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HALF BILLION TO BE LOANED ALLIES

American Bankers Are Not Willing to Raise All of Sum First Asked

PRO-GERMAN BANKS ARE TO CONTRIBUTE

Position Taken That Nation Must Extend Credit to Win Export Trade

New York, Sept. 17.—Another secret meeting, the third within three days, was held today between members of the Anglo-French financial commission and representatives of big New York, Chicago, Boston and other out of town banking houses who are endeavoring to reach an agreement on the proposed mammoth credit loan to Great Britain and France.

No further word was forthcoming from the commission than its brief statement of last night, saying so much had already been accomplished that it was hoped a definite statement could soon be issued telling of the progress made.

The proposal, said to have been made by American bankers, that the commission would be given a loan of half the sum originally asked, was widely credited today. The commission let it be known soon after its arrival here that it was seeking a billion dollars. Five hundred millions, it is said, have been promised.

This proposal has not appeared to be altogether acceptable to the commission and it is believed the sum will be increased by \$100,000,000 or possibly to \$750,000,000 before negotiations end. Whatever is loaned, it is generally believed the interest rate will be five per cent in the investor and about 5 1/2 per cent to the underwriter.

Whether the big credit should be used to pay for shipments of war munitions as well as wheat, cotton and other commodities, has been the subject of much discussion among the conferees. It is believed a much larger loan could be floated if it were understood that the credit would apply only to commodity shipments and that munitions would be paid for in some other manner, possibly by gold shipments.

Great Britain and France, it is said, oppose this plan however, and are desirous of having the big credit cover exports of every form.

Increasing willingness on the part of certain so-called pro-German financial institutions here to participate was manifest today. These banking houses, it was said, are pro-German only in sympathy, and if invited, many would subscribe large sums to a credit loan which would operate toward a continuance of the present prosperity enjoyed by American exporters.

As on yesterday some of the most prominent bankers of the financial section were again absent from their desks today and it was assumed they had joined the commission in conference. The idea of holding secret meetings was largely due, it was reported, to the number of threatening and insulting letters received by the commissioners, and the hint, dropped by the police, that it would be well not to announce any day's program in advance.

The presence of the commission here and the publicity given their negotiations had a tonic effect on the foreign exchange markets. Sterling was up today to \$4.70 1/4, more than twenty cents above its low level of three weeks ago, and other foreign money values were correspondingly strengthened.

FIRE IN HOLD OF SHIP EXTINGUISHED

London, Sept. 17.—The Fabre line steamer Sant' Anna has arrived at St. Michaels, Azores, according to a dispatch to Lloyds. The fire in No. 2 hold has been extinguished. The Sant' Anna transferred 605 passengers to the Italian steamer Ancona bound for Naples.

Germans Applaud Wilson for His Willingness to Confer

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Reports received here that President Wilson will make no formal reply to the German government's communication concerning the sinking of the steamship Arabic but will confer confidentially with Ambassador von Bernstorff are acclaimed by Germans as a "new indication of the good will of the American government and its intent to come to an understanding with us."

Previous diplomatic interchanges, says Germania, have been made under disadvantageous conditions, because protests to Berlin have been reported in advance in British dispatches.

"We believe friendly mouth to mouth negotiations will serve the purpose desired by both sides far better than the earlier interchanges," this newspaper adds.

Commenting on the conflicting re-

Parades in Wall Street Protest Against Big Loan

New York, Sept. 17.—Opponents of the loan carried their campaign into Wall street today and announced their sentiment from flaming placards in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co.

"Wall street's shame," read one of the several signboards held aloft by leaders of a file of men who marched through the financial section as a protest against establishing the loan. Another read: "The money trust is lending billions of American money to bankrupt England, France and Russia."

The procession ended with a man carrying a big sign on which was painted in red, white and black: "Billions for King George."

The paraders stopped in front of the Morgan offices.

A crowd collected and detectives ordered them to move on.

AUSTRIA TO CALL DUMBA BACK HOME

METHOD USED WILL NOT INTERRUPT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH U. S.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—The Austrian government intends to recall Ambassador Dumba for consultation, according to intimations given to Ambassador Penfield when he delivered the note from the United States asking for the return of the ambassador to Austria.

Such an arrangement, which is in accord with Dumba's own request for recall on leave of absence, is satisfactory to the American government. It is understood, however, that Ambassador Dumba will not return to the United States at the termination of his leave. The purpose of these arrangements, it is understood, is to cause no interruption in the diplomatic relations of the two governments, the change being looked on as a personal affair.

There is every indication from Ambassador Penfield's dispatches that the Austrian government received the American note in friendly spirit and looks on it as the usual request of a government for the recall of an ambassador on the ground that his usefulness to his own government would be impaired by his continued presence.

BRYAN TO TALK PEACE IN EUROPE

MAY GO ABROAD AT REQUEST OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWS-PAPER EDITORS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Plans to send former Secretary of State Bryan on a mission of peace to the warring nations of Europe were the subject of a conference here today between former cabinet officer and Dr. Wm. Forgo, representing editors of American newspapers published in foreign languages.

In his statement, Dr. Forgo said that Mr. Bryan had already given him the impression that if the trip were undertaken, Mr. Bryan himself "will" for the love of the cause, not only sacrifice his time, but will also pay his own expenses." The statement lauded the former secretary of state, saying that "in all Europe, belligerent or neutral countries, there is no American held in greater esteem than Mr. Bryan."

Dr. Forgo said Mr. Bryan would probably announce his plans after today's conference.

NEW LANDS ARE FOUND IN NORTH

Long Missing Explorer Has Made Important Find in Ice Bound Regions

STEFANSON ALIVE AND WELL IS REPORT

Is Fitting Up Expedition to Continue Exploration Toward the West

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 17.—The power schooner Ruby arrived from Herschel Island, on the Arctic coast west of the mouth of the Mackenzie river, yesterday afternoon with news that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, who with two companions, Storker Storkerson and Ole Anderson, set out from Martin Point, Alaska, March 22, 1914, over the frozen Polar ocean to search for supposed new lands in the Beaufort sea, is not only alive and well, but has accomplished every purpose for which the hazardous journey was undertaken.

Captain S. F. Cottle, master of the Ruby, says that Stefansson is now on Banks land, east of the Mackenzie, outfitting for continuance of the explorations to the westward to ascertain the full extent of the new land he discovered southwest of Saint Patrick's land. Stefansson discovered a continuation of the continental shelf several degrees west of Banks land and even determined its southern limits, but was unable to continue his explorations to the north and west.

Stefansson told Captain Cottle that after leaving the supporting party on the ice north of Martin point he and his hardy companions set their faces to the north, but after continuing their journey ninety days they decided to return to land. They turned back and landed on the mainland at a point near which the power boat, Mary Sachs of the Stefansson expedition was wintering. Here the three men outfitting for another three months' trip. They again went on the ice, going north and west and discovering the continental shelf.

Stefansson spent some time exploring his new find but at length, owing to scarcity of provisions, was compelled to set out on the return journey

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TEUTON ADVANCE MAKES NEW GAIN

Von Mackensen's Men Take City of Pinsk, Driving the Russians Back

PETROGRAD ADMITS ITS LATEST DEFEAT

Furious Fighting Reported From Dardanelles Where Turks Are Attacking

BULLETINS

Sebastopol, Russia, Sept. 17.—Official announcement was made here today that Russian torpedo boats had sunk near Sinope, a seaport of Asia Minor on the Black sea, an entire fleet of Turkish sailing vessels laden with munitions of war. The crews of these vessels were taken prisoners.

Vienna, Sept. 17.—An Austrian submarine commanded by Lieut. von Trapp torpedoed and sank a large British transport a few days ago in the southern Adriatic, according to an announcement made here today.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces, which have flanked Vilna and Dvinsk, cutting the railroad between those cities, have made a further advance to the east. The war office announced today the capture of Vidzy, about thirty-five miles south of Dvinsk.

London, Sept. 17.—Petrograd admits the Russians are falling back in the direction of Pinsk, capture of which was announced yesterday by the Germans. The occupation by the invaders of this town may be expected to facilitate greatly the progress of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces through the Pripiet marshes.

Owing to the prorogation of the duma, domestic affairs are occupying the attention of the Russians. The effect

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Democratic Leaders Admit Present Tariff is Failure

F SUBMARINES NO GOOD

Boats of the Kind That Sank at Honolulu Are Ordered Out of Commission.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Secretary Daniels today ordered all submarines of the F-4 type out of commission until a thorough examination of them can be made. His action was taken on the report of the board of inquiry investigating the sinking of the F-4 at Honolulu on March 25, which ascribes the disaster to a battery explosion.

CHICAGO JAILS ARE CONDEMNED

INSPECTOR SAYS HORSES ARE GIVEN BETTER QUARTERS THAN ARE PRISONERS.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Horses are given better surroundings and care than prisoners in Chicago's police stations, according to Miss Annie Hinrichsen, official inspector of institutions for the Illinois charities commission, who is making an investigation for the commission.

Conditions that "would not have been tolerated in the dark ages," Miss Hinrichsen reported today, are to be found in many of the stations. Few, if any, represent the working out of any modern ideas of housing criminals. Some of her findings are that:

Cells are entirely cut off from outside light or natural air.

Boys and women offenders are locked in adjoining cells in the same room.

Open sewers run through cells and provide the only facilities for sanitation, washing and drinking.

Continual dampness exists, due to necessarily frequent scrubbing and the lack of light to dry the floors.



CLAUDE KITCHIN.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Revenue legislation in the coming session of congress was discussed today at a long conference between Secretary McAdoo of the treasury and Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, majority leader of the next house of representatives.

Democratic leaders are convinced that legislation must be enacted to swell the government receipts in view of the prospects of continued war in Europe.

Customs receipts have not shown any tendency to increase, and internal revenue receipts are not equal to a few years ago. The certainty that large appropriations will be demanded for the army and navy also must be taken into consideration.

Many revenue measures have been suggested, including the restoration of the duty on sugar, the lowering of the exemption limit of the income tax and an extension of at least a year of the emergency tax law which expires January 1.

DIPLOMATIC BATTLE IN BALKANS IS OVER

Rumania Announces Semi-Officially That Allies Have Lost Out in Effort to Align Bulgaria With the Combination Fighting Teutons and Turks

Bucharest, Rumania, Thursday, Sept. 16.—(via Berlin and London, Sept. 17.) "The allies know that in no case may they count on Bulgaria's help on the Gallipoli peninsula," says the semi-official independence Romaine, in an article dealing with the Turco-Bulgarian agreement.

"They have lost that part of their diplomatic contest in the Balkans. It remains to be seen how the other part will come out."

"King Ferdinand will leave tomorrow for a week's vacation on the Danube. This fact completely disposes of reports concerning the activities of Rumanian troops on the frontier which in reality are nothing more than the annual maneuvers."

Bulgarians Divided.

Paris, Sept. 17.—A dispatch to the Balkan agency from Bucharest says that the leaders of all the opposition parties in Bulgaria have held a meeting at which it was decided to publish an appeal to the country explaining the international political situation as affecting that nation. The appeal will be made on the ground that under present circumstances the attitude taken by the government is perilous.

The Bulgarian government's decision to make terms with Turkey has met with considerable opposition. Advice from Bucharest recently represented a majority of Bulgarian statesmen as favoring a rapprochement with the quadruple entente, Serbia and Greece.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO BRITAIN READY

UNITED STATES OBJECTS TO THE ENGLISH PLAN OF EMBAR-RASSING OCEAN SHIPPERS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a general conference on international affairs today just before the secretary left for a ten days' vacation, and later Mr. Lansing announced that the new note to Great Britain on interference with American trade had been completed.

One of the most interesting features of the note is said to be the American government's vigorous objection to the British government's attitude that the burden of proof rests on the owners or shippers of cargoes, the United States holding that it is the duty of the British government to prove the guilt of the shipper.

It is not believed that the note will be sent until some definite word is received from Berlin on Germany's position on the submarine cases.

Its dispatch hitherto has been delayed not only on account of a desire to gather complete information, but because the United States was unwilling, while the negotiations with Germany were at a critical point, to be many were at a critical point, to be placed in the position of being forced to protest to Great Britain in order to obtain acquiescence by Germany in the viewpoint of the United States on the submarine question.

PANAMA MUCH USED.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—New traffic records were set in the operation of the Panama canal during July, 170 ocean going vessels making the passage of the waterway. That was 65 per cent greater than the average traffic of the preceding months. The cargoes amounted to 705,469 tons, a new record.

NINETY PERISH IN BAD TRAIN WRECK

MEXICAN TROOP CONVEYANCE RUNS OFF TRACK AND TWO CARS GO OVER CLIFF.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 17.—The wreck of a Mexican military train resulting in the death of ninety persons occurred Wednesday afternoon one mile out of Saltillo, according to advices here today.

The train was en route from Saltillo to Monterey with a large number of troops. Spreading rails caused it to leave the tracks at a point near a canyon, precipitating two coaches with their occupants to the rocks below.

Soldiers, women camp followers and children literally were ground to pieces by the debris. Passengers who arrived today and who passed the scene of the wreck said that a huge stack of bodies was visible where they had been piled together preparatory to burial, which would take place in deep trenches. All the dead and injured were Mexicans.

The train was the property of the Carranza army and the soldiers, members of the Carranza garrison of Saltillo being transferred to Monterey to reinforce the garrison there.

FRENCHMEN BUY HORSES FOR ARMY

Representatives Come Here to Get Animals to Send to the Battlefields

OTTUMWA ONLY CITY IN IOWA THEY VISIT

Williams' Sales Barn Busy Place as Inspectors Are Looking Over Stock

"This is one of the prettiest little cities of the middle western part of your country that we have been in. We like it and hope to see more of it," said Samuel Hexter and Lehman Strauss, agents for the French army, who with four Frenchmen have been here today buying horses at the Williams' sales barn.

Mr. Strauss is the head contractor, stationed at New York and this is his first visit here. Mr. Hexter was here last week and will probably come again. The other members of the party are James D. Talbot, Jacob Levine, Capt. George Rovers, inspector general and Dr. Louis Daniel, veterinary. Mr. Hexter's party is located in Chicago, and they inspect horses there every day of the week, except stormy ones. We ship as many as 10,000 animals a week out of there; we bought a number here last week, expect to buy more today and still more next week; for Iowa horses are a good stock; we bought horses in Iowa a good many years ago for selling purposes and used to send them over to Illinois, where, together with animals we had bought there, they were put out to market," said Mr. Hexter.

"There are three grades which we look for," Mr. Strauss said. "They are the light gun, the heavy gun and the cavalry horse, we call them class A, double A and cavalry. They must be about a certain weight, age, size and build." The method used by the veterinary and inspector general to size up the animals is interesting and has attracted a number of spectators as well as scores of sellers. The animal is trotted up and down before the inspector who snaps his whip a few times and shakes his head in approval or rejection, scarcely ever saying anything. American buyers say that the prospective horse buyers in this country would watch closely and other items which the men here might not pay any particular attention to are given close notice by the foreigners. The Williams' barn is the only place in Iowa where the French are buying horses.

BRITONS CLAIM THAT A SCORE OF UNDERWATER CRAFT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

London, Sept. 16.—The Germans have lost twenty submarines since the beginning of the war, according to an editorial note in the Motorship and have been only seven, including the E-7, the destruction of which was announced today.

When the war commenced the paper declares Germany had eleven sea going submarines and sixteen of a smaller type, while up to June 1 ten new boats had been added. The assertion is made that the Germans now have only fourteen sea going underwater boats, two of which are in the Mediterranean.

WOMEN'S CLAIMS TO BE PRESENTED

DELEGATES FROM SUFFRAGE MEETING ON THEIR WAY TO PETITION CONGRESS.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Miss Frances Jolliffe of San Francisco and Mrs. Sarah Bard Field of Portland, Ore., are on their way today by automobile to Washington, D. C., carrying with them, to present to congress, resolutions adopted yesterday by the Women Voters' convention, and a 500,000 name petition urging congress to enact a national woman suffrage law. The resolution urges the Susan B. Anthony plan for securing woman suffrage by amendment of the federal constitution.

The convention, held under the auspices of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, adjourned last night after ceremonies at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

MEXICANS CELEBRATING

No Demonstrations Along the Border Mark Observance of Independence Day.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 17.—The celebration in Monterey yesterday of the anniversary of Mexico's independence passed without anti-American demonstrations, it was said in advices from the Nuevo Leon capital which reached here today. The holiday was observed quietly in this section.

Missing Bridegroom is Found Nearly Dead After an Assault

Mason City, Sept. 17.—Officials of the border counties on both sides of the Iowa-Minnesota boundary line were searching today for the assailants of Corneal Kleppe, of Fairbault, Minn., who while his bride-to-be, Miss Stella Feeley, waited at a little church in Austin, Minn., was kidnapped, drugged and left to die in a lonely road between Waltham and Mayville, Minn. Kleppe is still unconscious at a hotel in Austin, where he was taken following the attempt upon his life Wednesday morning, according to the story reaching here today. Four men and an automobile are said to have figured in the kidnaping.

Miss Feeley, her bridesmaids and friends and relatives, arrived at the church at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning for the ceremony, and after waiting three hours for the bridegroom, de-

FARMER KILLED BY AUTO.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 17.—Frank Neubauer, aged 20, son of a prominent farmer, was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle on the Leroy road near this city.