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Why Not Cancel ALL Debts, Public and Private, as Well?

(By The Federated Press)

Washington. — The stampede toward cancellation of international war debts—which constructive liberals and radicals have been advocating ever since the armistice in 1918—is now on. In America, the rush is still confined to the 10,000 bankers in attendance at the American Bankers' Assn., New York, but money talks so loudly that when it shouts "cancellation!" the echo is sure to reverberate through the press and pulpit. Already the press has responded, and Reginald McKenna took up the cry when he addressed the bankers, Oct. 4.

McKenna is from England, and the plan he endorses is known to everyone except the American public as "The British Treasury Plan," drawn up almost a year ago and privately submitted to American bankers last winter. It is a genuinely constructive plan, and a credit to its originators.

Features of the plan, not yet divulged to the public, provide as follows:

The powers recently at war against Germany will agree to cancel their debts to each other—until or unless the United States shall try to collect what the allies own to America; the allied powers will agree to cancel their claims against Germany—until or unless the United States shall try to collect what the allies own to America; a flourishing trade with Europe is promised to American investors and producers if they agree to the plan, while no trade and no chance to collect the debt shall be the penalty of refusing; upon America the onus will rest for keeping Europe prostrate, heavily armed and given to strife, if the United States insists upon collecting the 12 billions of dollars owned by Europe.

When this plan was given privately to the American bankers in New York, they immediately approved of it. But they explained to the British originators, we must have time to prepare the American people for such a somer-

sault on the debt question. Give us time, they explained, and we shall bring the folks around to it.

Our bankers have kept their word. Last year, the "uneducated" American Bankers' Assn. voted down a resolution which favored debt cancellation. This week in New York the same association is growing hoarse with applause of the scheme.

Meanwhile the European end of the movement is going forward according to schedule. There is still much talk about "reducing" the German indemnity, and of "refunding" the allied debts to America. But those words are only the diplomatic synonyms for cancellation and repudiation.

TENNESSEE FARMERS SAVE \$19,000 BY CO-OPERATION

Altho co-operation is comparatively new in Tennessee, the Co-operative Live Stock Marketing Association, organized last year by the farmers of that state, have saved its members \$19,000, according to a report from the State Agricultural College. The farmers marketed co-operatively 158 cars of live stock, and the saving effected represents the difference between prices they would have received from local buyers had they sold individually and the sum secured by co-operative sale.

The Tennessee farmers are also applying co-operation to the grading and breeding of live stock, in order to produce a better product for the consumer and an increased return for themselves. The farmers' co-operatives have also arranged to receive daily reports on the market values of their products, which will enable them to secure fair market prices.

Spread the gospel of co-operation by giving away your copy of The Llano Colonist.

The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, Oct. 6. — Comrade Hill, from Texas, heard the S. O. S. from Newllano on the Radio question, and to-day Loutrel, Gilbert, and company, the Colony radio bugs, received some valuable material from Comrade Hill. This, of course, is very encouraging to the radio bugs, and it will not be long before we shall be sitting in the roof garden taking off entertainments from our city brothers. Two boxes from the Clarks, of Virginia, were filled with useful tools and other valuables. It is indeed nice to know there are others interested in our movement, who are not here but always ready to do what they can. Every little helps, and we thank you for your generous assistance. One machine that our shop needs very much is a large machine lathe. I wonder if any one can help us to get such an article for our mechanics to work with. Comrade Belcher is helping Kling in the garage and machine shop, and I want to see that these two fellows are kept busy. Hans Olson is assisting at the bakery. Mrs. Belcher is expecting to take charge of the cafeteria. Mrs. Potts is helping at the hotel, and Miss Potts and the Belcher girls are also helping at the hotel, cafeteria and going to school. Our ten-dollar-a-month plan for school pupils is a winner. Several people want us to take their children into our school and give them an education with no false ideals to be broken down later, and a useful occupation learned that they might be useful assets to society, instead of parasites. Conlin, Gaddis, and Babb have gone into opposition against Baldwin and the dairy. They are now supplying several gallons of peanut milk each day for Colony consumption; and I want you to know it is fine stuff, too. It is rich, wholesome, and can be supplied in great quantities. I shall have to get after our good friend, Geo. Carver, for an analysis of the new product. Getting wood is the big job to-day, and every available man is on the job, sawing or chopping, just south of the Colony, getting out dried wood before the rain-

come. The teams are busy—Kemp, Van, and Waters hauling sorghum to be cut into ensilage; De Boer helping Coleman to cover his last fertilizer platform; Shutt using the garden team to haul manure; Crawford roustabouting and Busick is hauling gum logs for the saw mill. Walter Fread started work to-day at the saw mill and says he likes the old game as a co-operator. Comrade Yates is now getting the milk-goat herd in good shape and expects to soon be supplying those who want it, with goat milk. The milk of the goat has saved the life of many a child and invalid. Don't be surprised to hear of Llano's goat herd in years to come as one of our greatest assets. Schuster, Von Scio and Wurfer are about as busy as men could be getting our blacksmithing and wagon work done and at the same time doing the work that comes to the shop from the outside people. Our neighbors have just learned the excellency of our shop workers. Comrade Innes and wife are again visitors from Montreal, Canada; and we were glad to "shake" with them again. The band and orchestra, followed by the choral society, kept the school house busy with music to-night.

Thursday, Oct. 7. — A nice shower of rain last night puts new life into the garden and the gardeners. The transplanting of cabbage, celery and other plants is being done by the gardeners, and by the children interested in this kind of work. The hay is being shocked in the field north of the printing office, and the ensilage-cutter is filling the big silo at the dairy. The saw mill is cutting the gum logs into blocks which are later made into crate material. Do you want to know what some of our Llano children are doing? Well, just step over to the saw mill this a.m. and I'll show you. Here are Carl, Warren, and Lottie, running the saw mill that cuts the gum trees into blocks. This p.m., Carl and Warren go to school. Lottie is now running the cut-off saw for this crate material. Here are some of our grown-up kids—Comrades Gold-

HOW DO YOU TACKLE IT?

HOW DO YOU tackle your work each day
Are you scared of the job you find?
Do you grapple the task that comes your way
With a confident, easy mind?
Do you stand right up to the work ahead,
Or fearfully pause to view it?
Do you start to toil with a sense of dread,
Of fear you're going to do it?

You can do as much as you think you can,
But you'll never accomplish more;
If you are afraid of yourself, young man,
There's little for you in store.
For failure comes from the inside first—
It's there if we only know it—
And you can win, though you face the worst,
If you feel you're going to do it.

Success, it's found in the soul of you,
And not in the realm of luck;
The world will furnish the work to do,
But you must provide the pluck.
You can do whatever you think you can,
It's all in the way you view it;
It's all in the start you make, young man—
You must feel that you're going to do it.

How do you tackle your work each day?
With a confidence clear of dread?
What to yourself do you stop and say
When a new task lies ahead?
Do you think you will succeed, or
Is fear ever running through it?
If so, tackle the next you find
By thinking you are going to do it.

—The "Forge".

J. C. B. JOY AND

A WEDDING TO BOOT

A grand old time was the U. C. B. social on Tuesday night, October 10. Dances of all kinds, including the Virginia reel were enjoyed. David Lindsey gave two fine declamations, and Comrade Martin and Miss Margaret Seelye favored the gathering with a fine violin duet. Miss Beulah Gaddis accompanying on the piano. And then to give the colonists a full measure, running over, a surprise was sprung on the comrades. It was a real old-fashioned wedding. Will Ewell and Louise Belohradsky were the star performers at this little intermezzo, and the Rev. Voyles, of Leesville, tied the knot. Papa Belohradsky gave the bride away, and Miss Gertrude West and Mrs. Sanders acted as bridesmaids and Frank Newman and Harry Bell as best men to the bridegroom. The happy pair are favorites with all the colonists and have the best wishes of all for a happy married life. Ice-cream and cake were served to celebrate the event. The cream was made of peanut milk and delicious as well as highly nutritious. You bet, we had a good time!

MOVING PICTURES

FOR NEWLLANO

In accordance with your request, we are reserving the following films and programs to be sent to you for use on the dates indicated:
Oct. 14-16—Production's Pulse, two reels.
Sweet Potatoes from store to Market, one reel.
Nov. 18-20—Helping Negroes to become farmers and home-makers, two reels.
Sweet Potatoes from Seed to Storage, one reel.
Dec. 16-18—How to Poison Bollweevil, one reel.
National Bird Refuges, one reel.
Great Dairy Sires, one reel.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.
P. S.—Mr. W. A. Dougherty received the foregoing statement on Oct. 10, 1922.

CO-OPERATION

What is co-operation? The answer is "working together for the common good." In a way, we seem to be doing this now; but it is not so. What we really are doing is to see how much of the general wealth any one of us can accumulate from the other feller without using force. This takes finesse, and certain kinds of trickery, although it is all done in an apparently friendly way. "Working the other fellow" is another way of putting it. To reverse all this and unite all in productive effort, where exploitation no longer exists, means a multiplying of all the mental and physical forces of state or nation for the good of all. It does not require much thought to estimate results when this plan of life begins to function; what an increase of power there will be! Life will take on an entirely new aspect, and where want and misery now exist, plenty and happiness will reign instead.

\$45 OR 45c

A Pacific Coast farmer has just been educated by the following experience, which we quote upon the authority of the All-American Co-operative Commission of Cleveland. The farmer needed a pair of shoes. On his way to buy them, he stopped to sell a large calfskin in prime of condition. The dealer did not want to buy it at all, but at last gave him 45c for it.

Exit calfskin; enter shoes, for which the farmer had to pay \$8.40, reduced in price from \$10.00 a pair. Nothing fancy—simply honestly made of real calfskin. The farmer objected to the price. The salesman assured him that the shoes were worth the money, since one calfskin did not make more than four pairs of the very best shoes, or from six to nine pairs of inferior shoes.

As a producer of raw materials, the farmer got 45c for a calfskin, for which the consumer must pay an average of \$45 made up in shoes!

This farmer now states that his education in economics is complete, without getting a degree from a university. Incidentally, he has become a confirmed co-operator, content with nothing less than the co-operative production of the necessities of life and co-operative distribution without profit or exploitation to the consumers.

COLORADO NOMINATES

CO-OPERATOR AS GOVERNOR

The outstanding progressive political victory of the past week is the nomination of William E. Sweet, of Denver, as candidate for governor of Colorado on a co-operative platform, closely following that which recently won the senatorial nomination for Smith Brookhart in the Iowa primary campaign. Mr. Sweet's platform declared for "non-profit co-operative marketing organizations" to enable the farmers of Colorado to secure a decent price for their products and emancipate them from the speculators, monopolists and commission men's combines.

Mr. Sweet recently returned from a study of co-operative achievements in Europe, which convinced him that the future of American industry and agriculture depends upon the adoption of co-operation in this country. Both farmers and workers in Colorado are uniting to secure his election.

WORKERS' LIVES ARE CHEAP

(By The Federated Press)

Jackson, Cal.—The coroner's jury in the Argonaut inquest returned a verdict that the miners "died from gas poisoning caused by a fire of unknown origin, the miners having no means of escape." No grand jury investigation will be held, and no criminal charges will be made against the mine owners. There will, however, be investigation of a sort by a committee appointed, after great solicitation, by Governor Stephens. This will doubtless whitewash the owners and end the attempts to fasten the blame for the tragedy where it belongs.

BRITISH CO-OPERATORS

AID THE MINERS

Detailed reports of the 54th British Co-operative Congress which have just reached this country, states the All-American Co-operative Commission of Cleveland, show the natural interdependence of co-operation and trade unionism. Co-operative credits and loans given to the destitute miners by the co-operative societies during the past year amount to \$6,057,119 (\$27,257,000.00). The great Co-operative Wholesale Bank has stood behind the local societies in helping the miners, the families of many of whom would long ago have starved but for the brotherly assistance of the co-operatives.

Other reports laid before the Congress show that the 4,500,000 British co-operatives have amassed capital to the amount of £74,190,375, on which they did a business in 1921 of £209,000,000 (\$940,000,000), with co-operative savings returned to the membership of £18,000,000 (\$81,000,000). As already reported in our columns, the Congress declared for a co-operative daily newspaper. In addition, it also considered the formation of co-operative colleges to train the workers in the management of their own co-operative industries, these colleges to be federated in a great People's University. The Congress favored the building of an International Co-operative Wholesale Society and an International Co-operative Bank, plans for which are now being shaped by the various national co-operative groups in the International Alliance.

CO-OPERATIVE BANKING WINS

Cleveland.—The downtown office of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Co-operative National Bank, which U. S. Comptroller of the Currency D. R. Crisinger recently authorized, opened for business in the former Union-Commerce National Bank building, amid a deluge of floral pieces from almost every bank in the city. In addition the executives of the brotherhood bank were busy receiving complimentary calls from the officers of local financial institutions.

Warren S. Stone, president of the bank, stated that the receipts and deposits of the new office were satisfactory, the new accounts opened already exceeding those entered at the parent bank on St. Clair and Ontario Sts., which has collected resources of nearly \$18,000,000 in less than two years. The Euclid avenue office of the bank is under the supervision of George T. Webb, vice president and chief operating officer of the bank.

In proportion to thy efforts will be thy recompense.—The Talmud.

DOLLAR-UP CLUB

Mrs. Rose B. Blair and Frank Gayer are always good workers for the Dollar-Up Club. Each month they send in membership fees for others whom they have interested in the "dollar-up" method of assisting our usefulness in helping others—men, women and children.

We can expand only within the compass of our means at hand, and every dollar sent in speeds our advancement and encourages us in our efforts for the common good. Let all good members place at least one new name on the roster each month.

LLANO DOLLAR-UP CLUB

OCTOBER

Mat Sunnen	\$5.00
Frank Gayer	\$1.00
Morris Rapaport	\$2.00
Napoleon Hill	\$1.00
Dr. Robert K. Williams	\$1.00
Mrs. Robt. K. Williams	\$1.00
Mrs. Minnie E. Pickett	\$1.00
H. J. Hilliard	\$1.00
Miss E. M. Van Schoick	\$1.00
Henry Mueller	\$1.00
Chas. W. La Rue	\$1.00
Floyd C. La Rue	\$1.00
W. D. Henderson	\$1.00
F. W. Miles	\$1.00
W. J. Glegg	\$1.00
E. J. Pease	\$1.00
W. E. Patterson	\$1.00
R. Schwarz	\$1.00
Mrs. Rose B. Blair	\$1.00
J. B. Mars	\$1.00
Francis D. Gayer	\$1.00
Chas Hook	\$1.00
G. A. Farrand	\$1.00
N. Cornu	\$1.00
Dr. Miletta C. Walker	\$1.00
Jennie Fenkart	\$1.00
J. R. Teel	\$1.00
James Innes	\$1.00
Morton B. Bartlett	\$1.00
Universal Life Institute	\$1.00
Mrs. M. E. McCreary	\$1.00
Dr. S. A. Forthun	\$1.00
Wm. Gurr	\$1.00
J. O. Duckett	\$1.00
W. H. Hazen	\$1.00
D. H. Feddersen	\$1.00
Victor Nelson	\$1.00
Paul R. Hennacy	\$2.00

The short-sighted man is a very expensive animal to have around. Many wives have found this to their sorrow. An institution to care for such would not be a bad idea, and would pay for itself better than many colleges that cram their students with the dead past, instead of teaching what is good for them NOW.

man, Fread, W. Beavers, sawing the gum blocks into slats; Fischer running them thru the planer, and Belohradsky cutting them into proper lengths. Later this material is taken out by the small youngsters and racked up to dry. Denver Cryer, who cut his finger yesterday, is overseeing this group of five boys on this job. Boss them? No, indeed; he is helping and encouraging them. Over at the crate factory, we find Dr. Ferree, Comrades Paton, Aaby, Dougherty, Schmedes, and De Puy, nailing crates together. Now you see they jump me because they want these crates sold and out of their way. Quite a group of school boys help in the afternoons and forenoons at the wood-

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"BILLY" DE QUER'S FAMILY HAS NINE-POUND ADDITION

Old colonists who lived in the California Llano will be pleased to hear the news that Wm. De Quer (Billy) has just added another member to his family, making four in all.

The latest addition is a boy who arrived at their home in Salt Lake City on October 5th.

Billy is assistant to his brother, Dr. John De Quer, who is now owner of a large sanatorium in Salt Lake.

The De Quer sanatorium has lately added the Abrams methods to its lists of modern equipment.

FINE, FAIR WEATHER

The Fair Association owes W. A. Dougherty, the weatherman, a box of good cigars. What for? Why, for furnishing such excellent weather during fair week. Just listen to this:

"Indications for the week are generally fair weather, temperatures below normal first part of the week and normal thereafter. Pressure is low and falling; but there is no evidence of more rainfall as yet."

Could finer fair weather possibly be had? Not if the fair folks had made it themselves!

The remainder of the prophet's report reads thusly:

"Temperature for the week ending Oct. 9 1922:

Oct. 3—max. 84, min. 58
Oct. 4—max. 85, min. 63
Oct. 5—max. 88, min. 69
Oct. 6—max. 90, min. 67
Oct. 7—max. 90, min. 52
Oct. 8—max. 78, min. 52
Oct. 9—max. 74, min. 44

"1.55 inches of rainfall was recorded during the week."

W. A. Dougherty.

The reward of good works is like dates; sweet and ripening late.—The Talmud.