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## French Debt Commission Fails in Mission to U. S.

The French debt commission has gone home with a makeshift agreement that defers final settlement for five years and leaves the question of foreign debts on open, debatable ground.

The debt cancellationists can continue to spread their propaganda, and the controversy with France, instead of cooling off, will undoubtedly become a more vital issue.

Hope for amicable settlement of the war debt question was felt on this side of the Atlantic when England and the United States reached a funding agreement. Many smaller European powers followed the British example and signed their name on the dotted line.

But not France. The astute financier, Joseph Caillaux, came to America with the idea of driving a bargain that would make him strong politically at home. Failing in that, he dodged responsibility by returning with a compromise which will not be effective until it is affirmed by his government.

In some cases a compromise is more to be desired than an open break. And this is such a case. A complete collapse of efforts to reach a final settlement would perhaps have produced a strained situation that would have been more disastrous in results than the present makeshift.

The prospect of having to pay \$400,000,000 in a lump sum in 1923, if the temporary debt settlement proposed by the American debt commission is not accepted by France, is exercising a strong influence on the attitude of the French government, it is said in well informed circles. The question has been only tentatively discussed by the cabinet, but M. Caillaux lays stress on the fact that if the temporary arrangement was not satisfactory maturity of the war stock indebtedness stares France in the face and must be taken into consideration.

New York bankers who have been in close touch with the situation growing out of the Franko-American debt settlement question are of the opinion that it is unlikely France will obtain any large loan in the United States this year.

It has been stated that had the debt funding negotiations at Wash-

ington been entirely successful, the next step would have been a loan, but failure automatically terminated the loan discussions which had been proceeding by cable between American bankers and the French.

## Personality is Main Factor Tending to Success

When the poet said that every institution is at the lengthening shadow of a man, he uttered a truth that is one of the essential facts of life.

Personality is the all important factor in every great enterprise, whether it be business, education or community progress.

During the period of great materialistic development, there has been great emphasis on the need for finer equipment in community enterprises. But any policy that stresses the material side to the neglect of the human factor is not a substantial one.

It would be far better to have a million dollar school teacher in a thousand dollar school than a thousand dollar teacher in a million dollar school. The first essential for human betterment is to have inspiring personalities in positions of leadership.

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But good work is often done with poor facilities. The little red school house on the whole got good results in training the older people. Its equipment would be called obsolete now, its textbooks and courses of study were not adapted to the practical age in which we now live. But it usually had a brainy and inspiring personality as a teacher. Such a person got results, even if the tools used were poor.

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Work on the Wapinitia road is now completed, the entire surface having been laid. This road, which opens up a good road to the Jefferson park country, also touches Clear lake Olallie park and butte. Travel over this new link will probably be very heavy next year.

### National Air Craft Department Should Be Part of Defense Plan

Naval air pilots insisted in testimony given before the president's aircraft investigation board, that the United States would make no progress in aircraft until a separate department is created and is controlled by practical airmen.

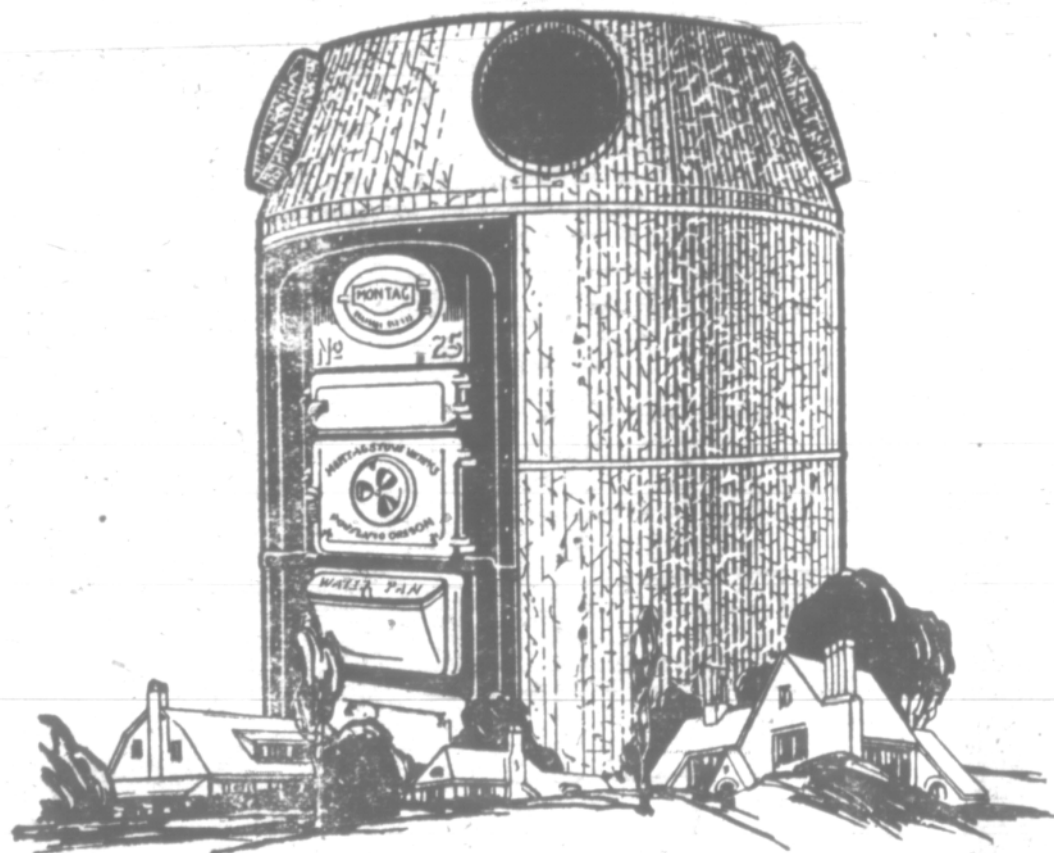
This has been the complaint for years against the war and navy departments—that civilians appointed for political reasons and given power to control the military and naval branches of the government, could not be expected to produce the best results.

If the aircraft department is brought into being and an experienced airman given authority, it would be a radical change in policy by the government, and manifestly a similar policy would have to be followed in the army and navy sections of the national defense.

Placing trained men in authority will not settle the controversy that is constantly arising over our military, naval and air policies.

The investigation, however, will tend to clarify the situation and may be of some value. It has at least developed one fact, namely, that both the army and navy did not receive the amount of money asked for when their appropriations were before congress. This resulted in curtailment of the naval air program.

Regardless of who may head any or all of the national defense departments, nothing constructive can be accomplished without the full cooperation of congress.



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