

France Makes Poster Loan Appeal



FRANCE'S citizens, who subscribed for 100,000,000,000 francs worth of bonds during the war and who bought a large government loan in February of this year, are again subscribing in terms of billions of francs to another French loan. Before the books were actually opened on October 20 advance subscriptions to this new 6 per cent loan amounted to more than 2,000,000,000 francs. Cabled reports announce that the Bank of France and its branches alone have sold more than their quota of 7,000,000,000 francs.

The new loan has awakened all the fervor of war days. Every city is placarded with posters of which a few of the many in use are reproduced here. On "Commerce Day," November 23, practically every business institution in France has agreed to devote its receipts to loan subscriptions. Every newspaper carries on nearly every page small "boxes" with such legends as this:

L'Emprunt est nécessaire pour effacer les traces de la guerre. SOUSCRIVEZ!

FRENCH CITIZENS ARE AGAIN SUBSCRIBING FOR A GREAT NATIONAL LOAN. THESE ARE SOME OF THE POSTERS WITH WHICH THE COUNTRY IS PLACARDED.

The appeal for the loan is both sentimental and practical. It is pointed out that no citizen of France can prosper unless the nation prospers. "Never has the higher destiny of France been so clearly indicated," declares the official loan

circular. "She has known how to fight and to gain victory, she knows how to remain a country of order, firmly resolved to triumph over present difficulties, she will know how to consecrate herself in time of peace to the development of the

immense wealth of her national territory and her colonies. "France is our home. The destruction of war and the fury of the enemy have been visited upon her. It is necessary that these damages be repaired at the earliest possible moment, failing which there will not really be any assurance either for our hearts or for profitable business."

France tells her citizens how the money that it is asking for is to be used—in reconstruction of devastated regions, in rebuilding roads, in paying her accumulated debts, in financing reconstruction of industry.

That the appeal has been effective is shown by response from all classes. Even the French peasant, who has heretofore been rather cool toward government loans, is now showing advances on his crops in order to devote the money to the loan.

While subscribing in billions to a new loan, France is paying the heaviest taxes ever imposed upon her citizens. Before the war 5,000,000,000 francs was an ordinary budget; now the budget exceeds 20,000,000,000, and according to preliminary estimates of the 1921 budget, French revenues will exceed this year's revenues by upward of 3,000,000,000 francs. The 1920 returns are expected to reach a total of 22,000,000,000 francs.

France is at work. In the invaded regions, due to the intense efforts of the farmers, crops this year will actually exceed pre-war production. The textile industries which suffered so severely have been very largely rehabilitated. Her coal mines are again producing heavily, although not, of course, in normal amounts. Her railroads and roads are entirely restored.

All of which, Frenchmen say, justifies the assertion that France will conquer the problems of peace as she conquered the trials of war.

HIGH CLASS BOXING IS BILLED FOR NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(By Henry L. Farrell, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—After a famine of championship bouts, New York is about to be turned loose in a pasture abounding with title engagements.

So far, Benny Leonard has been the only champion to show himself around

New York since the Walker law became effective. While his title has been in danger as Uncle Sam's pile in the mint, Leonard can't find an opponent worthy of giving him more than a slight workout.

However, interesting activities are brewing in the bantam and heavyweight classes.

Jack Dempsey, king of the heavyweights, who has not appeared in a real engagement in New York since he won the title, has been hooked by Tex Rickard to go fifteen rounds with Bill Brennan, the Chicago husky, on December 14.

Peto Herman, the bantam champ, has also been pulled out of his shell for a championship fight with Joe Lynch in Madison Square Garden, December 21.

Jack Britton, the welter title holder, and Lou Bogash will probably be matched.

Since the boxing commission lifted the ban on heavyweight engagements, the rumors about a return bout between Dempsey and Jess Willard have been revived.

Rickard allows the belief to prevail that he has them matched, or will match them, for fifteen rounds on St. Patrick's Day.

Willard said here last spring that he would be willing to do some more boxing if he didn't have to train. Evidently he has changed his mind. He'll need some training for Dempsey.

DEMPEY COMING WEST.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion and Jack Kearns, his manager, are coming to Los Angeles to pass the winter immediately after Dempsey's match in New York Dec. 14 with Bill Brennan, it was announced here today.

BLOODHOUNDS SEEK BANDITS.
CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 2.—(U. P.)—Four masked bandits early yesterday held up and robbed a passenger train at Oneida, Tenn. The men escaped. Mail and express cars were looted. The Oneida postoffice also was robbed, presumably by the same band. Officers with bloodhounds have been sent from there.

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JAPANESE FISH BEING STOCKED IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Eggs of the ayu, a game fish similar to trout, imported from Japan, have been sent to the Mt. Shasta, Cal., hatchery where they are being hatched under the supervision of the California fish and game commission.

Several futile attempts to import successfully the eggs of the ayu have been made in past years. If this proves successful the streams of the state will be stocked with the fry of the Japanese fish.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH KILLING, CROSSES LINE

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 2.—(U. P.)—Clara Smith, alleged slayer of Jake Hamon, oil magnate, and political leader, has fled to Mexico and is 100 miles south of El Paso, according to statements made by a chauffeur in an interview. The auto driver, whose name is withheld at the request of the police, said the woman spent several hours in Dallas Tuesday and tried to engage an airplane to take her to El Paso. When she was unsuccessful, the chauffeur said, she hired a Dallas taxi driver to take her to Cisco and from there she fled into Mexico.

LEPER INMATES, GIVEN FREEDOM, ASK TO STAY

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Three inmates of the Kalaupapa leper settlement on the Island of Molokai, who recently were offered their freedom by the territorial board of health, have asked and have been granted permission to remain in the leper colony.

Twelve others in whom no traces of the disease could be found following the chemotherapy oil treatment were released on parole.

Of the three who have been allowed to remain at Kalaupapa as helpers in the colony, two are men and one is a woman. One of the men is 59 years of age with a record of 31 years in the settlement as a leper patient. He is the first inmate of Kalaupapa known to have taken the chemotherapy treatment, which he began in 1912.

It was reported at the board of health meeting at which the paroles were granted that 25 other inmates of the settlement are eligible for parole, but that after long residence there they have become so attached to the place they do not desire to leave it and have refused to apply for release.

VANCOUVER SPORTSMEN HAVE PLANS FOR BOAT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Plans for the yacht which Vancouver sportsmen propose to build with which to compete in the international contest for the Lytton Cup against a Seattle yacht which will defend the trophy, have been ordered by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club from J. H. Nicholson, the noted British designer who prepared the plans for Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV. The series of races for the cup will be sailed next summer during the Northwest International Racing Association regatta.

TREMAINE OVER WEIGHT AND FIGHT IS STOPPED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The 19 round bout scheduled for last night between Pal Moore of Memphis and Carl Tremaine of Cleveland, bantams, was called off late in the day because Tremaine was one pound over the stipulated weight of 112 pounds at 3 p. m., and Moore would not concede the extra weight.

LOAN OF 60 MILLIONS TO FARMERS ADVISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—An immediate loan of \$60,000,000 from the government to aid farmers in the face of falling prices was proposed today by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, in a bill drawn after a conference with Governor Harding of the federal reserve board.

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