

U. S. MAY BUY GERMAN BONDS TO PAY ALLIES

Project to Put Reparations on Commercial Basis Draws Frowns.

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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 Esmé 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.

Two Queens, But Only One Crown



Ah—buenos dias señoritas! Here you have, left to right (and who could choose between) the exquisite Lirbada del Carmen Flores and the no less exquisite Ampara Pernas. They're Spanish beauties who are competing for the title of Queen of the Court of Honor in the winter carnival to be held at Havana, Cuba, soon. Pity the judges!

RENEW ACTION TO OUST BOOTH

General 'Autocratic,' Is Charge; Evangeline Sails.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Commander Evangeline Booth was on the line 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 herself forward for the office.

There is 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 power, 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 River-side 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.

Health Officer Dies

LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 22.—Dr. Herbert L. Baker, 47, city health officer of Lebanon, is dead after a two weeks' illness of influenza. He had practiced medicine here twenty-four years.

Oppose Higher Gasoline Tax

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Directors of the Terre Haute Automobile Club are on record as against raising of the gasoline tax from 3 to 4 cents a gallon which is to be proposed at the 1923 session of the general assembly.

Woman Dies In Auto Crash

By United Press

BOURBON, Ind., Dec. 22.—Miss Kate Ladd is dead of injuries suffered Friday night in a collision of two automobiles at a street intersection here.

Speedy Relief for Sore Throat

Safe Prescription Requires No Gargling

No longer is it necessary to gargle or choke with nasty tasting patent medicines or gargles to relieve sore throat. Now you can get almost instant relief with one swallow of a famous doctor's prescription called Thoxine. It has a double action, relieves the soreness and goes direct to the internal cause not reached by gargles, salves, and patent medicines.

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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 expects 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

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Kansas, legally dry more than four years, faced a sweeping liquor investigation today ordered by Clyde M. Reed, Governor-elect. Reed asserted legislative liquor parties have become a public menace in the capital of the nation's second state to adopt prohibition.

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.

Reed called Smith, Rigsby and Glenn Logan, county attorney-elect, into conference and aired his charge concerning the free flow of liquor during sessions of the legislature last year.

"These booze parties have grown until they have become a public menace," Reed said. "The parties, given by lobbyists with intention to influence legislation, are a matter of common knowledge and growing apprehension on the part of good citizenship."

"Violation of the prohibition laws is flagrant during sessions of the legislature. After I take office Jan. 14, I am going to attempt to enforce the dry laws, especially in regard to booze parties staged by legislators."

AIDS CHILD RESEARCH

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

President Hugh McK. Landau 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.

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.

PROPOSES STATE PLANT

Evansville Senator Would Put Prisoners to Making Cement.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Senator Bruce Cooper of Posey 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, of

ered 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

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