

# U. S. MAY BUY GERMAN BONDS TO PAY ALLIES

Project to Put Reparations on Commercial Basis Draws Frowns.

BY LYLE C. WILSON  
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—State department officials today awaited the first formal move by the European allies in a project which eventually may result in the flotation of millions of dollars worth of German reparations bonds in the United States.

Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador, has been appointed spokesman for the allies who desire American participation in the reparations conference tentatively fixed for next spring at which the entire problem will be reviewed. He is expected to ask the United States to name representatives to the conference.

Outline Plan of Allies  
American diplomats abroad already have outlined to Secretary of State Kellogg the general intentions of the allies. The United Press was informed it will be the policy of this government to refuse official or unofficial participation in the conference.

But if these allies desire to select and appoint private Americans to membership, Secretary Kellogg, on request, would state whether or not this government objected to the appointments.

Consistent rumors have indicated the conference will discuss "commercialization" of German reparations. This would involve flotation of a huge bond issue, the proceeds of which would be used to retire all or part of Germany's reparations obligations. The allies might use all or part of the funds thus received to reduce their war debts to this country.

Sell Bonds to U. S.  
The question of reducing the total of war debts to the sum which could be obtained by the allies in a lump sum payment of German reparations might easily come before the conference, officials fear.

A large portion of the potential commercial reparations bonds would have to be sold in the United States. So far administration spokesmen have been suspicious and cool toward the idea of solving reparations problems by flotation of a large bond issue in the United States.



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# RENEW ACTION TO OUST BOOTH

General 'Autocratic' Is Charge; Evangeline Sails.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Commander Evangeline Booth was on the liner Olympic today, bound for Europe to attempt to settle what was described as "the most serious crisis in the history of the Salvation Army."

When she returns to the United States, in which she is chief executive of the army, her brother, Gen. Bramwell Booth, no longer may be international head of the Salvation Army. Commander Booth may occupy that place herself, although she has not put herself forward for the office.

There is a serious controversy in the army because of the alleged autocratic manner in which General Booth has administered the organization's affairs. The general, who is 72, has been in ill health for two years.

Under the present constitution, General Booth is the absolute ruler of the organization until he dies and can place the name of his successor in a sealed envelope to be opened only after he is dead.

A move was started some time ago to persuade General Booth to consent to a change in the constitution to soften his autocratic powers, but the general's serious illness halted the campaign in May.

A high council has been called in London for Jan. 8 to decide whether General Booth shall be ousted.

# LARGEST CHURCH BURNS

Flames Raze \$1,000,000 New York Building.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The newly built Riverside church, covering an entire block in the exclusive Riverside drive section, was destroyed by fire Friday night.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000. The edifice, made possible largely by donations from John D. Rockefeller Jr. was completed except for the installation of windows. It was to have been the largest church in the United States with the exception of cathedrals.

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# AIDS CHILD RESEARCH

George A. Ball Gives \$5,000 to Fund to Study Disease.

President Hugh McK. Landon of the Huesmann foundation for medical research in children's diseases at James Whitcomb Riley hospital today announced reception of a \$5,000 check for the fund from George A. Ball, Muncie manufacturer.

This is the first contribution made since the foundation was created shortly after the death of Louis C. Huesmann, president of the Central Supply Company, whose estate went in part to the formation of it.

The Ball family built the nurses' home at the Indiana university hospitals group here and have contributed largely to the Riley hospital, which is entirely devoted to caring for children.

# Pony 33 Years Old Dies

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WALNUT GROVE, Ind., Dec. 22.—A pony owned by Joseph Peck for eighteen years, is dead at the age of 33, an unusual life span for ponies.

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# OFFER TEXAS BEANS

Market Prices Remain Even—Variety Broadens.

Green lima beans from Texas were new on market today, and were selling for \$1 a pound. Mustard greens were 20 cents a pound, and new home-grown mushrooms were 80 cents the pound. The shipped mushrooms were 60 to 70 cents a pound. Alligator pears remained at 50 cents each, and Brussels sprouts were 25 cents a box. Japanese persimmons were 10 cents each, and the small persimmons were 15 and 20 cents a box.

Mangoes were 10 cents for the large size and 5 cents for the small. White radishes were two bunches for 15 cents, and the red button radishes were 10 cents a bunch. Celery hearts were four to six bunches for a quarter, but celery stalks were 5 cents each.

New cabbage remained at 10 cents a pound and old cabbage at 6 cents a pound. Hot house cucumbers were 25 to 30 cents each, and the small cucumbers shipped in from California were 10 cents each.

California grapes remained at 10 and 15 cents a pound, with two pounds of the 15-cent quality for a quarter. Oranges remained at the same price, ranging from 40 to 75 cents a dozen, and apples were still six pounds for a quarter. Large size grapefruit were two for a quarter; the smaller sizes were three for the same price. Bananas were from 20 to 30 cents a dozen.

# Oppose Higher Gasoline Tax

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Directors of the Terre Haute Automobile Club are on record as against raising of the gasoline tax rate from 3 to 4 cents a gallon which is to be proposed at the 1929 session of the general assembly.

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# BRITISH SNARE ON ARBITRATION PACT EXPECTED

Delay in Replying to U. S. Overtures Believed Due to Objections.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Protracted British delay in responding to American overtures for an Anglo-American arbitration treaty have given cause for thought here that London will not accept the treaty in the form to which ten European nations already have agreed, the United Press was informed today.

The proposed treaty text excepts from arbitration all questions involving the Monroe doctrine. It is believed possible London will suggest the so-called British Monroe doctrine be similarly excepted.

# Premier Surprised

The treaty in question was submitted to Great Britain to succeed the Root arbitration treaty which expired June 4. Britain made no move to enter into negotiations then, and about six weeks ago Secretary of State Kellogg became impatient and again brought the matter to London's attention.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech Friday in the house of commons expressing surprise that the new treaty was not identical with the expired Root treaty is the latest development. The speech is interpreted in some quarters to mean that Britain is dissatisfied with the proposed treaty text. If any British objection to the treaty were made it would be expected to take the form of a suggestion of a reservation to except additional matter from arbitration.

# Reservation Expected

It was recalled that during the diplomatic exchanges preceding signature of the Kellogg anti-war treaty, Sir Austen made a British reservation to the renunciation of war treaty whereby all matters involving "certain regions of the world, the welfare and integrity of which constitute a special and vital interest for British peace and security" were expected from the treaty provisions.

No intimation of British intentions has reached this government, the United Press was informed, but a British request for an additional reservation along the foregoing lines probably would not cause much surprise here.

# TWIN BABIES GET HOME

Illinois Couple Successful Among Seventy-Two Seeking Winslow Pair.

By Times Special  
WINSLOW, Ind., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Powell, Mattoon, Ill., have been chosen from among seventy-two persons to be foster parents of Catherine Fae and Maxine Rae Nolan, twins whose mother died at their birth two weeks ago.

Five other children were left motherless by Mrs. Nolan's death, and their father, Joseph Nolan, offered the twins as a gift to any couple who would assure them a good home. He declared he was unable to care for all the children.

# AID NEEDY FAMILIES

Federal Building Workers Will Play Santa Claus.

Santa Claus, in the guise of federal building workers, will visit at least two needy Indianapolis families next Tuesday.

Employees of the internal revenue department collected candy, food, toys, and money Friday for the two families, each of which has four children. The father of one of the families is suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident, while members of the families are ill with influenza.

# Twins Born in 2 States



Phyllis and Dolores Snyder are twins, though they were born in different states. Phyllis, left, was born to the mother, Mrs. William Snyder, near Hiawatha, Kan., and Dolores, right, was born after Mrs. Snyder had been taken to the hospital in Falls City, Neb., where the three are pictured above, and all doing nicely.

# CLAIMS PLOT 'TO GET' BURKE

Senate Indian Affairs Probe Frame-Up Says Thomas.

By Times Special  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Charles H. Burke, commissioner of Indian affairs, will be given an opportunity to testify before the senate investigating committee, members decided today. Burke's administration has been criticised before the committee. Senator Thomas (Dem.) of Oklahoma, committee member, charges the whole purpose of the senate inquiry is "to get" Burke.

Senator Pine (Rep.) of Oklahoma, another committee member, denies the inquiry is directed at Burke. He says it is being conducted for the purpose of cleaning up conditions in the Indian bureau.

Pine and Burke have been at odds for more than a year over selection of a new superintendent for the agency of the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma.

Pine wants James Hepburn of his state named, while Burke favors a department employee. An acting superintendent has been serving for more than a year.

Burke has complained to Senator Thomas against the manner in which his bureau is being ignored during senate inquiry. He says he is not notified when hearings are being held so that he can prepare answers to the testimony submitted, according to Thomas.

# PROPOSES STATE PLANT

Evansville Senator Would Put Prisoners to Making Cement.

By Times Special  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Senator Bruce Cooper of Posey, Vanderburg, and Warrick counties, intends to introduce in the General Assembly convening Jan. 10 a bill providing for erection of Indiana of a large cement plant.

Inmates of penal institutions would operate the plant, providing road, bridge, and public building material at a lower cost.

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# VERDUN BLEED GERMAN ARMY, SAYS GENERAL

A Dagger in Our Vitals, Crown Prince Wilhelm Writes in Article.

BY SAMUEL DASHIELL  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
PARIS, Dec. 22.—Verdun—the battered fortress that was a rampart for Paris—was pictured today as a dagger that bled the arteries of the German army, in additional memoirs of Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany, who commanded the Fifth German army on the western front.

L'Illustration, publishing the memoirs, pictured unknown facts of the war and quoted the crown prince:

"In the long line from Holland, Verdun was like a dagger always sticking into the vital parts and emptying the arteries of the German army."

# Strategy Planned 10 Years

In his memoirs, the crown prince explains that German army strategy planned ten years before had anticipated defeat of the French in open warfare. Verdun was considered, but tactics had made its siege over-elaborate and the crown prince's army, deprived of adequate reinforcements because of the stubborn resistance of the French forces, faced the series of sturdy emplacements about Verdun.

The stubborn fight which centered about Verdun—the terrific bombardments that reduced many of the forts to powdered masonry—are matters of well-known history.

# Sends Greeting

The crown prince's admiration of the French commander's defense took a gallant turn on New Year's day, 1915.

L'Illustration showed documents, produced for the first time, bearing the prince's autograph. A German captain, leading busiers bearing a white flag of truce through the advance French lines, carried a card to General Sarraill, the French commander at Verdun. The card read:

"I wish to my chivalrous adversary a happy New Year."  
"Signed,"  
"WILHELM, CROWN PRINCE."

# SLAIN DURING HOLDUP

Engineer In Lumber Mill Found Dead Before Rifi Safe.

By United Press  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Frank J. Darr, engineer in a lumber mill here, was found dead in front of the company's rifled safe today. Bandits with whom he had struggled shot him through the head, then quietly finished the robbery.

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