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U. S. MOVES FOR BIG CUT IN WAR DEBTS

Hoover, Leaders of Both Parties Agree to Aid Stricken Germany.

SCAN POSSIBLE STEPS

British Payments May Be Whittled Down First, Advisors Hint.

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WASHINGTON, June 20.—The administration was engaged today in a major effort to help Germany out of the economic mire into which the World war dragged this country's former enemy.

President Hoover is seeking ways to save Germany from the dangers of bankruptcy and political turmoil, and at the same time to stimulate business at home by unclogging the channels of world trade.

What he will do is not yet known definitely, but fundamental changes in the war's heritage of debts and reparations may result from a series of White House conferences that the President is holding.

Conference Again

As Mr. Hoover summoned administrative and congressional advisors to the White House again today, two possible courses of action were advised by informed officials:

First, and apparently more important, Germany might be aided indirectly by a readjustment of the British debt to the United States. Britain long has said she would scale down German payments to her in proportion as her own debts were reduced. It is understood that Andrew Mellon, treasury secretary, now in Europe, already has discussed this possible action with Prime Minister MacDonald and Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England.

Second, the federal reserve banks might establish a substantial credit here for Germany to tide the Reich over its present financial crisis.

Statement Is Issued

Mr. Hoover began his conferences on the economic situation Friday, with his efforts "particularly directed to strengthening the situation in Germany." To his office came a succession of leading government officials and congressional leaders of both parties.

At the close of the busy day, the President issued this statement:

"Since my return from the central west Thursday, I have conferred with leaders of both political parties who are present in Washington with respect to certain steps which we might take to assist in economic recovery both here and abroad.

These conversations have been directed particularly to strengthening the situation in Germany. No definite plans or conclusions have yet been arrived at, but the response which I have met from the leaders of both parties is most gratifying.

"Any statement of any plan or method is wholly speculative and is not warranted by the facts."

British Debt Scanned

From one high quarter, however, it was learned that readjustment of Great Britain's debt was one of the proposals being given serious consideration.

Great Britain funded its debts to the United States earlier—and on less favorable terms—than any other European power. The final debt agreement called on Britain to pay \$4,426,000,000 as compared with \$3,865,000,000 from France.

So high is the British interest rate that of its payments up to Nov. 15, 1930, \$1,017,360,000 went for interest and only \$174,000,000 could be applied to reducing the debt.

Thus, it is pointed out, the United States could save Britain millions of dollars each year merely by cutting the interest rate on its loans, leaving the principal untouched. Some observers believe popular objection to reducing interest would be far less than to lowering the principal.

Germany Is Cheered

By United Press

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SCREAMS CAME FROM STARR'S HOME ON DAY SHE VANISHED, NEIGHBOR REVEALS

Police Face New Angle in Mysterious Death of New York's Beautiful Society 'Playgirl.'

(Copyright, 1931, by United Press) NEW YORK, June 20.—Evidence of "blood curdling" screams emanating from the vicinity of the Faithfull home the day Starr Faithfull disappeared furnished authorities with another angle today in the myriad of clews which have pointed to murder in the drowning of the beautiful Greenwich Village girl.

Mrs. Allard Valentine, whose apartment is in the rear of the Faithfull home, separated only by a court, told District Attorney Elvin N. Edwards of Nassau county she heard "blood-curdling screams—the most unearthly screams—in the rear of her home on June 5—the day Starr left home in apparently high spirits never to be seen alive again.

Finding of her bruised and nearly nude body washed up on the sands of Long Beach, Long Island, three days later, led Edwards to declare she was the victim of foul play, despite other evidence which pointed to suicide.

New Clew Is Traced

Mrs. Valentine told of the screams Friday while the Faithfull family and Inspector Harold R. King were away investigating a new angle in the mystery.

They left headquarters after witnesses called before the grand jury were excused suddenly and King had announced he had unearthed a new clew which either would give authorities a "break in solution of the mystery, or put them right back where they had started from."

"I know the screams were on Friday," Mrs. Valentine asserted. "Sometime between noon and 5 p.m., to the best of my recollection, I was certain about the day because I kept a diary."

Stanley E. Faithfull, his wife and stepdaughter, Tucker, returned home from their mysterious trip shortly before midnight and denied they had been any screams in their apartment on that day.

Father Is Reticent

Faithfull was reticent about the trip with King and said that if there were any plans to make an arrest in connection with the case he was unaware of them.

Earlier this week Faithfull had been questioned about a reported visit to the roof of the apartment house. Faithfull admitted taking a mattress to the roof for airing some time that day. He was then a salesman for a rubber mattress firm.

Meanwhile Edwards was awaiting the return of Dr. G. Jameson Carr, who was said to be a close friend of Starr, with two letters, one written to him by Starr the day preceding her disappearance and purporting to contain a threat of suicide. He is expected to appear, along with other witnesses, before the grand jury on Monday.

CONSIDER FOUR SITES FOR FISH HATCHERY

Rochester Favored, but Final Choice Waits on Topography Maps.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Final decision in the selection of a site for the new fish hatchery in Indiana awaits arrival of topographical maps of the four sites now under consideration, L. C. James, director of fish culture, said here today.

"The most favorable site shown thus far is Rochester," James said, "but we also still are considering Rome City, Angola and Kuntz lake."

James intimated he probably would make a final inspection of these four sites in the near future.

OLD CLOCK IS MISSILE

Girl Is Seriously Hurt When Workings Are Hurled at Her.

By United Press

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., June 20.—An apparently old alarm clock, when used as a missile, may prove effective as a dangerous weapon, especially if the clock is wound up. It was shown in a unique mishap.

Mabel Morelock, 16, suffered a severe scalp wound when the workings of an old alarm clock were hurled at her by a small girl. The wheels of the instrument, which just had been wound, went into action, entangling Mabel's hair and inflicting a deep cut.

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