

AMERICA MAKES NEW PROPOSALS FOR DEBT TERMS

French Receive New Offers
As Debt Commissions
Resume Negotiations

NO AGREEMENT YET

Mellon Denies That Terms
Have Been Reached, As
Announced By French

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Oct. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A new set of American proposals for funding the \$4,200,000,000 French debt to the United States were submitted to the French debt mission today when the two debt bodies resumed negotiations in joint session.

Washington, Oct. 1.—(United Press)—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, following a conference with President Coolidge, today formally denied that a tentative agreement for a refunding of the \$4,200,000,000 French debt to the United States has been reached as announced at the French embassy by a personal representative of Finance Minister Caillaux last night.

On the contrary, Mellon said, the French were informed at yesterday's meeting that their proposals "were not likely to be accepted."

He added that "no proposal has been made acceptable to the American commission and none has been submitted to the president for his approval or disapproval."

His statement follows:
"The representative in the press on the supposed authority of a member of the French commission that agreement has been reached and purporting to give the terms as satisfactory is not true."

Such a statement obviously did not come from Mr. Caillaux, because before adjournment of the sub-committee last evening the French members were informed by the American members that their proposals were not likely to be accepted.

"There has been no differences of opinion whatever among the American commission. The visit to the president this morning was to inform him of the position of the negotiations."

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David Studabaker Now
Suffering From Pneumonia

Word from Fort Wayne this afternoon that David Studabaker, Decatur man, who is critically ill following an operation in a Fort Wayne hospital, pneumonia has set in following the operation. Mr. Studabaker was unconscious all last night but today he regained consciousness and attending physicians feel that he is slightly improved this afternoon. Little hope, however, is held for his complete recovery.

BRICK COURT BEING BUILT

Improvement Being Made
In Front Of Central
School Building

Several workmen, under the direction of Superintendent M. F. Worthman, started this morning to erect a brick court in front of the Central school building in this city. The brick being used for the new walk is being taken up from the old sidewalks along Jefferson street in front of the school.

The building of the cement walk along Jefferson street made the old brick walk useless and the bricks were taken up. The court will extend from the school building to the new cement walk and will be about 25 feet wide. It will be used as a play ground on rainy days and also will be used for a drill ground for physical training classes.

It is estimated that it will take about four days to complete the new court. The old narrow brick walk to the front entrance of the school is being taken up and the ground is being leveled in preparation for the laying of the bricks. The workmen hope to have the court completed the first of next week.

Dunbar Band To Play At Geneva Friday Night

The Dunbar band, of Berne, played a free concert at Willshire, Ohio, last night. Willshire is the home of the director of the band, Otis J. Dunbar, and one other member, Rox Stetler. The Dunbar band will play a free concert at Geneva on Friday evening. The concert will start at 7:30 o'clock. Following the concert at Geneva, the band will take a month's vacation, before starting the winter rehearsals.

GEORGE W. PYLE DIES AT GENEVA

Pioneer Resident Of County
Expires At Home Of
Daughter Last Night

(Special to Daily Democrat)
Geneva, Oct. 1.—George W. Pyle, age 89 years, one of Geneva's oldest and most prominent pioneers, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Pontius, of Geneva, at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Death was due to paralysis. Mr. Pyle was ill only a few days.

George W. Pyle was a son of Robert and Mary L. Pyle and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 5, 1836, and died September 39, 1925. His parents came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Wayne county, Ohio, about 100 years ago, being among the early settlers of that locality. They moved their family to Jay county, Indiana, when George W. was a small child. George came to Geneva about the time the G. R. & I. railroad was built through here and had been a resident of the town ever since that time.

He was one of Geneva's most prominent business men for many years, owning a saw-mill and lumber yard. He laid out the G. W. Pyle addition to the town and built approximately 22 houses here. He also laid out the West Lawn cemetery, one of the most beautiful rural cemeteries in this part of the state. Mr. Pyle held several patents of various kinds. Probably the most important of his patents was one for a cement post mould. He was one of the seven charter members of the United Brethren church of Geneva. Mr. Pyle retired from active business several years ago. His wife died 25 years ago.

Mr. Pyle is survived by three children, Mrs. Pontius and Mrs. George Shoemaker, of Geneva, and C. S. Pyle, of Tampa, Florida; and one brother, John Pyle, of New Corydon. Three children preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held from the Pontius home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial will be made in the West Lawn cemetery.

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GENEVA WATER WORKS REPAIRED

System In Operation Again;
Well Clogged Up By A
Sand Cave-in

(Special to Daily Democrat)
Geneva, Oct. 1.—The Geneva water works is in operation again, after being closed down for several weeks. The new well did not furnish a sufficient amount of water and an examination showed that the well has filled in about twenty-four feet with sand. A contractor from South Bend undertook the job of cleaning out the well.

After some delay the work of cleaning out the well was completed. A large screen was placed in the bottom of the well to prevent the sand from stopping up the well again. Experts differ as to the life of the screen. Some say the screen will last for several years and prevent further clogging of the well, while others claim that the well will be clogged again within a short time.

The greatest difficulty with which the water works is confronted at present is the high cost of the electric current, with which the plant is operated. There are 48 patrons at present, and new ones are being added at present. The plant was installed at large expense and has proven a great improvement for the town. The fire protection afforded by the water works has been badly needed in Geneva for several years.

NAVAL AVIATORS CONDEMN PRESENT AIRCRAFT SYSTEM

Demand Creation Of Separate
Air Corps In Navy
At Aircraft Hearing

THREE PILOTS HEARD

Flyers Declare That Progress
Under Present System Is Impossible

Washington, Oct. 1.—Naval air pilots returned a stinging indictment against the present system before the aircraft board today and demanded creation of a separate air corps in the navy.

Three naval aviators told the board that progress under the existing system was impossible and offered a proposal of the only avenue to development.

Reports to the board that navy pilots were reluctant openly to express their views on aviation were confirmed by these three. Each said he knew of men who were unwilling to state their opinions before investigating agencies.

To bring the naval air arm to the strength of that of other nations, witnesses agreed that real air men must be placed in absolute control. They insisted that aviation was a new art and could not be administered successfully by men of the senate.

Rushville Man Becomes High School Inspector

Indianapolis, Oct. 1.—(United Press)—Dr. Henry Sherwood, head of the state board of public instruction, announced today that E. B. Butler, of Rushville, Ind., and former principal of the high school there, will take office tomorrow as chief high school inspector, to succeed E. M. Ramsey, who recently resigned to take a position at Indiana state normal.

Ramsey is a resident of Bloomington, Ind.

NO BELL PHONES IN ADAMS COUNTY

Proposed Rate Increase
Does Not Affect Telephone
Patrons Here

While citizens of other cities, towns and communities in Indiana are "up in arms" over the petition of the Bell Telephone company for an increase in rates, Decatur and Adams county residents are sitting on the sidelines, looking on. The Bell company does not have a line in Adams county with the exception of toll lines, and the proposed increase in rates does not apply to those lines.

In many cities where the Bell company owns and operates the telephone system, the city officials, chambers of commerce and other civic organizations have passed resolutions against the proposed rate increase and the state is being organized for a unified fight against the petition. The petition will have a hearing before the public service commission in the near future.

The Citizens Telephone company, of this city, owns and operates the telephone systems in Decatur, Monroe, Berne and Linn Grove and the surrounding communities. Other residents of Adams county are served by privately owned and operated systems at Geneva, Craigville, Monroeville and Willshire, Ohio. In practically every instance, the rates now in effect in Adams county are lower than the present rates charged by the Bell company in neighboring cities and communities. For instance, the party residence line in Bluffton, where the Bell company owns the telephone system, is the same as the private residence line in this city.

The present rooms of the Suttles-Edwards company will be occupied by a Tailoring shop. Mr. Suttles will be in his new location after today.

Margaret Nichols Dies Late This Afternoon

Miss Margaret Nichols, invalid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nichols of Mercer avenue died at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Death was due to pneumonia from which the girl suffered only a short time.

Bryant Mail Carriers Cover Route In Afternoon

The time for leaving the Bryant postoffice by the four rural route carriers out of that place, has been changed from 8 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The change is caused by the taking off of trains on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Wabash College Men Resent "No Auto" Ban, Threaten To Walk Out

Crawfordsville, Ind., Oct. 1.—(United Press)—Students at Wabash College were prepared today to walk out if an order from the executive committee of the college trustees is enforced.

All student automobiles were ordered off the campus immediately and out of the city by Oct. 3. The students still retain their cars and show no indication that they will dispose of them.

Committee from the student council has been named to meet with the trustees committee in an effort to change the ruling peacefully on the ground that the college is not co-educational and the automobile ruling is therefore too strict.

FLOOD IN JAPAN TAKES BIG TOLL

Thirty Hour Rain Causes
Loss Of Life And Great
Property Damage

By Miles Vaughn
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Tokio, Oct. 1.—(United Press)—A thirty-hour rain with resultant floods have taken a heavy toll of life and property in central Japan.

Twenty are known to be dead in Yokohama, six in Yokusaka and three in Tok'o.

A thousand houses have been demolished and another thousand inundated. Traffic has been crippled and light and power cut off in many parts of this city.

The Imperial hotel is partly flooded. Radio towers on Atago hill are leaning dangerously.

D. N. ERWIN SELLS LOAN BUSINESS

Veteran Decatur Business
Man Retires; Sells To
Suttles-Edwards Co.

A business deal was completed today, whereby D. N. Erwin, veteran business man of this city, sold his real estate and farm loan business to the Suttles-Edwards company also of this city, of which A. D. Suttles is manager and director. Mr. Erwin has been connected with the loan department of the Union Central Insurance company for forty years.

Mr. Erwin stated this morning that, for the time being, he would retire from active business, but he would complete his pending loan business and would probably deal in some real estate. He and Mrs. Erwin will probably spend the winter in Florida, he said.

Veteran Business Man

Mr. Erwin has been engaged in various businesses in Decatur for almost forty years. He owned the first bicycle store and first music store in Decatur. He was a building contractor for many years and during that time he built and remodeled more houses in Decatur than any other contractor. In 1898, Mr. Erwin was elected sheriff of Adams county and, after serving four years in that capacity, he opened a real estate and farm loan office which business he has followed until today, when he retired.

Mr. Suttles has been in the insurance, mortgage and loan business in Decatur for several years. He will move his offices from the second floor of the Morrison building to the present location of Mr. Erwin's office, in the Western Union building. Mr. Suttles stated this morning that he would continue his present business and also conduct that purchased from Mr. Erwin.

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Weather

Cloudy tonight, probably showers in extreme south portion. Cooler in west and south portions; Friday generally fair and cooler.

CRANES AGAIN FAIL TO RAISE SUBMARINE S-51

Failure Comes After Work
Of Hoisting Wrecked
Ship Is Started

WEATHER IS QUIET

Hope for Life Aboard Sunk
Ship Abandoned By
Rescue Workers

New London, Conn., Oct. 1.—The two wrecking cranes, Monarch and Century, have failed in their latest effort to lift the submarine S-51. This information was contained in a message received here this afternoon.

Aboard U. S. S. Camden, (By Radio to the United Press) Oct. 1.—The salvage derricks Monarch and Century started lifting the sunken submarine S-51 to the surface of the water at 11:45 a.m. today.

Favored by quiet weather, the derricks, which were brought out from Newport to the scene of the submarine disaster during the early morning, were able to make fast to the shackles which divers had thrown around the stern of the sunken craft.

At 11:45 a.m. the order to begin hoisting was given and the first, slow, steady strain was put on the sunken hull.

The two derricks will lift the hull by slow stages. It probably will be several hours before the stern is brought to the surface.

New London, Oct. 1.—Renewed attempts to rescue any who may be living aboard the sunken submarine S-51 progressed favorably up to noon today.

Sings were adjusted beneath the craft and attached to the huge crane Monarch.

When Admiral Christy sent his message at 11:25, the smaller crane, Century, was being swung into position.

KELLOGG WARNS AGAINST "REDS"

Makes Thrust At Communism
At Opening Of Inter-
Parliamentary Union

By Paul R. Mallon
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Oct. 1.—(United Press)—A sharp thrust at communism was delivered by Secretary of State Kellogg in his welcoming address to the inter-parliamentary union today.

Without mentioning the name of Shapurji Saklatvala, communist British delegate, barred from entry into the United States by Kellogg, the secretary took occasion to sound a warning against encroachments upon constitutional government to the 279 delegates assembled from forty nations in the house of representatives.

Kellogg expressed the opinion of the American government as follows: "Parliamentary government, used in its broad senses as including all forms of representative democracies, is today facing as grave problems as at any time within the memory of any man now living."

"There are forces at work for the disintegration of orderly representative government and for establishment of class rule which may give us serious thought."

Saklatvala Presents Letter

Washington, Oct. 1.—The Saklatvala incident was placed squarely before the inter-parliamentary union of 40 nations at its opening session today.

Barred from this country by order of the state department, the British communist delegate, Shapurji Saklatvala presented through Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee, a letter demanding investigation of the "outrage," declaring the United States had violated "the time honored usage respected by hosts for all international assemblages."

Simultaneously Secretary of State Kellogg in an address to the union warned against encroachments of "class tyranny" upon representative governments.

Kosciusko County Tomato Growers Get Large Returns

Piercetown, Ind., Oct. 1.—(United Press).—More than \$50,000 has been paid to Kosciusko county farmers in only a few days by a packing plant here which is converting hundreds of tons of tomatoes into catsup. More than 1,200 acres of tomatoes were grown this summer in the immediate vicinity of Piercetown. About 200 acres of tomatoes are now being gathered in the vicinity of Packerton and Sidney.

REORGANIZE COW TESTING ASS'N

Adams County Organization
Closes Successful Year;
Much Benefit Derived

Members of the Adams County Cow Testing Association met at Berne last evening and organized for the year beginning October 1. Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, Noah Rich; vice president, Sol Mosser; secretary, Frank Habegger; treasurer, Peter D. Schwartz. John D. Mason, Jacob J. Schwartz and Burkhardt Lehman were elected to serve as directors.

The association was organized on October 1, 1924. Although it is impossible to state the exact amount of benefit derived in that time, according to individual statements from a number of members at the meeting, much progress has been made. The Dairy Feeding School, which was held at Berne last December, was a direct result of the association. Action was taken last night to obtain another Dairy Feeding School during the coming winter.

The association is made up of 26 members. Roy L. Price, who has successfully served as tester for the past year, has again been employed and will begin his duties immediately. He spends one day each month with each member of the association. In his report last night, he brought out the fact that, during the year, 39 "boarders" were disposed of by members of the association. Nine members were induced to feed partial grain rations during the summer thereby, keeping up production in a way that has been impossible to do before. A number of other members modified their rations in order that more milk might be produced, at less cost. Pronounced tendency for members to keep part of their silage supply for summer feeding is also seen. In four cases faulty cream separators were discovered through the efforts of Mr. Price, and by their repair or replacement considerable saving was effected. During the year, 15 pure-bred calves and about 12 pure-bred cows and 5 pure-bred bulls were bought by members of the association.

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CITY REFUSES TO OBEY COMMISSION

Greenfield Officials Buy
Light Plant Equipment,
Disregarding Order

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—(United Press).—Members of the state public service commission today prepared to seek the advice of Attorney General Gilliom on possible action against the city of Greenfield for refusal to obey a commission order.

After the commission had issued an order refusing the city authority to purchase \$19,800 worth of equipment for the municipal light plant, the city officials went ahead and contracted for the equipment.

This action, according to the members of the commission, may make the city subject to action under the penal clause of the state utility law.

Claim Authority Exceeded.

The action of the Greenfield officials was taken on advice of the city attorney, who declared the public service commission had exercised an authority that was not even implied under the utilities law.

City Attorney Reeves told the Greenfield councilmen that the city had the right to buy the new equipment without even consulting the public service commission.

In denying the original petition to purchase the equipment, the commission held that the price was excessive and that the city could buy electricity cheaper from a private utility than it could operate its own light plant.

FOUR MINERS KILLED NEAR CLINTON, IND.

Two Others Seriously Injured In Fall Of Slate
In Mine Today

ANOTHER MAY DIE

Three Men Killed When
They Rush To Aid Of
Another

Clinton, Ind., Oct. 1.—Four miners were killed and two seriously injured in a fall of slate at the Binkley Coal company mine, number 3, near here today.

The dead are Frank Morris, 48, of Clinton; William Richards, 42, of Clinton; Albert Nolan, 36, of Clinton, and W. J. France, 37, of Terre Haute.

Archie Crooley, of Terre Haute, and T. L. Ball, of Chicago, were injured. M. H. Stark, superintendent of the mine, stated that Albert Nolan, one of the men killed, was working in the room of the mine when a fall of slate caught him. Hearing his cries other men rushed to his aid when a new fall caught them.

Crooley was rushed to a hospital where it was said he had a broken back, right arm and leg broken and other injuries. His condition is critical. Ball was taken to Vermillion County hospital, here, where it was stated that he is in a dangerous condition.

Sen. Watson Pleads For Party Harmony

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 1.—(United Press).—Referring to results in the Wisconsin election in which Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., was elected to the senate to succeed his father as the result of inter-party friction, Senator James E. Watson pleaded for party harmony in Indiana at a rally here late Wednesday.

Speakers emphasized the necessity of eliminating all possibility of contest for United States senator in Indiana in the next election when Watson will bid again for his senate seat. "Party fights always cause trouble and we cannot afford to take the chance," declared Joseph B. Keating, republican national committeeman of Indiana.

John Thomas Scopes Wants To Know More About Evolution Theory

Chicago, Oct. 1.—(United Press).—John Thomas Scopes wants to know still more about evolution, and so he has enrolled for the series of lectures on the subject to be given by Prof. H. H. Newman of the University of Chicago.

Scopes, central figure in the Dayton, Tenn., evolution trial, is attending the university for post-graduate work. Today he announced he had decided to go more deeply into the study of evolution.

SPRAY FUNERAL SET FOR FRIDAY

Final Rites For Former Decatur Theater Owner
At Frankfort

Funeral services for Charles Spray, former owner of the Adams and Crystal theatres in this city who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Maxwell, in Frankfort, at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held from the Christian church in Frankfort at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Mr. Spray's death was due to tuberculosis, with which he had suffered since last January. He had been at the home of his sister in Frankfort for the last few months.

Mr. Spray was born in Frankfort, February 25, 1884, and was the son of Mordecai and Louisa Spray. After being graduated from the Frankfort schools, Mr. Spray worked for some time in his brother's grocery in that city and then accepted a position as mail clerk on the Clover Leaf and Lake Erie railroads.

Leaving the mail service, he took employment with the Liggett and

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