

DEBT PAYMENT PLAN IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

First Belgian Proposal Not Accepted by United States, Financiers

TIE-UP NOT EXPECTED

Officials Declare Disagreement Not Unexpected; Conclusion of Parley Is Expected This Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Belgium's first proposal for the funding of its \$480,000,000 war debt to the United States was found unacceptable today by the American commission.

Some officials said it was not at all surprising that the commissions were unable to agree on the first proposition sent forward; that usually this becomes merely the working basis from which the negotiations proceed.

Attention was called to the fact that an identical situation arising at the outset of the parleys between the British and American commissions and that thereafter a speedy agreement was reached. Some of those participating expressed the opinion that the present negotiations might be concluded by the end of the week.

In compliance with an understanding reached at the outset, members of the commission declined to discuss the terms which the Belgians had proposed nor would they confirm reports that a moratorium had been included in the proposal. Likewise they were silent as to whether the visitors had asked for separate treatment of the war and post-war debts.

The Belgian proffer of settlement was made at a joint session held early in the day. The Americans took it under advisement and at a separate meeting later they decided that the proposal was not such as might be expected to meet with the approval of congress.

The Belgians were informed of this decision at a second joint session and then adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

The speed with which the negotiations proceeded apparently was highly gratifying to all concerned. Optimism seemed to prevail among the Americans indicating that the differences were not such as to diminish hope of an accord.

While the Belgians have full power to negotiate a settlement, the agreement reached must first have the sanction of the Belgian government, just as it must have the approval of congress.

In the opinion of American officials success in the present negotiations will have an effect in the forthcoming conversations with French and Italian delegations regarding the debts of these countries.

DRIVER OF CAR SLAIN

YOUTH, 17, MURDERS AUTOIST AFTER ACCEPTING RIDE

GARDEN CITY, Kans., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—Fred Jordan, 17 years old, high school boy, slew Aden R. Clawson of Lodi, N. Y., near Jefferson City, Mo., August 1, to obtain Clawson's automobile, the youth confessed here late today.

Clawson, who was driving to Colorado Springs, picked the youth up somewhere near Jefferson City.

An hour later, according to the confession, he shot Clawson. Driving down a little traveled road, Jordan's confession continued, he threw the body into a ditch or small creek near a culvert. He told authorities the body would be found somewhere between Jefferson City and California, Mo.

Jordan was arrested here when officers found a blood-stained suitcase containing clothing too large for the youth in the car. The car license tag was identified and a telegram to Clawson's home brought the information that he was driving to Colorado Springs.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—In a long distance conversation with The Associated Press, Sheriff Oil Brown of Garden City, Kans., admitted that the name of Fred Jordan, given in connection with the confession of the Ohio youth that he had killed Adam Clawson near Jefferson City, Mo., was fictitious. He refused definitely to give the other name. He maintained that the real name should not be disclosed until the boy's father arrived and the body of Clawson had been found.

MARY SPAS ADOPTION IS ANNULED; PAPER SIGNED

BROWNING, GIRL AND PARENTS AFFIX SIGNATURES

All Claims to Millionaire's Fortune Is Waived by Modern Cinderella

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—An order annulling the adoption of Mary Louise Spas by Edward W. Browning was entered today in the surrogate's court of Queens county, formally closing the romantic episode began a week ago when she was selected from 12,000 applicants.

An agreement signed by both principals and by Mary's father and mother was placed on record. Under its provisions the girl waived all claims to the Browning fortune and agreed never to bring legal action on the basis of the adoption. There was no cash settlement of any kind, Browning said.

With unusual stoicism the girl signed the agreement. But she failed to display the affection that previously characterized her attitude toward her former benefactor. Declining the use of his limousine as they left the courthouse, Mary and her parents entered a taxi. Browning followed them and directed the driver to drive to his hotel.

Mary was heard to object to his joining the party and attempted to leave the machine when he insisted.

"A farewell dinner," was held in Browning's suite from which reporters were excluded.

Later the Spas family left for their home. Mary told reporters she intended to enter a convent.

"I am disillusioned," she cried, "and I want to go home where to forget everything. My life is ruined."

Mary's appearance has changed.

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MINERS HOLD UP THREAT

INTERVENTION WILL BEING FURTHER REDRESS, SAID

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—It was learned today from an authority high in the miners' confidence that the present policy of the United Mine Workers of America is to demand that any government intervention in the hard coal industry take into account the reestablishment of the Jacksonville agreement in soft coal.

From now it was said, conditions affecting 158,000 hard coal miners and 500,000 soft coal miners must be considered jointly by an anthracite mediator to gain cooperation from the miners' union.

Anthracite operators recently asserted belief that the key to the union's strategy this summer was a determination to win redress of alleged wrongs in soft coal through hard coal pressure upon public authorities.

The United Mine workers deny this, but they now assume, it was stated definitely, that the breaking off of anthracite scale negotiations August 4, last, releases them from their pledge to the anthracite operators to keep hard and soft coal problems divorced.

Any intervention now, it was said, which would seek to heal this break, and thus avert or shorten a costly anthracite suspension should also take cognizance of wage cutting and repudiation of the Jacksonville contract, as alleged in union bituminous coal territory by President John L. Lewis and his associates.

What the alternative to rejection of the union's condition would be has not been ascertained.

LONG FALL IS SURVIVED

WALTER MURLED FROM WINDOW FALLS 9 STORIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Accused of hurling a waiter from the ninth floor of the Hotel Flanders in West 48th street to the marquee of the Court theater adjoining, where scores of persons were gathered during intermission tonight, three men were arrested.

Solomon Treacher, 25, the waiter, was taken to Bellevue hospital in a critical condition. The prisoners described themselves as Dr. Joseph Pauline, 59, hypnotist, known on the stage as "Paulina"; Jack Phillips, 22, and Henry Case, 21, actors. They were charged with felonious assault.

Police said Treacher was sent to the Hotel Flanders room with sandwiches for which the occupants had telephoned. Treacher alleged when he presented the sandwiches and a bill an argument followed and then a fight, in which he was kicked and cut about the room. The waiter told the police he was picked up bodily and hurled through a window.

HOLLAND IS SWEEP BY TERRIFIC STORM

Tornado of Unprecedented Violence Wrecks Homes and Industries

DEATH TOLL IS UNKNOWN

Reports of Casualties Fragmentary on Account of Crippled Communication; Two Thousand Homeless

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Several persons were killed, many were injured and much damage to property was done by a storm of tornado violence, a thing seldom experienced in Holland, which struck the country last night.

Accounts still are fragmentary because of the destruction of communication, but it is clear from isolated dispatches that a terrific gale accompanied by violent lightning, thunder and hail, swept across the provinces of Brabant, Gelderland and Overssel from the southwest to the northeast.

It first struck the important railway junction of Roosendaal, where the entire glass roof of the big station was ripped off. The town was left in darkness owing to the destruction of the street and overhead wires.

The hurricane increased in violence over Brabant. In the village six were killed, many injured and sixty houses destroyed.

In the commune of Borculo it is estimated the damage will reach 1,000,000 florins (about \$400,000). Much damage also is reported for the important industrial and textile regions of Overysel, of which Hengelo is the center.

Two thousand of Borculo's 5,000 inhabitants are homeless, the rest are living in the ruins of their homes.

PLANE DIVES IN RIVER

PILOT ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN 100 FOOT FALL

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 11.—Captain D. A. Dittori, Spokane aviator narrowly escaped death late Monday when the plane he was piloting crashed into the Missoula river near Rivulet, Mont. Dittori extricated himself from the wreckage a dmade his way safely to the shore. His injuries are slight. Engine trouble caused the plane to nose dive 100 feet to earth. He was hauling water pipe to the Independence Placer company in the Clearwater district, Idaho.

SECRETARY WEEKS MAY RETIRE FROM POSITION

HEAD OF WAR DEPARTMENT CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Resignation Depends on Complete Recovery of Health, Secretary Says

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—An intimation was given here today by Secretary Weeks after a conference with President Coolidge that he might not return to his post in the fall.

Leaving his residence alone for the first time since early in the spring, the war secretary conferred for a half hour with the president. He described the visit as social.

Mr. Weeks said his return to Washington depended considerably upon his complete recovery of health. Although looking well, he still is under physician's care.

As a result of the serious illness of the secretary and the probability of his retirement, several names have been mentioned as a possible successor, including Charles D. Hilles, republican national committeeman from New York, and Dwight Davis of Missouri, now acting secretary.

Mr. Coolidge delved into the far eastern situation at a luncheon conference with Charles R. Crane, former minister to China. He considers affairs in China a real problem and the necessity of naming an ambassador to Japan also is giving him considerable study.

Mr. Crane said this government is in a position for leadership in solving the far eastern difficulties.

The name of William C. Boyden of Chicago and William Bullitt of Louisville, both lawyers, are understood to be under consideration for appointment to Tokyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge will leave White Court Thursday or Friday to spend the week end with Col. John Coolidge, father of the president, at Plymouth, Vermont. They will return here early next week.

The president will hold himself in readiness at any time, although he has not made any definite plans so far for returning to the capitol.

FARMERS DECREASING ACREAGE, REPORT SAYS

REDUCTION OF OVER A MILLION ACRES IS NOTED

Over 25 Million Acres of Land Now in Illness in South and West

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Survey by the department of agriculture showed that the number of farms in the United States decreased 1,200,000 acres, or one-third of one per cent.

The idle acreage exclusive of summer fallow was estimated at 25,000,000 acres. Enormous acres of idle land were reported in the southern states, Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Washington and Oregon, reports from 14 states, each averaging a million acres.

The largest acreage of new land brought into cultivation was in the dry farming areas of the great plains and was estimated at 1,000,000 acres.

A large part of the area abandoned for cultivation was turned into pasturage, indicating increased livestock raising. Pasturage increased in eastern Washington and California. The decrease in the number of farms is believed by the department to be due partly to consolidations. It was general in southeastern Idaho and eastern Washington.

The decrease in crop acreage was reported greatest in western Georgia, southeastern Alabama, southern Mississippi, western Maryland, Pennsylvania, southern New York, Michigan, southern Illinois, western Kentucky, Missouri, eastern Oregon and Washington.

Increases in crop acreage were reported through the great plains region from Montana to eastern New Mexico and in Texas, Utah, and California.

ELLINGSON GIRL TRIED

SECOND MURDER TRIAL IS FACED BY 17 YEAR OLD BOY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—A jury composed of six men and six women was selected today to try Dorothy Ellingson, 17-year-old matron, on a charge of murdering her mother to death on the morning of January 13, but later repudiated the written statement she gave the police.

Opening statements of counsel in slated for tomorrow. Indications were that the defense will plead temporary insanity.

Flanked by a jail matron and her father, Joseph Ellingson, and her older brother, Earl, Dorothy sat quietly through the opening day's proceedings. There was no recurrence of the hysterical outbursts and fainting spells which characterized her former trial.

"I was lured into the call of a gang party which adjudged Dorothy's case. After six weeks in an asylum she was pronounced sane and returned here for trial.

LIQUOR VALUED AT MILLION IS SEIZED

Largest Prohibition Raid on Record Is Made by New Orleans Officers

30 DEALERS ARE TAKEN

Over Two Hundred Raiders Take Part in Surprise Attack; Prisoners Said To Be Wholesalers

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—With dissolution of the "inner circle" of New Orleans bootleggers as the ultimate aim, the largest army of dry agents ever assembled here in a surprise raiding program seized liquor valued at more than \$1,000,000 and arrested 30 alleged wholesale dealers in whiskey in and near New Orleans today.

Acting under the direction of L. C. Yellowley, chief of federal prohibition agents, approximately 200 raiders began operations at 5 o'clock this morning.

The raids were extended from New Orleans to Bloor, Miss., led by A. R. Harris, divisional chief, a squad seized the plant and property of the Union brewery which Mr. Harris said has been the particular source of supply of "real beer" in New Orleans and adjacent towns.

Saint Bernard parish, lying immediately south of New Orleans and frequently referred to informally as the "bootleggers' haven," was struck blow after blow when trucks manned by negro-hurriedly pressed into service and accompanied by raiders in automobiles, swooped down on known resorts and brought back several thousand cases of liquor, varying from imported brands to the moonshine variety.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—Thirty prohibition agents working under the direction of T. E. Howard, assistant divisional chief of the Chicago office, swooped down on the city today and arrested 21 proprietors of soft drink parlors. The agents arrested men from whom it was said Prohibition Agents Fred Hayland and Wallace L. Banner of Chicago office have been buying liquor for the past three weeks.

POTATOES UNDER BAN

CROP WILL BE PROTECTED FROM COLORADO BUG

A protective quarantine against potatoes shipped into this state from Washington, Idaho and several counties in Oregon will be levied within the next two weeks as a protection against importation into the Willamette valley of the Colorado potato bug, it was announced yesterday by C. A. Parks, quarantine officer of the state board of horticulture. What Oregon counties will be included in the restricted district was not announced.

The quarantine will require that all shipments of potatoes from the restricted areas be certified by a state inspector indicating that they have been run over a sifting screen, are free from the beetles, and have been packed in new sacks.

It is understood here that the state board has been requested to levy the quarantine against the counties of Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa and Morrow. Announcement of the quarantine awaits the approval of Governor Pierce who has been absent from the city on a trip to eastern Oregon. The governor will return today.

WHEAT PRICE TAKES DIVE

SHARP DECLINE NOTED IN PIT; OFFERING IS LARGE

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Wheat market showed sharp price reductions today on the Chicago board of trade with longs hanging on and looking for sympathy.

Eastern houses poured wheat into the pit and this was augmented by pressure from scared longs. While the close was well above the low the market showed a loss for wheat of from 2 7/8 to 5 7/8c as compared with the previous close.

Corn, oats and rye also fell off in the late trading. Corn closed 5-3c lower to 7-3c higher; oats ended 1 1/8c to 1 3/8c lower, and rye wound up 3 3/4c to 4 1/8c lower.

September wheat ended at \$1.60 1/4; September corn at \$1.06, September oats at 60 3/4c, and September rye at \$1.07 1/2.

RUNAWAY BOY RETURNS IN FAMISHED CONDITION

BERRIES AND FRUIT ARE DIET OF HOWARD OHMAN

Bareheaded and Barefooted State Training School Led Gives Up Freedom

Boreheaded, barefooted and nearly exhausted from lack of food, Howard Ohman, inmate of the state training school for boys, gave up his fight for freedom Monday night and voluntarily returned to the state school shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had obtained no food except berries and a little fruit taken from orchards since his escape Friday night.

Ohman disappeared Friday evening from a group of 21 boys who were swimming in the creek below the school. His clothing was found on the bank and led officials to believe that he had been drowned. Late into the night of officials, aided by some 30 boys from the school, dragged the creek for his body and it was not until Saturday night when part of his brush some distance from the school did officials finally determine that he had run away.

His first request upon reaching the school yesterday was for pencil and paper with which he wrote a letter to his mother, narrating with pathetic boyish earnestness how lonesomeness had compelled him, against his will, to "break rules," but promising his mother that he would never again attempt to escape.

The period of his freedom was spent chiefly in the brush south of the city. The tattered shirt and pair of old trousers which he wore tied on to his body with rope when he returned were found on the early part of his trip, he recounted yesterday. He had gone as far as Jefferson when weariness and calmer deliberation influenced his return to the school. He had not broken into any homes and had not stolen anything on his trip, he told officials. His destination had been his home in Bangon.

The loss of his honor credits for this month will be his only punishment, Superintendent Gilbert declared yesterday. Ohman was sent to the school from Bangon.

LIQUOR SAID EVIDENT

MANY BOTTLES ARE USED AT CONGRESSIONAL PARTY

ALPENA, Mich., Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—What happened aboard the shipping board steamer Cristofal when she carried a congressional party to Panama in 1921 was related today in the broken English of the Filipino serving man, Floran Dallow, at the Scott divorce trial.

Dallow's deposition was introduced by counsel for Mrs. Edna J. Scott, who is resisting the effort of Representative Frank D. Scott of the 11th Michigan district to divorce her.

"Liquor, he everywhere on boat after we leave Panama," Dallow said in his limited English. "Bottles were all around in congressmen's rooms and in passageways I see the bottles myself. When we got back to Norfolk we cleaned the ship and found lots of bottles in congressmen's rooms, sometimes two or three, four bottles in a room, but they all empty."

Dallow said at Panama the Cristofal took on about 50 boxes which contained liquor. At Norfolk, Dallow deposed, several of the boxes taken on at Panama were hauled away in an army truck.

That some of this liquor reached the Washington apartment of the Scotts was indicated by the deposition of Miss Gwynn Jones, now Mrs. Ralph N. Butterworth of Washington.

CO-EDS MEET RESTRAINT

LIST OF "DON'TS" PUBLISHED ON BERKELEY CAMPUS

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The 1926 or more women freshmen expected to enroll in the University of California this week, besides returning co-eds, will soon learn that the women's executive committee has been active during the summer vacation.

In outlining a campaign to promote intellectual pursuits rather than frivolities, the committee let it be known today that it will not tolerate:

Coming home from dances after 1 o'clock.
Entertaining masculine friends after 10:30 p. m.
Hose rolled below the knee.
Too generous use of rouge and lipstick.
All extremes in dress and conduct.
Indulgence in cigarettes.
Petting parties.
Drinking intoxicants.
Notice will be served on all women students that violations of the code will mean trial before the women's committee.

FRANCE REFUSES TO DECREASE DEFENSES

No Immediate Prospect in View for Reducing Army Expenditures

NATIONS ARE COMPARED

Other Countries Said to Spend as Much in Proportion to Territorial Holdings; Figures Quoted

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—France sees no immediate prospect of reducing her expenditures for defense, Robert Masson of Paris, prominent French banker and virtual head of the Credit Lyonnais, said at the institute of politics tonight in his third lecture on the peace problems of France. His country would be glad to make this reduction as soon as the present state of uncertainty has given place to a better understanding, he said. "We must have an organized and well prepared instrument of defense. The only point to be considered is whether that instrument is unreasonably large and expensive."

He then contrasted amounts spent on armaments before the war and at present by France, Great Britain and the United States. At present we spend \$310,000,000 including the colonies; before the war we spent \$261,000,000, a decrease of more than 14 per cent. The United States spends \$435,000,000 as against \$316,000,000 in 1913, an increase of 97 per cent. Great Britain spends \$530,000,000 not including the dominions, as against \$412,000,000 in 1913, an increase of 40 per cent.

But there are other aspects to the question. Were our armaments really so very heavy before 1914? In other words, were we not rather too little than too much prepared, and must the size of a country's armament depend primarily on the risk incurred, and not on the size of the country?

"There is one more country which we may find interesting to consider. Our neighbors spend \$172,000,000 on their army, navy and so-called 'green' police. But the Germans have a small navy, that costs them only about \$24,000,000 a year. They have no army."

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FOREST FIRE THREATENS

WASHINGTON BLAZE ENDANGERERS BIG TIMBER RESERVE

OLYMPIA, Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—With millions of feet of merchantable timber already destroyed, fire which burned over the divide from the Snow creek watershed in the Olympic national forest to the Little Quiltsa river has swept over the crest of another divide and has penetrated timber in the Big Quiltsa area, it was reported here today.

Two hundred and fifty fire fighters employed by the government were working out of three camps while three other camps were being maintained by state and private agencies. The fire was reported as having approached within 200 yards of the Log Cabin Inn and a fish hatchery on the Big Quiltsa, on the Olympic highway, and people in its path were ready to move at a moment's notice.

The fire was said to be the largest on the Olympic peninsula since the Sol Duc burn 25 years ago which spread over 14,000 acres.

PASSENGERS ARE HURT

SHAKING UP RESULTS WHEN CARS LEAVE TRACK

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 11.—The two rear coaches of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle train No. 25, on route from Portland to Seattle, were derailed here about 5:30 p. m. today as the train was passing the Port of Astoria terminals. Over 50 persons in the two cars suffered a severe shaking up. A young woman, whose name was not learned, who was standing in the vestibule between the two coaches suffered severe lacerations on the back and head and was unconscious when removed from the wreck.

E. F. Collins, 31, Penn. Tannery, suffered a severe cut on the face when he landed against a post.

Railroad officials said the derailling occurred when a switch box broke just as the rear coach of the train was passing over the switch. Rails were torn up and before the train was stopped the two rear cars were backing up a switch near the end of the line.

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GET UP NAPOLEON! IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN!

