

AMERICAN AID SOON USELESS

Possibility of Help to Europe Dwindles Daily —
Fear German Collapse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The possibility of any development abroad to change the policy of France and bring American aid into the reparations breach in Europe appeared tonight to be fading, hour by hour.

There is reason to believe that the Washington government not only sees no further opportunity at this time to suggest a way to Franco-British reconciliation, but lacks also any intimation that its officers will be sought from across the Atlantic at least in advance of an actual test of the French theories on reparations.

Attitude Sympathetic
Once the French plan has been tried and its results demonstrated the situation with respect to American aid, may change. But there is no doubt that American official opinion is gravely concerned lest political chaos and a complete economic breakdown come in Germany before that point has been reached.

The official attitude in Washington still is that of a sympathetic spectator friendly to all parties to the crisis and with American good offices and economic strength available at any time to aided leaders.

But while official activities are thus hampered by considerations of the most delicate nature, American business working along its own line of approach, apparently is preparing for new attempts to substitute business diplomacy for inter-governmental exchanges in working out a new proposal on reparations. Officials of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, it was learned today, were considering renewing their activities to that end, halted temporarily while the statesmen debated and agreed to disagree in Paris.

Business Men Meet
The foreign affairs committee of the chamber will meet here January 12 at the call of President Julius Barnes and will attend a dinner given by Mr. Barnes in honor of Albert Thomas, director of the international labor office at Geneva and formerly the French minister of munitions. That the reparations crisis will be the foremost topic of discussion is not doubted.

In Mr. Thomas there will be available an immediate channel of communications with French and other European business groups.

Among members of the chamber foreign affairs committee is A. C. Bedford of New York, an official of the Standard Oil company and chairman of the American delegation to the second general meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce which will be held in Rome March 18 to 24. The preliminary program for that meeting carries a statement and signed by Mr. Bedford which is at least illustrative of American business thought. It reads:

Discussion to be Frank
Believing that the time has now come when businessmen should assert the right, based upon their knowledge and experience and their interest, to come forward and state in no uncertain terms that the vital problems now so seriously disturbing the peace and prosperity of the world shall be settled upon sound economic principles—principles which will promote the peace and welfare of mankind rather than the popularity of individuals or political parties—leading business men throughout the world will meet at Rome for the purpose of discussing frankly and seriously some of the most pressing issues.

Debts Are Subject
The reparations situation is

specifically allotted space on the preliminary program which the American delegation will urge at Rome. Four group sessions as well as two general sessions at which final decisions can be taken are given over to subjects connected directly with the reparations crisis. Inter-allied debts is among the sub-topics as well as "financial measures necessary for restoration of international trade."

FRUIT TREE BUDS GET EARLY START

Growers Hoping Eloquently
That Freeze Will Keep
Away from Orchards

It is reported from all over the Willamette valley, that the fruit buds are developing precociously, and are in danger of being frost-bitten before the winter is over.

The weather has been warm enough for the past 20 days to give everything green an altogether un-winterish start for growth. There has been no time for the past 20 days that the thermometer reached down to 32 degrees or the freezing point, and it has been as high as 62 degrees. The fruit buds have responded to this gentle wooing, and are up to a point that a sharp, severe freeze might do vast damage.

There is no indication of such a freeze. There is little in the past history of the valley to indicate its probability. The big freeze three years ago came a month earlier in the winter. There was little cold weather after that time, though the damage was done early in December and the later little frosts didn't matter. There is nothing that man can do to affect what the winter itself may bring, according to capable fruit experts of the Oregon Growers who have been considering the situation.

"It is too early to estimate anything for the coming year," said one of these fruit authorities. "The only thing that can be said is that up to the present not the slightest damage has been done. Of course a hard freeze would be disastrous. But as there's nothing that any one could have done to prevent the early development of the buds, just so there's nothing to be done to keep off the freeze if it should come. The fruit men do their part during the summer; it's absolutely up to the weather man during the winter, until time for us to begin to plow and to pick bugs."

Mayor's Suit Against
Ku Klux Is Dropped
COFFEYVILLE, Kas., Jan. 6.—A suit for \$30,000 damages against the Coffeyville Ku Klux Klan, filed some time ago by ex-Mayor Scheriman of Liberty, will be withdrawn in a few days, Walter S. Keith, Scheriman's lawyer announced today. Scheriman was tarred and feathered last fall.

The reason given for dropping the Klan suit was the difficulty involved in obtaining the names of all members of the Klan here.

Dallas High School
Beats Silvertown Five
SILVERTOWN, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Dallas high school basketball boys defeated the Silvertown high school boys with a score of 16 to 8 at Silvertown Friday night. This was the first conference game of the season that Silvertown has played. The Silvertown high inter-mediate defeated the Salem YM CA Eagles with a score of 15 to 8 in a preliminary game.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
APARTMENT FOR RENT, \$91
North Commercial.

CLOVERDALE

CLOVERDALE, Or., Jan. 6.—The young folks of this vicinity gathered at the home of Miss Mildred Norris Sunday evening to watch the old year out.

W. L. Wright recently sold his automobile to the Ball Brothers of Turner.

The WCTU was entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Della Blasco.

Olin Hadley arrived here Sunday to spend New Years day with his mother, Mrs. Artilla Hadley. On account of sickness his wife and baby couldn't accompany him here but were to meet him in Portland Monday evening enroute to their home at Athens, Or.

F. A. Wood and family spent Saturday in Salem.

Miss Emma Schifferer who has been spending her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schifferer, returned to The Dalles Monday evening.

Arthur Kanke is remodeling

the interior of his house.

Mrs. M. Fiflet is spending a few days in Salem with her daughter, Mrs. William Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood of Salem spent New Years day here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wood.

W. F. Wright spent Friday in Salem on business.

Mrs. John Thomas who has been ill for several weeks is greatly improved.

TURNER

TURNER, Or., Jan. 6.—Miss Ruth Granlund of McMinnville has been added to the teaching staff of the high school.

I. L. Robertson spent the first of the week in Portland.

Miss Irene Riches of Portland spent the holidays with her sister, Miss Alice Riches.

E. J. Hansett and family have moved to Portland.

S. A. Riches and wife were Salem business visitors Tuesday.

On Monday evening 40 Odd

Fellows and Rebekhas met at the home of G. A. McKay to help celebrate his birthday. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Justice Robertson and Glenn Miller and Arthur Salisbury have returned to OAC.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bear of Indiana are starting to Los Angeles the first of the week, stopping enroute a few days near Eugene.

A carload of tow has just been shipped by the local flax company to San Francisco. The company has more orders than they can fill.

Miss Gayette Davis returned from her home Tuesday morning. Earl Bear and Milton McKinney were in Salem Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Marion Porter has been sick for several weeks.

Sabin Appointed Member
of State Board of Health

Governor Olcott yesterday announced the appointment of Dr. C. G. Sabin of Portland as a

member of the state board of health to succeed Dr. Andrew C. Smith of Portland, who resigned several weeks ago. The governor also appointed W. W. Branstetter of Eugene as a member of the state board of embalming to succeed E. B. Hughes of Astoria.

Mrs. Satterthwaite is
Defeated by Lenglen

CANNES, France, Jan. 6.—Suzanne Lenglen defeated Mrs. Satterthwaite of England in the finals of the women's singles of the Cannes Lawn Tennis tournament today. She won in two sets, 6-4, 6-2, but against stubborn opposition such as she has seldom met.

In the first set, indeed, with the English woman leading at four games to two, Miss Lenglen looked like a loser her play had become ragged and she seemed to lack confidence and accuracy.

AGGIES WIPE UP IN TRIP SOUTH

Seven Out of Eight Basketball Games Won, According to Reports

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 6.—(Special to The Statesman)—

Seven victories and one defeat is the record made in the first eight basketball games played by the Aggies on their barnstorming trip, according to meagre reports received from Coach R. M. Hager.

Although complete reports of the games have not been received, California newspapers report that the Aggies have completely outclassed every team played, and have gathered 245 points against

113 scored by their opponents. The Aggies dropped one game to St. Ignatius college, but recovered from their defeat and walloped Oakland 76-21 the next day. "Mush" Hjelle and "Slats" Gill, chief pointgetters and others on the team have been able to pile an average of 31 points per game to their opponent's average of 13.

The result of the first eight games are OAC 28, Sacramento, 18; OAC 28, Grass Valley 16; OAC 41, Stockton 11; OAC 15, St. Ignatius 17; OAC 74, Oakland 21; OAC 26, Nevada 11; OAC 15, Nevada 6; OAC 16, Livermore 13.

That the men were in good condition is indicated, Hager believes, by the fact that only two—Hidings and Steele—were injured, and their injuries were not serious.

Four more games are on the schedule before the hoopers leave for Corvallis. They will arrive either Sunday or Monday, according to latest reports.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Beginning Monday, Jan. 8

We will place on sale at a great sacrifice our entire line of dependable merchandise (contract goods excepted). All dropped patterns and broken lines must be sold regardless of a thought of profit. The markets of today are trending towards an increase rather than a decline. It will pay you to take advantage of this sale and buy now while the prices are down.

Dressers, Beds, Chiffoniers

Regular \$167.00 6-piece bed room suit, Ivory finish, now\$129.50
Regular \$15.00 G. O. Dresser, now\$11.75
Regular \$38.50 Walnut Dresser now\$26.50
Regular \$35.00 Walnut Dressing Table, now\$23.50
Regular \$38.50 Walnut Chiffonier, now\$26.50

Tapestry and Velour Suits

Regular \$160.00 solid mahogany 3 piece living room suit with velour cushions, cane arms and back, now\$125.00
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Bed davenports priced from \$45 and up

Miscellaneous

Regular \$35.00 Electric Vacuum cleaner, now\$26.50
42-piece set dishes in white and gold, special\$8.45
Regular \$23.50 mahogany tea wagon now\$14.50
Regular \$35.00 mahogany spinet desk, now\$26.50
42 piece English dinner set, choice of two patterns, extra special \$12.00
17 piece tea sets \$7.50 value, now \$5.00
White and gold china teas and saucers, set of 6 only\$1.25

Floor Coverings

Regular \$1.00 Gold Seal Congoleum in 6 and 9 ft. widths74c
Regular \$1.00 Print Linoleum, 6 ft. wide, now79c
Regular \$1.25 Print Linoleum, 6 ft. wide, now99c
Regular \$1.35 Print Linoleum, 12 ft. wide, now\$1.08
Regular \$1.40 Inlaid linoleum 12 ft. wide, now\$1.18
Regular \$1.65 Inlaid linoleum, 12 ft. wide, now\$1.45
Regular \$1.85 Inlaid linoleum, 12 ft. wide, now\$1.60
Regular \$2.25 Inlaid Linoleum, 12 ft. wide, now\$1.95

Library Tables

Regular \$30.00 48 in. top library table, quarter sawed oak, now \$22.00
Regular \$27.50 quartered oak library table, now\$20.00
Regular \$23.00 quartered oak library table, now\$24.00
Regular \$27.50 quartered oak library table, now\$18.50
Regular \$22.50 quartered oak library table, now\$14.50
Regular \$26.50 quartered oak library table, now\$20.50

Reed Furniture

Regular \$105.00 reed bed davenport upholstered in tapestry, now \$72.50
Regular \$40.00 reed chair, tap. upholstery, now\$30.00
Regular \$23.50 reed rocker, tap. upholstery, now\$17.60
Regular \$20.00 reed chair, up. seat, now\$16.00
Regular \$16.00 reed rocker, in brown now\$11.85
Regular \$8.50 reed table, now\$6.80

Dining Tables

Regular \$12.50 42-inch top 6-ft dining room table, now\$9.75
Regular \$22.50 dining table, now \$18.00
Regular \$25.00 dining table, now \$21.00
Regular \$28.00 dining table, now \$25.00
Regular \$50.00 dining table, now \$36.00

Wood and Iron Beds

Regular \$37.00 brass bed, fine large posts and fillers, now\$28.50
Regular \$7.50 iron bed, now\$5.95
Regular \$9.00 iron bed, now\$7.95
Regular \$12.00 iron bed, now\$9.50
Regular \$14.00 iron bed, now\$11.25
Regular \$18.00 iron beds, now\$13.50

Drapery Dept.

Fancy art madronettes in all over colors and white and cream, values to 75c. Sale, per yard39c
Fancy cable and fillet net, good values at 60c. Sale, per yard35c
Butter cloth in pink, blue, gold and old rose figured, special at, per yard20c
Figured madras, full line values \$1.40 to \$4.50 per yard25% off
All lace curtains, ruffled Nottingham, fillet cables, Dutchess and Irish points25% off

Trunks, Bags, Suit Cases

Trunks, regular \$12.50 to \$65.00 values, are now from \$9.85 to \$52.00
Bags, regular \$8.25 to \$18.50 values in genuine leather are now from\$5.75 to \$13.50
Suit cases, regular \$2.50 to \$27.00 values are now from \$1.65 to \$19.25
Our outing line of luggage is reduced.

Rugs in all Grades

Regular \$135.00 9x12 Wilton rugs, now\$115.00
Regular \$125.00 9x12 Wilton rugs, now\$112.50
Regular \$85.00 9x12 Wilton rugs, now\$72.50
Regular \$65.00 9x12 Axminster rugs now\$54.00
Regular \$50.00 9x12 Axminster rugs now\$42.50
Regular \$45 9x12 Axminster rugs now\$39.50
Regular \$35.00 9x12 Axminster rugs\$26.50
Regular \$30.00 9x12 Tapestry rugs\$23.50
Regular \$25.00 9x12 Tapestry rugs, now\$19.50

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Regular \$68.00 18-in. oven, full white enamel, front nickel trimmed range, now\$50.00
Regular \$85.00 range, a beauty for\$65.00
Regular \$168.00 South Bend Malleable range, a splendid range for the farmer's home, now\$115.00
Regular \$22.00 heater, now\$16.95
Regular \$27.50 wood and coal heater, now\$21.50
Regular \$27.00 all cast heater, now\$20.00
Regular \$24.00 heater, large size, now\$18.75
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