

Bald Figures Explode Theory That Money Spent by Americans in France Pays War Losses

WAR EXPENDITURE BILL FOR FRANCE OVER 32 BILLIONS

Total of Money Left Behind by Americans Reaches Only Few Hundred Million Dollars.

EXPORTS UNDER IMPORTS Before the War This Deficit Was Made Up From Income on Foreign Investments.

By Paul Scott Howzer
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Paris, France, April 25.—There is a legend among the doughboys, extending sometimes even to officers of high rank, that money spent abroad by the American expeditionary forces has more than compensated France for her war losses, and even made the French people rich. I heard this supposition mentioned so often that I finally felt obliged to investigate it. The following figures, most of which are official, speak for themselves:

Let us glance, first, at France's present finances. Her total war expenditures to the end of 1918 were 180,805,000,000 francs (\$28,121,000,000), to be met as follows: Taxes, 21,000,000,000 francs (\$3,300,000,000); consolidated loans, 71,885,000,000 francs (\$11,327,800,000); defense bonds, 24,740,000,000 francs (\$3,822,000,000); foreign loans, 27,551,000,000 francs (\$4,250,800,000); bank notes, 17,580,000,000 francs (\$2,637,000,000).

INVESTMENTS PAYING LITTLE French purchases abroad between August, 1914, and August, 1918, total \$2,916,000,000 francs (\$450,900,000), and her sales abroad, 16,205,000,000 francs (\$2,431,800,000), making a commercial deficit of \$3,018,000,000 francs (\$452,900,000). Before the war French imports slightly exceeded her exports, but the deficit was more than met by the income from investments of French capital abroad. Since the war began most of these foreign investments have failed to give returns, so this represents still another loss.

The official report of loss by war devastation, excluding all losses of raw stuffs, provisions or losses of revenues, which together reach more than 50,000,000,000 francs (\$7,500,000,000), show a total of \$7,795,000,000 francs (\$1,169,000,000). The budget before was roughly 6,000,000,000 francs (\$900,000,000). The ordinary expenses for the budget of 1919 are now forecasted at 5,300,000,000 francs (\$795,000,000) for the civil service; 4,000,000,000 francs (\$600,000,000) for the pensions and 6,500,000,000 francs (\$975,000,000) for the army and navy. To this must be added the extraordinary expenses which for the first trimester alone reach 17,400,000,000 francs (\$2,610,000,000).

SMALL IN COMPARISON These are formidable figures. To find out as against these sums exactly what the American soldiers have spent in France is not easy, but a liberal estimate is 900,000,000 francs (\$135,000,000). Add to this 500,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) for the American Red Cross, 250,000,000 francs (\$37,500,000) for American Christian Association and esti-

QUEEN OF ROUMANIA VISITS SON AT ETON, ENG.



The queen of Rumania on a visit to her son at Eton college, England. In the group, from left to right—Prince Nicholas of Rumania, Mr. Burton, the prince's tutor, Queen Marie of Rumania and little Princess Ileana of Rumania. Princess Mary of England and Princess Marie of Rumania are shown in the rear.

making other miscellaneous expenditures at 350,000,000 francs (\$52,500,000), we reach a maximum of 5,900,000,000 francs (\$885,000,000), which barely compensates France for the loss of income on capital invested abroad.

GERMANY IS SARCASTIC IN COMMENT ON FOOD RELIEF FROM AMERICA

Article in "Der Tag" Reflects the Characteristic German Attitude.

By Julius B. Wood
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Coblenz, Germany, April 25.—An indication of how certain Germans receive the American efforts to relieve the food shortages in their country is given in an article signed "Dr. M. P." published in Der Tag, Berlin, on April 6 and reprinted in the Third Army intelligence report. The article reflects the characteristic German attitude that Germany deserves sympathy instead of censure.

SOCIALISTS CLAMOR FOR MORE MEMBERS IN THE STORTHING

Party Wrangles Holding Up Legislation in Norway as Is Done in America.

By Bassett Digby
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Christiania, Norway, April 25.—The political news from Norway has been confusing of late. For 10 weeks the work of the storthing has been held up by party wrangles, obstructionist tactics and reciprocal refusals to cooperate. Agency dispatches have already summarized the tortuous windings of these proceedings. They have been due chiefly to the dissatisfaction of the Socialists with the present system of electoral districts. For instance, each of Christiania's five electoral districts, with about 25,000 voters apiece, sends only one member to the storthing, while a village like Flekkefjord, with only 800 votes, also elects one member.

Hoffman Expected To Wrest Munich From Communists

By Gordon Stiles
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Berlin, Germany, April 25.—An idea of the nature of the cordons which the Hoffman government has drawn around Munich can be gathered from the story told me by Charles Tower, correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who has just arrived from that city. While it is believed that Hoffman, assisted by the Wurttemberg troops, will soon wrest the town from the communists, the latter have absolute control at present. Tower left Munich yesterday accompanied by another London correspondent. The latter was carrying a number of dispatches written by Ben Hecht, correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. Hecht was carrying dispatches were examined by all the passport officials and the bearer of the dispatches was placed under arrest. He is still in custody at this time and the fact that he is German subject prevents any action being taken in his behalf by the agents' representatives.

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"Genuine respectable Americans—and every genuine American is respectable—has an excellent account with God. On his side of the heavenly account book is written everything good he has done—that he has gone to church and Sunday school, that he has given gifts to the poor, for missions, etc., including millions for the foundation of universities. This is American commercialized Christianity. However, accounts are kept differently above and the debit side is possibly increased by each starved German child until the balance stands on the wrong side. And those regions cannot write American bank checks to make the account good."

Sugar Preference For Colonies Only

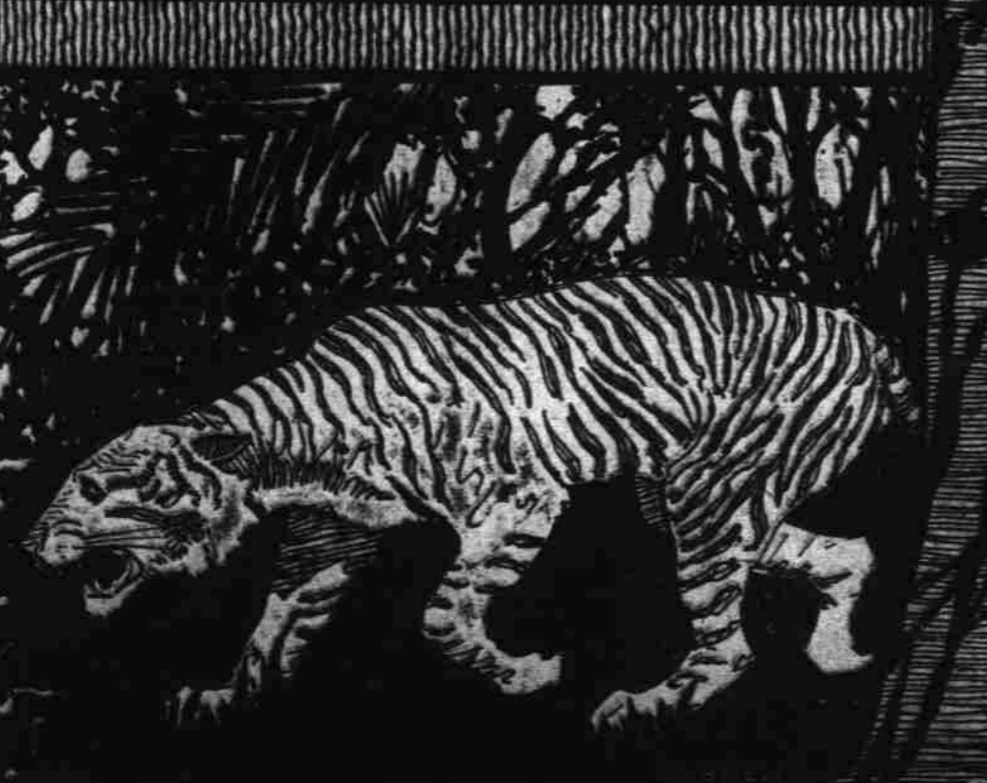
By R. W. Thompson
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Kingston, Jamaica, April 25.—News received to the effect that preference on sugar will be granted only to British colonies gives general satisfaction. The Gleaner newspaper says that the British government is abandoning its laissez faire methods involving a change in its West Indian methods. The paper also insists that lands adapted to the production of sugar, cocoa and coffee be devoted to such purposes and that if individuals stand in the way of development on a great scale legislation should follow.

TONIGHT ONLY—POOR BOOB—

WILLIAM FARNUM



THE JUNGLE TRAIL



BRITAIN'S NAVAL BUDGET CALLS FOR HUGE EXPENDITURE

Is John Bull Trying to Call Uncle Sam's Bluff, Is Question Asked in American Circles.

EXPECT FIGURES TO BE CUT War Bills Considered Too Big to Admit of \$746,000,000 Expenditure in Times of Peace.

KAISER, KING AND ADMIRAL CAN BE TRIED

PARIS, April 25.—These men are subject to trial by an international tribunal on the strength of the report just filed with the peace conference by the commission on the responsibility for the war and war crimes: William Hohenzollern, the ex-king; Ferdinand, ex-king of the Bulgars; Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, author of ruthless U-boat warfare; General von Blomberg, who was Germany's military governor of Belgium.

HUN STRIKE LEADERS UNABLE TO ENGINEER A GENERAL WALKOUT

Dates Are Continuously Moved Ahead; May 1 Now Set as Time for Action.

By Gordon Stiles
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
Berlin, Germany, April 25.—The great general strike which has been threatening to turn Germany topsy turvy seems unable to materialize. Every day or two a new date is set for the calamity to fall, but somehow these dates come and go accompanied by a certain amount of flurry caused by a strike of this or that group of workers but without any general cessation of labor. Inconvenience to many people and loss of wages to the strikers are the usual results. The banking strike, as well as the strike on the part of the employes in several large shops, has made things disagreeable, but I have no faith in the promise and copiously advertised general strike. There are several reasons why I think it cannot be successfully engineered. First, there is not enough unanimity among the workers. There is nobody big enough to lead them. If the street car men quit and the cabmen follow suit cupidly lays the hand of inspiration on certain energetic persons who say, "Oh, look! If we get some trucks and carts all the people home at night we shall make a lot of marks." So they do it.

Australians Bid London Farewell After Doing 'Bit'

London, April 25.—(U. P.)—Six thousand Australians bid farewell to their mother country in a parade through London Thursday. The Prince of Wales took the salute at Australia house, accompanied by Winston Churchill, Premier Hughes of Australia and Field Marshal Haig.

Men's Opening Spring 1919

When a man buys this season to supply his personal requirements in clothes is largely a concern between himself and his own conscience. But whether he buys little or much, self-interest insists in stronger terms that, above all other considerations, he should secure the kind of clothes which he will know beforehand will wear.

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HEARST NEWS HAROLD LLOYD COMEDY

PEOPLES

STARTS TOMORROW

OVERWORKED WOMEN NEED THIS TONIC

This Minnesota Resident Was on Verge of Complete Breakdown When She Tried the Right Builder.

Work is sometimes an effective medicine but the average man or the average woman doesn't require a work prescription. There are thousands today who are on the verge of a breakdown because of overwork. In many cases their condition has been brought about by the necessity of keeping at work when they should have been in bed. This is especially true of those who suffered from the recent influenza epidemic and were unable to take sufficient rest during convalescence.

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