

CONGRESS OKES ITALIAN DEBT FUNDING PLANS

Two Billion Owed Uncle Sam for War

VOTE PROVED HEAVY

President Has Said He Would Sign Bills as Agreed

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WASHINGTON, April 21.—(United News)—Congress has provided for settlement of the Italian war debt of more than \$2,000,000,000 on terms negotiated by the American debt funding commission.

The senate Wednesday ratified the pact which was approved several weeks ago by the house. President Coolidge already has given assurances that he will sign the bill providing for settlement.

The vote was not as close as had been expected, 54 to 33, and was not a good indication of the fight which has raged on the senate floor for a month during which Premier Mussolini has been severely criticized and the terms described as amounting virtually to cancellation.

Ratification of the settlement with Italy, which provided more lenient terms than have been granted to other debtor nations was regarded as paving the way for liberal terms to France, the only major debtor which has not yet come to terms.

Meeting Called.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced immediately after the senate's action Wednesday that he would call a meeting of the debt commission soon to consider the French debt, for whose settlement negotiations have been carried out recently.

Ratification of the Italian settlement is regarded as having a favorable influence on the French situation.

After it had ratified the Italian settlement the senate made the Belgian refunding unfinished business. The house has ratified the settlement with Belgium as well as with four other countries—Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Estonia and Latvia.

Democrats Vote.

These will be taken up in turn by the senate. Democrats did not line up in opposition as strongly as had been expected. Thirteen of them voted for ratification, joining 41 Republicans, voting against it were 22 Democrats, eight Republicans and one former-labor member. Senator Reed, Missouri Democrat, was opposed to the settlement and voted against it on the first roll call, but changed his vote in order that he might make a motion later to reconsider so that only 12 Democrats present favored the pact.

Borah Loses.

Before the final vote, the senate rejected by the same vote, 54 to 33, a motion by Senator Borah to send the settlement back to the finance committee for further investigation of Italy's financial condition and the private loans she has obtained in this country. The line-up was essentially the same.

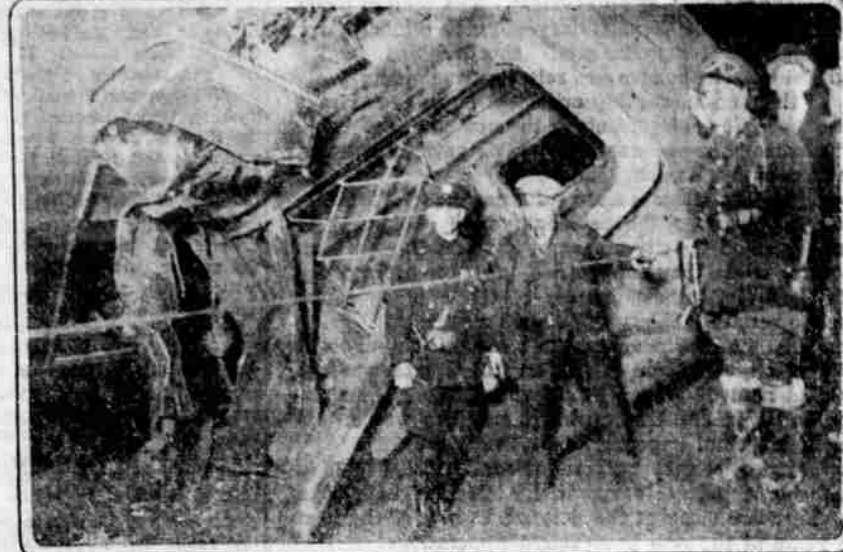
Under the terms of the settlement ratified Wednesday, Italy has 62 years in which to pay her debt, which was fixed in the funding agreement as \$2,042,000,000. Her original debt was \$1,445,000,000, on which the United States will receive in 62 years a total of \$2,497,000,000, interest being \$750,000,000. During the first five years Italy is to pay \$5,000,000 annually without interest. After the first five years interest is fixed at one-eighth of one per cent for ten years, and then increases for successive ten-year periods to two per cent for the last seven years.

Annual payments graduate from \$5,000,000 a year for the first five years to \$79,400,000 the last year, 1987.

NOT SO CRAZY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 20.—(United News)—Bound for no place in particular, Frank Weeden, who recently made his 14th escape from the state hospital for the insane, was recaptured by railroad detectives as he was riding the rods on a New Haven passenger train. Weeden had \$90 in his pocket, which he said he had buried near the hospital while previously A. W. O. L.

Split Rail Blamed in Fatal Wreck of Limited



Investigations are being made of the wreck of the second section of the Pennsylvania railroad's New York-Atlantic City flyer at Delair, N. J., in which several were killed and more than 40 injured. It rail on a curve is believed to have been responsible. Two views of the wreckage.

COAST LEAGUE LEADERS LOSE

Race Tightens When Climbers Knock Top Ball Clubs

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—(United News)—The two top clubs in the Pacific Coast league standings were defeated Wednesday, and although Los Angeles maintained its place at the head of the procession the Portland Beavers were bumped from second to fourth position.

Mission humbled the Beavers, 7 to 2. The Senators outbait Los Angeles for a 3 to 2 victory in Sacramento and advanced to second place.

Seattle defeated Hollywood, 5 to 4, and stayed third from the top in the percentage column.

Although unsteady at times, Kunz pitched Oakland to a win over San Francisco, 5 to 1.

Pacific Coast.	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	8	4	.666
Sacramento	7	6	.546
Seattle	8	7	.533
Portland	8	8	.500
Hollywood	6	7	.461
Mission	6	7	.461
San Francisco	6	8	.428
Oakland	5	7	.417

Score	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	2	6	0
Sacramento	3	9	2

Score	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	5	12	1
Hollywood	4	7	2

Score	R.	H.	E.
Portland	2	7	0
Mission	7	10	0

Score	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	1	10	1
Oakland	8	11	0

LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

Fred Fletcher, Klamath attorney, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where it is understood matters pertaining to the local irrigation situation are to be taken up.

Fletcher is counsel for several of the smaller irrigation projects in the Klamath basin.

SAYS HE IS DEMOCRAT

In an article on the political situation here with reference to the candidates for the office of district attorney, Edward B. Ashurst was listed as a Republican.

Ashurst is opposed to this classification, declaring that he is a Democrat.

HOME CLUBS WIN TO DELIGHT FANS

Big League Scores Show Invaders Lose Out in Major Leagues

It was a great day for home team fans everywhere around both circuits. Four American league and two National league clubs had their official 1926 opening on their home grounds Wednesday and each and everyone of them celebrated with a victory. The New York Yankees, whose opening was observed with a martial display and the Cleveland Indians continued to dispute first place in the American league at the expense of the Boston Red Sox and the Detroit Tigers, respectively. One big inning at Yankee stadium, when Howard Ehmke was driven from the mound, was all the home team needed to wallop the Red Sox, the final score being 8 to 5.

Cleveland pounded three Tiger twirlers for 16 hits and a 12 to 2 victory.

The St. Louis Browns opened at the Mound City with their second victory of the season, beating the White Sox, 5 to 1.

Connie Mack's young hopefuls restored the faith of Philadelphia fans by beating the Washington Senators, 5 to 2, incidentally reversing themselves upon old Stan Coveleskie, whose spitball they solved for four runs in the second.

In Boston the Braves climbed out of the cellar to a tie for seventh place, with Pittsburgh, by beating the Phillies in a ninth-inning rally, 2 to 1.

The Chicago Cubs also advanced a peg in the National league standing by hitting three Cincinnati pitchers hard and defeating the Reds, 4 to 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	5	2	.714
New York	5	2	.714
Detroit	4	3	.571
Chicago	4	4	.500
Washington	4	4	.500
Boston	3	4	.428
Philadelphia	3	5	.375
St. Louis	2	6	.250

Score	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	4	1
St. Louis	5	12	4

Score	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	2	6	2
Cleveland	12	16	1

Score	R.	H.	E.
Washington	2	3	2
Philadelphia	5	12	0

Score	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	9	0
New York	8	10	3

DEMPSEY SIGNS HOPES TO FIGHT

Champ Spoiling for Battle Cares Naught for Purse, He Asserts

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 21.—(United News)—Jack Dempsey will receive 37½ per cent of the "gate" for his appearance in the ring under the auspices of Tex Rickard, according to the terms of a contract signed here Wednesday.

Rickard estimated Dempsey's percentage will net the champion around \$400,000.

Dempsey signed a contract with Rickard to fight an unnamed opponent at a place yet to be decided some time next September.

The second man in the ring and the location is to be worked out by Rickard in the next few weeks.

Dempsey signed the contract late in the afternoon, following a three-hour closed conference with Rickard upon his arrival from El Paso.

The champion appeared elated at the trend of the negotiations.

Years to Go

"I am ready to fight anyone Rickard will put in the ring with me and I am in condition to fight within three weeks, if necessary," Dempsey said. "My weight is around 195 pounds—take five of that off and I am ready to go," he said.

Dempsey will remain in Fort Worth until noon Thursday when he will entrain for Hendersonville, N. C., to start training for his next appearance. Before he returns to New York Rickard plans to visit his old home at Henrietta, Texas, where he was town marshal thirty years ago.

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	5	1	.833
St. Louis	5	3	.625
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Cincinnati	4	4	.500
Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Chicago	4	4	.500
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375
Boston	2	6	.250

Score	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	2	10	1
Chicago	4	10	1

Score	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	1	6	0
Boston	2	9	0

WHO BATHES IN MILK?

PARIS, April 21.—(United News)—Municipal councillor Detastes has asked the prefect of police what he intends to do regarding the famous woman dancer who daily buys 50 quarts of milk for a bath a la Anna Held. The prefect is investigating and all Paris is asking: "Who?"

TEX OUTSMARTS N. Y. FIGHT DADS AS CHAMP SIGNS

NEW YORK, April 21.—(United News)—Tex Rickard, the big cattle and cauliflower king, has roped the New York boxing commission to both long horns of a dilemma as difficult to deal with as one of the cranky steers of his native state.

Just when the fistic salons thought they were out after Tex's scalp, they trailed him to the land of the sagebrush, and found he had the drop on them. Few men are quicker on the draw than Rickard, whether it is guns, checks or contracts.

Tex has signed Jack Dempsey. At first blush this didn't seem like such a tremendous item. But consider it carefully and it will be seen that the mists of mystery surrounding the heavyweight boxing situation have in no small measure been blown away by this breath of hot news from the Texas plains.

Rickard now is returning to New York to pass the buck to the boxing commission. Perhaps he will do it on a silver platter, suitably engraved "to Messrs. Farley, Muldoon and Phelan."

TEX TOO FAST

For Tex has outsmarted the commission and every one else, just as we predicted he would. He has signed Dempsey to a contract to fight next September under Rickard's promotion. But the contract doesn't say who or where the champion is to fight. Rickard now can step into the offices of the commission and say:

"Gentlemen, I have Dempsey ready to fight in the fall. Who do you suggest as his opponent?"

The commission names Harry Wills.

"Well," Tex will say, "I'm against it, but you gentlemen are the bosses. Go get him for him, authorize the bout, accept responsibility for it and I'll put it on. But, mind you, I would prefer Gene—No, very well then, fetch me your man, Wills."

The commission then will have to make up its mind, with assistance from Albany, whether it really does want a Dempsey-Wills fight under the auspices of the present democratic state administration.

Politics Enter

There are many who think that Governor Al Smith's chances of obtaining the democratic presidential nomination in 1928 would not be improved as far as the vote of the solid south is concerned, by a mixed bout at this time. But that is politics and we are concerned with sport.

Dempsey has signed with Rickard, that is the main thing. The champion boxer and the champion promoter are on the same side.

Now, if the New York state ath-

letic committee decides that it does not want to force Wills upon Rickard and Dempsey in this state, assuredly its jurisdiction cannot extend to another state. The boxing salons can hardly dictate as to what Rickard and Dempsey shall do in New Jersey if they don't back up their edicts in their own bailiwick.

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JUDGE IMPEACHED

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(United News)—The senate will hear the formal presentation of the impeachment charges against federal Judge George W. English of East St. Louis, Ill., Thursday afternoon. The senate will then consider when to begin the trial of the charges. It is expected it will not take place before the latter part of May and it may be deferred until after the November elections.

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