

GERMAN DEBT REPUDIATION IS GRAVE DANGER

Reparations Default Would Permit Reoccupation of Rhineland by Allies.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. — The United States and Europe are confronted with four grave possibilities as a result of Germany's threatened repudiation of the Young plan and approaching default on reparations.

1. France may invoke her World War I treaty of Versailles and reoccupy the Rhineland.

2. France, with a greater gold reserve than all the rest of Europe combined, may mobilize her forces, instead of her army, to combat the German stand. She may set up a sort of financial blockade.

3. France and Great Britain may induce the United States to join in an extension of the moratorium on inter-governmental payments, during which there would be time to examine the whole reparations and war debts problem—with a view to ultimate revision or cancellation.

Intervention Foreseen

4. Germany may go Fascist, take the bit in her teeth, repudiate reparations, point-blank, and so force France either to intervene or accept terms virtually dictated from Berlin.

Germany's reparations liabilities, averaging \$473,700,000 a year for fifty-eight years, now are governed by the Young plan. They are based, however, upon the treaty of Versailles which charges her with full responsibility for the war and "all the loss and damage" sustained therein.

Article 428 gives the allies the right to occupy the west bank of the Rhine, and its bridgeshead at Cologne, Coblenz, Mainz and Kehl, for a period of fifteen years dating from 1920.

Article 429 divides the territory into three zones and specifies that if Germany lives up to the treaty, zone No. 1 would be liberated in 1925, zone No. 2 in 1930 and zone No. 3 in 1935.

Re-Occupation a Possibility

Upon the insistence of President Wilson and Lloyd George, Article 431 was inserted stating that if Germany complied with requirements ahead of time, the Rhineland would be liberated in advance of these dates.

It is Article 430, however, which contains the dynamite. It says:

"In case either during the occupation of after expiration of the fifteen years above referred to, the reparations commission finds that Germany refuses to observe the whole or part of her obligations ... with respect to reparations, the whole or part of the areas specified in Article 429 will be reoccupied immediately."

It is significant to recall that as long as Germany continued to demand revision of the Dawes plan, France refused to evacuate the Rhineland. But as soon as Germany ratified the Young plan—which Foreign Minister Briand called "the final liquidation of the war"—French troops marched out, five years ahead of schedule.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

B. H. Schleifer, 819 Coolidge street, Cheviot coach, 770-875 (1931), from Davidson and Michigan streets.

H. C. Johnson, 1026 North Tacoma avenue, Buick sedan, 27-198 (1932), from garage in rear of 1020 North Tacoma avenue.

George Purves, 5261 Carrollton avenue, Ford roadster, 754-967 (1931), from Vermilion and Meridian streets.

Edgar Rader, 1340 Glenn Arm road, Ben Davis, Ind., Chevrolet coach, 39-012, from North and Meridian streets.

BACU ME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Henry Pryor, 1117 North Pershing avenue, Chrysler sedan, found at 614 Dearborn street.

Ford coupe, 754-967, found at College Avenue and Meridian streets.

Carl Person, 1615 East Raymond street, Ford sedan, stripped of battery and tire, found at rear of 700 West Michigan street.

Carl Robertson, 1026 South Pershing avenue, Ford coupe, found in rear of 620 South Avenue.

Law Shows Speed.

By Times Special

BROOKVILLE, Ind., Jan. 15. — Three hours after three men were captured following theft of an automobile, they were sentenced here by Judge Roscoe C. O'Byrne to terms of ten years each. Those convicted are Raymond Gilbert, 32; Ernest of Hamilton, O. They stole a car Mooreland, 20, and Ben Lang, 19, all belonging to Mallie Henderson.

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WIFE DOES STRANGE THINGS ON PIANO

Ethel Bartlett Does the 'Creeping and Crawling' While Her Husband, Rae Robertson, Does the Bubbling.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

EVER hear of a wife doing the "creeping and crawling" on a piano while her husband did the "bubbling"? I never did before until I heard Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson play Arnold Bax's "The Poisoned Fountain," which is dedicated by the composer to Robertson and his wife.

Last night Robertson and his wife at two pianos gave a joint recital with the London String Quartet at English's as one of the attractions of Mrs. Nancy Martens.

Robertson, before he played "The Poisoned Fountain" for two pianos, explained the story. He said that the theme concerned an old fountain in an ancient castle, the water had been poisoned and only snakes and other creeping things existed near the fountain.

"I will do the bubbling," said Robertson, "and my wife will do the creeping and crawling."

Many interesting tones and combinations resulted when the two pianos got underway. This number was an interesting novelty.

Here was one of the most brilliantly played concerts and one of the best treats that Mrs. Martens has given us.

Indianapolis theaters today offer: "Manhattan Parade" at the Apollo, "This Reckless Age" at the Circle, Irene Rich at the Lyric, "Forbidden" at the Indiana, "Sis Hopkins" at Keith's, and "Corsair" at the Palace.

Neighborhood theaters tonight offer: "Skyline" at the Orpheum, "Five and Ten" at the Mecca, "His Woman" and "A Woman of Experience" at the Hamilton, "Expensive Women" at the Princess, "Dirigible" at the Stratford, "Cisco Kid" at the Emerson, "Cuban Love Song" at the Talbot, "Indiscreet" at the Belmont, "Ruling Voice" at the Tuxedo, "Monkey Business" at the Irving, "Daughter of the Dragon" at the Tacoma, "Touchdown" at the Daisy, "Reckless Living" at the Fountain Square, and "Consolation Marriage" at the Granada.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

MARTIN BUSIEST ON HIGH COURT

Decided 35 of 78 Cases
Handed Down in 1931.

With some four hundred cases pending before the supreme court, seventy-eight were decided during 1931, a tabulation made today discloses.

Cost of the high court to Hoosiers

taxpayers during the fiscal year was \$71,369.84, records compiled by Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, for his annual report show.

Judges' salaries are \$10,000 a year, and here is how they earned it:

Justice Clarence R. Martin decided thirty-five of the seventy-eight cases; Justice David A. Myers, fifteen; Justice Walter E. Treanor, ten; Justice Julius Travis, nine, and Justice Curtis W. Roll, nine.

Myers and Travis are veterans on the court, while Treanor and Roll are newcomers, put on the bench during the last Democratic landslide.

Of their total decisions, Martin wrote thirty prevailing, four dis-

senting, and one concurring opinions; Myers, twelve prevailing and three dissenting; Treanor, eight prevailing, one dissenting and one concurring; Travis, nine prevailing, and Roll, eight prevailing and one dissenting.

Robber Identification Fails.

By Times Special

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 15.

Officials of the Glenn Falls bank failed to identify Mrs. Irene Gentry, Muncie, in jail here, as the companion of two men who robbed the bank in October. Mrs. Gentry is awaiting trial on a charge of aiding in robbery of the Citizens bank here July 8 last.

MERCY FLIGHT ENDS

Physicians Say Girl May Not Need 'Oxygen Room.'

By United Press

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 15. — The dramatic cross-country flight of Pilot Stuart Reiss, bearing by airplane an "oxygen room" for Alice Hilliard, pneumonia sufferer, may have been an unnecessary bit of valor.

Physicians who heard aviators praise Reiss for his dogged flight from New York, in face of weather

that forced him down time after time, today said their patient was doing so well she might not need the device.

Reiss arrived here just before midnight Thursday. He started Tuesday from New York, after an emergency call came for the apparatus which supplies oxygen and washes carbon dioxide for disease-stricken lungs.

Miss Hilliard, 25, is stepdaughter of Judge Robert W. Bingham, editor and publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times.

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