

HUN INDEMNITY ESTIMATED AT \$7,500,000,000

London Banker Declares Germany Capable of Meeting Obligation—Largest Payment to France of 2 Billion—Germany May Have to Suspend Domestic Payments.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) One London banker estimates that Germany will have to pay to the allies for reparation and restitution about \$7,500,000,000. Calculated on a five per cent basis, with a 1 per cent sinking fund, this would mean an annual charge on the German revenue of \$450,000,000. He says there can be no question of Germany's ability to meet this demand.

It is impossible, he says, discussing the subject in a newspaper article, to arrive at any approximate figure as to damages and robberies in the invaded territory. "For Belgium," the article continues, "I would put the amount of indemnity at \$1,400,000,000 of which sum levies on Belgian towns account for something like \$500,000,000. I know of another estimate for Belgium which is as high as \$2,000,000,000, and a Belgian of some authority estimates the amount at \$500,000,000."

2 Billion for France

With regard to France he says one cannot reckon the loss suffered, "but considering that the war has been waged for the most part on French territory, and in the center of her industrial area, we may put the figure at \$2,000,000,000."

Italy's damage is computed at \$150,000,000. The same amount is set as Rumania's bill, including the loss of quantities of foodstuffs and damage to oil wells and other property. He thinks that \$50,000,000 would cover Serbia's loss, and a like sum probably would reimburse England for damages caused by air raids and bombardments.

Ship Indemnity \$500,000,000

Shipping losses are then discussed. "I estimate," he says, "the loss of ships in figures of tonnage at nine million, and taking the average value of \$200 a ton, this would figure out at \$1,800,000,000. Adding the total value of cargoes at \$807,500,000,000, we have the total of \$2,700,000,000 for Great Britain alone. The shipping losses of the allies I estimate at \$500,000,000."

Regarding Germany's finances, he calls attention to the last pre-war budget presented to the Reichstag, which showed a revenue of \$875,000,000. The estimate for the army was \$292,500,000, and for the navy \$107,500,000—total \$400,000,000.

Suspend Domestic Interest

"Eliminating the expenditure for armaments," the article goes on, "this would allow Germany to pay approximately the interest and sinking fund on the \$7,500,000,000 compensation, leaving the balance of revenue, whatever it might be, to meet the cost of conducting the empire and paying the interest on her loans which amounted early in the present year to \$27,000,000,000, a sum which has, of course, been substantially increased since."

In order to meet the allies' bill of damages, the writer says, "it may be that Germany would have to suspend payment of interest on her own war loans—I don't say she would repudiate this obligation."

BOLSHEVIKI AGITATOR ARRESTED NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Ellis O. Jones, purported author of a document spread broadcast here yesterday "proclaiming" that a reign of Bolshevism would begin in this country at noon today, was arrested this afternoon on the mall at Central Park when he attempted to deliver an address.

Prior to Jones' arrival at Central Park 500 mounted policemen and motorcycle officers and a detachment of the army provost guard had been stationed, prepared for a demonstration by radicals. In a police station 12 Browning machine guns were held in readiness.

Mother Falls Unconscious

"My mother, who is 69 years old, has been troubled with her liver for 35 years. Doctors said she had gall stones. Several times she fell unconscious because of these attacks. Eight months ago I noticed an advertisement of Myr's Wonderful Remedy in the Toledo Blade and purchased a bottle, which did her a great amount of good. She continued the treatment and has felt entirely well since." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the obnoxious mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Sold by druggists everywhere. Adv.

EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD TEACH CHILD TRADE

Secy. of Interior Lane in Annual Report Lay: Emphasis on Education—Outlines in Detail Plan for Putting Returned Soldiers on Reclaimed Lands of Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Development of arid, swamp and cut-over lands to provide farms for returning soldiers, and improvement of the public school system to provide for Americanization of foreign-born citizens, and the education of illiterate mountain white populations and negroes, are two big reconstruction problems, Secretary of the Interior Lane says in his annual report made public today. Schools, he added, should lay more emphasis on teaching trades.

After a soldier has returned to his home, said Mr. Lane, if his old position is not open and he wishes to turn to an independent life "there would be laid before him a number of projects which the government had undertaken in the different sections of the country. Let us assume no more than three, one an irrigation scheme, another a drainage project, a third the development of a body of cut-over lands. The one would need to have great dams constructed to impound and divert waters, a hydro-electric plant, miles of canal and tunnel, perhaps, thousands of acres to be cleared and leveled, fenced and broken. This would mean years of work at good wages, work in the open under housing conditions that would seem palatial to the soldier of the trench, and at the end a piece of land on which would be erected a house and barn, a farm home in a group of farm homes. For this he must pay. But already he has received wages out of which he can have saved the necessary first installment on his piece of 10 or 15 per cent. The balance with interest he can pay in 40 yearly installments, or earlier if he can."

Mr. Lane estimated that more than one-third, probably nearer one-half, of the American troops in Europe came from farms, and probably would wish to return to the agricultural work. Care should be taken, however, he said, that the government in selling farms to these men, limit the size and impose restrictions to prevent their being aggregated into great estates.

Cost Less Than Strikes

Turning to the question of cost, Secretary Lane said this would be "as much as we wish to spend." "As much as many a strike has cost this country."

"Would it be unreasonable to ask for as much as we will spend this year for pensions to the veterans and their dependents of wars that ended 20 and 50 years ago?" he asked. "Would it be unreasonable to ask that we spend in the next two years on these veterans of the great war as much as it cost us to conduct that war for a single week? Would a people that gave out of hand, out of a noble sense of charity to quasi public organizations, \$500,000,000 for the entertainment and care of these boys hesitate to buy the bonds of this country for a like amount to provide peace work, home work, and homes for these same boys?"

Nation Must Economize

"We have spent largely for this war and largely we must spend for many years to come. We are to economize that we may meet our debts; this must be the national policy. But to stop growth is not economy. To stand paralyzed in the presence of a debt is to become its victim. England is planning in the hundreds of millions of pounds sterling for housing and land schemes. Canada with less than 7,000,000 people is offering to each man 160 acres of land and \$2500 with which to improve it. Surely the United States, which has escaped with so slight a comparative loss in life, will not do less."

"There can be no surer insurance for the nation than to put its men upon the soil, and there can be no wiser investment that a nation can make than to add to its territory by taking from desert and waters and desolation land that is now useless." In concluding his report on the subject of education, Mr. Lane said: "I should like to see the day when every child learned a trade while at school, trained his mind and his hand together, lifted labor into art by the application of thought."

TURN 800,000 TONS OF SHIPS TO TRADE ROUTES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Ships with aggregating carrying capacity of 800,000 tons have been turned over by the army quartermaster department to the shipping board for return to trade routes. Major General Goethals today so informed Senator Smith of South Carolina of the senate Interstate commerce committee.

SOMETIMES IT'S NARROW, THEN AGAIN IT'S SPLIT



WE KNOW that it's skirting a dangerous subject—but well, what do you think of the pantaleon skirt?
The ingredients for the gown at the left are blue velour, smoked pearl buttons and blue fox bands.

At the right is a stunning evening costume to prove to what extremes narrowness may go. This skirt hem is well satisfied with 45 inches! Black pussy willow satin is the foundation and the draperies are of black silk net with heavy embroideries of black and electric blue sequins.

BAKER PROMISES PROBE OF SPRUCE SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A "thorough and comprehensive" investigation of the army's handling of the spruce wood situation in the northwest is being made, Secretary Baker today advised the senate in response to a resolution by Senator Poindexter of Washington.

GEN. MARCH GIVEN U. S. SERVICE MEDAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Upon the recommendation of General Pershing and with the approval of President Wilson, Secretary Baker today awarded the distinguished service medal to General Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

In presenting the decoration before a large assemblage of army officers, Secretary Baker laid stress upon the fact that it was won thru efficient service both in France as chief of artillery of the first American army, and at home as chief of staff.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock
PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Cattle steady; receipts 171. Steers, prime \$11.50 @ 12; good to choice \$10.50 @ 11.50; medium to good \$9.50 @ 10.50; fair to medium \$8 @ 9; common to fair \$5.50 @ 7.50; cows and heifers choice \$7.75 @ 8; medium to good \$6 @ 7; fair to medium \$5 @ 6; canners \$3 @ 4; bulls \$5 @ 7; calves \$9 @ 12; stockers and feeders \$6 @ 9.
Hogs steady; receipts 905. Prime mixed \$16.75 @ 17.10; medium mixed \$16.50 @ 16.75; rough heavies \$14.75 @ 16; pigs \$14 @ 15; bulk \$16.85.
Sheep steady; receipt 134. Prime lambs \$12 @ 13; fair to medium \$9 @ 11; yearlings \$10 @ 11; wethers \$9 @ 10; ewes \$6 @ 8; rough heavies \$14.50 @ 14.75.

Butter
PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Butter firm. City creamery prints, extras, box lots 65c; half boxes one-half cent more; less than half boxes 1c more. Buying price butterfat, country, 67c; cube extras 62 1/2c.

Portland Grain
PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Oats, \$55 bid; corn, \$50 bid.
Milstuffs—Mill run f. o. h. mill: Carlots \$32.10; mixer cars \$33.60; less than carlots \$34.10 @ 35.10; rolled barley \$55 @ 59; rolled oats \$61 @ 65; ground barley \$56 @ 60; alfalfa meal \$40 @ 44.

Women Workers Hope to Remain.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 13.—Women engine wipers and car cleaners, employed in local railway yards, are confident of retaining their positions even should the return of the soldiers create a plethora of labor.

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PRO-HUN BELGIAN GIRLS HAVE HAIR CUT AS DISHONOR

BRUGES, Dec. 13.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) An ancient form of punishment in favor in the middle ages has been adopted in Belgium for Belgian women who were too friendly toward the German invaders or who listened to their love making. They have been shorn of their hair. In Bruges several women have suffered this form of retribution and either must remain indoors or patronize the wig makers. It is known that this method has been applied in at least one other place. The scenes attending the application of this punishment have been rather boisterous.

Corporal punishment is visited upon the pro-Germans among the Belgian men but few of these awaited the wrath of the Belgian avengers. They decamped before the Belgian troops reoccupied the cities and towns which had been held under German domination.

Such cases as these have been remarkably few. The wonder is that there have not been more. The proportion of renegades is so small as to reflect greater glory on poor little Belgium.

50 PERCENT CHILDREN PHYSICALLY UNFIT

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Fifty per cent of the 25,000,000 boys and girls of school age have physical defects that impede normal development, William S. Small, school hygiene specialist of the federal bureau of education, said in an address today before the American Public Health association.

After declaring the nation's need of "physical education" is imperative, the speaker pointed out that 2,500,000 men in the first draft were disqualified for active military service because of physical defects, and added:

"Being unfit for military service, they were therefore unfit to render full service in any capacity. They were unable to get full returns from life in work and happiness."

Cotton Committee Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Resignation of the cotton distribution committee of the war trade board headed by Charles J. Brand and revocation of all regulations established by the committee was announced today.

SHOW VIALS ACID MAXIM REVOLVER AT I. W. W. TRIAL

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—Vials of acids and a revolver equipped with a maxim silencer were taken in a raid in San Francisco on the rooms of Godfrey Ethel, one of the defendants in the Industrial Workers of the World conspiracy case, Thomas Mulhall, deputy United States marshal, testified at the trial here today.

Accounts of raids on I. W. W. headquarters in Stockton, Calif., and San Francisco, September 3, 1917, were given by James B. Holohan, United States marshal at San Francisco, and several of his deputies.

One hundred pictures of Frank Little, who was lynched at Butte, Mont., in August, 1917, posters referring to Joe Hill, known as Joseph Hillstrom, executed at Salt Lake City, Utah, in November, 1915, for the murder of a grocer, and many papers and booklets were seized. Holohan said, in a raid on an establishment in San Francisco. Pamphlets with captions "War—what for?" and "The copper kings have spoken—what is your reply?" were among the documents seized, Holohan testified.

On cross-examination, the marshal testified he had arrested Robert Connelan, one of the defendants whom he called "Dublin Bob," in Salinas, Cal.

Louis Parente told me he was secretary of the Italian I. W. W. branch and was being paid for spreading the propaganda," Thomas Mulhall, deputy marshal, said in telling of a raid on a building in Vallejo street, San Francisco, Sept. 5, 1917.

2 KILLED STREET CAR WRECK KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.—Two persons were killed, four persons sustained serious injuries and 12 others slightly injured when a street car ran wild down the Twelfth street viaduct here this afternoon, left the tracks on the lower approach to the structure and crashed into the Union Pacific freight depot.

Limited street car service, each car guarded by two policemen, was resumed here this morning after a strike had completely tied up all lines here and in Kansas City, Kas., since Wednesday morning.

MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS GAINS 25 POUNDS

Health So Bad Before Taking Tanlac Don't See How She Lived

"A little less than two months ago I began taking Tanlac and since that time I have actually gained twenty-five pounds," was the remarkable statement made by Mrs. J. W. Williams, of 459 Green street, Seattle, Wash., recently.

"My health has been very poor for many years," she continued, "but my condition has been so bad during the past two or three years that I really don't see how I lived. I suffered most all the time with fearful headaches and awful pains in my back and, in fact, I was racked with pain all over. I lost my appetite, and my nerves became so shattered that I hardly knew what sleep was. When my husband left his sight my duties, of course, became doubly hard, and my health being bad already, I kept going down under the strain. I did everything I could to keep out of bed but finally got to where I was just up and down—would sit up one day and be in bed the next—and I even find to give up my housework because I was so weak. Every day was just another day of suffering and misery for me."

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