

ALLIES WILL PAY DEBT SAYS LAMONT

Denies Secret Understanding As To Allied Indebtedness

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 25.—All the allies will pay their war debts to the United States, Thomas W. Lamont, partner in J. P. Morgan and company, who was one of the United States treasury representatives upon the American commission to negotiate peace, declared tonight before the Philadelphia Public Ledger forum on the peace conference.

"I note a constant reference to some secret understanding arrived at in Paris," said the financier, "between President Wilson and his advisers on one hand and the French and British representatives on the other, to the effect that allied indebtedness to the United States, should, in whole or in part, be cancelled or forgiven."

"There isn't such a thing," Lamont said. "From start to finish President Wilson and his advisers, without exception, opposed vigorously and finally, any suggestion of cancellation. There was not a commitment, expressed or inferred, no remote moral or otherwise, as to the handling of the allied indebtedness to the United States government. All the main facts in the suggested arrangement for the substitution of German for Belgian bonds were made public at the time."

The whole question of international debts is a most important one. The American people must determine it upon the principle of what course is best calculated to benefit the world as a whole, including America.

The \$45,000,000,000 which Germany was notified she must pay over a series of 42 years by the recent settlement at Paris, Mr. Lamont said if amortized at 8 1/2 per cent and brought back to present values, would represent a capital sum of thirteen billions plus what ever amount Germany had already paid on account, which he said, does not seem unreasonable.

He told how General Smuts in the Paris discussions, finally convinced President Wilson that pensions should be included in the reparations bill. Some of the experts, he said, gathered in the president's library and explained to him that they could not find a single lawyer in the American delegation who would give an opinion in favor of including pensions, and that all logic was against it.

"Logic! Logic!" Mr. Lamont said the president exclaimed. "I don't give a damn for logic. I am going to include pensions."

"There was not one of us in the room whose heart did not beat with a like feeling," said Mr. Lamont.

"I am going to take this opportunity," he continued, "to say a word as to President Wilson's attitude at the peace conference. He is accused of having been unwilling to consult his colleagues. I never saw a man more ready and anxious to consult than he. He has been accused of having been desirous to gain credit for himself and to ignore others. I never saw a man more considerate of those of his coadjutors who were working immediately under him, nor a man more ready to give them credit with the other chiefs of state.

"President Wilson undoubtedly had his disabilities. If it came to a horse trade, Lloyd George could undoubtedly have 'out-jockeyed' him; but it seldom reached such a situation, because President Wilson, by his manifest sincerity and open candor, always saying precisely what he thought, would early disarm his opponents in argument.

"President Wilson did not have a well organized secretarial staff. He did far too much of the work himself. In execution we all have a blind spot in some part of our eye. President Wilson was such inability to use men, an inability mind you, not a refusal. On the contrary, when any of us volunteered or insisted upon taking responsibility off his shoulders, he was delighted."

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An important problem in Ulster is whether the Nationalist minority will refuse to accept the Home Rule act and thus give full sway to Unionists, of whom Sir Edward Carson has long been leader (since succeeded by Sir James Craig).

These are the dominant issues on which the whole country is speculating.

Preparations for the application of the act in Northern Ireland are in an advanced stage. There it is to come into force at the earliest possible convenient date. The splendid Belfast city hall will be placed at the disposal of the new northern parliament, eliminating any delay for erection of a parliament house. It is assured that the Carson adherents will have a working majority. The result will depend on how extent to which the Nationalists in northern Ulster dissatisfied with its severance from the rest of Ireland, go to the polls.

If they vote in proportion to their number, they will form some what less than half of the membership of the new body. The Carsonites will be given virtual carte blanche if the Nationalists boycott the election. Refusal of the Nationalists to vote will not prevent the parliament from functioning.

In the south, there are two main currents of opinion in official and Unionist circles. The one which appears to predominate is in favor of letting the south make a trial of the act at the same time as the north. The other view is that in the south the time for attempted application of the act is inopportune.


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This is the opinion of R. C. Paulus, sales manager of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, after spending three weeks in Chicago and New York investigating marketing conditions.

The low prices at which prunes are selling are due largely to the continual cutting of prices by independent interests, Mr. Paulus said. Although the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association has endeavored all winter to stabilize prices, he declares the under-cutting and hammering of prices by independents has demoralized the market. Wholesale firms have hesitated to buy, not knowing when the bottom price was reached, and the result is the present unsatisfactory market.

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prunes in the east is due to the extremely low prices and to the fact that certain large wholesale houses having sold out on certain sizes of prunes, closed out their remaining stocks at very low prices," said Mr. Paulus. "With the exception of dried apples, prunes are selling the lowest of all dried fruit on the market."

"Retail conditions have also prevented heavy sales in the east until lately. General stores have been retailing the 40-50 sizes at from 35 to 40 cents a pound. Recently chain stores have come down the retail price in New York selling the 40-50 sizes at 15 cents a pound, and smaller sizes at 25 cents."

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10 pounds Pancake Flour.....65c

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5 cans Tomatoes.....50c

5 cans Sugar Peas.....55c

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In fact, there were a thousand clues—so many of them, in fact, that it took the great detective so long to clear them all up that people had forgotten about the crime and he had to give it up himself.