

FRANCE COULD PAY DEBTS TO U. S. WITH WINE

Liquor Control System of Sweden Would Help Solve Problem.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, Scripps Howard Foreign Editor.

WASHINGTON, May 20. — The writer set forth Thursday how adoption of the Swedish liquor control system would enable Uncle Sam to collect the \$22,000,000 allied war debt and still let the allies off for 50 cents on the dollar.

Here is how it would work out with Great Britain, France and Italy. Specifically, these three nations alone owe the United States more money than nineteen billions of the total of twenty-two billions.

Under the debt settlement, France must pay the United States \$8,350,000, principal and interest, over a period of sixty years—an average of \$115,000,000 a year. That she will make any such payments, in gold, over any such span of time, is considered out of the question.

In normal years prior to the World war, the United States made, imported, and consumed something like 50,000,000 quarts of brandy. At \$2 a bottle, retail price here, this would fetch \$100,000,000.

Americans consumed another \$20,000,000 worth of champagnes, Bordeaux, Burgundy and other French wines.

The United States could obtain from France, on account of war debts, this \$120,000,000 worth of brandy, wines and liqueurs, or payment in full of the average annual installment. Yet France, on her part, would have to pay her producers only the wholesale price, or approximately \$50,000,000.

By crediting France with the retail price in the United States, less handling charges, she thus would be able to pay her war debts to this country for less than 50 cents on the dollar.

CHATTERTON HAS A NEW LEADING MAN

"The Rich Are Always With Us" Opens a Week's Engagement at the Indiana Theater, Starting Today.

GEORGE BRENT, a newcomer to the screen, takes his place among the most promising of the new male film stars as a result of his role opposite Ruth Chatterton in "The Rich Are Always With Us," which opens today at the Indiana.

Brent is a handsome young Irishman who has played more than three hundred roles on the legitimate stage, many of them in his own stock company. He began his career while attending college in Dublin, leaving school to join the Abbey theater there.

At the age of 20 he participated in the Irish revolution and was forced to flee the country.

Coming to the United States, Brent began a theatrical career that has carried him to his present important position as one of filmdom's most desirable leading men.

In "The Rich Are Always With Us," Brent appears as a successful author who falls in love with a divorcee, played by Ruth Chatterton. Other players in the cast are Bettie Davis, John Miljan, Adrienne Dore, Robert Warwick, and John Wray. Direction is by Alfred E. Green, maker of "Union Depot," "Disraeli," and other hits. The Indiana's bill will also contain a Rudy Vallee film, James Gleason comedy, and a new serial.

Other theaters today offer: "Hudie" at the Palace, "Attorney for the Defense" at the Circle, Lee Sims and Ilomay Bailey at the Lyric, "The Eleventh Commandment" at Keith's, "The Merry Wives of Vienna" at the Ohio, "The Mouthpiece" at the Apollo, and burlesque at the Colonial.

Neighborhood theaters tonight offer: "Business and Pleasure" at the Emerson, "Are You Listening" at the Tacoma, "Arsene Lupin" at the Garfield, "Showpon" at the Daisy, "Guilty Generation" at the Stratford, "Disorderly Conduct" at the Talbot, "Tarzan, the Ape Man" at the Belmont, "Behind the Mask" at the Tuxedo, "Strangers in Love" and "After Tomorrow" at the Mecca, and "The Big Gamble" at the Hollywood.

STOP WORRYING IF YOUR CHILD ACTS LIKE DOG

Scientist Says It's Not Unusual or Harmful; Just Inherited.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 20.—If junior doesn't come running when mother calls him by name, she might get results by calling "Here, Fido! Here, Fido!"

Instances of children who acted like dogs and apparently wanted to be dogs were cited by Dr. Aleš Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution in a report on animal behavior in youngsters.

He told of others who neighed like a horse or held their bottles with their toes—and of many who liked to eat mud. The scientist assured fond parents that they need not worry over such manifestations in their offspring.

Dr. Hrdlicka said children seem to speak and understand the "language of animals" and mimic their gestures in such detail that it is difficult to believe their behavior is purely imitative. He thinks perhaps the crawling child considers itself a lower animal rather than a human being. This behavior he found particularly among lonely children. It may be, he says, a manifestation of inheritances from far-removed pre-human ancestors.

A small boy and a pig wallowed together in a mud puddle on a western farm. They grunted at each other and rooted together. This child, Dr. Hrdlicka explained, had no playmates and his parents were too busy to give him much attention; so he considered himself a pig and acted in every particular like one. The pig-boy is now an honor student at an eastern college.

Another child clucked loudly and often. He was imitating horses' hoofbeats. It seemed. Another barked like a dog and was able to

ASSAILS TALK ON TAX BURDEN

Showalter Says Shouting Is Propaganda.

Much of the shouting about greatly reduced assessed valuations and huge mounting tax delinquencies is "pure propaganda inspired by executive secretaries of organizations created to capitalize on the present economic dilemma," James Showalter, chairman of the state tax board charged today.

To support his contention he exhibited a tax report filed with the board by Byron Nickels, auditor of Union county. Although this is the first report filed, Showalter asserted, the county is typical of the rural and small town areas, where much of the propaganda work is being done.

The Union county report showed that real estate assessments were but 12.93 per cent less than last year and personal property 155 per cent. In the six townships of the county, farm lands were 18 per cent lower in valuation.

Average delinquency for the spring tax payment was only 4 per cent, which is above a normal year, according to Showalter. The farm land delinquencies ran from 2 to 6 per cent a township.

In addition, 80 per cent of the old delinquencies were paid this spring, the tax board chairman said.

WED IN LION CAGE

Two Beasts Eye Couple as Rites Are Read.

By United Press
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 20.—The bride and bridegroom appeared nervous at the ceremony, but they needed no excuse today to explain it for they were married in a cage containing two lions.

The beasts eyed the couple from their perch on two stools, but Marie Hill, 34, and Joseph Bergen, 38, couldn't tell if they were bored, interested or hungry.

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