

DEBTS IS FIRST WELLON TASK

New Treasury Head Considers Plans for Reducing Allies' Obligations.

By W. H. ATKINS, International News Service. Europe's \$10,000,000,000 debt to the United States was at the top of the calendar today as one of the most urgent problems pressing for adjustment under the new Administration.

DISCUSSED LOANS. Secretary Mellon, in a series of conferences with David F. Houston, the retiring Secretary, and with other officials, was made conversant with the status of the foreign loans, and went at some length into the various phases of negotiations previously begun by foreign governments relative to the funding of the outstanding obligations.

President Harding's inaugural utterance indicating that suggestions for cancellation of the debts will meet with rejection apparently started the new Secretary of the Treasury upon a clearly defined policy.

Secretary Mellon's conferences today were largely to enable the new Treasury head to get a grasp of new problems with which he must soon grapple. It is probable that he will continue to enter at once upon several days with former Secretary Houston and others who have been actively identified with the loan and other problems.

HAS ALLIED PLANS. The plans of several of the foreign governments to enter at once upon negotiations looking to the conversion into long time obligations of the demand notes now held by this Government were before Secretary Mellon today.

At the Treasury today it was suggested that conferences with the foreign financial envoys probably would not be commenced until the whole question of debt settlement had been discussed by President Harding and his cabinet.

In what respect the previous plans of the Treasury might be changed was left to conjecture. The probability, it was said, was that entirely new discussions would be inaugurated, without reference to any tentative understandings which may have been reached previously between representatives of this and other governments.

HOUSTON TO ASSIST. Thus far the general outline of the plan for adjustment of the foreign loans has been to fund them into obligations with maturities running as far as thirty years with reasonable deferral of the interest for a period of years, pending Europe's rehabilitation.

No official announcement ever was made by the Treasury of any agreement relative to the rate of interest the long-time bonds should bear, though it was suggested that the Treasury's purpose was to make the rate equivalent to the rates borne by United States Government bonds. Former Secretary Houston today said that he will hold himself in readiness to assist his successor in all matters which may arise relative to the loan and other questions, which are at the forefront demanding consideration. Houston will postpone for several days his departure from Washington.

LASKEY FREES YOUTH OF BLACKMAIL CHARGE

John E. Laskey, United States Attorney, has entered a nolle prosequi in the case of the Government against Donald W. Knox, an automobile mechanic, of 4100 Kansas avenue northwest, dismissed the charges of blackmail lodged by the police department as a result of Knox's arrest on November 13 last, upon the complaint of Mrs. Lila C. Beall, of 3020 Cambridge place northwest. Affidavits submitted by witnesses in behalf of the youth proved conclusively to the District Attorney, it was stated, that Knox did not make a telephone call to Mrs. Beall on the four and day charged in the indictment, and was not near a phone all day. Upon this evidence the indictment was quashed and Knox allowed to go free in preliminary observation of National Fish Day.

PRESS CLUB DINING ROOM TO BE OPEN TO WOMEN

Immediately following an entertainment by the National Press Club at Keith's Theater at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening, the club dining room will be open to women. In cooperation with the Bureau of Fisheries the following menu has been prepared for the preliminary observance of National Fish Day: Oyster cocktail, clam chowder, baked haddock, parsley sauce, mashed potatoes, green peas, shrimp salad, rice custard pudding or ice cream and coffee.

PEDIGREED MAR. 4 PUP TO BE GIVEN HARDING

The fleet of a litter of seven thoroughbred English-bull pups, born yesterday morning, will be presented to President Harding by Maurice Bernheim, 603 Twelfth street northwest. The pups' affectionate M. is Madame Melba, granddaughter of a \$9,000 blue ribbon winner. Her pedigree includes some of the finest of the canine world, according to the American Kennel Club certificate.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church—The life of this church is practically contemporaneous with the life of the Capital. For twenty years it was a branch of the Scotch Church transplanted here and antedates all other churches save one in the city of Washington. The following Presbytery have been attendants here: John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, James K. Polk, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, and Andrew Johnson. Tomorrow morning Dr. Radcliffe will preach his usual inauguration sermon upon "God Save the King," and in the evening will continue his "Question" series of lectures.

Special services appropriate to inauguration will be held tomorrow at the Vermont Avenue Presbyterian Church which was the church home of another distinguished Ohio President, James A. Garfield. This church is known as the "Garfield Memorial Church." The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Earle Wilfley, will preach tomorrow morning on "Enlargement," and at the evening service on "The Midnight Watchman."

Beginning Sunday, March 13, revival meetings will be held at this church each night until Easter. The pastor will preach and Prof. F. M. Charlton will conduct the music.

Miss Katharine Riggs, Harpist, will play at the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, tomorrow, Sunday, March 6, at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Jason Noble Pierce will preach on "Saul and David; Which Are You?"

The Skinner Organ Company of Boston delivered the new organ to the church this week and the work of installation is going on without interfering with the services.

At the service last Monday celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, a special offering of \$545 was taken for China Famine Relief.

A memorial service will be held for Dr. A. McLean at the H Street Christian Church, Sixth and H streets southwest, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. G. Murray, secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples Church for sixteen years, and president of that society for nineteen years. He was possibly the most outstanding missionary man in America, and March 6 has been set apart as "Memorial Day" in the church, and will be generally observed throughout the country by the Disciples of Christ.

At 7:30 p. m. the pastor, the Rev. Preston A. Cane, will conduct a songalogue entitled, "Beauty for Ashes."

Prof. H. K. Ober, of Elizabethtown College, will be the speaker at the 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon meeting in the Central Y. M. C. A. Building, 1736 G street northwest tomorrow. Prof. Ober was a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention at Tokyo, Japan, and he will give in his address an interesting and impressive account of this much discussed convention.

"The Three-fold Path to the Heights" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, minister of All Souls Church, at the morning service in the Knickerbocker Theater, 18th and Columbia roads, which will be given by Miss Helen Howison, soprano; Richard Lorienberg, cello, and Lewis Corning Atwater, organ.

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TEXT OF HARDING BASIS OF SERMON

Rev. H. P. Fox, of Hamline M. E. Church to Talk on Inaugural.

The Rev. H. P. Fox, of Hamline M. E. Church, will deliver a sermon tomorrow based on the text of the Scripture on which President Harding took his oath of office. His subject is "National Implication of the Inaugural Address."

SEES WORLD ISSUE MARX OR CHRIST

Western Maryland Minister Says One or Other Will Soon Rule Universe.

SALISBURY, Md., March 5.—Declaring that the question of whether the world is to be ruled by Jesus Christ or Karl Marx will be decided in the coming few years, the Rev. Dr. A. Norman Ward, president of Western Maryland College, outlined briefly problems he said faced President Harding in an address here yesterday before representatives of seventy-five Methodist churches of the Eastern Shore. The occasion was a group meeting of the Maryland annual conference of the church, held in the Peninsula Hotel here.

"One administration has ended, another has begun. Let us remember that the failures of the past have not been when men were called to respond to the demands of 'war.' We cannot go back to the years before the war; the bodies of 10,000,000 men block the way."

We must work with other men to make the world a better place for the coming generations to live in. There is coming a clash of creeds and a clash of intellects. We must decide whether Jesus Christ or Karl Marx is the ruler of the world in the next twenty years."

CATHOLIC FRATERNITY TO OCCUPY NEW HOME

Plans for moving the Catholic Fraternity to the new home of the order, St. Peter's Hall, Third and E streets southeast, are being made today. At a meeting of the new home and membership committees of the fraternity held last night at the Aloysius Club, arrangements were made for holding a move-in party on Friday night, when Capital Assembly No. 6 will meet.

FIRST BAPTIST EVER ELECTED PRESIDENT

Calvary Baptist Church, Eighth and I streets northwest, will in all probability be the place of worship of President Harding.

DR. KINSOLVING TO SPEAK AT HYATTSVILLE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Kinsolving, pastor of Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Baltimore, and recognized as a leader in the American Church, will preach the sermon at the evening service tomorrow night at Pinkney Memorial Church, St. Matthews Parish, Hyattsville, Md.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL HONOR McLEAN'S MEMORY

At the Ninth Street Christian Church on Sunday morning there will be special memorial service in memory of A. McLean, head of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society for over forty years, and who died in December, 1919. His picture will be unveiled at this service.

FREE INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Doctrines and method of treating all kinds and descriptions of sickness and disease—mental, moral and physical. R. E. H. 112, Wm. H. Goodwin, R. C. District National Bank Bldg., 1406 G St. N. W. Daily at 2 p. m.

Church Directory and Announcements

Christian

H STREET—Park road, west of Georgia ave. REV. PRESTON A. CANE, Minister. 11 a. m.—"DR. A. McLEAN—MEMORIAL SERVICE." 7:30 p. m.—"BEAUTY FOR ASHES." Songalogue. A cordial welcome for all. Come and worship with us.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS—Park road, west of 14th St. N. W. REV. E. B. BAGBY, Minister. 11 a. m.—"The Man Worthy of Honor." 4 p. m.—"People We Do Not Like."

NINTH STREET—Ninth and D sts. N. W. REV. GEORGE A. MILLER, Pastor. 9:30 a. m.—Bible school. 11 a. m.—"Special Memorial Service in Memory of A. McLean." 8 p. m.—"PAUL AT ROME: HIS DEATH."

PARK VIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Anton Kasper, violinist. WALTER P. SMITH, Minister. 11 a. m.—"SEEKING THE TRUTH." 8 p. m.—"THE ART OF ELECTION."

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Sunday 9 a. m., 11:15 14th St. N. W. Subject: "SPEAKING WITH THE DEAD—BIBLE TESTIMONY." Followed by SPIRIT MESSAGES AND FREE HEALING—All Welcome.

Christian Science

Churches of Christ, Scientist. Branches of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid st. Second Church of Christ, Scientist, N. E. Masonic Temple, 8th and P St. E. Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Masonic Temple, 11th and N. Y. ave. Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, The Arcade, 14th and Park rd.

Subject—"MAN." SERVICES: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 a. m. WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING 8 o'clock.

READING ROOMS: Colorado Bldg., 14th and G sts. Hours 9 to 9 (Wed., 9 to 7, and Sun. and holidays, 2:30 to 5:30). W. Hours, 10 to 10 (except Wed. eve., Sundays and holidays). 18th and Capitol St. Hours, 10 to 9 week days (except holidays); also 2:30 to 5:30 Sunday. The Arcade, 14th and Park rd. (second floor), 10 to 9:30 week days; also 7 to 9 p. m. (except Wednesdays).

Baptist

E. Hex Swem pastor, tells: "She Man," 4 p. m. Large free chairs (one like them); fine soloist; dressed organ with chimes; the people singing. Central Baptist Church, 7th and E Sts. N. E.

Congregational

First Congregational Church 10th and G Streets N. W. Jason Noble Pierce, Wilmer P. Johnston, Ministers

9:30 A. M. Graded Sunday School with splendid teachers. 10 A. M. Bible Lesson and Lecture by MERRILL E. GATES, Ph. D., LL. D. The Bible Basis of Government. Tendencies Toward Centralization Under the Constitution."

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION—Pythian Temple Auditorium, 1013 9th St. N. W. 8 p. m.—Lecture by Mr. J. F. Stephenson. Subject: "THE NIGHT IS FAR AWAY."

CENTER FOR PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT 1704 Kilbourne St. N. W. MRS. JANE B. COATES, Lecturer and Message Bearer. Development Every Tuesday. Telephone for RESERVATION. Lecture Every Friday at 8:15 p. m. Doors Closed at 8:30 p. m.

ALL WELCOME Subject for this week: "CREATIVE IMAGINATION" Private interviews by appointment only. Col. 4227.

UNITY SOCIETY—200 Homer Bldg., Phone Frank 1885. Reading room and spiritual teaching and holding daily, 12 p. m. to 2 p. m. Viva M. January, Teacher. Sunday, 8 p. m., Dramatic reading of the story of "ESTHER."

Methodist Episcopal

THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL—THE BETHLEHEM CHAPEL, Wisconsin Ave. N. W., near Woodley Road. Holy Communion—7:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and Litany—10 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon, President Pierce, of Kenyon College, 11 a. m. People's Evening and Sermon, Preacher, Canon DeVries, 4 p. m. Take Georgetown and Somerset Cars. Mid-day Services at Keith's Theater Daily at 12:30.

CHURCH OF THE EPHRAIM—G. near 14th St. N. W. Services—Liturgy—4 and 8 p. m. Dr. FREDERICK WENDEL, Pastor. Morning and Night. LENTEN VIGILS—12:15-1:15 o'clock. SPEAKERS NEXT WEEK. Mon.—Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, D.D., Church of the Covenant. Tues.—Canon Douglas, St. John's Church. Wed.—Rev. Dr. J. M. Muir, Temple Baptist Church. Thurs.—Col. John T. Austin, chief of Chalmers Island, U. S. Navy. Fri.—Bishop Wm. F. McDowell, M. E. Church. Evening Services with Address, 4:45 p. m. Everybody invited. Tuesday, 7:30-9:15—Service of PRAYER AND HEALING.

EVERYBODY WELCOME ALL THE TIME

Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church, Ninth and P Sts. N. W.

8:00 P. M.—"The National Implication of the Inaugural Text." General Isaac R. Sherwood of the House of Representatives will deliver a short talk on "Lincoln's Inauguration." Special Musical Program by the Capitol City Quartet. Miss Edith B. Athey, Organist

Rev. H. P. Fox, Minister

Unitarian

All Souls Church FOUNDED 1821 Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D.D., Minister Services in Knickerbocker Theater, 18th and Columbia Road

Pending Construction New Church 9:45—Sunday School, Graded Course; also Kindergarten during morning service. 11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the minister—

The Threefold Path to the Heights MISS HOWISON, Soprano MR. LORLEBERG, Cello. MR. ATWATER, Organ

At 8 o'clock in Unitarian House, 1789 Columbia road, Miss Helen Howison will speak on "Washington in Pre-Columbian Days." Public invited.

Presbyterian

CHURCH OF THE PRESIDENTS New York Avenue Presbyterian Church New York Ave., 12th and H Sts.

9:30 a. m. Bible School. Adult classes. 11:00 a. m. Public Worship. "God Save the King." 6:00 p. m. Fellowship Hour. 6:45 p. m. C. E. Vesper Service. 8:00 p. m. Public Worship. "The Terrible Question." THE LINCOLN PEW

DR. WALLACE RADCLIFFE, Pastor. REV. REGINALD LOWN, Assistant

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT—REV. CHARLES WOOD, D.D., Minister. REV. HOWARD L. TALBOT, Assistant. Sunday, 4 p. m. 8:30—Bible school. 10:00—Bible class of Mrs. John Nelson Miller for Young Women. Single married.

UNITARIAN CHURCH—200 Homer Bldg., Phone Frank 1885. Reading room and spiritual teaching and holding daily, 12 p. m. to 2 p. m. Viva M. January, Teacher. Sunday, 8 p. m., Dramatic reading of the story of "ESTHER."

Secular League 1101 E. N. W. Debate, "RESOLVED, THAT GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF CAPITAL AND INDUSTRY WOULD BE A DEIRABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE COMPETITIVE SYSTEM." Affirmative, Mr. David Seiler; negative, Prof. N. B. Fagin.

Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church 16th St. Near P N. W.

Dr. Randolph Preches 11:00 A. M.—"The Great Paradox Finding by Loring." 8:00 P. M. Special Musical by Foundry Choir; Prof. Anton Kasper, violinist. Address—"President Harding's Inaugural Text." Visitors Cordially Invited.

Rev. Herbert F. Randolph, D. D., Minister

Lincoln Road

Community Church; Hearty Welcome. Rev. C. C. McLean, M. A., D. D., Minister. "THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION." 8 p. m.—"A GOSPEL MESSAGE."

Lutheran

Luther Place Memorial Church (Thomas Circle.) G. M. Diffendorf, D. D., Pastor. Sunday school for all classes, 9:45 a. m. Service with sermon, 11:00 a. m. Theme—"Christ's Concern For Nations Need." Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Topic—"The Kingdom Come In My Home."

Leader—R. Weaver, Esq. Address, Hon. Richard Childswood, Chicago, Ill. Service with sermon, 8:00 p. m. Theme—"The Water of Life."

Visitors who are attending inauguration ceremonies are most cordially invited to worship with us. This church is located near to walk the large hotel, about six blocks from Pennsylvania avenue on 14th St. Look for the Luther's Statue in front of the church.

A Cordial welcome for all. Seats Free.

CHERRY (Missouri Synod)—N. J. Ave. bet. H and N Sts. N. W. REV. J. FREDERICK WENDEL, Pastor. 9:45—Sunday school and Bible class. 11:00—Service with sermon. 7:00—Christian Endeavor. S. S. Jones. LENTEN SERVICE THURSDAY EVENING 8:00

VERMONT AVENUE—Vermont ave. North of N st. REV. EARLE WILFLEY, LL. D., Pastor. REV. EARLE TAGGART, Asst. to Pastor. Sermons by the pastor: Morning subject—"ENLARGEMENT." Evening subject, 8 p. m.—"THE MID-NIGHT WATCHMAN." 9:45 a. m.—Bible School. Eitan A. Gongwer, Supt. 6:15 p. m.—Young Peoples' Tea. 7 p. m.—Christian Endeavor Meetings.

Seventh-Day Adventist S. W. Corner Sixth and N Sts. N. W. ELDER P. GUSTAVUS RODGERS, Pastor. 8 p. m., Sunday, March 6, Sermon by Rev. James E. Rodgers, of the A. M. Zion Church, Bridgeton, N. J.

Y. M. C. A.—Sunday Afternoon Meeting. Speaker, Fr. H. K. Ober. Subject: "THE TOKYO WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION." Sunday school workers are especially urged to come.

Universalist CHURCH OF OUR FATHER—Corner 13th and L Sts. N. W. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:00 a. m.—Service by Rev. H. A. Abbott. Y. P. C. at 7 p. m.

Spiritualist THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH—Pythian Temple, 1013 9th St. N. W. ALFRED H. HARRY, pastor. 8 p. m.—"THE BELIGION OF LEB-ERYLY." Followed by spirit messages. Original night March 16, 8 p. m. 11:15-12:15

REV. G. LYAL ARTHAN, Noted performer test medium. Spiritualist meeting Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Unity Hall, 200 Homer Bldg., corner of 15th and N. W. W. C. M. beyond the grave, voicing spirit messages Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Special messages, questions and answers. Hear him, you will not be mistaken.