

REFORM PLAN OF FINANCE FOR ENGLAND

Proposal Will Be Introduced At Genoa Economic Conference

London, March 11.—A plan of financial reform has been prepared by the executive committee of the Sound Currency Association of Great Britain and sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for consideration at the proposed international economic conference at Genoa.

The committee asserts that "violent fluctuations in the rate of exchange between countries are among the principal causes of the present world-wide depression of trade" and that these fluctuations are partly due to the disorganization and depreciation of the currencies of various countries.

It asserts that excessive government expenditures and ill-regulated budgets contribute to the disorganization of exchange.

Methods Proposed.
To meet this situation, the committee proposes the following methods: A decision on the funding or adjustment of inter-Ally war debts and German reparations.

Drastic economy in administration with a view to reducing taxation and the cost of production and thereby stimulate trade.

Restoration of an equilibrium in the budgets of the various countries throughout the civilized world.

Removal of all artificial barriers to the free interchange of commodities between nations.

As a first step toward re-establishing the par of exchange between gold-standard countries, the committee advocates the gradual contraction of paper currency in all countries where there is an excess.

The committee admits that it is not easy to decide how best to reduce the redundant currency but suggests that one method would be to convert the excess into funded debt.

When par of exchange has been restored, it says that prohibition of the export or melting of gold coin should be removed.

System Based on Gold.
Some European countries says the committee, probably will not be able to restore their paper currency to its pre-war parity and a fresh parity may have to be established; but it is declared to be certain that "a currency system based on gold must be adopted by all countries interested in the re-establishment of the general trade of Europe."

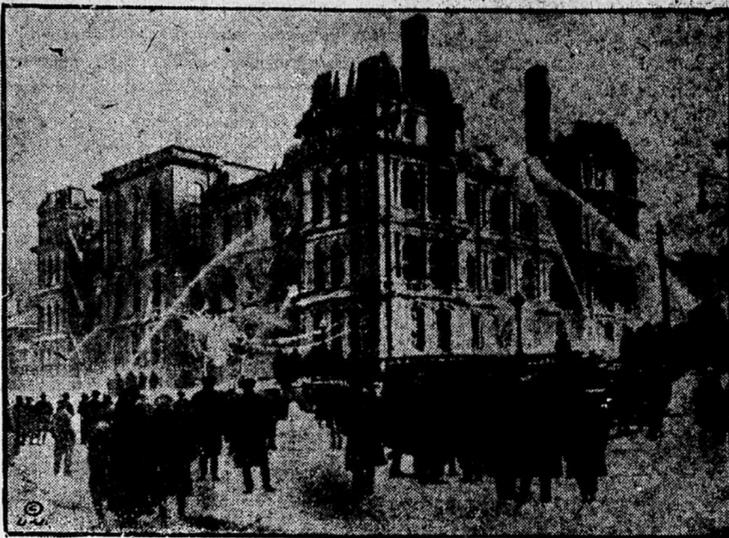
Loans and credits to all countries should be based only on their own practical recognition of the imperative need of reform, say the British financiers.

The committee adds that only through united effort on the part of all countries to follow these principles of sound finance are trade and industry likely to revive. The committee asserts that financial machinery exists in London, New York and elsewhere sufficient to provide the necessary credits where the security is sound. Continuing the committee declared:

"The United Kingdom should aim at the early restoration of the old equivalents between the pound sterling and 123 1/2 grains of standard gold. Such restoration would tend to give stability to prices, and encourage countries with still more depreciated currency to take the necessary steps to stabilize them in relation to gold and so cause the gradual return of steadiness in international trade."

"The resumption of gold specie payments in this country would immediately have a beneficial effect on

Art Treasures Destroyed When Montreal's City Hall Burns



Firemen fighting the \$10,000,000 fire. Firemen battled two extremes, heat and cold, when fire destroyed the Montreal city hall with a loss of \$10,000,000. Firemen fighting the fire were scorched by the flames which in the streets. Art treasures and public documents, invaluable and irreplaceable, were destroyed. Thousands of citizens stood in the streets for hours watching the fire. Cold hindered the firemen in their efforts to get the blaze under control.

British Attempting To Kill Superstitions Of Peasants in Palestine

Jaffa, Palestine, March 11.—The British administration in Palestine is trying to stamp out some of the peculiar superstitions of the fellahen (peasants), and has appointed a committee of district governors to advise it as to the best method of attaining that purpose.

Some of the native beliefs are very interesting. One government official discovered that he had transgressed a tradition the other day when he stepped over a baby's coat as he crossed a village street.

His action was noticed by a group of women who halted him and told him he would have to retrace his steps or the baby would surely die. As their attitude was menacing, he did so to save himself from attack.

The same official on another occasion was invited to take lunch with the Moukhtar (head) of a village. As he entered the guest chamber, he stumbled and fell headlong to the floor. His host told him that his falling was sure to bring bad luck to the village unless he saw fit to forego the lunch.

It is a common practice for girls to visit Willies (prophet's tombs) and lay their pieces of their garments, believing that by so doing they are sure to get married soon. Sometimes they go without food or drink for seven days for the same purpose.

Married women who have no children, trying to avoid divorce, go to cemeteries and walk over children's tombs in order to have some of their own. Often, to be blessed with children, they go to mosques, walk seven times around the building and then smash an egg in the gateway.

These are only a few of the odd customs which are commonly practiced by the fellahen and which the government is anxious to destroy.

NO MORE FRYING PANS TO BE GIVEN CHICAGO POOR PEOPLE
Chicago.—The Salvation Army will distribute no more frying pans in Chicago. For many years the frying pan has been the ordinary standby of the poor family. It will be no more—nor if the Army can prevent it. Brigadier Annie Cowden, territorial director for all the organization's work among women and children, has discovered that 35 per cent of Chicago's children are undernourished. She took up the matter with Mrs. Ida Bailey Allen, national home economics expert, and the death warrant of the frying-pan was the result. According to Mrs. Allen, 50 per cent of all illness can be traced to improperly prepared food, that as the 35 per cent inefficiency is credited to the same cause.

Brigadier Cowden, after months of investigation, agrees with Mrs. Allen that one of the principal causes of mal-nutrition is the well known frying-pan. Mrs. Allen stated that it isn't so much poor quality in food as poor preparation of food which is responsible for the under-nourishment of children. Denaturalized breakfast foods, careless cooking, and above all, the insidious frying pan are the root of the evil, she contends.

Brigadier Cowden and the Salvation Army through hundreds of slum homes and settlement houses in every part of the world is trying to educate slum mothers in the healthful preparation of food, that as the 35 per cent of undernourished children in Chicago were found equally in the homes of the poor, the well-to-do and even the wealthy, great benefits would follow more intelligent cooking.

Two Smallest Indians In America, Brothers, Die Three Days Apart
St. John, N. B.—Frank Ambrose Mitchell and Mitchell Michel, the Indian Tom Thumbs of America, are dead. These two little Millicote Indians, after a short illness of pneumonia, died recently at their home at the Indian village on the Tobique. Their deaths were only three days apart.

Frank Ambrose Mitchell was 68 years old, his weight 38 pounds, and he was 30 inches in height. His brother, Mitchell, was 65 years old, weighed 34 pounds and was 25 inches in height. These two little men, without doubt, were the most diminutive Indians in America. They were little known except in their own immediate locality.

In their early days, accompanied by their mother, they would make some visits to Perth and Andover, but, aside from these visits, they have remained in almost complete seclusion, and particularly so since the death of their mother several years ago.

The mother when living had been made some handsome offers to travel with her sons with circus, and, accepted, would have made a fortune for them. Their home has always been at the Tobique Indian village, where they were born.

Paris Dressmaker Has Shattered Tradition; Reporters View Gowns

Paris, March 11.—That little world of its own in Paris which has to do exclusively with the creation of women's clothing has been thrown into a high state of excitement through the recent "radical" departure of one of its leading members in inviting newspaper men to view his spring and summer dresses.

In doing so the dressmaker smashed a tradition as old as the Paris dressmaking business itself, which has always boasted of the fact that it needed no newspaper to assist it to create.

The representatives of the press have been rigorously barred heretofore, and many of the big establishments whose names are well known to American women have gone so far as to demand a special passport with a picture from all those who entered their establishments. These few special fashion writers who have obtained admission were made to believe they had been highly honored.

Jean Patou, a young Frenchman with American ideas, decided recently that his associates were wrong. He therefore arranged a special party, invited all the best known newspaper men in Paris—foreign and French—and revealed to them the secrets of his art. Anyone was free to carry away a careful description of the gowns displayed.

Patou's move has caused great discussion in the Paris fashion world and there is much speculation as to whether it will force other dressmakers to open their doors to the press. Many well known houses which have felt the pinch of recent hard times are wondering whether they are wrong.

URGE REORGANIZATION.
Manila, P. I.—General reorganization of the insular government, the amalgamation of some of the existing bureaus and offices and the creation of a few new ones; and the creation of an appropriate commission which would look after government finances and compile data for annual appropriations, are recommended in the report of the finance commission which has been at work on the subject for a year. The report of the commission has been submitted to the legislature and is accompanied by the draft of a bill which would make possible the carrying out of the recommendations.

Under the reorganization the number of bureaus in the government would be reduced from thirty-four to twenty-four and the number of employees would also be largely reduced.

Mammoth Skeleton Is Found In The Ukraine
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Bride Hypnotized; Marriage Annulled

Manila, P. I., March 11.—The court of first instance has annulled a marriage contract which was entered into while the girl was under the spell of hypnotism. Dominga Olivares, the victim, was hypnotized by Elias Angeles at her home. She was taken to the residence of a minister and made to sign a marriage contract, all being done while she was under the spell.

The court says that "although the signature of Dominga Olivares appears in the marriage contract, it can not be sustained there has been any solemnization of the marriage as long as there was not any real affection for the defendant, Elias Angeles, whom she had known only for three days while he was giving an exhibition of slight-of-hand tricks at her home."

Selfridge Editor To Publish Leith Paper

Mandan, N. D., March 13.—James Fulton, editor of the Selfridge Journal, will within the near future publish the Leith Index in Grant county.

This paper, formerly edited and published by J. R. Lowell, has been suspended for six months.

Lowell is a patient in an army hospital at Minneapolis.

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