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## ENGLAND ASKS THAT FRANCE PAY DEBT

Payment Requested Irrespective of Proceeds From German Reparations.

London. — Great Britain's note to France explaining the Baldwin government's viewpoint on the question of the repayment of France's debt to Great Britain lays down succinctly the principles of which Great Britain hopes France will agree to meet her obligations, without going into any details of figures. The idea is advanced that details may be threshed out in conference here, should Premier Herriot or Finance Minister Clementel, or both, come to London for this purpose.

The main points of the note are:

First, that Great Britain declines to agree that France's payments should be dependent upon Germany's full payment of the Dawes plan annuities.

Second, that with a view to facilitating repayments Great Britain is willing to accept fixed annual payments, irrespective of the Dawes proceeds, with a further annual charge on the French share in those proceeds, and

Third, that Great Britain will devote any surplus beyond requirements for her American indebtedness to diminish the burdens upon Great Britain's allies.

## AMBASSADOR HOUGHTON



Alanson B. Houghton, now ambassador to Berlin, has been selected by President Coolidge to succeed Frank B. Kellogg as ambassador to Great Britain.

## ALLEGED MONOPOLIES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C. — The federal trade commission was directed by the senate to investigate alleged monopolies in the electrical power and the tobacco industries and to inquire into the existence of a national propaganda to discourage public ownership of utilities.

A resolution by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, calling for investigation of the "extent to which the General Electric company" or its subsidiaries monopolize production and distribution of electrical energy was attached, by a vote of 55 to 25, to the tobacco investigation resolution of Senator Ernst, republican, Kentucky.

The Ernst resolution, which provides for inquiry into reported agreements between the Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain and the American Tobacco company by which, it was alleged, co-operative organizations in the United States are boycotted and each concern was given a monopoly in its own country, was then adopted without a record vote.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Julius Fleischmann, millionaire yeast manufacturer and sportsman, dropped dead while playing polo.

The allies, through representatives at Athens, intervened actively to prevent hostilities between Greece and Turkey.

The senate seated Senator Mayfield, democrat, of Texas, dismissing the contest brought by George E. B. Paddy, defeated candidate in the 1922 election.

Sentences of two years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and \$10,000 fines each, were imposed on Charles R. Forbes, former head of the veterans' bureau, and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, for conspiring to defraud the government in connection with bureau hospitalization contracts.

Beet Sugar Combine Charged.  
Washington, D. C. — Charges of unfair methods in competition are made by the federal trade commission against the Larrows Milling company of Detroit, and 17 manufacturers of beet sugar, in a complaint made public by the commission. The complaint charges that the respondents are engaged in a wrongful combination and conspiracy to suppress competition in the marketing of beet pulp, a by-product of beet sugar manufacturing.

Tacoma Bank Teller Shot.  
Tacoma, Wash. — H. H. Schmidt, 40, teller in the National Bank of Tacoma, who was shot down by bandits in the streets of Tacoma as he was carrying \$5000 in silver and currency to the bank's branch, died from his wounds. The bandits, four in number, one of them a woman, made their getaway with the \$5000.

French Envoy Not Authorized to Act.  
Washington, D. C. — Emiel Daeschner, the new French ambassador to the United States, had not received any instructions from his government to take up the matter of funding the French debt of \$4,000,000,000, it was learned at the French embassy.

Sessions on World Court Postponed.  
Washington, D. C. — After two hours discussion the senate foreign relations committee indefinitely postponed further action at this session on world court legislation.

## IMPORTANT BILLS HANG IN BALANCE

Vital Measures Not Likely to Be Cleaned Up Before Congress Adjourns.

Washington, D. C. — With only a little more than three weeks left of this session of congress, the fate of many important executive measures is hanging in the balance.

Leaders are prepared to bend every effort to complete action on the Muscle Shoals leasing bill, the postal pay and rate increase measure, a co-operative marketing bill, the McFadden banking bill, the measure for purchase of the Cape Cod canal and the \$150,000,000 good roads bill.

If these can be put through, together with the remaining appropriation bills, the republican leaders will be well satisfied with the accomplishments of the short session. But they are not at all certain that this program can be carried out.

In the realm of foreign affairs the senate has abandoned all hope of action on the world court questions, and there is doubt that a vote can be had on the Isle of Pines treaty. The German commercial convention may be ratified with reservations broader than those suggested by the state department.

The house and senate agricultural committees are moving so slowly that even the friends of farm aid legislation realize that only a part of the program recommended by the president's agricultural commission can be translated into law before March 4.

## WILL INVESTIGATE COLLINS TRAPPING

Cave City, Ky. — Circumstances surrounding the trapping of Floyd Collins in Sand cave, and the efforts of volunteer rescuers to release him will be made the subject of a military court of inquiry, Brigadier-General H. H. Denhardt, in command of guardsmen here, announced.

Three principal theories have developed in the Collins case—that the imprisonment of Collins by a rock slide on his leg is a publicity hoax; that enemies, finding him trapped, caused the walls of the cave to collapse so he could not be rescued alive, or possibly caused the slide which trapped him; and the most generally accepted theory, Collins' own story in the early days of the rescue work, that he really was accidentally trapped after discovering a cavern more beautiful than any yet found in the region.

Five electrical tests conducted with voice amplifiers Monday have convinced H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the Floyd Collins rescue work at Sand cave, that Collins is still alive after ten days' imprisonment.

## ITALY'S DEBT NOT FUNDED

Borah Informed No Arrangements Made for Settlement.

Washington, D. C. — Secretary Mellon informed Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee that the treasury had been advised of no proposals looking to settlement of the Italian war debt.

The secretary's letter, written in reply to a personal inquiry by the Idaho senator, said that the debt, November 15, 1924, totaled \$2,097,347,122.32, made up of cash advances prior to November 11, 1918, amounting to \$1,031,000,000, subsequent advances of \$617,054,050.90 and accrued interest of \$449,477,924.86. The Italian government had been credited with "amounts returned" in the sum of \$164,852.94.

## Use of Meat Increases.

Washington, D. C. — Increased meat consumption in the United States last year was indicated in statistics compiled by department of agriculture showing that about 1,000,000 more meat animals were slaughtered than in 1923. Slaughter of 79,432,540 cattle, calves, sheep, goats and swine was reported. While half a million fewer swine were killed, slaughter of cattle, calves and sheep increased half a million each.

## Turkey Will Ignore Action of League.

Constantinople. — Turkey will ignore any decision of the League of Nations relative to the expulsion of the patriarch of the Greek Catholic church, according to semi-official information. Turkey regards the expulsion of the patriarch as a domestic matter.

## Pullman Surcharge Held Not Unfair.

Washington, D. C. — The present surcharges on Pullman sleeping and parlor cars is not unreasonable, the interstate commerce commission held. This surcharge, which is in addition to the regular passenger fare for the transportation of passengers in Pullman cars, goes entirely to the railroads.

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