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GOVERNMENT WILL SOON STOP BUYING OF LIBERTY BONDS

Secretary Houston Makes an Important Announcement in This Connection

Washington, April 17.—Government purchase of Liberty bonds in the open market, except through operation of the sinking fund, will stop July 1, Secretary Houston announced tonight. A "beneficial effect" on the market was expected to result, he said. Other officials said the market in government securities had already begun to right itself, and that bond quotations hereafter might be expected to trend upward.

Mr. Houston explained that in continuing the purchase of bonds under the five per cent bond purchase fund, the government was increasing its floating debt while decreasing its funded debt. He said that current requirements of the government were such, if the purchase of bonds were to continue, the Treasury would have to issue more certificates of indebtedness with which to buy them.

Why Enacted.

The five per cent bond purchasing arrangement was planned by congress to expire automatically one year after the termination of war, but the Secretary of the Treasury was empowered to decide when it had served the purpose of stabilizing the bond market—the underlying reason for its original enactment into law.

Mr. Houston's decision, however, was based largely on the fact that on July 1 the 2-1/2 per cent sinking fund, provided in the Victory loan act, becomes operative. He said it was not his intention to treat the two funds as cumulative, but to end one with the beginning of the other. The approximate amount, set aside by the treasury for use in the period between now and July 1 will be taken over by the war finance corporation which will make all purchase of bonds for which funds are available until the expiration date.

Hereafter such purchases as the Treasury may make for the bond purchase fund will be "occasional and not habitual," Mr. Houston said.

The low levels to which bonds have fallen were attributed by Mr. Houston to forced liquidation by heavy bond purchasers; large industrial and other corporations who have been under pressure to find funds to finance their current expenditure. He added that this had come when it had been necessary for measures to be invoked which would control credit and make bank loans difficult and expensive.

Discount 2 to 7 Per Cent.

No announcement was made regarding the amount of bonds retired through the five per cent purchase funds. All bonds bought were obtained by the Treasury at a discount ranging from 2 to 7 per cent, thus saving the government both the interest for the life of the bonds as well as the difference between their par value and the market quotation.

"I believe that the time has come," Mr. Houston said, "when the disappearance of the government from the market, except as an occasional purchaser, will have a beneficial effect upon the market for the bonds and notes, both by reducing the Treasury's current borrowings on Treasury certificates of indebtedness and stimulating the interest of investment bankers and the public in the market for Liberty and Victory securities. This offers an unique opportunity to investors, large and small, the quotations for the bonds being extremely attractive to investing institutions as well as private investors."

Mr. Swearingen to Speak.

Supt Fulp, president of the County Teachers Association, has received an acceptance from Hon. J. E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education, of the invitation extended him by the association to address them at their May meeting which will be held in the high school building on Saturday, May 1, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The change of the place of meeting from the court house to the high school is necessitated on account of the teachers' examination being held in the court house on that day.

Mr. Swearingen will, in the course of his address, explain the new school legislation as passed by the late general assembly and the teachers of the county are requested to bring their trustees along with them to the meeting. Arrangements have been made for lunch to be served everybody present and in addition to the address of Mr. Swearingen other interesting features will be presented before the teachers and trustees.

Savannah Man Seeks to Recover Big Cotton Loss

Savannah, Ga., April 17.—In three cities in Georgia yesterday—Augusta, Savannah and Atlanta, every banking institution had an attachment filed against it garnishing the accounts of N. L. Carpenter and Company, brokers of New York. This proceeding was begun by the American Bank and Trust Company, acting for Irwin L. Potts, of Savannah. The bank alleges that Carpenter and Co. secured from Potts in a game of chance \$32,635.14 and is proceeding to tie-up the accounts of the brokers in an effort to recover it. Potts is under arrest charged with forgery. The bank having brought action against him for alleged illegal transactions in cotton. He claims to have dealt with Carpenter & Co. and to have lost the money in cotton speculation. The action is taken under the Boykin act of the Georgia legislature, making it illegal to buy and sell on a wagering contract. This is believed to be the first case of its kind ever brought in Georgia.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND

The body of Miss Inez Manning, one of the ten persons drowned two weeks ago at Harpers Ferry, was found Sunday afternoon at Cherokee Shoals by searchers. Cherokee Shoals is about six miles below Harpers Ferry. The body was badly mutilated and was only identified by a locket which the young lady wore. This makes the second body that has been found, the body of Miss Lucy Bradshaw being found about a week ago.

Miss Manning is the daughter of Walter Manning.

Victims Attempts Revenge

We haven't seen this item recorded in the Index-Journal, yet we know that it happened in Greenwood last Friday. Whether it adds a star to the spiritualist's crown, or not, we don't know, but it came pretty close to being active communication with the dead when a hearse, occupied, backed into a certain Greenwood doctor's automobile Friday morning and damaged the car slightly.

DEMONSTRATION OF LAWN GROWING WEDNESDAY

A million blades of grass where not a blade grows now is the aim of Miss Crowther, demonstration agent of Abbeville County. To this end she has selected the rockiest, most barren and altogether unlikely place for a demonstration next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The place is the C. N. Norris home near town.

It is not expected to perform a miracle, but it is planned that a good average lawn can be established before the coming summer is over.

Every person who is interested in the subjects of making homes more beautiful should attend this demonstration next Wednesday, which is being given under the auspices of the Southside Demonstration Club. A horticulturist specialist from Clemson College will be in charge and will show how splendid lawns can be grown on the most unfertile soil.

SOVIET REPUBLIC IN ANGORA IS REPORTED

Constantinople, April 15.—A republic of soviet characters was proclaimed by the Turkish Nationalists in Angora last Tuesday, according to information reaching the government Thursday. The Angora cabinet includes Ferid Bey as premier, Ali Fiad as minister of war and Madam Hatib Edib Hamen, well known actress, as minister of education. Ali Fiad is said to have left for Garbeker to stir up the Nationalists in that district against the Armenian Christians.

FRESH JAPANESE TROOPS TO BE SENT TO SIBERIA

Washington, April 16.—Japan will send fresh troops to Siberia during the latter part of April, the state department was advised Friday in a cable from the war office at Tokio.

The troops are to replace the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Japanese Divisions now in Siberia and will be sent from Mgati and Fushisha.

MISSISSIPPI HAS ITS FIRST BREAK IN LEVEE SYSTEM

West Bank of the River Caved in Just Above River Yesterday

New Orleans, April 17.—The first break in the Mississippi river levee system since the present high water took place today when a section of the west bank of the river caved in just above Fort Jackson, 50 miles south of this city and carried with it about 450 feet of the levee.

Two feet of water is pouring through the crevasse over Orange Groves and a rich trucking section. The area to be flooded is small. The break occurred just above Fort Jackson which is just a few miles above the end of the levee system. The government reservation probably will be flooded unless the break is closed, and engineers left this evening in tugs with material to repair the break.

The United States engineers office issued a warning to all steamers to limit the speed of their vessels to the lowest point consistent with the safety of the ship during the present high water.

FRANK THORNTON HAS NEARLY FATAL ACCIDENT

Frank Thornton, brakeman on the Seaboard, suffered a serious and nearly fatal accident Saturday at Whitmire, when an engine struck a box-car on which he was standing, knocking him off in front of the moving car. He struck the ground in a sitting posture scarcely three feet from the slowly advancing wheels and though dazed by the fall, he quickly rolled off the track and saved himself.

He was taken to Pryor's Hospital, Chester, for treatment. His back was injured, to what extent cannot be yet determined. Young Thornton has only been an employe of the Seaboard for a few months.

MEXICO WISHES TO MOVE ARMY TO U. S.

Washington, April 16.—Mexico has asked permission from the United States to move troops through American territory so as to attack the state of Sonora from the north. No action on the request has yet been taken.

The Carranza government wishes to move its forces on the Mexican central line at El Paso, through Arizona territory to Douglas, Arizona, and across the boundary to Agua Prieta from which point a movement against Hermosilla, the capital of Sonora, would be undertaken.

The only other point of attack against Sonora is through the Pulpito Pass, between Sonora and Chihuahua, and it was said that this pass could be defended by a very small force of Sonora troops.

In making known today that Mexico had requested permission to move troops through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, officials said the United States was "under pressure from the Mexican government."

Mexico frequently has asked permission to move its troops through American territory to attack rebels in Sonora and on some occasions it has been granted.

The American government has been notified officially by Mexico of the closing of the customs houses on the Sonora-American boundary the Sonora state authorities have established and are maintaining customs houses.

POSTAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, D. C., April 16.—The postoffice appropriation bill conference report was passed by the House today and was sent to the President for approval. It provides aerial mail service from New York to San Francisco with authority in the postmaster general to include St. Louis and other cities and also for an Alaskan aerial mail service.

YOUTH IS ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF BEATING FRIEND

Sixteen-Year-Old-Boy is Held Accused of Serious Crime.

Danville, Ky., April 17.—Keith Phillips, a white boy about sixteen years old, was arrested tonight by Danville police on suspicion of being implicated in the beating of William Trimble, seven years old, son of Marcus Trimble, a Southern railway engineer, who was kidnapped last night, and, according to his story, taken to a cornfield near here and struck on the head with a hammer, fracturing his skull.

Phillips denies any knowledge of the crime.

The child is resting easy in the hospital tonight. Physicians say if no complications develop, he will recover. The police say that probably three persons had a hand in the kidnapping the child and that revenge against the father was the cause.

Phillips asserts that some one else did the beating. He is being held for observation.

Footprints and blood were found in depressions in the field and these are the only clue to the crime. The child said a negro and white boy seized him while he was returning from a neighbor's home, where he had been to deliver some milk and eggs, that they carried him into the cornfield and that white man hit him on the head with a hammer, the negro protesting against this action. The boy said that when he awoke he was in a barn near his home which he managed to reach.

Mob Gathers

Danville, Ky., April 17.—A mob of 300 men which formed here this afternoon after it had become known that Lucien Jenkins, negro, had been arrested and was being questioned regarding the kidnapping of seven-year-old Willie Trimble early last night, still surrounded the Boyle county courthouse at 11 o'clock tonight. All doors are guarded and it is impossible to enter or to leave the building.

BRITAIN NOT READY FOR DROUTH, SAYS LADY ASTOR

London, April 16.—"I'm for prohibition, but Britain is not ripe for it yet," said Lady Nancy Astor at Portsmouth in a campaign speech for state purchase and control of the liquor trade.

"I know I am prejudicing my career," she added. "People want to drive me out of politics because they know I speak the truth. The world would be five times better and happier if there were not a drop of liquor in it."

WANTS CAPITAL PROTECTED FROM 'FORCES OF UNREST'

Washington, April 16.—Maintenance of a division of regulars in and around the national capital to protect it from the "forces of unrest at work in this country," was urged in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, of New Jersey. He declared a mob of only 2,000 seized the czar's government at Petrograd. He said the American army was now scattered along the Mexican border, in the insular possessions of the United States or at remote army posts.

NEVADA FILES AUDITS IN THE PICKFORD CASE

Carson City, Nevada, April 16.—The State of Nevada late Friday filed its audits for the annulment of the divorce decree of Mary Pickford.

In the voluminous complaint filed with the Douglas County Court at Minden by Assistant Attorney General Richardson, it is alleged that the "little sweetheart of America" not only testifies falsely as to her residence in Nevada but was in collusion with her husband, Owen Moore. The complaint alleges that Moore entered the State solely for the purpose of being served with the divorce summons.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE

Danville, Ill., April 16.—Owing to a gasoline shortage here, sales have been limited to physicians' cars and the fire department.

Overalls Recently Sold for 16 Cents Now Bring \$3.00

New York, April 17.—Just as New Yorkers today launched their campaign on the high cost of clothing by staging an overall parade on Broadway, it became known that second-hand army overalls, recently sold by the government for 16 cents a pair, were being offered for sale by dealers for \$3.

This discovery was made by Edward W. Ward, director of a department of the Knights of Columbus that helps soldiers recover lost baggage. He announced that he had stumbled across the \$3 apparel in a Hoboken ship chandler's.

The overall parade was staged by 75 members of the Cheese Club, an organization of dramatic critics and press agents, who braved the rain to march down the great white way in denim. A crowd of several thousand persons cheered Thomas Oliphant, president, when the parade halted at 46th street to permit to deliver an oratorical attack on profiteering clothiers.

T. M. Miller's Assailant Caught

It is thought that Reubon Hill, negro, who stabbed Alderman T. M. Miller some months ago, has been caught. The negro is in the Toccoa, Ga., jail.

A special officer of the Seaboard discovered the negro Saturday night skulking about the Greenville yards and when he tried to arrest him, the negro attempted to shoot the officer. However, the officer got in the first shot, hitting the negro in the arm. The negro escaped on a freight, getting off at Toccoa, Ga., for medical attention and was arrested there. Sheriff Burts has been notified and will very probably leave tomorrow for Georgia to identify the negro.

ELECTION FOR COURT HOUSE AND ROAD BONDS CARRIES

In the election held Tuesday to bond the County of McCormick in the sum of \$40,000.00, for the purpose of aiding the town of McCormick in building a court house and jail and in the sum of \$60,000.00 for permanent road building in the county; the court house and jail bonds were carried by a majority of 91, and the road bonds were carried by a majority of 19.

IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST POST ARE BEGUN

Washington, April 16.—Impeachment proceedings against Assistant Secretary of Labor Louis F. Post, were started in the House Thursday afternoon.

Charges of flagrant and unwarranted abuse of his power in obstructing the deportation of alien enemies seeking to undermine and overthrow the government from the grounds on which the impeachment is sought.

The resolution setting the impeachment machinery in motion was introduced by Representative Homer Hoch, Republican of Kansas with full approval of the Republican leaders of the House.

PARENT-TEACHER CLUB MEETS TOMORROW

The regular monthly meeting of the parent-teacher association will be held in the high school building Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Representatives of the elementary grades will entertain the meeting with recitations, songs, folk dances and declamations. There will be some important business for the association brought up at this meeting and every member is expected to attend.

BEER AND WINE COMING BACK, SAYS SENATOR

Atlantic City, N. J., April 16.—Beer and light wines will again be enjoyed by Americans, according to Senator James D. Phelan of California. "The saloon is gone for good," he said.

U. S. TO IGNORE COUNCIL UNLESS INVITATION IS SENT

Washington, April 16.—The United States will not be represented at the San Remo conference of the allied premiers unless an American representative is invited as an observer. Thus far no such invitation has been received.

SONORA TROOPS HAVE ENTERED CITY OF CULICAN

President has Capitelated According to the Latest Reports

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 17.—Sonora troops under General Angel Flores entered the city of Culicacan, capital of Sinaloa today, according to official dispatches from General P. Elias Calles, commander-in-chief of the Sonora forces, made public here by General J. M. Pina, commander of this district.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Application of Mexican federal army officers for permission to move forces through American territory to attack Sonora on the north created sharp discussion today on the senate floor and before the committee investigating Mexican affairs.

Meanwhile the request had been ordered by the state department to the War Department and it was an official diplomatic communication. No action had been taken tonight by the war department.

In the Senate, Senators Ashurst and Smith, of Arizona, opposed vigorously any suggestion that the request be granted. Senator Ashurst asserted that Arizona should oppose any such movement by force if necessary, should the federal government not grant the state protection.

The senate discussion was halted when Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, announced that he had information that the request had been refused although later he said his information was not official, but based on a statement in the New York Sun, which had stated only that the permission sought would not be granted.

Before the investigating committee, Henry Lane Wilson, former ambassador to Mexico, continuing his arraignment of President Wilson's policy, predicted that the Mexican forces would be permitted to pass across the American territory to attack the Sonoran forces.

Governor Campbell Protests

Phoenix, Arizona, April 17.—Governor Campbell, of Arizona, today protested to the State Department against extending "the troop movement privilege to the Carranza government and the consequent violation of the rights of the sovereign state of Arizona to the end that the lives and property of our own people and those friendly to us may not be jeopardized."

AMERICAN WAS KILLED IN EFFORT TO ELUDE SENTRY

Berlin, April 16.—Paul R. Demott, of Paterson, N. J., who was shot and killed at Wesel by a German sentry recently, was making a deliberate attempt to escape from prison when fired upon by a representative of the American commission here who has just completed an investigation of the incident. A report being prepared for the state department in Washington will give a detailed recital of the physical aspects of the case, as a result of an examination of the sentry who shot Demott.

Under a pretext that he wanted temporarily to absent himself from the building in which he was confined Demott was permitted to go out of doors, but is said to have made straight for the gate leading to freedom. The sentry called upon him to halt, and when he failed to do so, he fired. The sentry, who is described as being intelligent, is quoted as expressing keen regret over the fatal effect of his shot, but saying he had no choice but to fire, as Demott in a few minutes would have been out of reach.

NO ACTION ON PEACE

Washington, April 17.—The foreign relations committee took up the House peace resolution again Friday without reaching an agreement. No action on the resolution is anticipated before next week.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot Cotton	43.00
May	41.65
July	39.50
October	36.29
December	35.27
January	34.41