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REPUDIATION OF WAR DEBTS REAL PROBLEM

Chairman Borah, of Foreign Relations Committee Discusses French Attitude on Debt Claims

PAYMENT OF DEBT HELD INIQUITOUS BY FRANCE

No Offer of Settlement Has Been Made in Five Years, Borah States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The real problem with respect to the French debt is that of repudiation, Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee declared today in the senate.

Replying to the speech in the French chamber of deputies yesterday by Deputy Marin, Chairman Borah said that no one could read the debate or the French press without concluding that "acquittal" of the debt is now the issue "that no part of it is to be settled; that no part of it is to be paid."

"Of course, that great people can take the position and repudiate their obligation in that way," he added, "but if they choose to do so, the truth of history ought to carry the actual facts in regard to the debt and the conditions and circumstances surrounding the settlement."

No Offer Made

"I do not know whether it is exactly just to say that we are now discussing the question of absolute repudiation, but in view of the fact that for five years there has been no offer of settlement; no payment of principal, and no payment of interest, in view of the further fact that no specific proposition for settlement has ever been made, that it is not apparently now intended, as the press of France and as the speakers upon behalf of those people now indicate, I assume that this is the real problem between us."

Quoting at length from M. Marin's address in the course of which the French deputy said it would be iniquitous for the United States to collect its \$4,000,000,000 debt from France, Senator Borah asserted that there was no justification for the efforts made to place the United States in the position of an exacting creditor.

British Debt Reduced

Declaring that in the settlement of the British debt the United States had written off from the terms of the original contract the sum of \$3,800,935,000, the Idaho senator said the facts were that the American government had been more generous with its associates in the war than it had been with its own taxpayers.

"If we should settle with France upon the basis upon which we settled with England," he went on, "we would cancel by that settlement nearly 50 cents on the dollar of all France owes us. I cannot understand, unless it is a question of absolute rejection of the debt entirely unless it is proposed to create such a condition of public mind and such an opinion in regard to the matter that it can be—hesitate to use the very harsh word 'repudiation'—unless it can be acquiesced. I will say upon the part of the United States, I cannot understand how any other terms than those which have been offered could be expected."

ELKS' OPEN HOUSE DRAWS BIG CROWD

More Than 600 Ex-Service Men and Members Enjoy Entertainment

Veterans of three wars were present at the annual Elks' Open House last night, to which fully 600 persons were in attendance. Following the address of welcome an excellent program was presented.

Space was at a premium in the main auditorium of the club rooms and veterans were hardly able to secure standing room. Many of them were forced to stand at the door and catch a glimpse of the fine entertainment that was presented.

Members of the GAR post were guests of honor, and a special escort was provided them to the banquet room where refreshments were served.

Prison Held Obsolete After Examination by Noted Eastern Expert

Condemnation of the penitentiary, holding the boys' training school building a firetrap, and praise for the building of the girls' training school was given yesterday by B. Ogden Chisholm, of the international prison commission by virtue of special appointment by President Coolidge, upon completing a survey of the penal institutions of the state. Political strife in the conduct of the prison was lamented while the visitor praised the ability of those in charge of the institutions. Mr. Ogden is touring the entire country, collecting data of all kinds, and is making his first visit to the coast.

"The Oregon state penitentiary is 50 years behind the times, and no progress can be made until a new plant is secured," Mr. Chisholm said yesterday. "Modern ideas are in use there, but it is useless to work with a worn-out equipment."

"I am glad to see that Warden A. M. Dalrymple secures discipline by reducing the privileges that are given the prisoners for good behavior. That part is all right, but the building in which the men are kept is ridiculous."

"The cells used by the prisoners are out of date, even the flat bars

which are used cause the light to be kept out of the cells. The keeping of two men in a cell is all wrong, and should be changed so that three men are together. The bucket system of toilet is used in part and is a detriment to the health of the prisoners. The whole ward is befouled by this manner of caring for waste."

In discussing the boys' school Mr. Chisholm stated that the present system amounted to nothing. The building, he said, is a ridiculous affair, worn out and is not fit for use as an institution. It is a firetrap, and God help those boys if a fire ever broke out. The fire-escapes would not help much. The cottage system, which is to be adopted, met the approval of the investigator.

"Superintendent L. M. Gilbert is up to date with his methods in handling the boys, although he is handicapped by the out-of-date and worthless building. He is likable and the boys seemed to like him very much."

The most modern plant of the penal institutions of the state is the girls' training school and it is not as complete as it should be, Mr. Chisholm said. A combination

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HOUSE PASSES 4 MEASURES

Legislation of Unusual Features or Radical Changes Lacking at Session

Four bills were passed by the house during the morning session. These were H. B. No. 9, by Swan, pertaining to wills and clarifying statements in existing laws; H. B. No. 15, by Winslow, prohibiting bringing of untested bovines into Tillamook county and putting teeth in herd inspection bill; H. B. No. 53, by Fisher, relating to livestock running at large in Douglas county; H. B. No. 65, by Shrock, relating to selection of use of textbooks and effecting Portland, was laid on the table until considered by the Multnomah county delegation.

Recommendations that various house bills be passed were returned by committees having the following bills: H. B. No. 4 (with amendment), permanent improvement and maintenance of market roads; H. B. No. 26, defining motor trucks; H. B. No. 48, limiting refund of tax on motor vehicles; H. B. No. 72, regulating plumbing; H. B. No. 73, pertaining to persons engaged in plumbing; H. B. No. 77, providing for investment of funds of interstate bridge fund; H. B. No. 13, sale of real estate of a minor ward; H. B. No. 16, terms of court of second judicial district; H. B. No. 30, validat-

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WALTER JOHNSON TO START DAMAGE SUIT

Stories of Life Declared to Be Fake; \$50,000 Damages to Be Sought

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Walter Johnson, veteran pitching hero of the last world's series, today asked the supreme court to issue a restraining order enjoining the Thompson Feature Service, Inc., the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and other newspapers throughout the country from further use of a series of syndicated articles purporting to be a history of his baseball career.

The star of the Washington twirling staff also served notice that he would sue for \$50,000 damages and for an accounting of receipts from publication of eight of a projected series of 12 articles dealing with his life. The veteran pitcher alleges the series is "sham, a fraud and a fake." His injunction plea will be argued before the supreme court next Thursday.

Johnson's complaint recites that since November 1924, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and many other papers in the United States have been publishing articles in the series. The articles, written by Lillian Barker, represent Johnson as having related his experiences to the writer for purposes of publication.

FORGERY CASE NET INVOLVES MANY VICTIMS

Lawyer, and Former Public Service Commissioner of New York Summoned by District Attorney

EXPLANATION DESIRED ON SWINDLING SCHEME

Stream of Victims Besiege Authorities; Many Penniless Through Fraud

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—William L. Ransom, former public service commissioner and city court justice and now law partner of ex-Governor Charles S. Whitman, was summoned to the district attorney's office today to explain how he came to receive checks aggregating \$248,500 from Moses Turman, who yesterday confessed to \$1,300,000 of forgeries in connection with a get-rich-quick scheme.

Ransom was closeted today with Assistant District Attorney Pecora.

Mr. Pecora expected also to question M. N. Koven and Archibald Palmer, attorneys who were shown by cancelled checks turned over to authorities today to have received, respectively from Turman, \$313,379 and \$11,205.

Counsel for relatives of Turman who were his partners, as well as his victims, handed authorities 123 canceled checks.

The day brought a stream of persons to the district attorney's office, all complaining that they had lost from \$4,000 to \$100,000 through Turman. Some of the victims of the 27-year-old financier, whose \$2,000,000 borrowings and lendings started with \$100 he borrowed for his destitute mother, said they never had seen Turman. They had entrusted their savings to him through third parties, they said, after having heard of the 65 per cent per week profits he paid.

Rumors of the impending prosecution of Turman's clients on the ground that they became guilty of usury in loaning him money at high rates of interest, caused Turman to remove the word "interest" from his confession and substitute the word "profit."

Although at liberty under \$5,000 bail on an indictment for second degree forgery, Turman spent most of the day at the district attorney's headquarters, helping decipher the story told by bundles of cancelled checks which were all that remained of the business of the Equity Finance company.

DRY AGENTS USE BREATH TABLETS

Judge Dickson Says He Never Smelled Liquor Upon Cleaver Men

Men employed by George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, whose office and activities are being investigated by the legislature, undertook to enforce the law diligently and vigorously, and he never smelled liquor on their breaths, Judge Ashby G. Dickson of Portland told the investigating committee yesterday. Mr. Cleaver never employed men of disrepute while he was positive that Cleaver and the Multnomah county officers always worked in harmony. Names of Robert Vinyard, "Rattlesnake Pete" Inman, and McMills were mentioned as former operatives.

Mr. Cleaver volunteered the information that he had registered for years as an independent, but that he did not vote at the primaries.

"I have no politics," he said. "Governor Pierce supported me in my race for congress on the prohibition ticket 12 years ago."

Judge Dickson is a Pierce appointee, having served for one year upon the resignation of Judge Bell in district court No. 1, beginning Dec. 19, 1923.

STEAMER FOUNDERS

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 22.—The steamer Torgash Van, which keeled over today with a high deck load of lumber until her starboard railing almost touched water off Odean point, north of here, was towed to Esquimalt harbor tonight.

THREE-EARED BOY IS MINUS ONE BY SURGEON'S KNIFE

Other Alterations and Repairs are Made During Overhaul at Hospital

James Gentry, of Otis, walked into the Deaconess hospital with three ears upon his head, and thereby sprung something new upon the hospital authorities. He wanted the extra auditory appendage taken from his body and cast away.

Therefore, this extra organ, which snuggled on the left side of his head, just in front of the regular left ear, was deftly removed by an ear specialist, who, during the same operation, removed tonsils and adenoids.

Since the operation was performed Jimmie feels fine, and when the boys at school see him they will not say, "Oh! lookie at the third ear," because the extra organ is now resting in a bottle of preservative fluid.

Powder-Puff Possessor Sent To Jail; Passed Bad Checks

Arnold Severson, 18 year old youth charged with forgery, waived a hearing before Justice of Peace Brazier Small Wednesday and was bound over to the grand jury. In lieu of \$250 bail he was committed to the county jail.

When the youth was searched at the police station recently, had a powder puff and lip-stick in his possession, which set him in the sheik class. The young man lost his boldness and burst into tears when he appeared before the judge yesterday.

Although the youth passed more than one worthless check he was only prosecuted on one count. The check which he presented to the Miller Mercantile company was responsible for his downfall.

PAY BILL HIT BY DEMOCRATS

Administration Postal Pay Increase Measure Is Debated in Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The administration postal pay and rate increase bill was subjected at the outset of debate today in the senate to an attack from the democratic side which aimed at elimination of all the proposed rate advances.

A vote on the elimination proposal, which is in the form of a point of order went over until tomorrow. If adopted it would leave the bill in substantially the same form as the pay increase measure passed at the last session and vetoed by President Coolidge.

Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, raised the point of order against the sections of the bill proposing rate increases on the ground that all revenue legislation should originate in the house under terms of the constitution. Senator Jones, republican, Washington, who was presiding, ruled that the senate would have to decide the point.

Debate on the issue today lapsed into a legal argument with speakers reciting court rulings as well as senate precedents to support their views.

HALFWAY POINT IS REACHED IN DRIVE

Pledges to YWCA Campaign Now Reach \$3576; Contributions Doubled

A total of \$3576.75 has been raised by the YWCA campaign to secure funds for the year, according to the report filed at the close of the business day. The workers are just a little more than halfway towards the goal of \$6,000, which is the budget for 1925.

Sixty women workers have been in the field and they have promised to stay at the job until the fight is finished. Although the last day of the campaign is Friday, the workers are to remain in the field until the last dollar has been secured for the organization.

Pledges of last year have been doubled by the contributors, who have realized the merit of the work conducted here. Pledges of \$250 have been raised to \$375, and the small contributors of \$5 have also been doubled in many instances.

President Coolidge Places Wreath on Statue of Jackson on Anniversary of Battle of New Orleans



This photograph was taken in Washington during services in commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. Mr. Coolidge is shown placing a wreath on the statue of Andrew Jackson. The United Daughters of 1812 of the District of Columbia participated in the ceremony.

SENATE GETS BANKING CODE

Protection to Depositors and Greater Power to Superintendent Embodied

Greater power to the state superintendent of banks, certain restrictions on banks and trust companies by removing certain assets held not legal for investment and a revision of the banking code is sought in a bill introduced in the senate yesterday by Senator Butler, chairman of the committee on banking. The measure is also designed to give greater protection to depositors.

The senate adopted the resolution of Representative Fred W. Graham, of Washington county, providing for the appointment of a committee of five to confer with committees of other neighboring states, with the object in view of amending some of the motor vehicle laws in force, and to work out a more uniform system of road laws.

The committee will consist of two members of the house and one from the senate, who will meet with the secretary of state, and the chief of the state traffic department. Representative Graham's measure was introduced upon the withdrawal of a similar bill by Senator Charles Hall, which caused a heated debate in the senate when it was first presented.

Senate Bills Numbers 37, 38, and 39, introduced by Senator Sam H. Brown, of Marion county, were reported back to the senate

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WILLIAMS NAMED SHRINER PRESIDENT

Other Officers Elected at Annual Meeting; Seek Club Quarters

Fred A. Williams was elected president of the Salem Shrine club at the annual meeting held in the Masonic temple last night. Other officers are P. A. Elker, vice president and Son Young, secretary-treasurer.

Appointment of a committee was made to call upon all Masonic bodies of the community for the purpose of leasing or purchasing suitable quarters for a Masonic club in Salem. Another committee was appointed to arrange for a banquet in the near future for all Shriners and their wives. A series of entertainments will also be arranged.

The year past was highly successful and the sentiment of the meeting was that the club should take an active and progressive place in the affairs of the community and it is anticipated that a large caravan will go from Salem to the national convention in Los Angeles in June.

PREVENTION OF FIRE OUTLINED

Reforestation Discussed by Oregon Man; Statistics are Submitted

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Coordination and cooperation of all forces working toward fire prevention and reforestation is the way to solve the forest problems of the United States, according to the speakers addressing the American Forestry association at its fifteenth anniversary convention here today.

William B. Greeley, chief forester of the United States government, explained the many benefits of the Clark-McNary bill, that gives government assistance to those states who will outline and put into effect permanent forest preservation and forest fire fighting equipment.

E. E. Allen, Portland, Ore., presented figures showing that half a billion dollars was the yearly estimated loss from forest fires and that if all the forest fires in a single year could be set off simultaneously, they would make a blaze 35,000 miles in length and two thirds of a mile wide.

The convention adopted resolutions urging states that have no forestry departments to enact laws creating them, thereby taking advantage of the government's financial assistance.

"There are now 1,500,000 acres over which fires can roam now almost as freely as they ever did," said Mr. Greeley. "But we want the states to stop this and the Clark-McNary bill provides government funds to assist in stopping it."

MILL CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SHORTLY

Tentative Plans for Linen Manufacturing Machinery are Received

Tentative plans for the B. C. Miles linen mills were received yesterday from Belfast, Ireland, where Robert H. Bann, son-in-law to Miles, is cooperating with Fairbairn, Lawson, Combe, Barbour, Ltd., who are manufacturing the machinery for the Salem linen mill.

Due to the inability of American factories to care for the machinery order, Mr. Miles was compelled to buy in Ireland. From there the machinery will be shipped to Portland, directly by water from Liverpool via the Panama canal.

Trained linen mill engineers are to be brought here to install the machinery and get it in working order. Bann went to Ireland last July and will probably make the return trip when the machinery is completed in Belfast.

With the completion of the sanitary sewer now being placed near the fairgrounds in order to drain the property, actual construction will start on the mill site, according to Mr. Miles.

GAME MEASURE CONSIDERATION BRINGS CLASH

Rep. Kirkwood Marshals Forces in Favor of Resolution; Finley on Opposition

BIRD REFUGE MEASURE IS ENDORSED BY CLUBS

Hunting License Fee on Migratory Birds Not Sanctioned By Commission

If Representative Kirkwood had been a field general with the German forces and had marshaled his troops as he did the supporters to his resolution, the Armistice might not have been signed.

In sponsoring House Joint Memorial No. 1, covering the "Migratory Bird Refuge Act" now before congress, Representative Kirkwood drew down the wrath of W. L. Finley, of the biological survey and representatives of various national societies including the Audubon that are backing the measure, and of W. S. Baker, head of the Isaac Walton league. On the other hand he received the unanimous endorsement of nearly every other sportsman club in the state, including the game commission. The act includes an assessment of an annual hunting license fee from all persons hunting migratory birds.

"Oregon would make a mistake to take a stand against this act," Mr. Finley said, quoting at length from various articles to prove the basis of his contention. Dr. Baker, who was the sole supporter of Mr. Finley's, pointed out his objections to the measure, holding that the seal of Uncle Sam was sufficient and that human nature was full of "petty larceny" and that this often resulted in friction. It was wrong for the state to hold out against the government, he said.

Oregon has 114 game refuges at present, representing 14,206,000 acres exclusive of refuges in Multnomah and Clackamas counties, with approximately 2,000,000 more acres. Capt. Burdgett, state game commissioner, said. A constructive program has been worked out in the state and such a measure as is proposed would hamper this. There is nothing in the federal bill that is not already covered by the state.

Representatives of various game and sportsman associations in the state contributed to the barrage that is supposed to block the advance of "bureaucratic government," a phrase that was a favorite expression at the meeting of the game committee of the house.

Nearly all of those admitted that upon receiving a copy of the proposed act they were in favor of its adoption, but upon careful consideration from all angles, saw the error of their ways and reversed their earlier decisions.

Earl Simmons of Eugene, representing the Oregon State Sportsman association, which has one delegate from each county, made it snappy and told of his conversion to the memorial and flatly expressed his wish to see the act rejected by Oregon.

Dr. John Gill, representing the Linn county sportsman, spoke

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WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

The French debt was debated in the senate.

The senate began consideration of the postal increase bill.

The senate commerce committee endorsed the bill for government purchase of Cape Cod.

Secretary Hughes announced that formal relations would be resumed with Honduras Feb. 1.

Song writers and playwrights appeared before a subcommittee in favor of a bill to revise the copyright laws.

The war department appropriation bill, carrying \$22,000,000, was reported by the senate appropriations committee.

Justice department officials decided Gerald Chapman, robber, should be sent to Hartford, Conn., to answer a murder charge.