

## NEW TROUBLE IN COLLECTING GERMAN CLAIMS

Allies Hold First Mortgage on All Assets in Hands of Debtor Nation.

### FAILURE TO RATIFY TREATY

Cost of Maintaining Army on Rhine Not Collectable for Same Reason.

By ROBERT J. BENDER, United News Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, July 5.—The American Government may encounter new difficulties with the allies when an effort is made to settle the claims of citizens of this country against Germany.

The allies, it was pointed out, hold a first mortgage on all German assets for the payment of reparations. Large payments to be made to America, it was thought, might raise objections similar to those surrounding America's attempt to collect the \$240,000,000 owed for the maintenance of the Army on the Rhine.

#### Machinery Is Missing

Since this Government did not ratify the treaty of Versailles, utilization of the international machinery provided for the settlement of claims is not possible. In the same way, America's claim for the Rhine Army was passed up because this Government was not a member of the reparations commission, which is charged with the allotment of the gold marks paid by Germany.

It is the intention of this Government to settle its claims against Germany directly, through a mixed tribunal on which will be representatives of both nations. The tribunal would adjudicate the claims, and then it would be up to Germany to pay. This might be difficult, because the allies are already demanding payments in larger sums than Germany has ever been able to meet.

#### Claims of Americans

Claims of American citizens arise chiefly from the unrestricted submarine warfare before America became a belligerent. The most considerable group are from the sinking of the Lusitania. Other claims are for the damage of American property in Germany and in areas where there was fighting. The total of the claims is not accurately known, but they will amount to something like \$200,000,000. Complications are on file with the State Department, but it was thought that many of the demands probably were excessive, and were submitted in larger amounts than the claimants actually hoped to receive.

American citizens are assured payment, however, through the fact that this Government still retains some half-billion dollars' worth of alien property sequestered during the war. The property is held and administered by the alien property custodian, and the resolution of peace with Germany specifically provided for its retention until all claims are settled.

#### Would Restore Property

Not that the Government will dispose of this property to settle claims if it can be avoided. Rather, there is an almost universal desire to restore it to its former owners as soon as possible.

But the property constitutes a guarantee of German payment. Should the German government decline to yield on claims, or perhaps if for other reasons collection was impossible, the property could be used. Then it would be up to the German government to reimburse its own nationals.

### GREATER FRANKNESS IN SEX MATTER TO CLEANSE OPINION

Dean Browne Says Women's Legs Have Ceased to Cause Leer.

By United News

LONDON, July 5.—Greater frankness in sex matters as a means of cleansing public opinion, was advocated at the conference of the Church of England Men's Societies, held at Leicester under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of York.

Supporting this idea, Dr. Leonard F. Browne, medical officer of Knutsford Test School, declared that women's legs have ceased to be leered at and fussed about since the war introduced the "healthy and seemly short skirt."

"Sex thoughts will do no harm if they are properly dealt with," Dr. Browne said. "If man never had sexual thoughts, he wouldn't marry."

"When the subject of sex is brought out into the open, suggestiveness will lose much of its power. It is the half-draped figure which excites, not the nude statue."

Dr. G. S. Hughes, another authority, wasn't certain whether the increased freedom in the relationship of men and women was for better or for worse.

"All that can be said for certain," Dr. Hughes asserted, "is that the Victorian standard of morality is not being maintained, and modesty is to some extent looked upon as a sign of foolishness rather than of virtue."

Saying public opinion had changed for the worse in sex matters, Dr. Hughes cited:

1. The demand for easier divorce.  
2. The tendency to be sentimental over the unmarried mother.  
3. The standard of entertainment in the music hall and cinemas.

#### Victims of Swindlers

NEW YORK, July 5.—Swindlers, always looking for victims, have found an easy way to practice their cunning in the game of "put and take." One top the swindlers use is genuine, but at a critical moment of the game the sharpers slip in a loaded top which inevitably turns up "take all." Police officials state that hundreds of persons have been victimized by these swindlers.

#### Case Proves Itself

By United News

JONDON, July 6.—"My wife calls me a fool," confessed a man at the Thames police court.

The Magistrate—Well, are you?

The Man—There is just a suspicion of it, your honor, or I wouldn't have lived with her for twelve years."

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