

SCHEME TO POOL WORLD WAR DEBT BLOCKED AGAIN

Secretary Glass to Issue New Statement in Opposition to It.

SEEK AID IN NEW YORK.

Foreign Bankers Want Chamber of Commerce to Call Conference at The Hague.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Copyright 1920).—European governments and bankers haven't yet gotten over the notion that the United States will participate in a huge pooling of war debts and get behind a comprehensive scheme whereby a general loan is floated that absorbs all the big bond issues of the war.

And insofar as the private bankers of Europe have joined with certain American bankers to bring about an international financial conference at The Hague, to be called by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, it appears to be extremely unlikely that the treasury department will look upon such a project with approval.

In fact, some pronouncement is expected to be issued by Secretary Glass in the next few days outlining our government's position.

The Chamber of Commerce has a committee at work on a report which will answer the invitation to call the International Conference.

U. S. UNFAVORABLE TO PLANS OF THE FOREIGNERS.

Whether it will be approval or rejection depends largely upon the attitude of our Government, and while there are some in Washington, not only representatives of American banking groups but European institutions as well, who still imagine a comprehensive scheme can be launched to finance the world during the trying days of reconstruction, the prevailing sentiment on the part of those who would naturally have to get back to the plan to make it effective is far from favorable.

The trend seems to be to say to Europe that financial reconstruction can only be accomplished gradually and that the path of relief lies through the ordinary processes of commerce and such foreign trade corporations as can be created under the Edge bill.

If it were not for the fact that European bankers have shown a clumsy hand in dealing with the situation, there would be much more favorable consideration given to their proposals, but nearly every scheme brought forth has in it the earmarks of what the average American would call "getting out from under and leaving the bag to America to hold."

There was, for instance, in the original petition which was signed by various bankers asking for an international gathering a certain suggestion that inasmuch as the United States had loaned \$10,000,000,000 to the Allies and a large part of that was taken by Great Britain, and other allies, the Government of the United Kingdom ought not to be obliged to stand back of those loans, but ought to be able to shift them on to the countries themselves as a responsibility direct to the country which originally loaned the money, namely the United States.

WOULD SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FROM BRITAIN.

This America would not have to look to the Government of Great Britain for those billions but to smaller countries whose powers of rehabilitation would have to be awakened by a prodding America instead of a prodding Great Britain. That scheme, whether or not it had the backing of any responsible groups in England, did as much damage here as any one proposal and served to make persons in authority look with much less enthusiasm and interest on the new plan for refinancing the debts of the world.

There is no question that the Government here recognizes closely interwoven American prosperity is with the early reconstruction of Europe, but the European bankers seem to have a mistaken notion about the extent to which the public generally would buy foreign loans nowadays as compared with the way they purchased Liberty Loans during the war. The cost of handling a huge foreign loan would be enormous. The many people who gave their services free, such as the Four Minute Men and the workers in every State, city and town, would not be available gratis and the expense of selling the loan itself is bound to be a heavy burden.

POLITICAL CONDITIONS MIGHT AFFECT A LOAN.

With news, moreover, of uncertain political conditions in Europe, the appetite of the public for foreign loans

REPUBLICANS NEAR SPLIT WITH LODGE IN TREATY FIGHT

Bitter Enders Threaten to End His Leadership if He Compromises.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Reports that a treaty compromise is about to be reached in the bi-partisan conference in Senator Lodge's office have roused the Borah-Johnson group of Senators to a high pitch of indignation against Senator Lodge.

They obtained all possible information concerning the secret conferences from Senators attending them, and then declared that they have notified Senator Lodge that if he "betrays" them by agreeing to the compromise now proposed, they will refuse longer to recognize him as party leader, and will carry the party schism into the Republican primaries and the Republican National Convention, fighting Lodge all the way.

The irreconcilables of the Borah-Johnson group claimed to have proof that Lodge is weakening on the reservations on Article X, voting power and the preamble.

Typewritten drafts of the proposed compromise reservation were being passed about among the conference, who refused to make them public on the ground that they were pledged to secrecy until the compromise had actually been agreed on.

"It is the duty of the Senate," said Senator Ashburn, "without regard to what the President thinks or does not think to press forward and ratify the treaty as the Senate thinks it should be ratified, instead of planning scheming and plotting as to who should be President."

Senator Taft visited the capitol to-day and conferred with Senators active in the movement for a peace treaty compromise. He had a talk with Senator McPherson, a "mild reservationist" leader, and later planned to see a number of Senators regarding the compromise negotiations.

During his visit to the Senate, Mr. Taft addressed briefly representatives of a local committee, which had invited him to talk at a mass meeting here in behalf of the treaty. He said he did not believe a compromise on the reservation affecting Article X, covering the "National" covenant would "kill" the league.

NEED TRADE ABROAD HARDING DECLARES.

Reserve Board Governor Tells American Delegates U. S. Must Produce More or Consume Less.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—American capital will be employed in aiding Europe "to get back to productive work," not because of "attractive rates of interest," but to restore normal conditions and to open markets for American exports, Gov. M. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, said today, speaking before the Pan-American Financial Congress.

"We cannot, however, export things which we do not have," Gov. Harding said, "and in order to provide an exportable surplus we must produce more, or consume less."

"It is important that the world should get back to normal conditions in order to provide steady employment for the people of our own country even, it is necessary that there should be a sustained demand for our products and in order to maintain this steady demand, it is necessary to supply markets abroad for our surplus products."

The Pan-American Congress adjourned after the adoption of resolutions recommending measures for the advancement of international trade with South America and improvement of oceanic mail telegraph, cable, wireless and postal services.

HYLAN TESTIFIES BEFORE GRAND JURY

Signs Waiver of Immunity and Says Let Investigators Talk About His Testimony.

Mayor Hylan was before the Extraordinary Grand Jury to-day in its investigation of his letter to Police Commissioner Horth telling of reports that money had been used by Arnold Rothstein in avoiding prosecution for shooting two detectives in a raid on a crap game in West 57th Street.

While the Mayor was testifying Clinton T. Brainerd, President of Harper & Bros., declared the Mayor to present himself for trial on the charge of publishing "Maledines," said to be an improper book.

The Mayor said "Let the Grand Jury do the talking about my testimony." The Mayor signed a waiver of immunity before questioned by District Attorney Swann.

It is not altogether a certain quantity. But the various committees at work here on the project are not discouraged and they are trying to formulate some plan that may enlist the generous support of the American people who served the world so splendidly during the war when the future of civilization was in the balance.

Whatever plan is evolved, however, must, in order to get even the moral support of our Government, involve no new commitments on the part of the American Government and must be of such a character as to reveal marked progress toward better schemes of taxation inside European countries than have been put in effect during the war.

Niagara Falls Now Frozen and Covered With Snow, Offers Impressive Spectacle to Winter Tourists



The impressive majesty of Niagara Falls is shown here garbed in its winter mantle of white. This great work of nature is even more entrancing in winter than in the summer months when all is bubbling rush and sparkle.

TAMMANY BLOCKS NEW INQUIRY INTO ARMY FOOD SALES

Estimate, Board Defeats La Guardia Move for Investigation.

An attempt by Aldermanic President La Guardia to have a sweeping investigation of the city's sale of army food, was defeated at to-day's meeting of the Board of Estimate on the ground that Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld is already conducting such an investigation for Mayor Hylan.

La Guardia received the backing of Manhattan Borough President Henry Curran, who, like himself, is a Republican. The remaining members of the board, all Democrats, voted to block La Guardia's action.

When the resolution calling for the investigation was read, Mayor Hylan said he wanted to explain the entire situation. He said the former Commissioner of Markets, missing Dr. Jonathan C. Day, "is still busy."

"We had to dispose with the services of this man," continued the Mayor. He then went on to explain that there was a surplus resulting from the cash sales of army foods. This has been turned over to a committee, he said.

The Mayor added that the Commissioner of Markets would secure ice for the poor next summer if there was sufficient money left in surplus army food sales fund after an investigation. The committee hoped to secure 100,000 or 200,000 tons of ice, the Mayor said. He declared the Ice Trust opposed this and said he had no doubt the trust was behind the move to investigate the entire army surplus fund.

La Guardia praised the Mayor's plan to serve the poor with ice, but called attention to the fact that there are many ugly rumors concerning the fact that Congress, while he was a member, decreed there should be no profits in army food sales.

"When I heard there were vast profits here, naturally I was startled," declared La Guardia.

"I was startled, too," said the Mayor. "That's why I dispensed with the service of Day as Markets Commissioner."

La Guardia asked the Mayor if he was aware that \$185,000 had been spent for "services" in connection with the sale of food.

Borough President Connolly of Queens, said salaries had to be paid to watchmen in the schools where the food was stored.

"One hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars is a neat sum for watchmen's services," declared La Guardia.

The Mayor became angry when La Guardia again urged an investigation of the Commissioner, turning to La Guardia, who sat next to him, he said.

"Don't you try to mislead anyone here, for you are not going to get away with it."

"All right," said La Guardia, "then let your Commissioner of Accounts report to this board."

The Mayor refused to do this, but indicated he would let the board know what the Commissioner of Accounts reported.

DON'T DEVELOP PNEUMONIA. By registering your vote, but take Father John's Medicine at once. Many cases of pneumonia are fatal and might be avoided.

SQUAB FOR SWANN, NOT SQUABBLE, AT JURORS' LUNCHEON.

District Attorney Sits as Guest of Honor with the Extraordinary Body.

FOR months District Attorney Swann and the Extraordinary Grand Jury have been in a squabble and have been unable to get together on anything, until yesterday afternoon they got together on a squab. At an informal luncheon in Fortin's Restaurant on Franklin Street, near the Criminal Courts, given by the Extraordinary Jury Mr. Swann was the honored guest.

The restaurant was crowded and the smiles directed at the Extraordinary table lighted it up like rays of intelligence in a lawyer's argument. Everybody declared that it was a beautiful sight and that the millennium was at hand.

Down in Wall Street the lion continued to frisk the lamb, and in Franklin Street the Grand Jury was good friends with the Swann. Happy, happy day!

BIRTH ON SHIP AS STORM RAGES

Son Born to Holland Couple on the Noordam—Vessel Ran Short of Coal.

The Noordam arrived here to-day from Rotterdam several days overdue because of bad weather. Owing to a shortage of coal she had to put into Halifax for a new supply.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Layton of Holland at the height of the storm Jan. 16. The Laytons were disappointed because they hoped that the youngster would be born an American citizen.

The Misses I. Lamy and M. Bansa, Belgian hospital nurses with many decorations, arrived in Westchester, American military methods as representatives of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium. There were German prisoners of war bound for the Westchester market for dead this year and the London market but little better off than those who still they could obtain medicines.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS TWO.

East Rockaway Victims First Became Blind.

EAST ROCKAWAY, L. I., Jan. 23.—Two men died here early to-day, apparently from wood alcohol poisoning. They were Gustave Green of Ocean Avenue and John A. Gannou of Fitchburg, Mass.

Gannou has been visiting at Green's home. Mrs. Green said the two men seemed to have been drinking when they came in yesterday evening. Later in the night Dr. Arthur G. Jacques died within a few hours. Dr. Jacques said they had marked wood alcohol symptoms.

Prison for Sinn Fein Leader. DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Fred Allen, Chairman of the Sinn Fein organization of South Dublin, was to-day sent to jail for three months after refusing to give bail when charged before a police magistrate with aiding under the defense of the train act.

Fire Closes Normal School. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Fire on the third floor of the State Normal School early today was extinguished after a short fight, but school sessions were suspended until next week.

Middlebury College Dinner. The Middlebury College Alumni Association of New York City will hold its annual dinner at the University Club this evening. The speaker at the dinner will be Mayor Gen. John F. O'Ryan, Hamilton Garland, Howard Elliott and Dr. John M. Thomas, President of Middlebury College.

France Accepts German Charge. PARIS, Jan. 23.—The appointment of Mayer Kauffmann as German Charge d'Affaires in Paris has been accepted by the French Government.

DOMESTIC COURT BUILDING URGED

City Magistrate Jean Norris Asks City to Erect \$500,000 Structure to Benefit Women.

In a letter received by the Board of Estimate, City Magistrate Jean H. Norris asks in the name of New York women for the erection of a \$500,000 Domestic Relations Court Building. Magistrate Norris points out that the spot is devoted to the trouble of the very poor, because it has jurisdiction to enforce payment of allowance only when it is shown that without the allowance the wife and children would be in public charges.

She recalls the lack of room, the discomfort and the demoralizing surroundings of the courtroom in the Yorkville Court Building and the dangerous situation of the building at No. 114 East 95th Street, in the basement of which is the Tuberculosis Bureau of the Charity Department. Women waiting for their allowances often stand in the line reaching into the street where they sit for hours on the crowded stairs.

WITNESSES CALLED AGAINST POLICEMAN

Bronx Prosecutor Prepares to Submit Evidence to Grand Jury in Morris Case.

When the Bronx Grand Jury met this morning District Attorney Martin did not hand his witnesses in the investigation prompted by him yesterday into the charges growing out of the acquittal of Policeman John Morris on charges of robbery and assault in holding up one of the stores of the Davey chain at No. 767 Meisrose Avenue.

The witnesses present were James Davey, son of the proprietor of the Davey chain; David Heider and wife, No. 729 Brook Avenue; Robert Brennan, No. 2035 Third Avenue, all of whom chased the holdup man; Louis Roseman of No. 265 East 133 Street, manager of the store held up; Thomas Farley, No. 127 Willis Avenue, safe proprietor and Joseph O'Connor, No. 448 East 137th Street.

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MAN BURIED UNDER FIVE TONS OF COAL

Rescued by Firemen and Is Believed Not Seriously Injured—Rescuers Partly Covered.

Jacob Bridgroom, forty-five, a shoveler employed in the coal yard of the Farrell Company, 5th Street and Twelfth Avenue, was buried under five tons of coal this morning when he slipped and fell down a chute, the truckload of coal which he was about to unload sliding down on top of him.

Hook and Ladder No. 4 was called out to cut away part of the bin. Irving Rosenberg, a fireman, while trying to reach Bridgroom after some of the coal had been shifted aside, was also partly buried. Both the fireman and Bridgroom were finally dragged out of the bin by ropes tied about them.

So far as is known, Bridgroom escaped serious injury. He was taken by an ambulance surgeon to Roosevelt Hospital.

VETERAN REPORTER DIES.

William A. Gramer Was City Hall News Gatherer For Thirty Years.

William A. Gramer, political reporter for the Globe, died at his home, No. 27 East 124th Street, to-day. Mr. Gramer had been a City Hall reporter for thirty years. He was sixty-nine years old. Twenty-five years ago, on his having served twenty-five years as a news gatherer in this city, his friends gave him a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Savoy, which was one of the largest dinners ever given to a private citizen in this city.

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Condemned Slayers Make Appeal to New Warden, Who Promises to Act.

ADMIRAL KNIGHT OPPOSES DANIELS ON NAVAL AWARDS

Says Board Recommended Medal for Only One Commander Who Lost Ship.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Knight Board is unable to agree with Secretary Daniels that naval officers who, lost their ships through enemy submarine action and performed meritorious service in connection with such loss should be awarded high decorations, the Senate Investigative Committee was told to-day by Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, Chairman of the board.

Admiral Knight said a high decoration was not deserved unless the sinking was accompanied by offensive action against the enemy.

Admiral Knight said that in the case of Commander D. W. Bagley, Secretary Daniels's brotrophied for any circumstance in connection with the sinking of the Destroyer Jacob Jones, because Commander Bagley did not engage the enemy.

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after—the loss of his ship that he uttered the words that have made his name immortal and which are quoted by the Secretary as establishing a precedent for his action in certain cases.

"Perry is remembered in history not for his gallantry in leaving the wreck of the Lawrence under fire, but for the indomitable spirit in which he resumed the fight on the Niagara and the skill and daring with which he led his almost defeated fleet to victory."

Discussing Secretary Daniels's order that the Board consider all awards and submit a new report, Admiral Knight said:

"The Board will modify its former report if it deems necessary and make changes if they are desirable. We hope to render a new report within a few weeks."

No information was available to guide the Board in making recommendations for Capt. Satterlee of the Tampa and Commander Ghent of the Albatross, whose cases are circumstances known that would justify such award, Admiral Knight said. Secretary Daniels awarded D. S. M. to both officers. Both the Tampa and Albatross were torpedoed and sunk.

Commander Foote's case is the only one in which the board recommended the award of a D. S. M. for circumstances connected with the actual loss of a ship," Admiral Knight said, "and this commendation was based chiefly upon the recommendations of Admiral Cleave and Admiral Mayo."

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