

**CROSBY HEADS NEW ALLIED WAR BOARD**

Council Will Sift Purchases and Financing for Washington's Decision.

**ACTS FOR FOUR NATIONS**

President Is Only American on Body Which Will Sit in London.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Interallied Council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London today. Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

Mr. Crosby, the only American delegate, was accompanied by Paul D. Cravath as advisor. Great Britain was represented by Lieut.-Gen. Straus, Austen Chamberlain, Member of Parliament, and Baron Buckmaster, former Lord High Chancellor of France by Etienne Clementel, Minister of Commerce; Major Hausser, representing the Ministry of Munitions, and Paul Dignon, a Deputy, Italy, by Baron Desplanches and Prof. Attolico. The other allied nations will share in the deliberations of the council only as far as their particular requirements are concerned.

The sittings of the council will be held alternately in London and Paris, those in this city taking place at St. James's Palace. Future conferences will be attended also by the Finance Ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy. A statement issued by the council says:

This is the first permanent interally body in which the United States is represented. It results from the efforts initiated by Secretary McAdoo, and has for its primary object consideration of the needs of the allied governments for purchases in the United States. Purchases in neutral countries will also receive the council's consideration.

A coordinated study of needs will be made, and when conclusions are reached the corresponding financial needs will be considered. The council's recommendations will then go to the Secretary of the United States Treasury and the allied Governments concerned.

The council will indicate the priorities desired by the respective Governments, but final decision as to priorities between these and the demands of the United States for the latter's own purposes, will be made at Washington.

**McADOO LAUDS CROSBY.**

Practically Will Give Final Decision on Allies' Credit.

*Special Dispatch to The Sun.*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The selection of Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to be president of the Interallied Economic Council will put in motion the plan for coordinating the purchases of the Allies in this country and the extension of further credits to them described exclusively in The Sun last Monday. Mr. Crosby is to remain abroad as head of this council.

When Mr. McAdoo heard by cable today of Mr. Crosby's selection he said: "I am greatly pleased that such an honor as the selection of Mr. Crosby to the presidency of the Interallied Council should come to the United States and the Treasury Department."

"It also is very gratifying to know that the plans for the conference have been consummated. As a result of the organization of the council, I am confident we shall get more effective use of the credits which the United States is extending to the Allies."

"A distinguished honor has been conferred upon Mr. Crosby. I know of no man who by reason of his ability, loyalty and general knowledge of the situation is more competent to discharge the duties of the presidency of the council."

Mr. McAdoo made known the fact that Mr. Crosby would not have a vote in the council, but nevertheless will have the deciding voice. In other words, after the other members of the council have discussed their requirements in the way of credits and purchases to be made here they will be passed up to Mr. Crosby for final decision.

The allied representatives will attempt to determine the priority of their demands among themselves both as to credits and purchases. Mr. Crosby will pass upon these and forward his recommendations here. There are virtually two commissions involved in the plan, the interallied commission of which Mr. Crosby is now the head, and the purchasing commission in this country headed by Mr. Baruch. It will be for Mr. Baruch's commission to fit the demands of the Allies on the industrial resources of the country in with those of this Government.

**SPECIAL BOARD TO CARE FOR PERSHING**

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ber of officers been available in February and the months following "preparations for our entrance into the war would have been improved and hastened."

Gen. Scott asks that Congress examine the question of staff control of the army in a spirit "freed from every touch of personal interest or prejudice," and recommends that the chief of staff be made the Secretary's one and only organ for command of the army in all that pertains to "discipline, recruiting, instruction, intelligence, training, arming, equipping, mobilization, transportation, education, moving of troops, the appointment, promotion, detail and selection of officers," with authority to secure cooperation of the entire military establishment.

Creation of chiefs of cavalry, infantry and field artillery under the chief of staff and staff sections to deal with recruiting, movements of troops and promotion and detailing of officers also is recommended.

**BLAZING SOOT GIVES SCARE.**

Flames, but No Damage in Home of Mrs. Hugh J. Grant.

A chimney fire in the home of Mrs. Hugh J. Grant, widow of a former Mayor of New York city, caused some excitement in the vicinity of 39 East Seventy-second street yesterday afternoon. Patrolman Bananagel saw the flames and turned in an alarm. Five pieces of apparatus responded. The fire proved to be soot burning in the chimney. It was extinguished with a bucket of water without damage.

**Congress Reopens Dec. 18 to Jan. 8.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Recess of Congress from Tuesday, December 15, to Thursday, January 3, is provided for in a resolution passed today by the House. It was one of the House and members' house arrangements for the holiday vacation.

**BATTLESHIP TO PLAY SANTA.**

Will Entertain Hundred Children of City Tenements.

S. Claus, Esq., has wired from his ice castle at Perryville-on-the-Pole that he will spend part of Christmas Day aboard a first-class battleship of the United States Navy right here in New York harbor for the sole purpose of presiding over a Christmas dinner that officers and enlisted men are going to

give for 100 children of the tenements. It's against the new wartime rules to mention the name of the ship, but it's a name that lots of people have grumbled over ever since it came into being about twenty years ago. The officers and sailors have made up their minds that the happiest Christmas party they can give for themselves will be in entertaining 100 children who wouldn't get much out of the holiday otherwise. They are going to give the kids a turkey dinner, and they are going to provide a present for every child.

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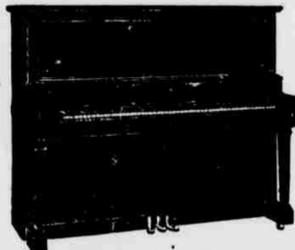
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