

GOVERNMENT LIKE BROKE GAMBLER, ASSERTS ASQUITH

Former Premier of England Declares Nation Is Blundering in Its Treatment of Ireland.

By Webb Miller
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Feb. 19.—“The government, like a reckless gambler, has thrown on the table the good name of Britain and the whole future fortunes of Ireland,” Herbert Asquith, liberal leader, declared in an unprecedentedly bitter attack on the government's Irish policy, at a mass meeting in Euston theatre tonight. Asquith charged that the government had deliberately withheld reports which reflected on the maladministration of Ireland.

“Never has the name of Great Britain sunk to so low a moral scale among the nations of the world,” Asquith exclaimed as he reviewed the government's course in Ireland.

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“This perspective reveals a succession of blunders and crimes,” he declared, “the blackest in the annals of our relations with the Irish people.”

The former premier extended his attack to Lloyd George's settlement of German reparations.

Germany is incapable of paying the newly revised financial demands, he declared. Germany, he said, can pay only in goods and the British nation would face the paradox of demanding payments which could not be made because of the “anti-dumping” laws in Great Britain.

Rift in the Ranks of Rail Labor Unions Widen; Charges Fly

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—The rift in the ranks of railroad employees belonging to the American Federation of Labor and outside unions was widened here tonight.

J. L. Eldridge, senior grand master of the Railroad Yardmasters of America, charged that H. M. Jewell, head of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, who has been appearing before the United States railroad labor board, “was more interested in controlling representation of railroad labor than in the interests of individual members.”

The position of supremacy which Jewell's organization claims received a severe jolt when the railroad board admitted representatives of seven outside unions,” said Eldridge.

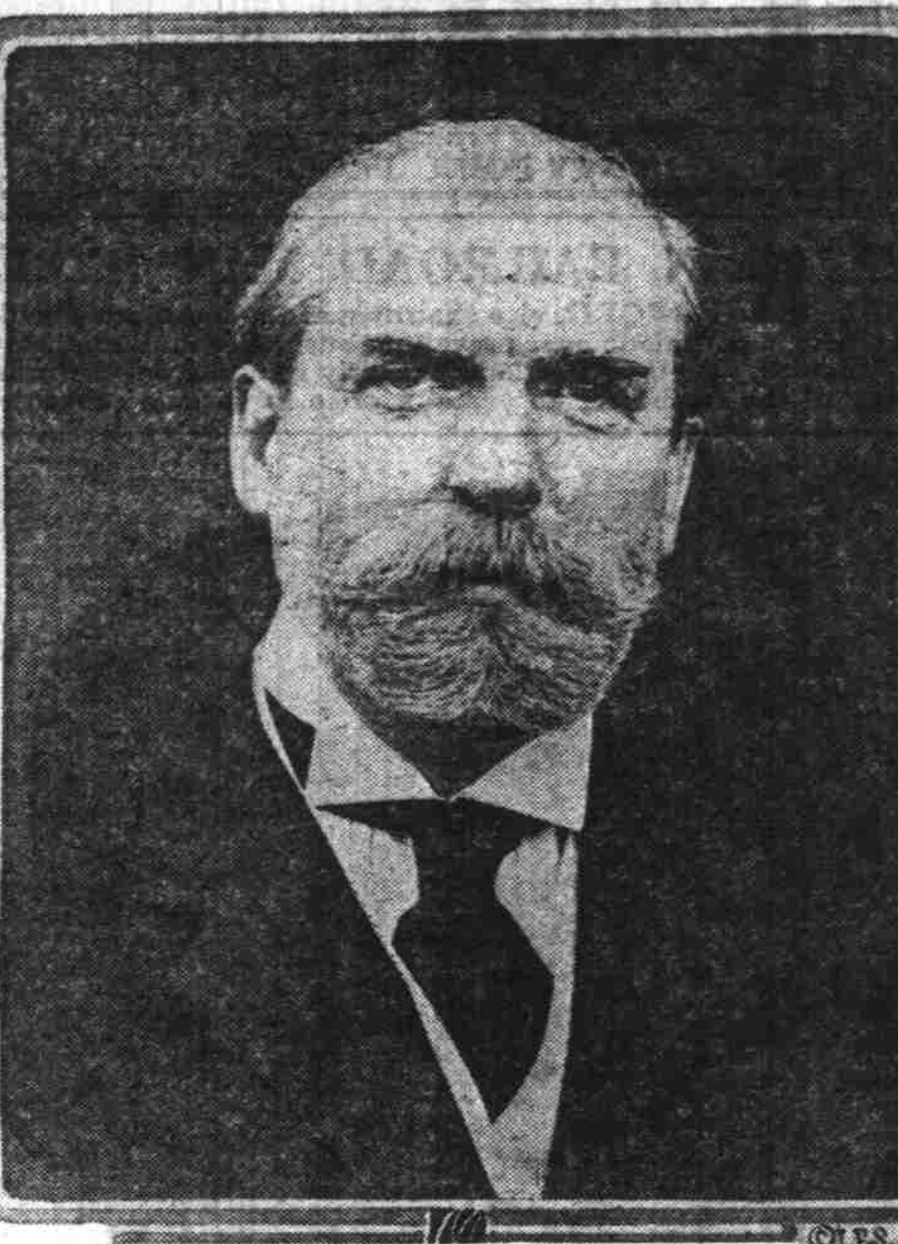
“This surely must indicate to the American Federation of Labor that its domination on the railroads as far as the railroad board is concerned is at an end.”

Eldridge said his present position was brought about by the tactics of Jewell during the hearing now in progress over the plan of railroads to abrogate shop agreements and cut the wages of common labor.

African Oil Bed Rich in Promises

London, Feb. 19.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Nairobi, Africa, prospectors investigating a large oil bed on the shores of Lake Albert in Uganda, have found specimens containing high percentages of lubricants, petroleum and kerosene.

TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE



Charles E. Hughes of New York, whose selection by President-elect Harding as secretary of state in his cabinet was formally announced Saturday.

OBLIGATION IS IMPER- ATIVE, SAYS HUGHES

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taking office are those relating to peace negotiations with Germany and Austria following passage of a peace resolution by the senate and its approval by President-elect Harding; negotiations with the debtor governments of Europe for initial payments of the allied debt of \$10,000,000,000, and, third, selection of American diplomatic representatives abroad, together with appointments in the state department.

The rise of Charles Evans Hughes to the most important official position outside the presidency has taken place in 16 years.

WAS OBSCURE LAWYER

As a rather obscure lawyer in New York Hughes in 1905 took charge of the investigation of the combine of insurance companies in that state.

With the prestige gained from this work, Hughes entered politics and was elected governor of New York and at the expiration of his term was appointed by President Taft as an associate justice of the United States supreme court, resigning his seat in 1915 to accept the Republican nomination for the presidency, being narrowly defeated at the election by President Wilson.

Since 1916 Mr. Hughes has engaged in the practice of law, specializing in cases before the supreme court. This practice has been so lucrative that friends of Mr. Hughes are authority for the statement that he is worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, concluded his conferences with President-

elect Harding today and returned to Washington.

HARDING FAVORS TARIFF

It was definitely learned that the president-elect is strongly in favor of the enactment of emergency tariff legislation at the special session of congress in April, since it is considered a foregone conclusion that President Wilson will veto any legislation of that nature passed at the present session.

“I don't think that the country can survive industrially under the present underwood tariff,” said Senator Harding today in indicating that he would urge the passage of emergency legislation early in the special session to be followed by the enactment of a permanent protective tariff later.

Mr. Hughes left St. Augustine tonight for the North.

Poss Urged for Cabinet

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Nineteen Republican members of the Illinois delegation tonight wired President-elect Harding at St. Augustine, Fla., urging that he appoint former Congressman George E. Foss of Illinois secretary of the navy.

“Booze and Boats” Go Together, Says John Barton Payne

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—It will be impossible to operate American passenger ships on the trans-oceanic routes if prohibition is enforced on them, Secretary of Interior John Barton Payne, former chairman of the shipping board, told the Walsh committee of the house, investigating the shipping board today.

“Booze and boats seem to go together,” he said. “Foreign passenger ships that permit the dispensing of liquors while on a voyage are getting the passengers away from the American passenger ships. Even dry passengers prefer to travel on such ships with the wet passengers because of companionship. American passenger ships cannot compete for this reason with foreign passenger ships and the United States must build up its passenger ship business if it is to build its merchant marine.”

Secretary Payne said the shipping board ships should pass into private hands as speedily as possible.

Harding Will Send Commissioners to Confer in Europe

(By Universal Service)

London, Feb. 19.—Immediately after he takes office President Harding will send Republican commissioners to Europe to confer with statesmen for the purpose of finding an agreeable basis for effective American cooperation in world affairs.

This announcement was made in a cablegram to the London Daily Telegraph by its New York correspondent today. The correspondent advises his paper that congress is certain to adopt any plan that the commissioners recommend and that the acceptance of the principles of the League of Nations, except article 21, is likely.

There will be no separate peace with Germany, the correspondent says. He states he has this information from men high in the Republican party.

Paper Supply Plant Is Licked Up by Flames; Loss Near \$500,000

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—The plant of the Minneapolis Paper Supply company was completely gutted by fire here tonight.

A fire wall saved the General Electric company plant next door. For a time firemen believed the entire power system of the electric company would have to be shut down for the night. Power was turned off from time to time to prevent electrocution of firemen.

Loss from the fire was estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Bitter cold hampered firemen in their work. The scene was a mass of ice.

Marines to Be Tried

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—The 21 marines accused of wrecking a newspaper plant recently at Managua, Nicaragua, will be tried immediately by courtmartial, the navy department was advised today by Rear Admiral Bryan, commanding the Central American squadron.

Reed Resolution in Favor of Buying All British West Indies

(By Universal Service)

Washington, Feb. 19.—A definite step toward the acquisition by the United States of the entire British West Indies was taken in the senate Friday afternoon.

Senator James A. Reed of Missouri introduced a resolution requesting that the president ascertain whether the British government would be willing to enter negotiations to consider the transfer to the United States of these islands, including Jamaica, Barbados, Bermuda and Trinidad.

The resolution makes no mention of the terms under which Great Britain would be asked to relinquish her possessions, but merely proposes to establish whether or not she would discuss the question. Any such transaction would doubtless involve the \$4,500,000 war debt owed to this country by the British government.

“There is a double-bait of islands owned by the British which really command the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico, and some of them command the entrance to the Panama canal,” said Senator Reed. “They are maintained by

Great Britain, which receives practically no revenue from them; probably with expenditures on her part.

“I am deeply concerned with this question and just as soon as I can I intend to make a speech on it in the senate. If the resolution I have introduced today does not do anything else and I believe it will have definite results—it will at least call the attention of the American people to the fact that these islands lie there and to the uses to which they may be put.”

After many weeks suspension of work, the logging camp of Wallman & Leffert, near Kellogg, has reopened with a full crew of men.

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Mrs. Wilson Inspects Historic Documents In State Department

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Washington, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson spent more than an hour at the state department Thursday afternoon and for a time her visit was shrouded in mystery. It developed later that the retiring first lady of the land had called in response to an invitation from Secretary Coby to inspect the archives of the Declaration of Independence, the

constitution of the United States and treaty with Great Britain, which ended the revolutionary war, were among the precious documents Mrs. Wilson inspected. They are exposed to view only on rare occasions and it was the first time in the memory of the oldest attaches that the wife of a president called to see them.

Marshals Created

Paris, Feb. 19.—(U. N. S.)—General Fayolle, General Franchet d'Esperey, former commander of the allied armies in the Balkans, and General Lyautoy, resident general of Morocco, were today named marshals of France by a special decree.

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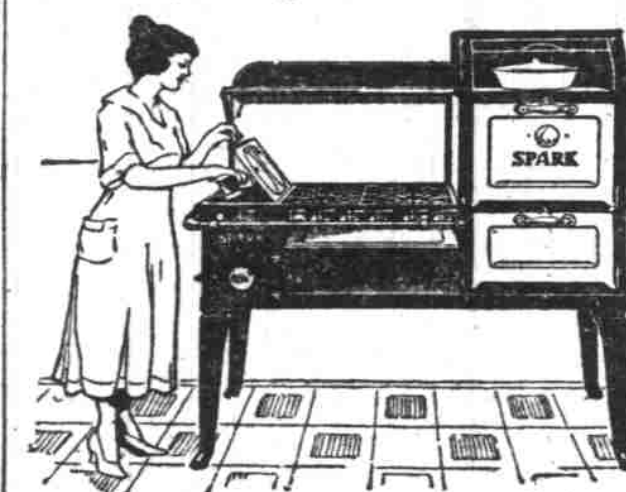
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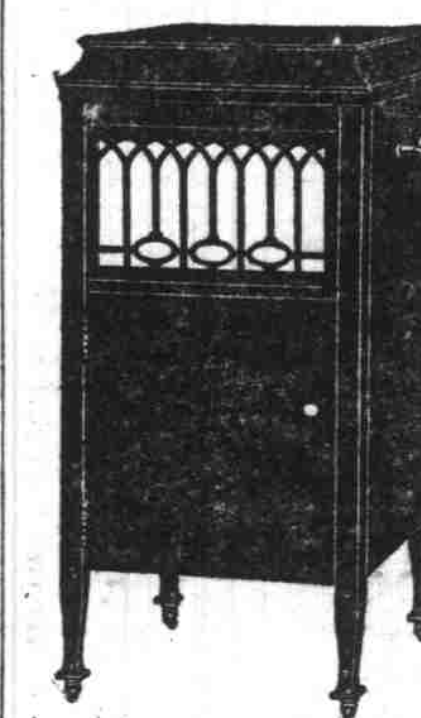
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**English Windsor Breakfast
Set—Five Pieces**

—\$29.75—

—The Table, which has stained top and white enameled base, by far surpasses the illustration in appearance—square filler-built, continuous post-back chairs, and are very attractive. If you go shopping on these chairs, don't get confused and compare them with round-filler-back chairs.

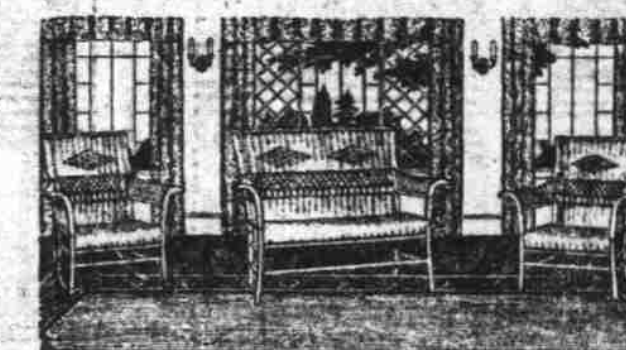


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—Three fine pieces—Settee, Chair and Rocker—not identical, but very similar to the illustration. Harmonizes well with oak furniture. Is light in weight, yet built upon a substantial frame. You can have any piece if the entire set is not needed.



**Four Fine Pieces to Match
in Hand Rubbed Wax Finish**

—\$81.25—

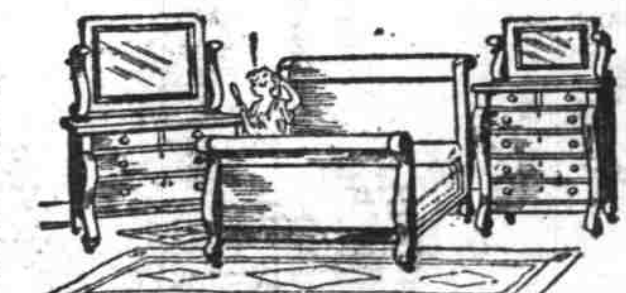
—Fine Oak Library Table with 28x42-inch top; Solid Oak Round Arm Rocker and the Opera-Seated Oak Rocker are identical to the illustration. Arm Chair has been replaced with a clever Wicker Chair upholstered with cretonne—adding much tone to the suite.



**William and Mary Period
Table and Set of Six Chairs**

—\$159—

—William and Mary, a charming and elaborated design taken from those quaint French circles of the 16th century. Tables are 54 inches in diameter and extend to six feet. Select either walnut or mahogany. The chairs are finished to match and you can have either cane or panel back.



**Fine Colonial Suite in Either
Walnut or Mahogany**

—\$171—

—Bed, Dresser and Chiffonier, quite similar to illustration and, for your convenience, they're in the front window today. You like many others since the price has been reduced, will be surprised and pleased to know such fine pieces as these can be had for so little money.



**All Oil Hand-Laid “Moss-
Rose” and “Blue-Bird”
Decorations—5 Pieces**

—\$119.75—

—Lustered old ivory or white enamel, whichever you prefer—the pieces are all identical to illustration. Yes, you could pay \$200 for a decorated suite, but just compare this one with it before final decision is made.



**Here's a Wonderful Value
Three Massive Pieces**

—\$98.75—

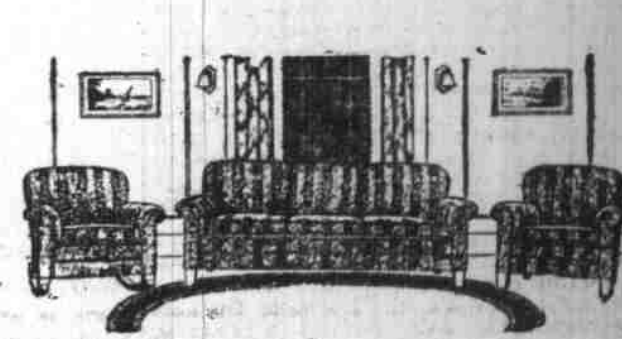
—Massive Mission-Post Library Table with very pretty grain quired oak top and legs—both rockers are of solid oak and the auto-cushion seats are covered with heavy veal stock genuine leather. Not identical, though very similar, to illustration.



**See This Luxurious Suite in
the Window Today**

—\$279—

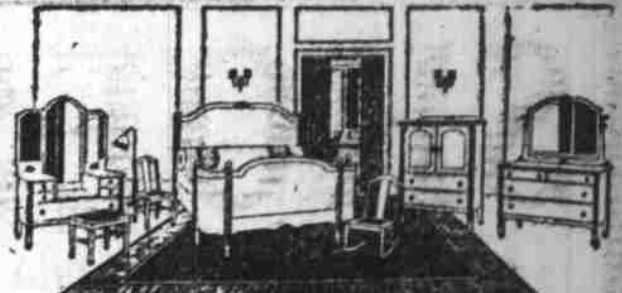
—Handsome Tapestry Overstuffed Davenport, Chair and Rocker to match—wonderfully built with full spring base and spring-filled loose cushions and fine big arms. You will be particularly pleased with the very high grade lustered tapestry of charming design.



**Six-Foot Table and Six
Solid Oak Chairs**

—\$59.75—

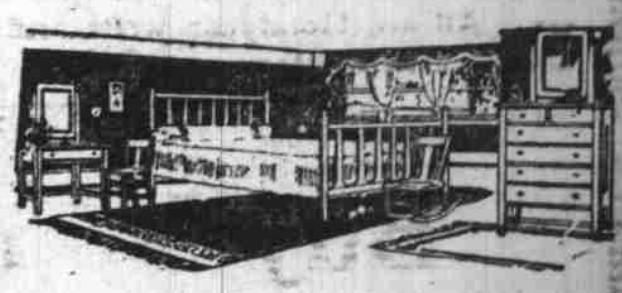
—Hand-rubbed wax finish to match the living-room suite at \$81.25. Table is 48 inches in diameter, and the massive base is identical to the illustration. Each chair is securely built with saddle-shaped seats, supported with iron angles against the back posts.



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hogany Suites in the Store**

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Remain the Price Will Be**

—\$97—

—All five pieces are like the illustration and full size, too. Only a few left in both ivory and white enamel finishes, therefore early decision is suggested. If desired, you can leave out the dressing table and chair—then the price will be only \$87.00.



**What Do You Think of This?—Continuous Post
Bed, Spring and Mattress for \$29.85**

—A built-for-sleep Tube Steel Bed—steel spring and felted cotton, rolled-edge mattress in flower-stown art tick. This is a typical Edwards value and you should see it.