

# HARDING WINS VICTORY OVER SENATE IN PLANS FOR ECONOMIC MEETING

## President, Through Mild Terms, Has Put Upper Branch of Congress Back Into Its Place, But He Still Is Restricted by Peace Treaty and Laws Governing Debt Funding Commission.

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Washington, Dec. 30.—President Harding won his battle with his old colleagues of the senate, and the constitution still stands.

Senate has admitted that it is within the province of the executive to conduct the foreign relations of the country and the senate has no right to initiate policies or to direct the president to do so.

Students of history may have thought this principle of government was good somewhere back in the 18th century, but ever since the armistice and the treaty of Versailles turned the government house so topsy-turvy it became necessary to fight the battle all over again.

All of which means that Washington is emerging from the last of its wartime madness and getting on an even keel again. No matter how much senators may feel that they know about foreign affairs and the proper way to conduct those affairs, it is admitted now that the state department does have certain rights and proper functions to perform in dealing with foreign governments. It is also admitted that you cannot convolve an international conference with a brass band. Such methods of approach are not yet the order of the day.

Senate Must Keep Out  
President Harding, with Secretary

# FRENCH FINANCIAL CRISIS THREATENED AS NEW WAR LOOMS

## New Year Holds Dark Possibilities for France; Franco-British Gap Widens.

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Paris, Dec. 30.—Does the year end better than it began? Neither for France nor for Europe can the question be answered affirmatively.

Throughout 1922 France continued to borrow to repair the ruins caused by German aggression. She has spent in this way for reconstruction and pensions more than eighty billion francs, plus expenses of the army of occupation. The debt absorbs over thirteen billion francs annually, not counting our foreign debt, upon which we have not yet paid any interest.

All that we have collected from Germany is 1,720,000 gold marks. These receipts which amounted to an average of 65,000,000 francs in 1920-21 fell to 22,000,000 in 1922. Reparation in kind, except coal, are going badly and as a consequence France must borrow continually while taxes have risen from four and one-half million francs in 1913 to twenty-one billions in 1922. They cannot be increased indefinitely. Even so the debt service shows a deficit in 1923 budget of over four billions.

Finances Uncertain

This shows our situation during the past year grew worse instead of better. Will the coming Paris conference show improvement either financial or political? The discord between France and Britain has been demonstrated in the reports commission where Bradbury, the English representative with strange partiality, refused to agree with his colleagues that Germany has failed in deliveries in kind although this fact was obvious.

Lloyd George, by imposing sacrifices on France for two years without offering the slightest compensation is the prime author of the crisis in Anglo-French relations. France, by her pro-Turkish attitude in 1921-22, committed similar errors which happily were somewhat rectified at Lausanne. Nevertheless London and Paris are far from intimate agreement which is an indispensable condition to European stability. This disassociation of the entente, Premier Mussolini asked, not without reason wherein the disagreement consisted.

Disquieting Activity

Those conquered in 1918 are showing disquieting activity in 1922. The Rapallo treaty revealed the closeness of Moscow's relations with Berlin whereof a thousand new symptoms are coming into evidence. There also is a close relationship between the Kemalists and the soviet and through them with Berlin. Worse yet, the revenge idea which course has animated these three governments seems capable of practical realization since the Turks effaced their defeat, re-elected themselves in Europe, retook Constantinople and Thrace and eliminated effective control of the Straits by the western powers.

Russian and German nationalism, encouraged by Kemal leaders is awake. The German press is filled with provocative paragraphs. Thatcher's attitude at Lausanne is equally disturbing.

All this is happening in an inorganic Europe. Only the little entente countries seem to understand that safety lies in unity and this unity enables them, moreover, to restore themselves economically. The status of the relations between them and the western powers, England, France, Italy and Belgium, is undefined. We have lived from day to day without defining any base for argument and not preparing for any. There is no continental policy any more than a policy between the continent and the Anglo-Saxons. In 1914, Europe, despite its shakiness was better ordered than in 1922.

There is ample room in this chaos for great efforts and great results but there can't be results until there is a will for them. Will 1923 bring it?

# U. S. COURT DOCKETS IN GOOD CONDITION

## Senior Circuit Judges Make Report at End of Conference.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The first annual conference of senior circuit judges, called to discuss the condition of business in the federal courts throughout the country and to adopt means to relieve congestion, adjourned Saturday after the conference members had called at the White House to see the president.

At the close of the conference, Chief Justice Taft, at the request of the conference, gave the following statement to The Associated Press:

"The result of the conference was more satisfactory in finding that the circuit courts of appeals were all practically up with their dockets, so that cases begun in the year were disposed of before the end of the year, and each year was begun with a clean docket of new cases."

"The congestion was found to be in a number of district courts, especially in the southern district of New York, the district of Chicago, in the two districts of Georgia, the district of middle and eastern Tennessee, the western district of Pennsylvania, the district of eastern Missouri, the district of eastern Oklahoma, the district of northern Texas, the district of southern Florida, the district of eastern South Carolina, and the district of northern California."

"In most of these extra judgeships have been created under the new law, but have not yet begun work, a fact which has prevented making comparative plans by the conference for complete remedy of the arrears."

"But the members of the conference are convinced of its great utility in organizing the federal force of district judges to get rid of the arrears, and that effective steps can be taken at the meeting to be held on the last Monday in September, 1923."

"The only other congestion in the federal system is the delay in the supreme court, where it takes 15 months to reach a case after it is filed. This condition can be remedied by the passage of the bills now pending in both houses of congress for the extension of the power of certiorari to that court."

# Heiress of \$20,000,000 Proceeds With Plans to Wed Newspaper Man

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Delora Angell, heiress to the estate of her late uncle, John W. Gates, estimated at \$20,000,000, to Lester Norris, Chicago newspaper artist, son of a furniture dealer, at St. Charles, a suburb of Chicago, probably will take place some time next fall, according to her father, R. F. Angell.

The heiress, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, all of St. Charles, have come to southern California for the remainder of the winter and are at the Angell residence in Altadena, a suburb.

"All this talk about a broken engagement is bosh," said Mr. Angell. "Dora and Lester are going right ahead with their plans to marry. They have the full approval of Mrs. Angell and myself. In fact we're mighty pleased about it. Lester used to be a pupil in a class taught by my wife."

# Fettered by Peace Treaty

However, the time to help France has arrived, and the president finds himself hampered by senate limitations.

As matters now stand, the president can do nothing in the matter of the reparations dispute, for the senate in ratifying the treaty of peace with Germany, made a reservation that the treaty should not be represented on the commission without the consent of congress.

Furthermore, in calling or entering an international conference, President Harding would find himself cramped and embarrassed by the legislation which restricts the American debt funding commission to explicit terms of interest and ultimate time of payment. As the president pointedly says, if congress really means to facilitate the task of the government in dealing with the European situation, the first practical step would be to free the hands of the commission so that helpful negotiations may be undertaken.

Here then is the international situation in a nutshell:

President Harding thoroughly accustomed to the menace of conditions in Europe, steadily from bad to worse during the last 4 years, is anxious to do something now to help.

Will France Listen to U. S.?

He finds himself hampered on this side of the water by certain legislative restrictions and he finds himself confronted abroad by a recalcitrant France. France and England are near the breaking point. They resume their conferences in Paris on Tuesday, but as there has been no change of heart on the part of France since the recent meeting in London, little is expected from Paris. If an open break comes, the United States will try to heal it. But France knows that American good judgment, as you will recall, favored a moderate policy toward Germany, not a policy of destruction. It remains to be seen whether France is willing to break with both England and America. The situation unquestionably is tense.

# Movie Fight Scene Spoiled as "Audience" Starts "Free-for-All"

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—A motion picture director at Universal City, near here, hired 800 extras Friday to be used as the "audience" in the filming of a prize fight scene.

In the excitement of the make-believe pugilistic fiesta, two of the hired spectators forgot themselves and came to blows. The fight quickly spread to the other 798 members of the "audience" and after the dust settled and a hurriedly summoned squadron of police had herded the combatants into the street, it was found that the arena was wrecked.

Exports from the United States during May, 1922, totaled \$307,688,622.

# Policeman Stops Girl's Assault But Loses Life in Gun Fight

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A policeman was killed and one of three men, who accosted and fired upon a party of high school students, slightly wounded, in a gun fight here early Saturday in the ensuing pistol fight with police.

The high school students were returning home from a dance at their school when the three men set upon them. One of the trio was said to have accosted Minnie Finkelstein, 17, the wounded girl, who resented his remarks.

When the girl remonstrated the man's two companions joined him and he then was reported to have begun firing.

Miss Finkelstein was struck in the hip. Then the trio fled.

William J. O'Malley, probationary policeman, was shot as he gave chase to the men.

INDIA REJECTS BOYCOTT

Gaya, Bengal, British India, Dec. 30.—A resolution proposing a boycott on British goods was rejected Friday by the All-India nationalist congress. The congress began its sessions here Tuesday.

DENVER BUILDING PERMITS

Denver, Dec. 30.—Building permits in Denver for 1922 totaled \$18,075,595, according to an announcement Saturday by Frank M. Ladd, building inspector.

# Mrs. Europe Begs Gold From Uncle Sam; Admits Unstabilized Industry

## World Meets Bear Little Fruit for Foreign Business; Germany Looks to U. S. as Only Source of Aid.

(Note.—"Reciting the dialogue of an imaginary conversation between Mrs. Europe and Uncle Sam, Mr. Hardin emphasizes the justice of the American people, that until Europe has systematized her entire trade she has no right to expect a loan from the United States to perpetuate existing conditions.")

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Special Dispatch to The Tribune  
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Berlin, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Europe today is making Uncle Sam a New Year's visit. It is both material and social in character and the dialogue between them is well worth the attention of the whole world.

"What a terrible year 1922 was," she groans. "At the beginning it seemed that the sky over my house was brighter. Threads of hope were spun at Washington at Cannes and at Genoa, but they soon broke like cobwebs. Only from Washington is there something remaining and while it seems about to be rattled after long hesitation, it does me no good. From all other summer and winter resorts no useful plan has emerged despite noisy enthusiasm."

"I had thought the worst was over and I imagined that the world, which must realize our worth, would help us back to our old position and wealth. But today is almost darker than a year ago. John Bull complains of unemployment and increased taxation. Marianne Paris bemoans her money building her devastated regions. Where the Roman Caesars fed the people and entertained them with circuses stands a civilian czar who suddenly has changed his red shirt for a black one and is endeavoring to force the imagination of the masses back into a clean but narrow bed of patriotic endeavor."

Russian Prosperity

"People are trying to convince me that things are getting better to the east where the bolshevik terror has reigned for four years. Property rights are now recognized. This sounds so civil and reasonable, only a few months after the reports of famine and cannibalism, but even if this is true, what is the good to me, my old carcase, covered with the scars of the surgeon's knife, won't hold together."

until order is restored between the black and white seas.

"New states are busy arranging themselves, while the old people cannot buy or sell. Germany, with a great industrial organization, could sell for a long time because she offers goods cheaper than her competitors and can buy because she produces a means of payment on a printing press and pays her working men one fourth of what they would get in America for the same work. But even this beggar prosperity is fading fast and there is a decline in all industries, which within a year have varied from 168 to 9174. The soundest and most respectable business men are forced to speculate."

"Now, Uncle Sam, this is a picture of our conditions. You are the only one who can help us. Has your tender heart turned into hard metal amidst your heaps of gold? Nobody here understands how you have stood the sight of this misery so long."

"A sort of merking laugh comes from the mouth which releases the pipe and then comes the answer. "Bravo. You have learned your lesson very well. The only wonder is that you can expect it is going to have any effect. You know the story of Rothschild who when the poor Russian told his sorrow to him for a long

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"We have claims for gold which are being paid not in gold, but in goods which we don't want because we are exporters ourselves and must protect our industries with a tariff. For this reason we are most interested in the younger industrial countries, consequently what interests us in Russia is not the supposed change of front, but the fact that under Communist rule many millions of new farms and small holdings have sprung up."

"I will help you as soon as I have a guarantee that you won't begin new wars, which as experience shows ruins both victors and vanquished; that you will not regard new paper money as income wealth and that your business will be guided by economic reasoning instead of national jealousy. That is all we ask in exchange for our help. Don't ask. Do you think we have been spending weeks on councils of bankers and diplomats for nothing? France and England agreed under Christmas mistletoe to accept any reasonable reparations proposal from Germany and they know about what to expect. That was our doing. Now see what you can do alone. Happy New Year."

Mrs. Europe, slightly disappointed, but full of hope, turns slowly and leaves you.

FIRE FATAL TO ONE  
Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 30.—An aged man, believed to be E. A. Cole of Pooleville, Okla., was burned to death and property estimated at \$100,000 was lost in a fire in the business section here Saturday which destroyed a rooming house and two stores.

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