



BANKERS PLAN BIG LOAN TO GERMANY.

Nation is Near a Complete Financial Collapse.

BRITAIN SEES UTTER RUIN

International Financiers Propose to Raise Billion and Half Dollars—Secretary Hughes and J. P. Morgan Confer.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The floating of an outside loan of approximately a billion and a half dollars, through the agency of the international bankers, is under consideration as the only visible way of saving Germany from going over the precipice, and of staying off the acute reparations crisis which is hanging over the chancelleries of Europe.

Morgan at Washington.

American bankers and the United States government are taking a direct interest in the loan project, and it was learned that J. P. Morgan's visit to Washington and his conference with Secretary of State Hughes was connected with the reparations situation, the acute crisis in Germany and the plan for a mammoth loan.

Mr. Hughes refused to state what question he had discussed with Mr. Morgan, but the evidence was overwhelming that the loan question has again come into the foreground of the situation, that the international bankers are considering ways and means of raising it and are seeking the active co-operation of their respective governments.

Germany Near Collapse.

London, Dec. 15.—Germany is very near complete collapse, Premier Bonar Law declared in the house of commons. The premier made this statement in the course of an outline of the British reparations policy. He said that French finance was based on the expectation of receiving the large sums of money promised by Germany, but at the end of the moratorium they found they were more unlikely to get anything than they were at the beginning.

The French view was that Germany, by currency inflation, had deliberately avoided payment.

TAKE ARMY MAN FROM BRIDE

U. S. Officer Shackled by Three Indiana Officials—Seized on Bigamy Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Three armed men overpowered Capt. Charles Pike, U. S. army, attached to the U. S. Marine hospital, and, while his bride of six weeks stood helpless and dazed from a blow by one of the three, shackled him and drove him away in a taxy "bound for Indiana."

It was several hours after the kidnapping before it was definitely learned that the kidnapers were Indiana officials serving a warrant for bigamy issued by Justice of the Peace Howard Kemp of Crown Point, Ind.

DAUGHERTY HEARING HALTED

Impeachment Proceedings in House Comes to Dramatic End After Hot Wrangle.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The proceedings in the Daugherty impeachment hearing came to a dramatic end.

Representative Keller, who made the charges, after a stormy fifteen minutes' dispute with Chairman Volstead and others of the house judiciary committee, refused to proceed and, with his counsel, withdrew.

LAW BACKS BALFOUR NOTE

British Premier Admits in Commons Ties Switch on the War Debt Plan.

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Bonar Law in the house of commons declared frankly for the policy of the Balfour note, which advocated an adjustment of the inter-allied debts by an all-around cancellation, with England surrendering her share of reparations to be paid by Germany.

COLD IN ROME IS FATAL

Five Persons Are Frozen to Death—Hungry Wolves at Gates of the City.

Rome, Dec. 13.—Italy is suffering from an exceptional cold wave. Five persons were frozen to death in Rome Monday night. Wolves, driven desperate by the lack of food, have descended from the mountains to the plains and are seen almost at the gates of the capital.

SPENCE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS' ASSOCIATION AT CONVENTION IN LEXINGTON

The Convention of the Agricultural Agents of the State of Kentucky, which was held at the University at Lexington, December 12 to 15, was one of enthusiasm and education.

A number of prominent speakers from different parts of the country and representing various phases of agricultural life and activity were present. C. D. Smith, chief of the Extension Department, with its headquarters at Washington, D. C., was on hand thru the entire convention.

E. C. Lindman spoke on the Danish Agricultural Movement and its Lesson for America. Mr. Lindman has made a first hand study of the agricultural movement in Denmark.

Among other speakers were M. O. H. Hughes, who spent last summer in Europe studying conditions of the European farmer; and Dr. E. H. Hibbard, head of the Department of Economics of Wisconsin University. Mr. Hughes spoke on the European Farmer and Mr. Hibbard on the Present Conditions of Agriculture.

The following officers were elected to serve the County Agents' Association during the coming year: Robert F. Spence of Berea, Ky., president; L. C. Brewer of Morganfield, Ky., vice-president; E. F. Morrison of Louisville, Ky., secretary and treasurer.

It is no small honor to be elected president of the Kentucky Agricultural Agents' Association, and Mr. Spence is highly deserving of this honor.

MRS. WM. GORDON DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. William Gordon, age 38, died very suddenly at her home on the Lancaster road Thursday afternoon as a result of an acute heart attack. Death came as a great shock to her family and friends. She was stricken with a very severe pain in the head and passed away before the physician reached the home. She is survived by her husband, nine children and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vernon, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Funeral services were held at Christian church at Flat Woods, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in Richmond cemetery.—Richmond Register.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED

Flemingsburg, Ky., Dec. 17.—The postoffice at Nepton, this county, was robbed Thursday evening while the postmaster was at supper, the robbers forcing an entrance thru the back windows, taking some mail sacks and \$200 in money. Bloodhounds were put on the trail but no arrests have been made.

TWENTY-SEVEN LIVES LOST

When Tug Sinks in Lake Superior—Carried Crew of Fourteen and Twenty-Two Passengers

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—Twenty-seven persons are believed to have lost their lives when the tug Reliance foundered in a storm off Lizard Island in Lake Superior. The tug which sank, carried 22 passengers and a crew of fourteen, steamship officials stated. Only nine persons are known to be safe.

Battered by the storm which had raged for more than 24 hours, the ship hit the rocks off the island. It sank immediately.

A part of the passengers took to life boats. Others walked on cakes of ice, finally reaching Pilot Island where a lumber camp is located. The men, however, had not reached the camp, according to word received here. They are believed to have perished.

If the remaining twenty-seven reached land, they are without food and fuel. They are believed to have died of exposure.

For Emergency

New York.—An emergency coffin for former Emperor William of Germany was found in a rusty chest aboard his old flagship the Bremen now the Constantinople. The former Kaiser made most of his long voyages to the German African provinces and other parts of the world aboard the Bremen. The coffin always accompanied him. Lying in a handsome steel over-all the coffin has the imperial insignia on the sides and lid in bas relief on enameled iron crosses.

GIVEN, not lent,
And not withdrawn—once sent,
This Infant of mankind, this One,
Is still the little welcome Son.

NEW every year,
New born and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long;

EVEN as the cold
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green.

SUDDEN as sweet
Come the expected feet.
All joy is young, and new all art,
And He, too, whom we have by heart.

Merry, Merry Christmas

A Carol

Merry, merry Christmas! Pass the word along;
Merry, merry Christmas! Come and join our song;
Sing the joyful carols, drive the cares away;
Come and share our gladness on this Christmas day.
See the stars that shine up in the sky!
These proclaim the message far and nigh.
O'er the land and far across the sea
Christmas bells are ringing joyfully.

Merry, merry Christmas! Joyfully we sing;
Sing with all the people, "Welcome to our King!"
Come and join our carol; joyfully we stand,
Singing "Merry Christmas" with the angel band.

Come ye little children, gather round the tree;
Blend with ours your voices in this melody;
Angel hearts are waiting for your happy voice—
Come and help us make those angel hearts rejoice.
See, the stars are fading from the sight,
See, the sun is driving out the night;
Sleepers, wake and join our happy throng,
Come and sing a merry Christmas song.

Merry, merry Christmas! Joyfully we sing;
Sing with all the people, "Welcome to our King!"
Come and join our carol; joyfully we stand,
Singing "Merry Christmas" with the angel band.

—John F. Smith

Berea College.

BEREA DRUG CO. ROBBED

Last Saturday morning when Mr. Wylie, pharmacist for the Berea Drug Co., went to work he discovered that a number of articles, including some boxes of candy, a kodak, some jewelry and pens, were missing from the show windows. A more complete check on the missing goods revealed that at least \$237.00 worth of merchandise had been taken from the store on Friday night. However, no signs could be found of the place where the robbers had entered.

The matter was placed in the hands of the city officials and an investigation followed, which proved that John Vaughn, operator of Model Press Shop, had sold goods in Richmond exactly like some of the missing articles. Vaughn was arrested on suspicion, and the evidence showed that he gave a number of conflicting answers to questions as to where he came into possession of the articles. In one of his statements he implicated Roscoe Harrison, who works at Whicker's Garage, but later the charges against Harrison were filed away because of insufficient evidence.

Vaughn was brought before Judge Watkins Wednesday afternoon for a preliminary trial and was bound over to the February grand jury on \$500 bond.

KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Underprivileged Child to be Discussed at Next Meeting

At the Kiwanis Club luncheon held at Boone Tavern Wednesday evening, December 20, the following officers were elected to serve the club for the year 1923. A. F. Scruggs, president; John W. Welch, vice-president; M. E. Vaughn, district committeeman; Wm. A. Dean, treasurer; J. M. Reinhardt, secretary.

F. O. Clark, E. L. Dix, Charles Davidson, B. F. Robinson, Karl T. Waugh, E. G. Walker, E. T. Hays, and the above named officers will compose the board of directors.

"The Underprivileged Child" will be the subject of the program for the next luncheon. It is hoped that Arthur H. Estbook, who is connected with the Carnegie Institute at Washington, and whose investigations has led to a thorough knowledge of this subject, will be present.

Don't Hurry Him.
Judge—Madam, you say your husband left you two months ago. What is his business?
Wife—He's a plumber.
Judge—Well, be patient; for surely there's a chance that he will have the leak fixed in another month or so.

HIGHER COURT CONFIRMS LOWER COURT DECISION

Jackson County Bond Issue Held Legal

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Court of Appeals Friday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Harrison vs. Jackson Fiscal Court. This case attracted considerable attention since all the points were attacked connected with the holding of an election to issue bonds in the sum of \$125,000 for the construction of a turnpike from McKee to the Madison county line.

Judge Manning held the election to be legal and the case was appealed to the higher court, but the opinion of the lower court was upheld.

The citizens of Jackson county have made a most consistent fight to get an outlet to the outside world and their most worthy efforts have attracted the interests of the people in many sections of the State, and the State Road Department is in sympathy with their efforts and has pledged to construct a road from Madison county to McKee if Madison would help to construct the mileage in that county. Clay county has likewise voted bonds to the amount of \$200,000 and it looks like these counties are in for road building.

The new Kentonva Association, which has recently been organized to further the interests of constructing a road thru the counties of Estill, Lee, Owsley and Clay, and it is now proposed by the people of Jackson county to link up with that project, connecting in Owsley county, providing the gap in Madison county is not taken care of. Beattyville is already making plans as the "Gateway City" to the mountains if this huge undertaking is perfected. New enterprises are being planned.

THE GANG ALL IN

Prohibition Agents Hopeful That End Has Come To Activities In This Quarter

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Dec. 17.—Federal agents today took Charles Ballard, last member of the Ballard moonshining gang, to the Fayette county jail. Ballard was captured near Frenchburg Saturday night.

His injuries were dressed in Frenchburg. He suffered a wound in the side and another in the foot. Ballard refused to talk and would not tell his whereabouts since his escape from the Ferguson cabin, where his brother, Bob Ballard, leader of the gang, and E. Guy Cole, Federal prohibition agent, were killed Friday morning.

Jeff Ballard, father, and Albert Ballard, brother of Charles Ballard, are in the Lexington jail, together with William Ferguson, Joseph Clem and Elwood Reft, captured by Federal agents Friday. With the arrest of Charles Ballard, the activities of the moonshiners, whose lawlessness caused the death of their leader and three Federal agents, are brought to an end, prohibition agents believe.

SMITH ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF FATHER-IN-LAW

Smallwood, His Comrade, Given Life Sentence

Manchester, Ky., Dec. 17.—Burchell Smith will be placed on trial tomorrow for the murder of John Taylor, his father-in-law, who was shot to death April 14, 1922, at the head of Mill Creek. Twenty-two bullets entered his body.

Smith was indicted with Roy Smallwood, who several days ago was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Taylor's three small daughters testified they saw Smith and Smallwood, armed with rifles, walking in the direction of the spot where their father's body later was found.

The Commonwealth also proved that Taylor had been shot from behind.

World News

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It is believed that a settlement with Turkey is near at hand. England is interested in the territory in Asia Minor which contains oil resources. The U. S. also insists that no arrangement between the two can be made that excludes the U. S. right to the use of the oil supply. Turkey has not shown much disposition thus far to show tolerance to foreign population. An agreement was reached that Christian populations might remain in Constantinople on certain conditions. Among other things, the head or Patriarch of the Greek church must leave. Since Constantinople has been the seat of the Greek Catholic church since early times, this is considered an especial hardship. It does not seem likely that any section is to be set apart as a home for the Armenians, and their future is not bright. Nor will Turkey as yet give up her claim to try all foreigners in her own courts, thus doing away with the capitulations, or agreements, made with the U. S. years ago. Constantinople will not be regarded by the Turks as their capital city, but rather Angora, a city some 300 miles to the east in Asia Minor, will be developed as a capital for the future.

Reports continue to be circulated that a change is coming about in America's attitude toward the European situation. Ambassador Harvey is to return to the U. S. for conference, as is thought, on the financial situation. The continuous fall in the value of the German mark has been the center of attention. Germany wishes a large loan, and it can be secured in no place but the U. S. Our government has not authorized any such loan as yet, and John Pierpont Morgan, who has just returned from Europe, says none has been arranged for. The reports, however, persist and President Harding is quoted as saying that Europe needs America's aid. The supply of gold in the U. S. is greater than ever before in our history, and we could make a loan that would in no sense obligate us to cancel any debt. It has been America's belief that Europe must work it out herself, but that may truly be impossible. If America makes a loan, it will be on conditions that are helpful to the world.

At the international conference of jurists, now meeting at the Peace Palace in the Hague, our own representative, John Bassett Moore, was selected as chairman. The object of this conference is to take up the rules regulating war and revise them so that they will conform to changed conditions. These international lawyers are aware of the fact that the rules of war were badly broken or disregarded entirely in the recent war, and yet they are going at their task with considerable hope and confidence, believing that in some way international law is to have a better standing in the future than in the past. The U. S. is committed to the policy of regard for law in international relations and has always used her influence in that direction. Her policy of isolation, however, prevents that cooperation with the nations of the world which alone can give an effective enforcement of law.

The U. S. has recently sent a naval commissioner to Brazil with several vessels of war, as a compliment to that country in the celebration of her freedom from monarchical rule. The neighboring republic of Argentina sees in this something to criticize and charges the U. S. with inconsistency in encouraging naval operations when we so recently advocated reduction of naval armament. The criticism goes even farther and suggests a desire on the part of the U. S. to cultivate a friendship for Brazil which will be to the disadvantage of the Argentine. That such is really the purpose of the U. S. there is little reason to believe but the incident is suggestive of a spirit of rivalry between the two strongest (Continued on page eight)

\$40,000 GOES IN COAL LANDS

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 17.—Sam Collins, State Prohibition Director, and Louis E. Harvie of Whitesburg have invested \$40,000 in coal lands and building sites here. The coal lands touch the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and it is said a new corporation will be formed soon.