

PROSPERITY OF NATION HINGES ON WAR DEBTS

Issue Is Vital to Every Man, Woman and Child in United States.

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hour. Much depends upon the thought given them by the American people.

Between now and Dec. 15, when the next war debt installments fall due, a world crisis of serious proportions will have to be faced by the United States and the nations of Europe.

Germany, according to the Young plan, was supposed to pay the allies \$26,377,000,000, principal and interest, installments over the next fifty-nine years.

Similarly, the allies are supposed to pay the United States on war debt principal and interest a total of \$22,143,000,000.

That these huge debts are not going to be paid, however, even now is as certain as anything in this world can be certain. The German people would revolt openly if their government attempted to pay, and the allies do not intend to pay unless Germany pays them.

German Explosion Feared

Germany is in very real danger of blowing up. If she blows up, Europe likely will blow up with her, and the explosion would rock America to its economic foundations.

Unable to get blood out of a turnip, Britain, France, and the other entente powers, meeting at Lausanne last June, virtually canceled German reparations. Making a virtue of necessity, they agreed—an condition—to let Germany off for 714 millions instead of the 26 billions.

The condition was that the allies would let Germany off, provided the United States radically reduced, or wiped the slate clean of the war debts.

Thus the matter stands. Unless America virtually cancels the debts, the situation reverts to where it was before Lausanne.

Intended as Threat

That is a serious threat, and Europe so intends it. The American people have a total financial stake abroad amounting to \$25,000,000,000—even counting the war debts at their present estimated cash value of six billions—and the crash of Europe would endanger the whole business.

Twenty-five billion dollars is as much as the entire national wealth of the United States no further back than 1870.

Germany not only can not but will not pay. A demand to pay only would precipitate a crisis. And so delicately balanced is the whole European situation today that should she and the allies start quarreling again over reparations, disaster would be well nigh certain.

Whereupon, world commodity prices probably would again hit the toboggan for new lows which would make those of the past and present seem high.

What, then, is to be America's policy?

Will it be the narrow, headlong one of sitting tight and demanding payment of the last dollar, regardless?

Or will it be a realist policy based on facts as they actually are—a policy designed to net the maximum to all concerned in the way to improve conditions?

Can, and will, America play her war debt cards in a way that will help bring back prosperity to the American people?

Next: The War Debts and the Milkman in Omaha.

MAYORS WILL MEET

Municipal League Sessions Will Be Held in Gary Next Month.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 29.—Officials from more than 500 cities and towns of Indiana will gather here Sept. 14, 15 and 16 for the convention of the Municipal League of Indiana. Committees of citizens who will aid officials are expected to bring the number to at least 1,000, of the visiting delegates have been completed by Mayor R. O. Johnson.

Excursions to nearby points of interest are among features planned for the guests.

ARCHIE NUTTALL DIES

Heart Disease Fatal to City Engineering Assistant.

Archie T. Nuttall, 29, of 1503 East Fifty-second street, died Sunday of heart disease in his summer cottage at River's Edge on White river. He was junior assistant in the city civil engineering department.

Mr. Nuttall was born in Wauhalla, N. C. Prior to his coming to Indianapolis, about three years ago, he was employed by a number of engineering firms. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

KING OWNS LOVE BIRDS

Reveals This on Visit to Hospital in London.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—King George has some love birds, he revealed himself.

Accompanied by the queen, he was visiting the Royal hospital and home for incurables at Putney, when he noticed at the bedside of one of the patients, two lovebirds in a cage.

"I have some love-birds," he said. "I am very glad to see the patients are allowed to have such things."

ARRAIGNMENT SLATED

116 Will Appear Tuesday Before Federal Judge; 150 Thursday.

Arraignments of 116 persons named in indictments returned Aug. 19 by federal grand jury will begin Tuesday morning before Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Thursday has been set as arraignment day for 150 persons accused in indictments contained in a final report of the jury submitted last Thursday.

Most of the indictments are based on alleged violations of liquor laws.

BLUE EYES BEST IN FILM

They Photograph Better Than Brown

BY DAN THOMAS
NEA Service Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 29.—The "blues" have it! No, it's not songs I'm speaking about. Today's discussion deals solely with eyes—and very famous eyes, too.

I have discovered that blue-eyed actresses are in the vast majority in the film colony—outnumbering their brown-eyed sisters about six to one.

Of course, there's a reason, just as there's a reason for everything. Blue eyes photograph better than brown ones. At least they are more expressive as far as the camera is concerned.

Consequently, other things being equal, the blue-eyed girls get the breaks down in this corner of our nation.

There is only one time when brown eyes have an edge on the blue, according to Cecil B. De Mille, who has been directing pictures for a sufficient length of time that he should know whereof he speaks.

That time is when the girl must register rage. For some reason the dark orbs are far better suited for this sort of temperament.

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Striking Illinois Coal Miners Marking Time

THOMAS TO BE HONORED HERE

Parade and Reception Will Greet Candidate.

Maintain Picket Lines and Wait for Leaders to Reach Decision.

By United Press

GILLESPIE, Ill., Aug. 29.—Striking Illinois coal miners maintained their picket lines around the pits and marked time today while waiting for their leaders to reach a decision on what next to do.

The policy committee of the thousands of miners on strike since the wage scale was reduced from \$6.10 to \$5 a day met here Sunday, but deferred action on all matters until Thursday.

Leaders said they would summon 400 representatives of local unions Thursday and vote on whether to organize another protest march into Franklin county, where some of the largest mines in the country are being worked under the new scale.

More than eighteen thousand of the men who marched into Franklin county last week were routed by deputy sheriffs in the battle of Muddy river bridge. Several men were wounded and many of their automobiles were wrecked in the hasty retreat, after the deputies fired upon them.

Picketing of mines at Taylorville and in several other sections continued. Few miners braved the picket lines, although there was no threat of violence to those who did.

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DOOLITTLE IN AIR RACE

Act to Drive Plane Built for Injured Boardman.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Aug. 29.—Major Jimmy Doolittle, famed aviator ace, will drive Russell Boardman's Gee Bee racer in the Thompson trophy race here on Labor day.

Boardman, injured in a crash early this month, will not be able to take to the air for several weeks.

The Boardman plane is considered the fastest land plane in the Anselius temple.

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Loophole in Prohibition Law Gives Right, Asserts Noted Lawyer.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—There is one last possibility of a legal loophole in the eighteenth amendment through which prohibition might be as good as abolished without waiting for repeal.

That loophole, if it proves to be such, will be as big as a barn door. There will be a tremendous national uproar when and if an attempt is made to open it up.

At least three Governors of states are considering the theory that there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent states from going into the liquor business within their own boundaries.

If one of these Governors suddenly brings this proposition before a legislature, perhaps urging action on the ground of need for revenue and the anticipated delay in the process of repeal, the whole prohibition situation is likely to be changed overnight and its other phases buried until the new issue is fought out.

The supreme court never has passed on the point and prominent lawyers here and in New York have scrutinized the Finerty brief with out finding any flaw in it.

The federal government always had jurisdiction over liquor in interstate commerce, but passage and ratification of a special amendment was necessary to give it police power over the liquor traffic within the borders of the several states.

His proposition is that the police powers conferred on the federal government by the amendment were police powers.

Finerty says, "necessarily excludes any implication that any power was conferred against the states themselves, since police power

UTILITY SERVICE IS SMASHED BY FURY OF STORM

Sudden Onslaught of Wind and Rain Causes Heavy Damage.

Striking suddenly, a wind and rain storm late Sunday afternoon caused several thousands of dollars' damage to utility property and disrupted light and transportation service for nearly two hours.

Although heaviest damage was sustained by private property in the southeast section, lightning struck and demolished the power house smokestack at the Home of the Good Shepherd, 111 West Raymond street, causing loss estimated at \$1,000.

The bolt split the tall brick structure from top to base and caused minor damage in the engine room. The stack did not fall.

Police Radio Down

For more than two hours, police radio station WMDZ was off the air because of disrupted power service.

Wires and utility poles were reported down in many sections as the wind reached near-gale velocity. Hundreds of autos were "drowned out" by a driving rain.

No estimate of damage was given by officials of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company or the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

A large tree in the 700 block on Iowa street was struck by lightning and burned, a tree was blown down at Parker avenue and Thirty-fourth street, and damage of \$25 was caused at the home of E. Lane, 3442 Salem street, when lightning destroyed a floor lamp.

Wires Are Down

Wires were reported down in the 700 block on Iowa street, the 700 block on Sanders street, Lexington and Shelby street, Thirtieth street and McPherson avenue, the 800 block Fletcher avenue, the 700 block on North Wallace street and Harrison and Noble streets.

Utility wires were blown down near New Palestine, and automatic traffic signals were put out of commission in the east and south sections of Indianapolis.

A total of .66 of an inch of rain fell during the storm, bringing the year's total to 24.87 inches, 2.42 inches below normal.

CAVE-IN KILLS FIVE LABORERS

Bodies of Four Avalanche Victims Recovered.

By United Press

LIVERMORE, Cal., Aug. 29.—Bodies of four of the five men buried beneath an avalanche of dirt and rocks when a section of the Vale-Morco tunnel of the Hatchet project collapsed, were recovered by the government agency, it was learned today.

The department of commerce has made surveys of so-called "blighted areas" and is assembling information on the most serious phases of the problem as they affect health, morals, economy.

In many circles, it is generally recognized that this sort of project, both in providing direct employment and in furnishing jobs in building industries, will have a tremendous effect in ameliorating the unemployment problem.

Present low building prices are felt to justify a national movement to clean up old tenements.

Facts submitted to the recent economic conference by Clarence M. Woolley of New York aroused tremendous interest in the subject.

Although, like the five-day week, not regarded as a complete solution to the jobless question, it is pointed out that expansion of building through far-flung razing of ancient tenement houses will give great impetus to business and industry.

No hope was held that the fifth man might be found alive.

The five victims of the disaster were identified as C. Kline, Pat Crowley, C. Simonds, Tom Denney, and Ray McDonald, all of San Francisco. All were unmarried.

It was believed the men were killed almost instantly when crushed by the falling tons of rocks and dirt which blocked approximately fifteen feet of the tunnel at a spot about 2,700 feet from the Mocho entrance.

The cave-in occurred Sunday night midway in the twenty-eight and one-half miles of tunnels which are being bored through the coast range of mountains to bring an improved water supply to San Francisco. At the point of the collapse, the tunnel is far underground with the highest point of the mountains approximately 700 feet overhead.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN

Oscar Wilde's Comedy Will Be Presented by Riverside Players.

Oscar Wilde's comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday night by the Riverside Players, at the Riverside Park Methodist church.

Mr. James Small is director and Lewis E. Frazee is business manager. A musical program in connection with the play will be directed by Miss Marjorie Vawter.

He smacked one of his work horses in the jaw with his fist: reprimanded the horse tossed its head in irritation a moment then resumed his pugilistic pose once more.

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A pond from cold spring water has been constructed in a shady grove. The venture has proved lucrative.

HE'LL COUNT TEN NOW

Smacks Horse in Jaw, Now Nursing Broken Hand.

By United Press

ALBION, Neb., Aug. 29.—George Cook, farmer, has decided to count ten in the future when he is an

admitted.

He smacked one of his work horses in the jaw with his fist: reprimanded the horse tossed its head in irritation a moment then resumed his pugilistic pose once more.

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They'll Need New Clothes When School Opens . . .

Now is the time to get them ready.