

25-Year Delay On A Bitter Debt Up to Mellon

Sensitors to Await His Decision as to Whether Wilson Negotiations Are Binding on U. S. Now

No Agreement Signed

Treasury Chief Again Says He Has No Intention of Cancelling Any of Loans

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 21.—At a meeting of the Senate Finance Committee behind closed doors to-day it was decided to await a report from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on the question of whether the government is legally or morally bound by the Rathbone negotiations with the British government over the funding of the British debt before proceeding further with the bill to give the Secretary of the Treasury broad powers in respect to the funding of the debts owed the United States by foreign governments.

The committee at this meeting evinced unwillingness to act on the bill until it knows definitely whether Secretary Mellon regards the government as in any way bound or hampered by the Rathbone negotiations. Senator Reed, of Missouri, offered a motion in the committee requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to examine into the documents relating to the negotiations between former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Rathbone and the British government and report whether the government was in any way bound by the negotiations. The committee then went into executive session. After thrashing the matter over it was the sense of the committee that it would not be necessary to report on the bill until the report. Instead, it was decided to have Chairman Penrose suggest to him the wisdom of examining the documents, finding out to his satisfaction if they were binding on the government is placed, and then informing the committee.

Little Delay Expected

Meantime the committee adjourned subject to call and expects to await advice from Secretary Mellon. It is not expected to-day's action will result in any great delay in regard to the funding bill.

Secretary Mellon made it plain to-day when before the Finance Committee that he doubted whether the government was bound by the Rathbone negotiations. Mr. Blackett, being the representative of the British government with whom Mr. Rathbone conferred.

Senator Reed asked Mr. Mellon whether he considered himself bound to the extent that he would "not have a free hand in arranging for the funding of the British debt." The Secretary could not say conclusively to what extent he was bound by his predecessors sought to do, as he had not had time to go through the documents.

"But you testified yesterday that you would feel morally or legally bound by the negotiations," said Senator Reed. "I am not sure that there is or may be a general obligation imposed upon the American government by the negotiations," said the Secretary.

He said that in his letter to the British Ambassador he explicitly stated that the papers related only to "tentative proposals or suggestions" and that the United States was not bound by the negotiations. He explained before that there was no agreement.

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"None of the papers or documents can be construed as commitments, as there was no agreement drawn up and signed," observed Assistant Secretary Wadsworth.

Reed said the facts surrounding the negotiations were presented in such a nebulous way that he did not believe Congress would have any power to carry out the pending bill unless the Secretary made his attitude more clear.

Not to Take German Bonds

The Secretary said no decision had been reached on the question whether the government would relieve the debtors of interest on "interest on the interest." He intimated, however, that the United States might have put itself under obligation not to collect interest on deferred interest.

'Ambulance Chaser' Paid \$150, Woman Tells Court

Chauncey P. Williamson, sixty years old, of 1100 Madison Street, Brooklyn, was charged before Magistrate Levine in Jefferson Market Court yesterday with violating Section 276 of the penal code dealing with "promotion of litigation."

Chinese Report Loss of 23 Aboard Burned Schooner

Gulf Coast Officials Hold 20 Celebrities on Suspicion of Odd Smuggling Plot

PENSACOLA, Fla., July 21.—Twenty Chinese, castaways from the two-masted schooner Viola, which burned to-day off the Gulf coast near West Bay, were arrested to-night by Bay County authorities. The Chinese declared twenty-three men were lost in the sinking of the schooner, a small craft sixty feet long and equipped with a small gasoline motor. But the authorities were not inclined to believe the statement.

Nine Provinces of Russia Affected By Crop Failure

Confirmation of Reports of 25 Million Facing Famine Received at Headquarters of Anti-Bolsheviks Here

The official Bolshevik newspaper, Pravda, of Moscow, under date of June 28, telling of the terrible sufferings of the Russian people, says that "crop failure, famine is raging among a population numbering about twenty-five million."

This announcement, given out by A. J. Sack, director of the Russian information bureau in the United States, who represents the Russian anti-Bolshevik forces in this country, confirms reports of crop failures, which have been described in the widespread famine conditions prevailing in Russia.

The famine territory, Mr. Sack said, embraced the provinces of Ufa, Tatarsk, Saratov, Samara, Simbirsk, Viatka, Perm, Kazan and the northern Caucasus, from which the population is fleeing in terror.

"The situation," he continued, "is made more catastrophic by the fact that, due to the destruction of transport and the shrinkage in area under agricultural cultivation, the other regions of Russia are unable to supply those affected by the famine. The official Bolshevik Izvestia of Moscow, No. 1921, reports that, according to figures obtained by the General Statistical Department, the total area cultivated in 1920 was sixty-one million desyatines. Before the revolution, however, the total area cultivated was over ninety million desyatines, about 270 million acres. The shrinkage in cultivation thus amounts to more than 30 per cent."

Before the war the crop failure amounted to about four and one-half billion pounds, a pool equalling approximately thirty-six pounds. Under average harvest conditions there should be 2,400 million pounds of grain. Actually, however, as a result of the crop failure 2,190 million pounds were gathered, so the shortage, as compared with an average harvest, amounts to 775 million pounds. The curtailment of the cultivated area and the shortage of the grain crops have gone so far as to break even for the peasant population.

League Informal in Sending Out Documents

Mimeograph Copy of Protocol Providing for World Court Sent Washington

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The informal manner in which the information of the League of Nations has reached the United States, as was revealed to-day when there was exhibited the copy of the protocol providing for the creation of a world court.

The British warship Cambrian also will be here on August 1 for the naval display to be made in connection with the visit of President Harding.

France Stays Death of Condemned Highwayman

EPINAL, France, July 21.—Antoine Savin, the first man sentenced to death in France for highway robbery with violence, attempted murder and other crimes of the Middle Ages, has had a stay of execution granted by the Court of Appeals. Savin in 1919 assaulted an American soldier, George Goldham, leaving him for dead on the highway, after rifling his pockets. Although the victim recovered, the death penalty was imposed.

Asks Drugists' Help to Check Use of Fake Liquor Blanks

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Steps were taken to-day by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes to cope with a "noticeable increase" of fraudulent prescription blanks for liquor making their appearance in a number of states. In a letter to Federal prohibition directors Mr. Haynes said that "in detecting the offenders our only hope lies in the faithful cooperation of the retail druggists" and urged that their aid be sought to apprehend the persons at tempted to use such blanks.

Lodge Opposes Bill to Finance Farm Exports

Senate Leader Is Credited With Voicing Feeling of Administration Against 100-Million Corporation

Compromise Is Planned
Objections to Norris Measure Same as Those Raised Against Granting Bonus

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 21.—Administration forces in the Senate, led by Senator Lodge, majority leader, began a movement to-day to defeat the Norris farm export financing corporation bill. Senator Lodge in a vigorous speech opposed the passage of the bill, which calls for a \$100,000,000 Federal corporation and would put the government into the business of handling surplus farm products for export. Support of the bill comes from the agricultural "bloc," including both Southern and Northern Senators.

Outdoors on the matter, it was said to-night, probably will be a compromise which will give the War Finance Corporation the financing of exports of agricultural products.

Senator Lodge spoke to-day with the backing of the Administration, it was generally understood. Secretary of Commerce Hoover recently opposed the bill before the Senate Agricultural Committee. President Harding made it known to Senator Norris when he recently visited the Capitol on the soldiers' bonus bill that he did not favor the Norris bill, but the Nebraska Senator was unwilling to sidetrack it.

Senator Lodge held the Norris bill would not be permanent help to the farmers. He declared it would "destroy the Liberty bonds of the United States" and undermine the financial stability of the government and the nation.

"It is the sort of legislation," he said, "that leads to national insolvency and annihilation of the Russian printing press."

Pointing out that the bill would permit the issue of bonds up to \$1,100,000,000 at special rates of interest, Senator Lodge held that would ruin government credit.

"A bill of this financial magnitude," said Senator Lodge, "requires an opinion from the financial head of the government. I realize that the farmers are in desperate straits, and that it is proposed by this bill to create a market for them. But no amount of money Congress can appropriate will create a market. What will give you a market is the return of the purchasing powers of the nations abroad. Government credit at best cannot arrest economic forces."

Hibernian Convention Pledges De Valera Aid

Delegates at Detroit Send Message of Congratulation for Work in Erin's Behalf

DETROIT, July 21.—A pledge of support for Eamon de Valera and the other leaders in the movement for Irish independence was given by the Annual Convention of the Hibernian at the annual convention here this afternoon.

The following message, signed by James E. Deery, of Indianapolis, president of the order, was sent to De Valera: "The Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, in convention assembled at Detroit, Mich., greet you and congratulate you on your honest, unflinching and successful leadership, and pledge you unlimited support in your heroic efforts for the recognition of the Irish Republic."

No Imperialistic Desire In Spain, Says Alfonso

MADRID, July 21.—"Spain is not, and does not desire to be, imperialistic," said King Alfonso in a speech delivered at the Exposition of Retrospective Art at the Prado.

Hylan Boomers Daub Sidewalk Right Under Feet of the Police

Nine Patrolmen at Astoria's Busy Corner, but Not One Sees Sign Painters, Lacking Permit, Embazon Martial Call to Join Mayor's League

Sombody has been painting advertising signs on the sidewalks in Astoria, Queens, without a permit. The police are mystified. Lieutenant Ernest Simon, of the Astoria precinct, asserted that no authority for such sign painting had been filed at the police station and that the vigilant patrolmen of the precinct certainly would arrest any one defacing city property.

The trouble was that not a patrolman in the precinct saw the vandals at work. The most flagrant offenders, filling several flagstones with neat though enormous lettering, is at Grand and Steinyard avenues, in front of the Astoria Theater.

That particular spot is the converging point of three police posts. In the course of twenty-four hours nine patrolmen guard the intersection. All were on duty alert and vigilant, but not one of them even caught a glimpse of the vandals who embellished the sidewalk with the following device:

FRIGHT FIGHT! FIGHT! Join the League Fight Increases In gas rates from 80 cents to \$1.50. In telephone rates of 25 per cent. In electric light rates of 27 per cent.

There are lots more of the campaign advertisements and all of them are expertly executed. There was no doubt in the mind of any who saw them that they had been painted by a professional sign painter, or several of them had been at work.

Members of the Hylan League were just as mystified as the police. They couldn't imagine who would do such a thing, but, of course, it was not an authorized sign painter, or several of them had been at work.

When a resident of Queens got so enthusiastic about something that self-expression in some form became imperative, he just went out and painted sidewalks, said Mr. O'Brien.

Bombs Sink Huge German Dreadnought

castle and down over the sides as every spectator shouted with glee. But the Ostfrieslander showed no material signs of damage. She still rode the waters evenly, and like the bulldog of the old Hun navy that she had been she settled back to nurse her scratches that had been given her.

At 12:26 p. m. the airmen, having found the range and knowing that the Ostfrieslander was damaged astern, swung their attack in that direction with a bomb that fell a few yards over the left side of the stern. A veritable mountain of water gushed upward and broke over the entire afterdeck of the warship. She shook under the impact, and when this deck wash rolled off it was noticeable that the stern was lower.

But there was no time for laments. Another minute and the ship was swinging overhead, and at 12:27 p. m. just one minute after this her stern speeding downward another messenger of destruction, which hit opposite the port quarter near the mainmast, sending a submerged whirl of water into the air to deluge the now noticeably sinking vessel.

Great air bubbles from the slowly sinking stern gave the impression that some unseen force had exploded the gunsome propellers in a vain effort to escape the deadly missiles being dropped from above.

New Battleship Arrives At Yard Unannounced

Shipbuilders Insist on Delivering Maryland, Though Not Officially Accepted

NORFOLK, Va., July 21.—Without authorization from the Navy Department the battleship Maryland was sent to the navy yard to-day by her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, arriving at noon. Plans of the navy yard officials were thrown topsy-turvy. A board of naval officers sent from the navy yard to inspect the Maryland at Newport News last Monday reported that she was not ready for acceptance by the government and it was expected that the ship would not be brought over until next Monday.

The delay apparently did not suit the plans of the Newport News Company. They had a ship costing \$26,000,000 on their hands which they considered ready for delivery. The cost of maintaining a watch force on board and a large number of caretakers probably was a compelling consideration. There was the utmost surprise at the Navy Yard when the Maryland came this morning, stating that the Maryland was under way for Norfolk.

Captain W. K. Riddle, captain of the Maryland, commanding in the absence of Rear Admiral C. S. Underway, Washington by phone. He was authorized to accept and receipt for the vessel, subject to adjudication of pending claims. The Maryland came in tow and without any of her naval complement on board.

Vienna Cafe Will Serve Only Friends Of Proprietress

Sacher's Caters Only to Blue Bloods and You Can Get Palatable Luncheon There for About 2,500 Crowns

LONDON, July 2 (By Mail).—If you are in Vienna and want to lunch at an expensive and exclusive restaurant, go to Sacher's, advises a writer in the London Daily Mail. But don't go there unless you have a companion who knows the proprietress of this famous old-fashioned restaurant. You may be an art or sporting celebrity, or a war-time millionaire, but you cannot lunch or dine at Sacher's unless you have been properly introduced to Mme. Sacher.

This restaurant is not for the mere tourist or business man; it is only for those who have a companion who knows the proprietress of this famous old-fashioned restaurant. You may be an art or sporting celebrity, or a war-time millionaire, but you cannot lunch or dine at Sacher's unless you have been properly introduced to Mme. Sacher.

Solomon Island Clings To Stone Age Customs

Musicless Beating of Log Only; Foxes Used as Currency

LONDON, July 1 (By Mail).—People who are still living in the manner of the Stone Age are found on Rennell Island, in the Solomon group, Melanesia, according to Dr. Northcote Deek, a missionary.

Dr. Deek says there are only 500 inhabitants and because of their isolation through lack of human ingenuity and their dialect has never been studied. The natives only had implements and weapons of stone and wood when Dr. Deek first visited the island. They showed that they had reached the Stone Age by their primitive barter home-made articles for anything made of iron.

The men are great fighters and warriors. Their crowing spears have points made of human leg and bone and tipped with a bone splinter designed to break off in the wound," says Dr. Deek. "They seemed to feel that the monotony of their isolation and showed a settled melancholy, and both in their faces and the cadence of their voices. Their only sort of music, to which they dance, consists in the beating of a log."

Girl Magistrate Dismissed Held Bogus Solicitor

Daisy Russell Again Charged With Fraudulently Seeking Aid for Charity; Released in \$500 Bail

Ex-Soldier Asked Arrest
Timely Service Officer Tells of Thirty Women Who Work on Commission Plan

Daisy Russell, eighteen years old, of attractive appearance, was arrested yesterday afternoon, at Fifty-ninth Street and Seventh Avenue, by Patrolman McGinnis, of the East Fifty-third Street police station, charged by Richard Bell, ex-service man, of 1219 Madison Avenue, with fraudulent soliciting.

Miss Russell was wearing insignia similar to that of the American Red Cross, Mr. Bell told the police, and carrying a pan for collections such as Red Cross collectors carry. The young woman said she was collecting funds for the "Timely Service Association," with offices in Room 17 at 132 Nassau Street. After several hours' confinement at the police station she was released on \$500 bail, furnished by Vincent P. Keough, described as a member of the "advisory board" of the Timely Service Association. Mr. Keough pledged household furniture to complete the bail bond.

Thirty Women Employed
After Miss Russell had been set free, Harry C. Messervy, "commercial manager" of the association, said in a statement issued to newspaper men that the organization employed about thirty young women who were kept busy collecting funds for the benefit of work being undertaken. He said that the girls so employed received 25 per cent of the amount collected as "salary or expenses" and that the remuneration amounted to about \$3 a day. Messervy said the Timely Service Association owned a tract of land near East Milltown, N. Y., upon which were several buildings. The land collected was to equip the girls who were unemployed persons. It was intended to use the money for purchasing implements necessary in farming. Mr. Messervy described himself as treasurer and general manager of the association and named Edward A. Chase as vice-president.

Factories Are Planned
It was ultimately intended, Messervy declared, to erect factories on the Milltown site. Water power was available, he said, and competent engineers had considered the scheme industrially. With regard to Mr. Bell, who had signed the complaint against Miss Russell, Messervy said he believed Bell was the same man who had visited the company's offices several times and asked questions concerning it.

Miss Russell was arrested on July 2 in company with a young woman named Margia Phillips on a similar charge. The girls were discharged by Magistrate Sweetser in the First District Court, who reprimanded the officers for making the arrest.

Trotzky Reported in Siberia

HARBIN, Manchuria, July 21.—It is rumored here that Leon Trotzky, the Russian Bolshevik Minister of War, has arrived at Irkutsk on his way to Chita, the headquarters of the Far Eastern Republic.

Removal Sales

Summer Frocks Formerly at \$25---\$35 to \$65
Of organdie, chintz, gingham, voile and dotted swiss.

Sport Coats Formerly at \$28 to \$65
Of flannel, jersey and sport silks—light and dark shades.

Separate Skirts Formerly at \$15 to \$45
Of plain or striped flannel, crepe silks and novelty sport fabrics.

Girl Charity Solicitor Held Former Soldier, in Complaint, Alleges Fraudulent Intent

Miss Daisy Russell, eighteen years old, of 132 Nassau Street, was arrested last night by Patrolman McGinnis, of the East Fifty-third Street station, on a complaint of Richard Bell, of 1219 Madison Avenue, that the young woman was soliciting funds for an alleged charitable purpose, with fraudulent intent.

Miss Russell, who carried a money tray fashioned after those used by the American Red Cross, was said by Bell to have been soliciting funds for unemployed persons, and to have displayed a card bearing the inscription "Timely Service Association," with an address at 132 Nassau Street.

Bell, who is a member of the American Legion, recited in his complaint that no such charity as is alleged to be represented by Miss Russell is listed as authorized. The accused is held at the West Fifty-seventh Street station, charged with soliciting charity illegally. She will be arraigned to-day.

Slav Minister Assassinated

BELGRADE, July 21 (By The Associated Press).—Minister of the Interior Dragoshkov of Jugoslavija was shot dead this morning by a member of the Bosnian Communist. The assassin was arrested. The shooting occurred at Delnice, a large market town in Croatia.