

## DENY INTENTION TO INFLUENCE U. S.

NO SURPRISE IN ENGLAND OVER AMERICA'S ATTITUDE ON FOREIGN DEBTS

### MORAL PRESSURE IS HINTED

Terms on French War Debt Not Made to Influence America, Says Press

London.—American dispatches reporting amazement and irritation in the United States over the terms of the Anglo-French provisional debt arrangements and quoting statements of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Winston and Senator Smoot of the American debt commission and other persons are featured in big type in the newspapers.

No surprise is expressed here at the declaration that the United States will adhere to its attitude on foreign debts as already indicated, but anxiety is evinced in comment over reported suspicions in the United States that Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill and Finance Minister Caillaux schemed to put moral pressure on the United States.

The newspapers print disavowal of any intention of Great Britain to bring any pressure upon the United States.

Paris.—The Echo d'Paris says it learns from a person who is in a position to know that, while satisfied with the British offers of a moratorium and a reduction in the debt figure, there is no question of the cabinet signing any sort of an agreement. The newspaper adds that nothing can be definite until after the Franco-American conference at Washington.

### Montana Ores Go to Belgium

Butte, Mont.—A Belgium syndicate has signed a long term contract with Glen Anderson, general manager of the Iron Mountain Mining company, for the purchase of all zinc and lead concentrates taken from the Mineral county mine. The shipments will be made direct to Belgium.

Mr. Anderson stated that the new mill at Iron Mountain is under construction and will be ready for operation September 15. The mill will have a capacity of 150 tons a day and is so arranged that additional units may be installed without interrupting the production.

San Francisco.—Dorothy Ellingson, 17-year-old confessed matricide, was found guilty of manslaughter by a superior court jury.

The young defendant took the verdict calmly. She was chewing gum when the jurors entered after more than 10 hours' deliberations and continued chewing after the verdict was read. Manslaughter carries a penalty of from one to 10 years, eligible for parole after one year.

New York.—Announcement by the postoffice department that bids for transporting the United States mails over eight other routes will be opened September 15, is expected to furnish a remarkable impetus to commercial aviation in this country. Men in close touch with air transportation, declared it would have a similar effect to that exercised by awarding of mail contracts in the pioneer days of railroad building.

### Expedition Abandoned

The MacMillan Arctic expedition has abandoned hope of carrying out its full exploration program over the polar sea this year.

Curtailment of the expedition's activities was forced by adverse weather, which has locked the northland in ice and fog well ahead of the usual winter season.

Capetown, South Africa.—A dispatch from Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, says that religious fanatics in the neighborhood of Sekania, attempting to make forcible conversions, slaughtered 50 native in one village. A small patrol of native police was driven off with a number of killed and wounded. Troops have been sent from Elizabethville.

New York.—The long continued controversy in the garment trades industry reached a new crisis when 50,000 workers, members of three union locals, left their machines in obedience to an order from their action committee.

The firms affected by the order represented the bulk of the women's garment industry in this city.

Hong Kong.—Lin Chung-Hoi, finance minister of the Canton government, has been assassinated.

He was one of the leaders of the Bolshevik elements in the government, closely associated with Moscow.

### Big Damage Suit Filed

New York.—Sut to recover \$14,000, 000 alleged damages was filed in the state supreme court by Arthur Daintel, trustee in bankruptcy for the Seiznick Distributing corporation, in behalf of creditors of that and other motion picture enterprises of Louis J. Seiznick.

### Death Roll Now 46

Newport, R. I.—The death of Edward Demers of Pawtucket brought to 46 the total of deaths resulting from the explosion of a boiler on the excursion steamer Mechanic.

## MAC MILLAN VESSEL GROUNDS ON LEDGE

Bowdoin Comes Through Dangerous Experience With Little Damage

Washington.—Grounded for more than 10 hours on a rock ledge, to be finally washed off by the swell from a bursting iceberg, is one of the experiences from which the Bowdoin, a staunch craft of the MacMillan Arctic expedition, has emerged unscathed on her return trip from northern waters with the Peary. The grounding occurred more than 70 miles north of Booth sound. A delayed message received by the National Geographic society and signed by Commander MacMillan relates that to prevent the Bowdoin from pounding in a choppy sea after striking the ledge, 34 steel barrels of gasoline were thrown overboard. All but six barrels were later recovered.

While awaiting response to a summons for aid from the Peary, which eventually got a tow line aboard the Bowdoin, the staunch little vessel took on a 35 degree list as the tide ebbed and the decks could be traversed only with the aid of ropes.

Just as the Peary, at flood tide, was ready to tighten the tow line "we were washed off by the swell caused by a bursting ice berg," Commander MacMillan reported.

Another message received by the geographic society said the Peary had reached the harbor at Akpahn and that a blizzard had been raging for 24 hours, with a 50-mile wind and high seas. The Bowdoin then was reported in the lee of Saunders island, not far from Booth sound.

### Shell-Shocked Vets Terrified

Boston.—Terrifying memories of their days in France came back to six shell-shocked World War veterans when the big guns at Fort Andrews went into action for target practice while an excursion steamer carrying nearly 300 veterans on a harbor outing passed the fort.

Six of the men became hysterical. Nurses and attendants quitted them and reassured other veterans who were less seriously upset by the firing. Ambulances from the Veterans hospital and fire department cars were called to the dock and conveyed the seriously affected men back to the hospital.

### Montana Editor Honored

Cincinnati.—John W. Mahan, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, announced here that V. D. Corbly, Missoula, Mont., has been appointed assistant national adjutant in place of Joseph Loos, Cincinnati, who resigned.

Corbly is editor of the Missoula Sentinel, a daily newspaper. He served with the marine corps, second division, throughout the war and was severely wounded in action. Corbly was rehabilitated by the United States veterans' bureau and was graduated with honors from the school of journalism at the University of Montana.

### Pioneer Journalist Signs "30"

Chicago.—Victor Fremont Lawson, one of the greatest and one of the last of America's pioneer journalists, is dead.

The editor and publisher of the Chicago Daily News died at his home here after an illness of only three days of a heart ailment from which he had suffered frequently in recent years.

Foremost among the exponents of untainted news, one of the founders of The Associated Press, and owner of one of the greatest newspaper successes on the continent, his death marked the passing of a premier newspaper figure of the last century.

### Wrong Man Is Killed

East Las Vegas, N. M.—Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor and storm center of New Mexico politics, shot and killed John B. Lassater, a state employee, in a hotel here when, in a fight with former District Judge D. J. Leahy, his political enemy, he drew a revolver and fired suddenly. Lassater was a bystander.

Magee fired two shots, after he had been knocked to the floor by Leahy, the first shot striking Lassater and the second wounding Leahy in the arm. Leahy was the district judge who tried Magee in two cases, both of which gained national publicity.

Boston.—Francis Lee Higginson, one of the founders of the banking firm of Lee, Higginson and company, is dead at his summer home in Pride's Crossing, according to word received here. He was 84 years old and was director of numerous corporations, including the Calumet and Hecla Mining company.

Washington.—Postmaster General New has announced that no airmail would be carried from the Pacific coast on the three navy seaplanes on their non-stop flight to Hawaii.

### Fliers to Spot Fires

Salt Lake City.—Air mail pilots in the western division are to assume the task while making their mail flights of watching for forest fires, officials of the western air mail division have announced. They will communicate with forestry officials about the fires by radio.

### French to Talk Debts

Washington.—Secretary Mellon has been notified that the French debt commission would leave about September 15 for the United States.

## STOCKMEN PLAN A NEW FOREST POLICY

DISAGREEMENTS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO THE U. S. COURT

### FEDERAL CONTROL FAVORED

Shearing Bureau of Timberland Powers Urged By Salt Lake City Meeting

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Recommendations that the forestry bureau be shorn of its arbitrary power in granting of grazing leases, was adopted by the American National Livestock association in conference here.

Under resolutions adopted, congress would be requested to pass a law legalizing the grazing of livestock upon the national forests and authorizing the secretary of agriculture to execute leases for not less than 10 years, renewable at the option of the lessees.

Should such a law be enacted it would naturally follow that any contested point arising from disagreements between the lease-holders and the government would be taken to the United States district court instead of being settled in the forestry bureau as at the present.

The recommendation further provides that the proposed law shall restrict the lease-holders in the use and disposal of the leases only to the extent essential to insure beneficial use of the resources concerned from the standpoint of business in general and to make the holders responsible for any damage caused to the resources involved through exercise of rights under such leases.

At one session of the conference given over to a discussion of the public domain, the majority of sentiment appeared in favor of federal control.

State control is meeting with disfavor at the conference, delegates taking the stand that under federal control, rules and regulations governing grazing in the various states would be more uniform.

J. M. McFarlane, president of the Utah Cattle and Horse Growers' association, declared that the time is opportune for federal control of the public domain.

### Reach Accord on Refunding

London.—The British chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill, and the French finance minister, M. Caillaux, have reached an agreement in principle on the funding of the French debt to Great Britain. It was officially announced that an agreement had been reached on the basis, in principle, of 62 annual payments of \$12,500,000 on the sole responsibility of France, subject to an agreement being reached on various matters of detail and subject to a governing condition of proportionate equal treatment by France and her creditors.

Under this agreement France is to pay Great Britain a little more than 2 per cent interest annually on her debt of \$623,000,000 during the years in which England is making payments on her debt to the United States. After this time the interest payments are to cease, and the principal of the debt is simply to be wiped off the slate.

### Ruhr Is Turned Back

Duesseldorf, Germany.—The French and Belgian troops have turned over the Ruhr to the Germans after four years occupation, undertaken to compel Germany to pay reparations. There were no disturbances and no public expressions of either regret or pleasure. There were, however, many emotional partings between French soldiers and their German sweethearts.

The allied army marched out with bands playing. The troops assembled in the forenoon before the headquarters, where they were reviewed by the general in command.

The bugle sounded a general salute to the flag, which was run down to "The Marseillaise." The march then began, and the troops crossed the bridge to Oberkassel, in the Belgian zone, to entrain for the French area.

### Plant Fry in Park

Washington.—Good fishing has been assured in Yellowstone National park by planting of 1,138,000 trout fry; 1,431,000 eyed eggs in park waters during the last month. In making the announcement the department of the interior said that nearly all of the lakes and streams of the park from the timber line down to the lowest altitude contain either trout, whitefish or grayling.

### Austrian General Dies

Vienna.—Field Marshal Baron Franz von Conrad Hotzendorf, chief of staff of the Austrian armies in the World war and later commander-in-chief on the Italian front, died at Mergentheim, in Wurtemberg, Germany.

### Appoints Idaho Attorney

Swampscott, Mass.—Hoyt E. Ray, has been appointed United States attorney for the district of Idaho.

### Copper Surplus Small

New York.—Surpluses in the stocks of copper held in the United States at the close of July aggregated \$8,000 tons, the smallest for any month since the close of the World war, according to figures compiled by the American bureau of metal statistics. The total represents a reduction of 3,238 tons for the month.

## TO ENLARGE A. C. M. GREAT FALLS PLANTS

Will Increase Copper Refining Facilities to Care for All Metal Produced in Montana

Great Falls, Mont.—The plans of the Anaconda Copper Mining company for the enlargement of its electrolytic zinc plant and its copper refinery here, call for an increase in the capacity of the former by 30 per cent, giving it a capacity of 240,000,000 pounds of electrolytic zinc a year, and an increase of one-third in the capacity of the copper refinery. The zinc plant improvement is to be completed shortly after the first of the year, and the proposed refinery improvements are to be completed by the end of 1926.

According to the announcement of John D. Ryan, chairman of the board of directors of the company, made here while he was in the city in company with President C. F. Kelley, Vice President J. R. Hobbs in charge of Montana operations, and Frank M. Kerr, vice president and general manager of the Montana Power company, completion of the plans will provide facilities at Great Falls for the refining of all of the copper produced at the company's properties in Montana.

Mr. Ryan has recently returned from a trip to Europe and Mr. Kelley recently completed an inspection of the Anaconda company's South American properties.

"It is our aim," stated Mr. Ryan, "to provide facilities at Great Falls for refining all copper produced in Montana and as rapidly as the market conditions will permit to put the same through at least the primary stages of manufacture here. With this in view, we contemplate enlarging the capacity of all our Great Falls plants about one-third, and expect these additions to be completed by the end of 1926."

### Fire Destroys Rail Property

Buffalo, Wyo.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed machinery for the North & South railroad valued at \$24,000, only a small part of which was covered by insurance. The dropping of a cigarette in an old unused ice house where the equipment was stored has been suggested as a possible cause of the fire.

Only one-fourth of the machinery destroyed was covered by insurance, Lee Hibbard, owner, said. Among the equipment lost was a Holt caterpillar tractor which alone was valued at \$6,000, a great number of dump wagons and wagons used in road grading, scrapers, plows, shovels, harness and camp bedding. Nothing was saved, and it is feared the iron will be too badly buckled and warped to be sold.

### Car Loadings Make Record

Washington.—Loading of revenue freight for the week ended August 15 totaled 1,064,793 cars, the American Railway association has announced, marking the fifth consecutive period in which the million-car mark was exceeded.

The figure, the greatest for any week this year, was 13,182 cars more than were used the preceding week and 111,385 more than for the same week of 1924.

### Speechless in Face of Death

Budapest, Hungary.—With five minutes to say good-bye before their death allowed by the court, Miti Ledere and her husband, Gustav, a former lieutenant, choking with anguish and blinded by tears, were unable to say a single word. They had been convicted of the murder of Franz Kudeika, who was visiting the couple in a suburb of Budapest.

### Ordinance Held Illegal

Denver.—A Denver city ordinance preventing newshouses from crying their wares or selling papers, except at authorized stands, was held unconstitutional by Judge James C. Starkweather in the district court. Judge Starkweather's opinion was handed down in a suit brought by the Denver Post to restrain enforcement of the ordinance which was passed recently.

### Gun Explodes in Camp

Rockford, Ill.—Seven soldiers are reported dead and between 20 and 30 wounded, many seriously, by the bursting of a howitzer in the Eighth Infantry (colored) regiment at Camp Grant.

The accident occurred just as the men were completing their morning firing on the Camp Grant range. A defective shell is blamed for the tragedy.

### Silver Output High

New York.—Production of silver in North America and Peru during July amounted to 16,628,312 ounces, a new monthly record for the year, according to the American bureau of metal statistics. The total output for the first seven months was 109,159,306 ounces, slightly below that of the corresponding period last year.

### Strike Ties Up Work

Chicago.—Construction work valued at several million dollars has been tied up here by two strikes resulting from differences between brick layers and plasterers' unions.

### Vesuvius Active

Naples, Italy.—Mount Vesuvius has resumed extraordinary activity. The volcano is erupting great quantities of ashes and lighting up the whole countryside at night. Observers at the volcano observatory have expressed the opinion there is no great danger.

## RIFLE TEAM OFF FOR OHIO

The rifle team which will represent the Montana national guard at the national rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, has left Helena.

The men were selected on the basis of their scores on the range at camp at Helena last summer and on their home grounds. They will compete for war department medals in team and individual events against teams representing other national guard units and branches of the regular service. They may also compete in National Rifle association matches at the same time.

Pay and expenses while on the trip are provided by the government.

### Fire Fighters Battle Flames

More than 600 men are still fighting fires in the Kootenai and Kaniksu forests though the blazes are held in check despite the lack of rain for the last week. The 17-mile fire on the Kootenai forest, which has covered more than 18,000 acres, is expected to be on a patrol basis soon. The Cross mountain and Grizzly peak fires, the other two large ones in this forest, and the Kaniksu fire are troublesome, but not spreading.

### Pet Bear Attacks Child

Despite the fact that her condition is serious as the result of blood poisoning, physicians expect to save the life of Barbara Durnam, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Durnam, whose skull was penetrated by the claw of a pet bear as she lay asleep in her room at Karst's camp near Bozeman.

The bear, a pet of the family, had broken the chain which confined it to a shed near the house, and as members of the family set up a chase to recapture the animal it became frightened, ran into the house and into the child's bedroom.

There in a panic, it attacked the child. It struck her a vicious blow with its claw behind the ear. The claw penetrated the skull and produced a deep and ugly wound. The father rescued the girl and she was taken to the Deaconess hospital at Bozeman, where her recovery had been doubtful. The bear was shot.

### Business Changes

The purchase of the Rosebud flour mill and light plant at Rosebud and of the Hathaway elevator at Hathaway, by Arthur J. Palmer, of Cleveland, O., has just been consummated. Mr. Palmer taking immediate control. M. A. Sheesley, who has been the owner of the flour mill for a number of years, was retained as miller.

Mr. Palmer is a former resident of Montana, having lived in the state more than 30 years ago. For six years he was located at Anaconda and while there had charge of the installation of the light plant. Since leaving the state he has spent most of his time in Cleveland, having been interested in the banking and oil business.

Mr. Palmer is much pleased with the business outlook in Montana and believes there is a prosperous future for the state.

### Complete Broadus Bridge

The Security Bridge company has completed the construction of the Powder river bridge at Broadus. The work consisted of the reconstruction of a 120-foot wood span at the west end of the steel span.

The construction required 24 cottonwood pilings, which was prepared by Johnny Neil. The county supplied all the necessary material for the wood span and fortunately nearly all the old bridge planks were salvaged from a sandbar, a short distance down the river. The wood span was washed out in the high water of June 16 and the three steel spans of 423 feet remained intact.

### Ask Daily Mail Service

Provided a petition is favorably acted upon by the department at Washington, D. C., Jordan and residents of Garfield county will have daily mail service in the near future. The petition, with a long list of names of persons receiving mail at the Jordan office, has been sent to Washington.

Towns in other sections of the state, practically as far removed from the railroad as Jordan are now receiving daily mail service; while the contract on the Jordan route calls for daily mail service during six months of the year and tri-weekly service the remainder of the year.

Cleaning up the debris and salvaging of office records from the ruins of the W. D. MacKay company's warehouse in Billings, which was partially destroyed by fire, has started. The damage resulting from the fire is conservatively estimated at \$12,000, nearly all of which is covered by insurance. The work of rebuilding will commence immediately, according to Mr. MacKay, and the greater part of the damage being done to the basement and main floor while the recent improvements made on the second floor were unharmed.

### Death of Aged Pioneer

John H. Shober, 92 years old, a resident of Helena since September 10, 1864, and one of Montana's oldest pioneers, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. C. B. Nolan in Helena. He was the last survivor of those present at the meeting on October 30, 1864, when Last Chance Gulch was renamed Helena. When he arrived in the gulch, its population consisted of but six men and the residence district consisted of two cabins. Four of the population were the original discoverers of Last Chance gulch.

## CRASH RECALLS OLD STATE LAW

Truck Driver to Face Trial on Untested Statute—Carries a Stiff Fine

Frank Cunningham, an employe of the Mountain States Telephone company, was returned to Great Falls from Helena to stand trial on a charge of failing to stop after an auto accident and refusing to give his true name in violation of a state law, heretofore never enforced in Cascade county.

The law was brought out by Fred A. Ewald, and complaining witness in the case against Cunningham, whom he charges with deliberately bumping him off the Vaughn road, five miles west of Great Falls.

The law under which Cunningham will be tried provides that a driver must stop after an accident and that if asked by the injured motorist, or "any one else," he must give his true name. If the injured party is unable to ask his name, the law provides, that he must report the mishap to the nearest sheriff within 24 hours.

As far as can be learned no one in Cascade county has ever been prosecuted under the statute, violation of which calls for a fine of from \$25 to \$500 and jail sentence of from 10 days to three months.

### Civil Service Examination

Senator Burton K. Wheeler announces that the United States Civil Service Commission will hold an examination on Saturday, October 24, 1925, to enable him to make selection for designation for appointment of a principal and two alternates to a cadetship at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Any resident of Montana who desires to compete in this examination should report at 9 a. m., on Saturday, October 24, to the Secretary, Local Board of Civil Service Examiners, post office building, in one of the following cities:

Kallispell, Missoula, Butte, Dillon, Helena, Great Falls, Bozeman, Havre, Lewistown, Billings, Glasgow, Miles City, Glendive.

Candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 22 on the date of admission to the academy, that is, on July 1, 1926. A form showing the scope and character of the examination may be obtained by writing to Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Senate office building, Washington, D. C.

Those desiring to compete in the examination should write to Senator Wheeler at the earliest practicable date in order that arrangements may be made to ship papers for the examination.

### Montana Coal Winning Favor

That the public gradually is realizing that Montana coal serves the purpose as well as coal shipped in from other states was the assertion of Stephen Ely, president of the Montana Federation of Labor.

"We are expecting to see a big increase in the consumption of Montana coal and a gradual decrease in the importing of coal from other states," Mr. Ely said. It is in line with the movement for the consumption of home products.

"The people are coming to realize that Montana coal does not clog the stoves and pipes with soot as badly as does Utah coal. Besides that, Montana coal has a greater content of thermal heat units than the Utah product, and also is cheaper."

### Will Finance Municipal Band

If present plans work out successfully Whitefish will have a municipal band before many weeks have passed. Charles Tarr, chairman of the Kiwanis committee appointed recently to confer with the city council relative to making a half mill levy for the support of a band, has been assured by Mayor McLean that the proposed budget for the city, to be submitted at the next council meeting, contains provision for the levy. If this is adopted by the council, it means that the sum of around \$700 will be available for maintaining a band, and this is what has been desired.

### O. E. S. Officers Installed

Worthy Matron Mrs. Edna Kavanaugh of Shelby, Mrs. Nina Salzman of St. Ignace and Mrs. Glna Keifer of Fairview, were installed by officers of the state convention of the Montana grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star which completed a two-day session at Missoula recently.

### Minister Is Named

The Rev. James F. McNamee, pastor of the First Baptist church of Helena, was appointed by Governor J. E. Erickson to succeed the Rev. F. E. Carlson of Helena as a member of the state board of charities and reform. Dr. Carlson recently has accepted a call to a pastorate in Portland, Ore.

### Roundup Lets School Job

Construction of a new addition to the Roundup high school at a cost of \$38,437 was provided for with the awarding of the contract for the building to Rottman Herfert, local contractors, and of the plumbing contract to F. L. Dye, also of that place. Work on the new unit will start immediately and it is estimated that it will be ready for occupation on February 1.

A bond issue of \$38,500 to provide for the addition has been disposed of by the board of education to the state land board.