

# FRENCH WANT GERMANS KEPT 'UNDER LEASH'

Reluctance to Back Debt Holiday Reflects Deep Apprehension.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WASHINGTON, June 25.—France's reluctance to fall in with the rest of the powers behind President Hoover's reparations and war debts holiday is due to three major considerations.

First, she is convinced Germany can pay and that an unconditional moratorium will endanger the Young plan's future by encouraging the reich to continue the fiscal extravagances against which it has been warned repeatedly.

Second, she is determined to find a way to force Germany to abandon the Austro-German customs union, of which she is deathly afraid because she sees in it a thinly disguised political union or German annexation.

## Eyes Arms Conference

Third, fearful of what might happen at the world arms conference at Geneva next February, France would like to get Germany's promise not to take any drastic stand there, such as a demand that France scale down to Germany's strength or permit Germany to build up to hers.

France takes the position that most of Germany's woes are due to politics, rabid nationalism and financial mismanagement—in at least one of which she is upheld by the American, S. Parker Gilbert, former agent general for reparations payments.

"The rising level of public expenditures is already giving artificial stimulus to economic life," he repeatedly told the government, "and it threatens to undermine the essential stability of the public finances."

## Sees Prophecy Come True

"If present tendencies are allowed to continue unchecked," he warned bluntly, "the consequence is almost certain to be serious economic reaction and depression, and a severe shock to German credit at home and abroad."

What is now happening inside the reich, the French hold, is merely the Gilbert prophecy coming true. Industries are handsomely subsidized as are whole classes of people, societies and institutions of all shapes and sizes.

Agreeing with the American, they say that unless these tendencies are checked the Young plan may even now be considered as good as scrapped.

## Want Abuses Checked

Somewhat, some way and as early as possible, the French want to see these abuses, along with what they feel to be an increasingly dangerous nationalism in Germany, checked.

Unless she considers the personal equation involved—that is to say, the German people—a little more closely, however, the disaster she fears may be precipitated by an attempt to forestall it.

So desperate are the masses reported to be—due to unemployment, low wages, high cost of living, high taxes and other burdens resulting from the war—that the government would hardly dare be less generous with its aid. There might be revolution.

## Airport for Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, Ind., June 25.—The city council has adopted a resolution granting authority for the city to enter into a lease of a field with Owen Barber for use as an airport. The city will pay \$200 rental for the remainder of 1931, with an option to lease again at a yearly rental of \$300 thereafter.

# Wronged?



Alexander Pantages, who says "persecution" is making him popular.

# PERSECUTION CRY IS RAISED BY PANTAGES

But It's Reacting in His Favor, Millionaire Showman Thinks.

BY GEORGE H. BEALE

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—Alexander Pantages, multi-millionaire showman, believes his worst troubles are over and that he soon will be able to resume his theatrical promotion career on the scale he held before he became involved in scandal charges.

The colorful theater man said today that he thinks he now is "the victim of persecution rather than prosecution," that "the tide has turned." The persecution, he said, has reacted greatly to his favor.

The interview took place in the garden of Pantages' extensive estate. He was nervous as always. He spoke with his customary vigor and his words were accompanied by gesticulations.

"The persecution has made me popular," he said. "I'm going to win the remaining cases. After that I'm going to go back in the show business on a big scale."

Before he can continue his "big scale operations" Pantages must go to court three times more, at least. His first appearance will be at his re-trial in San Diego on charges that he conspired to contribute to the delinquency of a minor girl.

Later, he faces re-trial in Los Angeles on the charge that he assaulted 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, and then he also must defend himself against a \$1,000,000 damage suit brought by Miss Pringle.

# INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Name H. C. Atkins President; Prepare for Hearing on Petition.

Organization of the Manufacturers' Natural Gas Association, incorporated recently by several local industries to distribute natural gas to local plants, today was complete with election of officers.

H. C. Atkins, E. C. Atkins & Company president, was named president of the association. Other officers are Roy E. Adams, J. D.

Adams & Company president, who is vice-president, and John L. Wallace, Indianapolis Castings Company president, secretary-treasurer. Directors, in addition to officers, are: William F. Landers, United States Encaustic Tile Company; James S. Watson, Link-Belt Company; Frank T. Lewis, Kingan & Company, and Lawrence G. Cummins, Cummins-Schwitzer Company.

Twenty-five members of the association have signed contracts for purchase of natural gas from the Kentucky Natural Gas Company, which is laying gas lines north from Kentucky.

Hearing on a petition of the association for a certificate of convenience to sell natural gas in Indianapolis to industries consuming 250,000 cubic feet or more monthly, has been set for July 16 by the Indiana public service commission.

# STATE WOMAN MISSING

Police Asked to Search for Mrs. Dorothy Forry of Ft. Wayne.

Police today were asked to search for Mrs. Dorothy Forry, 23, of Ft. Wayne, who disappeared last Friday after she left her home to come to Indianapolis. Relatives said she had not returned to Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Forry, whose father, Charles E. West lives at Fishers, was wearing a red dress, white tam and white fur neckpiece when last seen. She weighs 116 pounds, is 5 feet 4 inches tall, and has dark brown hair and eyes.

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