

U. S. TO REJECT BANKER'S PLAN

Otto Kahn, New York Banker, Suggests That U. S. Cancel Part Of War Debts.

FREAR SCORES PLAN

Congress Voices Opinion That People Are Not in Mood for Proposal—Plan Would Differentiate Previous Loans.

Washington—The solution of America's foreign debt problem proposed by Otto H. Kahn, the New York banker, failed generally to strike a responsive chord in official circles in Washington.

Members of the American debt funding commission took note of Mr. Kahn's proposal that the United States differentiate between the seven and a half billion dollars loaned to European countries before the armistice and two and a half billion dollars loaned after hostilities ceased and arrange differing methods of repayment, but pointed out that the act of congress creating the commission would permit no such differentiation even if considered advisable.

Members of congress generally expressed decided opposition to the New York banker's suggestion that at least a portion of the debt be canceled; several leaders in both the senate and house declared that the American people were in no mood to approve any such action.

Frear Denounces Plan.

The views of Mr. Kahn as presented in a letter to Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the debt refunding commission, drew particular fire from Representative Frear of Wisconsin, a Republican member of the house ways and means committee, who addressed a letter to Senator Smoot asserting that "the commission should apprise foreign governments at an early day of the anomalous position occupied by Mr. Kahn and that he does not speak for the commission, for the congress, or for the American people."

MAN AIDS POOR, ARRESTED

Madison Banker Plays Santa Claus—Indicted on Fraud Charge.

Madison, Wis.—Victor H. Arnold, former president of the bankrupt Madison Bond company, who one year ago posed as a beneficent Santa Claus to Madison's needy; was arrested in Bayside, N. J., charged with using the United States mails to defraud hundreds of small investors of their savings. His arrest was made on an indictment returned by the federal grand jury for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

The sensational ventures of Arnold, including an expenditure last year of \$30,000 to afford a Christmas of plenty to the poor of this city and various flights into the field of religious teachings, were climaxed by his indictment and arrest.

Thirty-one counts, alleging three fraudulent schemes for selling securities, are included in the grand jury charges which will bring Arnold back to Madison a prisoner, to face his former clients. On one of these schemes alone, the indictment says, \$613,000 was realized.

When Christmas time came around Arnold placed unlimited credit with the stores of Madison and asked all of the city's needy to go to the stores, buy what food they needed, purchase two tons of coal, and have the bill charged to him. This venture is said to have cost \$30,000.

TURKS WILL NOT HEAR PLEA

Protest Decision to Hear Appeal for National Armenian Home.

Lausanne—Armenia is now the storm center of the Near East conference. The Turks refused to attend a meeting of the subcommission which had arranged to hear the plea of the Armenians for the establishment of a national home industry in Turkey, and both Ismet Pasha and Riza Nur Bey sent strongly worded communications to the conference, protesting against the decision to allow the Armenians to state their case.

They declared that if the Armenians, who had no official standing and represented no independent government, were heard by the conference, there was no reason why the Egyptians or the Irish should not be allowed to present their demands.

Farmer Will Be Rail Advisor.

Washington—In an endeavor to keep more intimately in touch with transportation needs of agricultural producers, the car service of the American Railway association has announced it had designated an agricultural representative to serve with its organization. Elmer Kintson of St. Cloud, Minn., has been selected for the post. The service division, the statement said, will seek to bring about better co-operation between agricultural shippers and railroads under the new arrangement.

Mason Mitchell



Mason Mitchell, American consul at Valetta, Malta, was attacked by assassins the other day and shot, but not seriously wounded. Born in Hamilton, N. Y., in 1850, he has had a picturesque career as actor, writer, world traveler, soldier and diplomat.

FREE WAR GUILT CASES

Charges Against Five Generals Dropped at Private Hearing.

Berlin—The supreme court of Leipzig, in a secret session dismissed 93 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles treaty.

Generals Von Gllwitz, Von Mackensen, Von Linsingen, Von Below and Von Dicket and Professor Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard, but proceedings were strictly private, and Allied representatives were not present.

The court declared the defendants had, been proved neither absolutely guilty nor innocent of crime against German law.

LENGTHENS FARM CREDITS

Growers of Agricultural Products and Co-Ops Come Under Decision.

Washington—Bankers' acceptance of six months maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by Federal Reserve banks under a rule promulgated by the Federal Reserve board as a step in the direction of longer farm credits for agriculturists.

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops."

JURY CONVICTS 8 RAILMEN

Defendants Were Charged With Plot Against Interstate Commerce.

Los Angeles—Eight railroad men, including engineers, trainmen, and others were convicted of conspiracy to obstruct interstate commerce for their activities in connection with a strike last August against the Santa Fe by a verdict of a jury in the United States district court. During the strike some 20 trains were abandoned in the California-Arizona desert, leaving passengers stranded. The maximum penalty which may be imposed is two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

TEST SPEEDERS FOR SANITY

Court Action Becomes Drastic Toward Traffic Violators.

Detroit, Mich.—Twenty-one persons charged with driving their automobiles faster than the law allows and two others charged with driving through safety zones, were examined by Dr. A. L. Jacoby, city psychiatrist, to determine their sanity. The examinations were ordered by Judges Charles L. Bartlett in recorder's court and sentences were withheld until the court had received the psychiatrist's report.

BITTER DEBATE ON SHIP BILL

Three Day's Fight Only Strengthens Deadlock.

Washington—Five hours of debate and parliamentary maneuvering in the Senate served only to tighten the deadlock which has existed for three days between two opposing and almost equal groups, one fighting to keep the administration shipping bill before the Senate and the other to displace that measure.

Letter from Napoleon Stolen.

New York—Joseph M. Attie, a French broker, appealed to the police to assist him in finding a letter written by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1805, which was stolen from him by a Broadway pickpocket.

Another Objection to Butler.

Washington—Action by the Senate on the nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme court, was again blocked by an objection to consideration.

FRANCE DROPS INVASION PLAN

Cabinet Decides to Ask Rhineland Customs Barrier.

Paris—France renounced intention of occupying the Ruhr at an extraordinary session of the cabinet presided over by Premier Poincare on the eve of Christmas, it was learned on high authority.

Instead, the French will propose establishment of a customs barrier between the Rhineland Ruhr and Germany without annexation.

Military intervention, according to the new scheme evolved by Poincare's government, would in this case be reserved for protection of the customs controllers.

VERDICT ADDS TO LIABILITY

Plaintiffs at Woodland, Win Test Case Total Now \$45,000,000.

St. Paul—Government liability for an additional \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 losses in the disastrous forest fires which swept northern Minnesota in October, 1918, bringing the total to nearly \$45,000,000 virtually was established, following a ruling in district court at Duluth which linked claims of property owners of Woodland, a Duluth suburb, with hundreds of others which are being settled by the federal railroad administration, held responsible for the holocaust.

INDIA SEPARATION PLANNED

Establish "The Federated Republic of India."

London—A full program for the separation of India from the British empire and establishment of "the Federated Republic of India" will be submitted to the Indian national congress at the annual session of that organization at Gaya, British India, according to information received in British official circles.

"TIGER'S" VISIT AIDS FUND

\$20,000 Surplus From Lectures Goes to Students.

Washington—Former Premier Clemenceau's American visit added \$20,000 to the American field service fund fellowships, Stephen Bonsal, who managed the tour, announced. The amount is the surplus of money received from lectures and newspaper articles by "the Tiger" after defraying the expenses of the trip.

FRAUD SUIT PREPARED

Action to Be Started Within Month, Assistants Tell House Committee.

Washington—Civil or criminal suits, one or both, against the United States Harness company of Ransom, W. Va., will be ready for institution by the government within 30 days, Col. Henry T. Anderson of Richmond, Va., a special assistant to the Attorney General, testified before the House Judiciary committee.

WORLD PARLEY OF BISHOPS

Pope Plans Encyclical Council as Conducted in 1870.

Rome—The probability that the pope will call a meeting of the entire Catholic episcopacy in Rome during the next jubilee year was announced in the papal encyclical. Such a meeting would be a continuation of the ecumenical council which was conducted in Rome in 1870.

JAPAN PROPOSES TREATY

Kato's Spokeman Advances Alternative to Washington Pact.

Tokio—If France and Italy fail to ratify the Washington naval treaty an agreement for carrying it out might be arranged among England, America and Japan, the peers were told by Admiral Ide, speaking in place of Premier Kato, who is indisposed.

Coal Conference to Reopen Jan. 3.

Chicago—Representatives of the bituminous coal operators and the union miners of the country will meet in Chicago on January 3 to resume work on the reorganization of the industry.

\$100,000,000 For Yule Fete.

Chicago—Chicago paid \$100,000,000 for its Christmas celebration, it was estimated. Dinners for residents were prepared at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. About 100,000 received free dinners.

Poultry Shipments Doubled.

Fargo, N. D.—Poultry shipments from the state passing through Fargo were twice as large during the last 25 days as during the same period a year ago, according to Fargo railroad and express officials.

Farmer Cruel to Stock.

Birchwood, Wis.—For leaving his team without shelter and with nothing to eat except what the horses could browse from beneath the snow, Hallie Wells, a resident of Washburn county, was arrested by a humane officer.

Counter-revolt Feared in Athens.

Malta—Information just received here from a reliable source in Athens is to the effect that trouble is brewing there with unmistakable signs of a big counter revolutionary movement.

GROVER BERGDOLL HUNTED ON COAST

Slacker Reported Making Effort To Slip Into America.

San Francisco—Although federal officials declined to discuss them, reports were current that an extensive dragnet had been thrown out up and down the Pacific coast for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich Philadelphia draft evader, who fled the country to escape punishment.

Bergdoll has been in Eberbach, Germany, where a close watch has been kept on him by military intelligence officers. The report current here is that they learned he had secretly left his German haven for the United States and expected to gain entry through a Pacific coast port.

DENIES AMERICAN PLEA

Moslem Envoys Refuse to Attend Meeting of Sub-Commission.

Lausanne—The American plea for the establishment of an Armenian national home in Turkey will be presented to the Near Eastern conference by President Noradunghian Pasha of the Armenian national delegation. He was once minister of foreign affairs in the Turkish cabinet and has been invited to appear before the sub-commission on minorities to explain the desires of the Armenian people.

The Turks have announced their decision not to attend his meeting. For one thing they say they made up their minds definitely not to set aside any part of Turkey for the Armenians, for another, they assert that, as the Armenians are Turkish subjects, they should plead their cause before the Turks, not before the conference as a whole.

SIX SEIZED IN ROBBERY

Suspects in Looting of Truck Held on Tip Sent U. S. Marshal.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Six men with heavy suitcases who arrived from Las Vegas in a car are in the county jail pending investigation in connection with the \$200,000 robbery of the United States Federal Reserve bank truck at the United States mint in Denver. The United States marshal's office had received a tip from Las Vegas and Deputy Goutchey and Assistant Superintendent Dugan of the penitentiary, after observing the suspects during breakfast in a restaurant took them into custody.

PANIC REIGNS IN DUBLIN

Irregulars Attack Like U. S. Indians, Firing From Ambush.

Dublin—The holiday season in Ireland was ushered in with a terrific wave of violence. The city has been in panic for nearly 24 hours with bomb throwing and revolver fusillades.

Free State government offices and outposts were attacked time after time. The attacking Republican irregulars adopted the tactics of North American Indian fighters, firing from cover and then taking flight.

BOAT WITH 8 MEN MISSING

Cleveland Vesselmen Believe Tug Was Burned as Searchers Return.

Cleveland—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the tug Cornell, missing for four days, remained unsolved, and for the first time it was conceded by vesselmen that the tug, with its crew of eight, probably had gone down. Four tugs which spent Christmas cruising Lake Erie reported they had failed to find any trace of the missing vessel.

VIOLENCE OVER COUNTRY

Scores of Holdups and Slayings Mark Holiday Police Records.

Chicago—Sudden death and violence took more than their usual toll despite the fact it was Christmas time. Scores of robberies, holdups and other crimes of violence have been reported in the last day or two in all the principal cities of the United States and every state.

WAR ON HOODED TERRORISTS

Arrests Ordered Following Finding of Bodies of Kidnaped Pair.

Mer Rouge, La.—Wholesale roundup of terrorists in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana was promised by state and federal officials investigating the murder of two men by a masked mob.

Iowa Corn Sets Record.

Davenport—A new high mark for 1922 corn was reported here when 1,500 bushels were sold at auction for 73½ cents a bushel.

Refuse to Marry Divorcees.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—The pastor of every church in Sault Ste. Marie except one signed an agreement not to perform any marriage ceremony to which either party to the same has a former husband or wife living.

Harvey to Support Cuno Government.

Berlin—George Harvey, American ambassador to England, is going to the United States, to tell President Harding that the Cuno government of Germany constitutes the Allies' last chance to collect reparations.



Shafer Names Assistant.

John Thorpe, Velva attorney, has been named assistant to Attorney General George F. Shafer.

Courses in Painting at A. C.

Beginning January 2 the state A. C. will institute complete courses in painting and decorating.

More Non-attendance Losses.

Absences of school pupils during the school year cost Logan county \$34,000, according to the county superintendent at Napoleon.

Langdon Fair in February.

The annual midwinter fair for Langdon and Cavalier county will be held at Langdon the second or third week in February.

Destroy \$4,000 Worth of Whiskey.

Five hundred quart bottles of whiskey valued at \$4,000 were destroyed by the Stutsman county sheriff at Jamestown, on order of the county judge.

Wool Protects Against Fire.

His outer clothing burned off, but his woolen underwear saved L. J. Torndoff, night foreman in the N. P. roundhouse at Jamestown, from possibly fatal burns when a gasoline stove exploded.

Indians to Get Pensions.

About a dozen Indians on Standing Rock reservation who served as federal scouts in the 90's, will be entitled to the recently allowed pension of \$20 per month, according to Superintendent E. D. Mossman of Fort Yates.

Indian Cattle Top Market.

Twice this fall cattle shipped by Standing Rock Indians have topped the market. The second triumph was scored last week when stock sent by Little Eagle and Bullhead from near Fort Yates brought seven cents a pound.

Community Church Center Dedicated.

Bottineau recently dedicated a community center building, equipped as a part of the Presbyterian church of that city. It provides for indoor sports of all kinds for summer and winter and will be opened by the church to the entire community.

Teachers' Secretary Resigns.

R. L. Brown of Valley City has resigned as full time secretary of the North Dakota Education association and whether or not this organization of the state teachers, numbering now about 3,600 members, can afford to employ another salaried secretary is being considered by the executive committee. The only source of revenue is a \$2.50 annual membership fee.

Carrington Seeks Court Chambers.

It has been announced that Fred Jansonius of Fessenden, Wells county probate judge, will be appointed to the bench in the fourth judicial district to succeed W. L. Nuessie, elected to the supreme court. Carrington is now seeking designation for one of the district chambers, which at present are confined to Bismarck and Jamestown.

Granville Ships Much Poultry.

Up to November 30 the surprising total of 30,200 pounds of dressed turkeys had been shipped from Granville by rail. This figure does not include the live fowls sent from the community, nor the large quantity that went by auto truck to Minot. At the average market price of 40 cents per pound, these dressed turkeys brought more than \$12,000 into the Granville community. It is estimated that the value of this year's poultry crop there was around \$100,000.

Wheat Growers Form Sales Agency.

North Dakota is among the 10 states which were represented at a recent Minneapolis meeting where plans were laid for the organization of a national Wheat Growers Sales agency. George E. Duis, president of the North Dakota Wheat Growers association, is a member of the committee of three to draft a plan of operation, the other two being an Oklahoma and a Minneapolis man. This state recently has been selling through the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Education Inexpensive Item at A. C.

From the point of view of financial outlay, President John Lee Coulter points out, actual educational work is about the least costly activity carried on at the state Agricultural college. A recent analysis of state expenditures showed this institution costing over \$800,000 a year; of this sum, however, the college classes cost only \$162,000. The new agricultural hall, built this last year, cost \$150,000. State regulatory work, extension work, and experiment stations, all of these departments which are strong in their state-wide influence, went to make up the balance of the \$812,000 A. C. item in the state's last fiscal year.

Another Bank Reopened.

The First National bank of Streeter has been reopened with Ed Schulenberg as president. It was closed in April, 1920.

Capitol Being Redecorated.

In preparation for the coming legislative session, the state capitol is being thoroughly renovated and redecorated. Linoleum is being laid and the desks, chairs, and woodwork in the legislative halls have been cleaned and polished. The ceilings and walls in many departments also are being repaired and repainted.

New Eastern Star Chapter. White Earth has a newly organized chapter of Eastern Star with 34 charter members.

Decorate With Christmas Trees. Minot's business streets were decorated with Christmas trees, spaced every 27 feet, and illuminated.

Civics Book by N. D. Attorney. "Government of North Dakota and the Nation," is the title of a text book on civics just published by Attorney C. L. Young of Bismarck.

Governor Seeks Tax Reduction. Letters have been written by the governor to all county auditors in the state asking their close co-operation in the reduction of the state tax burden.

Discuss Co-ordination of Charities.

At the first open forum meeting of the newly reorganized Association of Commerce in Bismarck, the subject of co-ordination of the city's various charities was discussed.

Lone Tree Bank Looted.

Tunneling through the concrete wall of the vault and using explosives on the safe doors, yeggs looted the Lone Tree State bank of \$900 in Liberty bonds, \$200 in cash, and \$60 in stamps.

Havelock Wants a Bank.

Havelock at one time had two banks, but during recent adverse conditions both were discontinued. Now business men of the city are seeking to interest bankers in the launching of another institution here.

Alfalfa Brings \$52 per Acre.

Four acres of alfalfa yielded one Ramsey county farmer a gross return of \$52 per acre this fall. It was planted last year and this year produced seven tons of hay and 400 pounds of seed. The farmer plans to sow 25 acres next year.

200-Pound Friend Falls on Him.

Claud Movius, an A. C. student, was walking with his 200-pound friend, Francis "Tubby" Hull, football guard on the Bison team, when he lost his balance. In falling, he upset Tubby who landed on him, and now Movius is laid up with a broken leg.

U Shy on Dormitories.

Albino Rats Killed at Minot. Some years ago a business man at Minot gave up raising white rats and released a number. Recently Boy Scouts have been conducting a campaign against a peculiar albino rat infesting portions of the city; they are uniformly marked in gray, white and pink. It is believed they are the common species crossed with the white rats of Spain.

Only 295 of the 1,404 students at the state university can be accommodated in the dormitories on the campus, according to the registrar. Three hundred ninety-seven live in the Forsk 228 are lodged in fraternity and sorority houses, and the remainder live in rooming houses. Residents of North Dakota are in big majority, totaling 1,226, while Minnesota sent 133 of the remaining 178, five of whom came from foreign countries.

Lignite Goes Over Million Mark.

From October, 1921, to October 1922, North Dakota produced 1,057,822 tons of lignite coal, the first time the state's output of this product has reached the million ton mark. The year ending October, 1921, had a production of 895,715 tons. In 1911 the output was only 502,000 tons. The value of last year's product was \$2,278,771.22. There were 1,903 men employed in 120 mines; this was 250 more men in eight less mines than reported in 1921. There were four fatal accidents during the year.

To Equalize Rights of Parents.

A bill proposed by the North Dakota Children's Code commission for action at the coming legislative session provides that the mother shall share equally with the father in the custody services, and earnings of their children. The present law gives the father first and superior control. Another proposal by this organization is a bureau for child research to be conducted in connection with the state university to make investigations and examinations and to spread information as an aid to the whole child welfare system of the state.

Analyze North Dakota Debt.

Thirteen midwestern and northwest states have a total authorized indebtedness of \$376,685,113.12, 85 per cent of which is represented by soldier bonus and highway improvement expenditures. North Dakota, along with Nebraska, Indiana, Kentucky, and Oklahoma, has no bonus debt nor highway debt, although in some of these states road work funds are obtained from the general revenue fund. Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Ohio have authorized more than two hundred million dollars for World War veterans; other states, including ours, are paying bonuses from bond sales. Real estate bonds make up the greater part of North Dakota's indebtedness. Illinois tops the list, with highway improvement as the biggest single item.

Grand Forks Secretary to Mandan.

E. A. Ketter, for several months as assistant secretary of the Grand Forks Commercial club, has been named to succeed Thomas Sullivan as secretary of the Mandan club.

Try to Finance Agent Work.

Providing the recount of the November 7 vote on agricultural extension work does not disclose a majority of Golden Valley county voters in favor of it, a committee of five, already organized, will make a drive for \$1,800 to finance a county agent the coming year.