



HUGE CREDIT LOAN THOUGHT ASSURED

Bankers Predict Billion Will Be Found.

FINAL DETAILS DISCUSSED

Wade Pleads for Cotton, as J. Hill Did for Wheat.

SOME RESENTMENT FELT

So-Called "Pro-German" Group, Constituting Formidable Financial Power, Resents Being Ignored in Vital Transaction.

STATUS AND TERMS OF PROPOSED BIG CREDIT LOAN TO ALLIES.

Pledges have already been secured for a considerable fraction of the big loan. Other pledges are in prospect. So-called pro-German banking houses of New York will be invited to participate in the loan if the commission can be persuaded that they are sincere in their expressions of willingness to do so.

The billion-dollar loan probably will be divided into two and possibly four separate series of equal amounts. Bonds on which the loan will be granted will bear not less than 5 per cent interest and will be payable in dollars, free from British income tax requirements.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—America's billion-dollar loan to Great Britain and France seemed to be well on the way to actual accomplishment tonight, according to bankers familiar with the pledges secured by members of the Anglo-French financial commission during their five days' stay in this country.

Announcement at this time that the success of the loan was assured would be, these bankers thought, decidedly premature; but there was every indication, in their opinion, that the commission's work thus far had met with a degree of success that had fully equalled their expectations.

Opponents Have Different View. This view did not coincide with the sentiments of those opposing the big loan, nor of the so-called pro-German financiers here who have not been invited to attend the commission's conference.

An effort will be made to sell the bonds at 5 per cent, in case the interest rate should be 5 per cent. Members of the commission fully believe that such bonds could be disposed of at par, but American bankers have their doubts on this score.

Opposition to the flotation of the loan is country-wide among Americans of German sympathies or parentage, but has strengthened other bankers in their determination to aid in floating the loan, in the opinion of the commission's friends and has not seriously impeded the task.

Maturity Not Fully Decided. The bonds are to be payable in either five or ten years. Possibly one series will mature in five and the other in ten years. This has not been decided. Into the hands of the commission, it became known today, many American bankers have placed their pledges to take part of the loan. Not a hint as to the amount of these pledges was given, but there were indications that the sum totaled many millions. These promises, it was assumed, were contingent on conditions of the loan.

In hearing the intimate details of the transaction, the members of the commission narrowed their conference today to a smaller circle of financiers, which included only the most influential of the country's financial and industrial factors. Among the men who are known to have consulted with the commissioners are J. P. Morgan, George F. Baker, James J. Hill, and Festus J. Wade, of St. Louis.

Plea Made for Cotton Credit. In much the same vein as Mr. Hill had spoken for the great wheat growers of the Northwest, Mr. Wade, it became known, called the commission's attention to the necessity of covering shipments of cotton with any credit loan that might be negotiated here. The prosperity of the American cotton-grower, Mr. Wade thought, was wrapped up in the success of the commission. With the allies eliminated as extensive purchasers of cotton by the commission's possible failure to establish the desired credit, Mr. Wade was inclined to take a gloomy view of the situation in the Southern States during the year to come.

The commission is reported as having made it clear to Mr. Wade that the proposed credit loan, if obtained, would provide funds to care for exports of cotton as well as every other article imported by Great Britain and France from this country.

"Pro-German" Group Resentful. Overnight a feeling of resentment in certain financial groups in Wall street seemed to increase on participation by the so-called pro-German financiers of (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

DANIELS TO ASK FOR BATTLESHIPS

SECRETARY SAYS SUBMARINES ARE NOT SUBSTITUTES.

Other Craft That Recent Developments Have Proved Advantageous Also to Be Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Although no date has been fixed for a conference with the President on the National defense, it became known today that Secretary Daniels' building program will contain recommendations for more battleships. The Secretary does not believe that the demonstrated efficiency of the submarine warrants a reduction in the number of capital ships.

"If I did not think so, I would not have recommended those now building. We secured a pretty good programme at the last Congress—five battleships and 25 submarines. We must keep up a programme that the experts say best, looking to the steady strengthening of the fleet.

"Of course, the only thing I can say is that we are studying what makes the strongest Navy, and I shall recommend the strongest units. I prefer not to say now what I will recommend. I will recommend more submarines, but I will also recommend other craft that recent experience shows will make the Navy most efficient."

While the Secretary believes the new Naval Board will be of great service in working out technical details, he does not look to it for aid in framing the building programme.

Secretary Daniels' statement today is considered significant in naval circles as exploding the theories announced by certain members of Congress, who believe the Navy should cease building anything but submarines.

FOREST FIRES NOW OVER

Supervisor Says Danger Eliminated in Mount Hood District.

That the forest fire season is now practically over and no further damage to forests is anticipated this year, is the statement of T. L. Sherrard, Forest Supervisor. He says rains have been heavy in the mountains and had been south of Mount Hood have been put out in practically all sections, putting an end to danger to standing timber in the districts where it was threatened. No new outbreaks are expected.

Because of the unusually wet early summer, fires have been fewer than usual and the cost of fighting fires has been but one-third of that of average seasons.

JOHN D. AIDS DRUG ADDICTS

Eighteen Thousand Dollars Given for New Hospital.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., through the Rockefeller Bureau of Social Hygiene, sent an \$18,000 check today to Miss Katherine D. Davis, Commissioner of Corrections, toward the cost of erecting a hospital for drug habitues on Riker's Island.

This sum, added to a donation of \$10,000 by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, and other contributions, will enable the construction to begin at once.

ALL HAITIEN PORTS HELD

United States Will Collect Customs. More Marines Land.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—All open customs ports in Haiti now are under United States control. Rear-Admiral Caperton telegraphed today that this was accomplished when the cruiser Sacramento, with the 10th and 17th regiments of marines, occupied Jacmel and Le Cayes yesterday.

Faymasters Rogers and Van Patten accompanied the expedition to act as collector of customs and captain of the port respectively.

FIRING AT SEA IS HEARD

Dutch Say Gun Reports in North Sea Are Heavy.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Maastricht, Holland, says: "Heavy firing can be heard in a westerly direction. It began at 9.30 o'clock tonight and by 10 o'clock became so violent that windows, both here and at Hook of Holland, were set rattling."

COAL IS COSTLY IN PARIS

American Product Sells for \$20 and \$25 Per Ton.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—American coal companies are marketing considerable amounts of their wares in France, where it may be delivered at fair profits. One company has just placed an order for 2,000,000 tons of coal at prices which will ultimately land it in Paris, including all carrying charges, at about 75 francs (\$15) a ton. Retail prices now range from 100 to 120 francs.

F-4 Dead Due September 20.

VALLEJO, Cal., Sept. 15.—The United States steamer Supply, which is bringing the dead from the F-4, the United States submarine wrecked off Honolulu Harbor March 23, is due in San Francisco harbor September 20.

BERNSTORFF THINKS CLOUD IS PASSING

Early Settlement With Germany Predicted.

END EXPECTED IN FORTNIGHT

Diplomat Says Nations Will Be Better Friends.

EXCHANGES ARE TEDIOUS

Time Allowed for Adjustment Based on Delays in Communication Between Governments of Washington and Berlin.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—That the difficulties between the United States and Germany will be settled within a fortnight, was the opinion voiced by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, at his hotel here today shortly after his return from Washington. Approached by a newspaper man Count von Bernstorff said:

"Ordinarily, I give only prepared interviews over my signature. Today I shall make an exception. You may say for me that I am sure that within a fortnight all supposed difficulties between the United States and Germany will have been settled and permanently settled, and the nations will be more friendly than they ever have been."

Outcome of Conference Gratifying.

Count von Bernstorff added that he felt gratified over the outcome of his conference with Secretary Lansing.

Later the Ambassador amplified the statement, saying: "In my opinion everything as regards the situation between the United States and Germany will be settled within a fortnight. I do not expect to have anything more to say with reference to this matter in the next two weeks."

Heaps Case Discussed.

Count von Bernstorff discussed the sinking of the British steamer Heaps, insisting in an informal way that his first contention as to what caused the ship to go down had now been verified, despite what he called "the suspicion of the American people about the ship."

The Ambassador emphasized the fact that under present conditions exchange of communications with his government were necessarily a tedious proceeding, and he added that it was due to this fact that he fixed the time for a settlement at two weeks.

ARABIC EVIDENCE ASSEMBLED

Gerard Directed to Present Summary of Proof to Berlin.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Ambassador Gerard has been instructed to present to the German Foreign Office a summary of the evidence gathered by (Continued on Page 14, Column 1.)

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JUDGE WOULD PAY MORE

G. B. Dimick Asks Increase in Own Levy and Cut for Neighbor.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Judge Grant B. Dimick, President of the Willamette Valley Southern and a prominent attorney, went before the County Board of Equalization today with the request that the assessment on his property at Central Point, Ore., be raised and that the appraised valuation of property belonging to Edward R. Gregory, his neighbor, be reduced.

Mr. Gregory's 96 acres is assessed at \$2900, while Judge Dimick's farm of 118 acres is appraised for \$2450. It is probable that the reduction in the appraisal of the Gregory place will equal the increase in the Dimick tract.

FLOOD DAMAGES MISSOURI

Streams in Southeastern Kansas Are Out of Banks, Also.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15.—Flood conditions were reported at Carthage, Mo.; Joplin, Mo.; Jola, Kans., and other points in Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas today as a result of heavy rains during the last 24 hours. Indications were for continued rains.

A seven-inch rainfall near Joplin sent the streams out of their banks and flooded farmhouses.

RAIN FALLS OVER WIDE AREA.

Heavy rain fell today in practically all the East Central and West Central states, excepting Minnesota, Arkansas and North Dakota. Especially heavy (Continued on Page 14, Column 2.)

EAST SWELTERS AND IS COLD BY TURNS

Middle West Is Chilled by Sudden Drop.

WAVE IS SPREADING RAPIDLY

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CORN CROP IS MADE SAFE

East Still Suffers From Intense Torridity, but Wind Traveling Twenty Miles an Hour Promises Relief Late Today.

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3 HOPHOUSES BURN; I. W. W. SUSPECTED

LOSS IN FIRE NEAR GOSHEN IS ESTIMATED AT \$5000.

Blaze Follows Shooting at Night Prowler in Another Yard

ESTROYED BUILDINGS.

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