songs by the audience, several special songs by the high school girls' chorus, readings by Verna Henson and Edith Hein, solos by Miss Margaret Miller, accompanied by Miss Lindell. Carolyn Chown sang "The Rose of No Man's Land" Roberts Smith representing the Red Cross nurse, Mildred Boshelm accompanied most of the numbers. After the program dancing was enjoyed until eleven o'clock, and every one had a good time.

Six Candidates Are Initiated By Stars

SANDY, Nov. 13.—Saturday night was an eventful evening for the Sandy Eastern Star lodge and proved a delightful occasion for members, visitors and the six new candidates that were initiated. The Gringham chapter put on the degree work in fine shape, after which delicious refreshments were served. The tables were beautifully decorated, also the hall. Miss Lulu Eddy is the present worthy matron.

Program-Social Is Plan of P-T Assn.

SANDY, Nov. 14.—The monthly Parent-Teacher meeting was held at the Sandy city hall Wednesday night with Mrs. Anna Duke, president, in the chair. It was decided to meet for the next three months at the community church. At the December meeting a short program will be given and a pie social will follow. Net proceeds from the recent entertainment were announced as \$76, which leaves a balance of \$16 due on the piano.

Failure to Settle Bill Causes Arrest

SANDY, Nov. 14.—W. P. Julius and Alex Heitner, who were arrested for failing to pay board bills at the Sandy hotel appeared before the Justice of the Peace this morning and arranged to settle in full. A. L. Scott, constable, found one of the men in Portland and one in Oregon City. Both men had been working here on the highway through the summer hauling gravel for Palmer, and they claimed the man who employed them was to pay their board, but failed to do so.

PROGRAM NOV. 26

SANDY, Nov. 15.—The next community Sunday evening program will be given on Nov. 26, and the spirit of Thanksgiving will be carried out as much as possible in the numbers given.

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Brightwood Dance Is Well Attended

SANDY, Nov. 14.—About 25 people attended the big dance at Brightwood Saturday night. George Beers and Mrs. John Maroney furnished the music. The dance was given by Miss Lena Helms and there was a large crowd. One Ford got stuck this side of Cherryville in the gray of the early morning while homeward bound and could not get out for four hours. The mud was so deep it was impossible to crank the car. This bad piece of road will be planked at once, it is said.

Bear Robs Orchard In Sandy Section

SANDY, Nov. 14.—F. E. Burdick, who lives two miles east of Sandy discovered last week that a bear had been invading his orchard and stripping down the apples. Burdick says he had been missing apples for almost a month, and that old bruiser must have gotten away with 35 or 40 boxes. George Koesicker came over with his hounds and he and Burdick chased the bear almost to Cherryville. Burdick still hopes to get the "thief."

SMALLPOX REPORTED

SANDY, Nov. 14.—It is reported there is a case of smallpox at Welches. The county health officer has sent out serum to vaccinate the school children, and the school has been closed. Some think it is only a rash, but as there was considerable alarm it was thought best to close the school and await developments. The little daughter of A. J. Wygant is the case reported.

SANDY LOCALS

Mrs. Dave Douglass and little Floyd were down to attend the grange on Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Johnson of Orient was in Portland a few days ago on a shopping trip.

W. F. Strack is sawing ties again. He stopped making shingles some time ago because it failed to pay.

Rev. Bereman preached at Cherryville again last Sunday. "Even the Chinaman" in the vicinity attended. He is a well educated Chinaman, his name is Harry Chung and he has a railroad claim up there.

Mrs. Alta Gentry was in Sandy last Sunday to attend Sunday school and superintended the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntyre were down from Welches Saturday night to attend the big Eastern Star doings.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Allen and their cousin from North Dakota were out to the Shepherd ranch to spend a day recently.

Miss Bees Barton is teaching in Puyallup, her home town. Miss Barton may be down around Thanksgiving time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Elliott were out here Sunday looking after their house. The Elliotts do not expect to return here to live.

George Maroney and Paddy McKnight were down from the Salmon river trail to spend the week-end. Work will proceed there till the snow is too deep.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clifford entertained W. C. Faulkner of Salem several days recently. Mr. Faulkner is a Grand Army man and a prominent citizen of the capital city.

Joe Wilcoxson and Justice Strowbridge returned from Eastern Oregon a few days ago. Wilcoxson says it has been so dry around Pendleton that the wheat would not sprout and much re-seeding will have to be done.

Albert Knopp and Carl Loundree were in Portland a few days ago and traveled via the Reliance stage.

Miss Margaret Miller was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jonsrud recently.

Miss Minnie Radditz, teacher at Cherryville, is planning an entertainment and basket social for the latter part of the month to get funds to buy curtains and other accessories for the school.

Mrs. Anton Malar chaperoned her pupils that took part in the spelling contest at the Grange Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Connors goes to Portland Monday evenings to take music lessons. Her husband, J. Fred Connors was out again last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. August Hoernicke moved to Portland the first of the week and will be sadly missed here by their many friends.

County tests were on the first of the week at the grade school and the usual excitement prevailed among the pupils.

Ned Mitchell came down from Brightwood last week to cast his ballot according to the dictates of his conscience. He has been working on the big flume.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Greene of Cherryville were down to vote. The Greens have moved on the Botkin place and are taking care of it.

Dave Doggs recently killed two O. I. Dogs only seven months old that dressed 50 pounds. Doggs read them on ground barley.

The Robert Jonsrud family had a fine dinner at the home of Miss Sybil Lindell in Portland recently, the occasion being Miss Lindell's birthday.



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FIRST STATE BANK GRESHAM, OREGON

of Albany was received recently by Mrs. J. C. Loundree, Mrs. Kizer is a sister of Mrs. Loundree, and the Kizers are well known here.

Mrs. Fred McKee has moved her effects from Bull Run to Portland, where she rented a home and her people will live with her. Friends at Bull Run were reluctant to have Mrs. McKee leave, and say they will miss her and her late husband very much.

The election board for the city of Sandy were: R. A. Chown, chairman, J. C. Duke judge, clerks, Mrs. C. A. Bowers, Mrs. Kate Schmitz and Mrs. W. H. Thompson.

A. L. Scott went to Hood River recently on constable business, where he served papers to collect a board bill for the Sandy hotel.

Mrs. R. F. Dittor was a guest in Portland several days during the week where she visited friends.

The Scharke family took advantage of the lovely day Sunday and went to the Kubitz home to dinner and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chown have moved into the Purcell house recently vacated by the Thomas family. Mrs. Chown recently arrived here from Salem.

Mrs. Joe Haley was in town Saturday having dental work and attended the grange also.

Mrs. R. S. Smith, Roberta and Donald were guests of Miss Miller and her aunt at Portland Saturday and Sunday, as were Dorothy Mattingly and Marie Bambeck. They all attended the stock show.

Ernest Harris came home last week because the weather got too rough for the highway crew to continue work on the "other" side of the loop. Harris will probably go to work near Estacada.

A. W. Bell made two trips to Portland Sunday to bring back the Malar Jerseys that got all dolled up with ribbons at the International Stock Show.

Mrs. Henry Herman is getting along nicely at the hospital in Portland.

Win Jocelyn had the hard luck to get his bear down to the International Stock Show one day too late to enter him. He is an exceptionally fine hog and evidently the other breeders feared a walk-over when they objected to Jocelyn's entry.

Mrs. Alice Scales, Mrs. Edna Esson, Mrs. Thomas Clifford and Mrs. J. M. C. Miller were charmingly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jonsrud recently. The Misses Eunice and Dorothy Jonsrud were home and were an attractive addition to the informal afternoon, so hospitably arranged by their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Eason delightfully entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Connors, Mrs. J. C. Duke and C. O. Duke at supper last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Eddy have moved to the Armstrong place this side of Pleasant Home and are comfortably settled.

It is now said that the Jack Barnett family are not coming back to Sandy, having changed their plans again.

Mrs. Ethel Townsend spent last week in Portland with her grandmother, Mrs. Stanton. Mrs. Townsend was ill, her late bereavement a severe cold proving too much for her strength. Mrs. Townsend will be sorely missed at Bull Run and Sandy, where she has a host of friends. She will probably live in Portland.

Mrs. P. F. Evans is still getting weaker, according to report, and Mr. Evans is poorly also. He is suffering from a cancerous trouble in his throat.

Mrs. Longnecker, also of Dover is not so well, but is still very cheerful. Announcement of the wedding of Miss Ruth Langer, a former Sandy-ridge girl, was announced last week. Miss Langer married Henry Wood, a motorcycle policeman of Hood River. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Rimbach at his residence in Portland. Miss Dorothy Truble was bridesmaid and Mr. Riley best man. About forty friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. U. Truble, the bride's mother, after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will live at Hood River.

Henry Armstrong, the man killed by a falling tree near Vaeretti's last week was an experienced woodsman, but evidently got excited and "ran right into a trap." Had Armstrong remained just where he stood or taken one step back he would not have been hurt. He left a wife, and the couple lived on the Base line road this side of Montavilla.

Wm. Fisher of Firwood purchased a fine Jersey cow at the Pacific International last week.

The Jonsrud and Gunderson will have to close down again for the winter if the east wind doesn't keep blowing till the rock work can reach the cross road. The road dried very fast the first of the week.

W. A. and F. L. Proctor went to Eugene to spend several days looking after business affairs this week.

DANCE AT BORING RUNNING DESPITE REVOKED LICENCE

State Incorporation Papers Used To Evade Order Of County Court; Action To Test Validity Is Planned.

AID OF GRAND JURY IS TO BE REQUESTED

Arthur Gray Is Arrested By Sheriff At Hall And Found Guilty Of Being Drunk.

Despite the fact that their license was revoked by the county court two weeks ago, the Boring Dance hall, operated by S. E. Waller, is continuing to run, and last Saturday night operated until 3 a. m. the following morning, according to the sheriff's office.

Sheriff W. J. Wilson and Deputies Long and Hughes arrested a man giving his name as Arthur Gray, of Sandy, for being intoxicated at the dance. He was fined \$50 Monday by Justice E. Noble.

The dance hall, according to the authorities, is being conducted under state incorporation papers of the Boring Amusement club. It is the contention of the operators that under the state grant they can run the dance hall for the amusement of their "members," who pay a fee, or assessment, of \$1, which also grants them admission to the hall for the evening.

The method of getting around the action of the county court in revoking their license is similar to that taken by the Oak Grove Dance hall last spring. There was considerable discussion over the original granting of the Oak Grove license, which finally ended in its revocation. The hall continued to operate under the so-called state permit. The matter was brought into court, but the death of Harry Tregaskis, the manager, ended the entire case.

The question of whether or not the operation of the dance hall is legal has not been tried out in the courts as it affects the local situation. The sheriff's office maintains that the state incorporation will not hold water, because of the fact that no form of amusement is provided other than dancing, and for this reason it falls under the classification of a dance hall. Submission of the entire matter to the grand jury through the district attorney is being considered.

Carl Aschoff, the Gray boys and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. L. Maybee of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beers were entertained at supper by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gaston of Brightwood Saturday evening.

Gus Dahrens is cutting his winter's wood over on the ranch of F. Lohrman.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dahrens drove to Portland Sunday to see the new residence of their sister, Mrs. Geo. Hoskins.

Billy Welch of Welches returned from a trip to Portland recently.

Carl Power is rejoicing over his Jersey bull taking large honors at the International. Carl is working hard with his herd and is taking care of 35 head of stock.

Mrs. Carl Wendland was a guest at the wedding of Miss Ruth Langer last week and also attended the reception afterward.

Hettie Junker was home Sunday. He will finish his work at Hood River this week, where he has been employed in the shipping department of the apple growers' association.

The arrival of another baby boy, Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Julius C. Sture added joy to the Sture household. The little fellow weighed seven and a half pounds and both mother and child are fine. It just happened that Mrs. Albert Palmblad, Mrs. Sture's sister, had come out to stay a couple of days and help clean house, but the "stork" changed plans and it was decided the house cleaning would wait.

"Hammer Murder" Case Is Now Ready For Jury Decision

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—The case of Clara Phillips, tried for the "hammer murder" of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, was ready to go to the jury of nine men and three women today.

Superior Judge Houser read his instructions on the law to the jury immediately after court opened. Ten extra guards were in the courtroom to prevent a demonstration over the jury's verdict. Judge Houser sternly admonished the spectators that any attempt to stage a demonstration would result in arrests.

A quick verdict was expected. Preparations were made in expectation of a verdict before 5 o'clock tonight.

Judge Houser instructed the jurors that they might return any one of the six following verdicts:

- Guilty of murder in the first degree, with death as the penalty.
Guilty of murder in the first degree, with life imprisonment as the penalty.
Guilty of murder in the second degree, with imprisonment of from 10 years to life as the penalty.
Guilty of manslaughter, with imprisonment of from one to ten years as the penalty.
Not guilty.
Not guilty by reason of insanity.