

ATMOSPHERE MIRACULOUSLY CLEARED TOWARD SOLUTION OF BITTER WAR DEBTS ROW

Impression Growing That World Quarrel of
Last December Will Not Be Repeated;
Statesmen Nearer Understanding.

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WASHINGTON, April 26.—In an atmosphere miraculously changed since the bitter war debts wrangle last December, the problem of Europe's \$11,000,000,000 obligation to the United States now is before the White House parleys.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain discussed the issue Tuesday. The President will continue the subject with former Premier Herriot of France and with the representatives of the other debtor nations as they arrive.

But while a White House statement declared that "it would be wholly misleading to intimate that any plan or any settlement is under way," and that "it is the simple truth that thus far only preliminary explorations of many different routes have been commenced," the impression is growing in conference circles here that, come what may, the quarrel of last December will not be repeated.

Neither Premier MacDonald nor former Premier Herriot has promised to pay the June 15 installment. President Roosevelt has not promised to postpone or otherwise defer the \$144,000,000 payments. But in American, British and French circles, the writer has been informed, on competent authority, everybody is saying significantly: "We are not going to go to war over it!"

President Scores Victory.

It is conceded that the President has scored a signal diplomatic victory in relegating the war debts to their proper position.

Not only have they been thrust back, but they actually appear in secondary position to the money problem, tariff reform, exchange restrictions, trade revival and relief for the world's 35,000,000 jobless.

Moreover, it is observed, a startling transformation has come over Europe's spokesmen in dealing with these same war debts.

And it was Prime Minister Richard B. Bennett, Canada's conservative, but straight-to-the-point, envoy to the White House conference, who put his finger on the answer immediately after his arrival. Said he:

"We have reached a point where it is certain that nothing but united action can avert world disaster. The forthcoming international conference at London makes world action possible. The duty of every country is to make it certain.

Immediate action is imperative. If we do not defeat the forces of disruption and discord, they will defeat us. We must act boldly and unselfishly. The good-will and good-faith which the nations of the world so often have proclaimed must be translated into action. It may be our last chance.

"In the main, our economic system has served us well. It does not work with its old-time efficiency. It must be examined carefully, and adjusted to new conditions.

"We must not seek excuses for inaction. We must not pause to balance too carefully each item of national profit and loss. The means we must not lose sight of the common ends. Otherwise, we will be the certain witnesses of the wreck of our civilization."

Premier Bennett was not discussing war debts nor any isolated problem in particular when he uttered his warning. Canada owes the United States nothing on war debts.

The Canadian statesman is here to offer this country reciprocal tariffs, and the chance of closer and more profitable trade relations with his country.

Money Parley Success Seen

But his clear phrases were likened to a star-shell bursting over the pitch-black no-mans-land of the war debt situation, making every detail stand out, startlingly clear.

The World War debt developments are seen as the most dramatic of the conference.

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Lieutenant-Governor Townsend Issues First Economy Order.

Lieutenant-Governor M. Clifford Townsend, whose salary was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year when he became head of the department of commerce and industry under the McNutt governmental reorganization law, issued an economy order today.

So far as Townsend's department is concerned, the employees, beginning Monday, will drink hydrant water. He has banned spring water at 10 cents a gallon, which is available in coolers throughout the statehouse.

Whether the "dime-a-gallon" economy wave will spread the rest of the building was not known today.

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By United Press
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'YOUNG BOB' LA FOLLETTE IS PROUD PAPA



Mrs. Robert M. La Follette

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator Robert M. La Follette, "Young Bob" from Wisconsin, is the happy father of a son today.

The boy was born Tuesday in Garfield hospital and Mrs. La Follette and the baby are "doing fine," the senator said this morning.

City Man Is Indicted on \$1,702,000 Fraud Charges

Refuses to Make Statement:
Accused at Chicago
With 8 Others.

Bertram C. Day, 46 North Audubon road, one of nine men indicted in Chicago Tuesday in connection with an alleged \$1,702,000 fraud, declared today the case "was like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky," and he had no statement to make regarding it.

The indictments, returned Tuesday in Chicago criminal court, charge Day and eight other men entered into a conspiracy to defraud stockholders of the Security Life Insurance Company, and its subsidiaries, the Northern States Life Insurance Company of Hammond, Ind., and the Keystone Holding Company.

Day formerly was president of the Northern States company, and a director of the Security Life. He resigned both positions several months ago, he said today. He was a vice-president of the Keystone company, which he states is in receivership.

Madair J. Dorsey, president of the Security Life Insurance Company, made an investigation of the living conditions of four families in which there are thirty-five children.

A "skip a hole" golf tournament, sponsored by city employees, will be held on "skip election day," May 2, to raise money for an emergency milk fund. This will aid families until special agencies can make plans. Work of the agencies is hampered due to lack of money.

Taylor's report on the four families followed investigation he made Monday. In one home, where there are ten children ranging in age from 10 months to 15 years, Taylor found only one quart of milk is available daily, while twenty quarts, two for each child, is needed.

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LABOR TO HELP FIX MINIMUM WAGE SCALES

Miss Perkins Says Organized
Crafts to Play Big
Roll Under New Law.

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organizations which have endorsed the short work week bill with her amendments for minimum wage boards. Approximately seventy-five of the employers were manufacturers and the rest were labor groups or civic associations.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today strenuously opposed the minimum wage proposal of the administration. Green, appearing before the committee in support of the 30-hour work week, said he feared the moral effect of a minimum wage fixed by the government would be so great that it would pull down living standards.

Fears Minimum Wage

"We fear the minimum wage scale would be the maximum," Green said, adding he believed that living standards would be definitely lowered "instead of lifted up."

Unemployment must be relieved and purchasing power restored if the depression is to be lifted, Green asserted.

He proposed an amendment which would divide employers to permit their workers to join labor unions.

Green said he could see no reason why the newspaper industry should not operate under the thirty-hour week.

"Our executive council urges very strongly that the printing industry be included under provisions of the bill," he said.

"Increase in the purchasing power of labor is the key to business recovery," Secretary Perkins told the committee. "Any devices which do that should be seriously considered."

"Reduction in the length of the working week clearly would result in spreading work, but would not solve the problem of purchasing power."

And fear that purchasing power would be divided by the Black bill caused me to suggest that there be attached a provision for fixing a minimum wage where wages had fallen below the value of services rendered or the standard of a decent living wage.

Wage 'Bottom' Held Necessary.

Citing a wage of 87 cents a week as an example of "unbelievable conditions" now existing in various industries, particularly where there is no organization and no opportunity for it, Miss Perkins said it therefore "seemed appropriate to ask your committee to canvass solemnly the condition and the possibility of fixing a bottom to the fall of wages."

Secretary Perkins told the committee she would have no objection to extension of the bill to include all workers in every occupation.

She prefers to see it apply to men and women alike rather than simply to women.

Measures to prevent child labor and to pension aged workers will follow along, she hopes.

Several members of the labor committee, which twice reported the thirty-hour week bill favorably, indicated that they now favor adding to it exemptions more liberal than Secretary Perkins' proposal to permit forty-hour weeks in ten weeks of any year.

The secretary pointed out to them that any great increase in exemption defeats the purpose of the bill. She refused to be swayed from her opposition to extension of the bill to cover products of foreign factories.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Gerard Swope of the General Electric Company are to testify today.

Worth Keep

How Janitors, Firemen
of Schools Aid City
Pointed Out.

STATISTICS to prove that the 330 janitors and firemen in the public schools are "worth their keep to the city" were compiled today by A. B. Good, school business director.

From a questionnaire submitted by Good and answered by all the janitors and firemen it was shown that this group spend \$33,543 annually for rent; \$13,537.24 for taxes; \$24,140.04 on insurance; and \$16,598.30 on medical services.

Monthly payments on property amount to \$33,130.20. The assessed values of homes owned by the janitors and firemen is \$307,615.

Seven years is the average length of service; 457 children are being supported at home, and 418 relatives other than wives or children are being helped by the janitors and firemen.

The annual appropriation for the group is \$32,219. The average monthly salary is \$97.50.

GIANT BOX KITE BUILT BY CITY BROTHERS



Robert Baldwin, 14, and the box kite he and his brother Lawrence made.

Heavy fishing line is required in flying a giant box kite made by Robert Baldwin, 14, of 424 Eastern avenue, and his elder brother Lawrence. The kite can be blown in high wind as it becomes unmanageable.

The larger kite in the picture is four and one-half feet long and two feet two inches wide. The smaller kite, 15x30 inches, is a model from which several have been made for sale, providing a little income for the elder brother, an unemployed electrician.

THREE OFFICERS SHOT IN RAID

Wounded by Bandit Suspect
in Roundup, Nine Men
Arrested.

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Howard, but police held him here in the shooting case.

Speedy removal of the prisoners forestalled any action by S. C. Bodner and T. Ernest Maholin, attorneys, who announced they are serving all nine of the prisoners.

Forest Huntington, a private investigator, who was working on the Burlington case for an insurance company gave detectives information which led to arrest of the four suspects. Pictures of Thomas Howard, Reese, Stroth and Kiel which Huntington took to Burlington Sunday were identified by witnesses of the robbery, detectives stated, and they had since had the four under surveillance.

Fred Turner, 30, of 1402 Nordyke avenue, arrested at Reese's home, is held on a vagrancy charge, but detectives have not disclosed his status in the case.

Detectives who searched the home of Mrs. William Ross, 539 Jones street, mother of Reese, reported finding an automatic shot gun, a revolver, and clothing. A second revolver officers sought was not found.

Two automobiles, one with a certificate of title issued to Turner, and the other to Louella Smith of the Chadwick street address of Reese, were found by officers. A set of license plates had been divided, each car having but one plate.

Thomas Howard has been involved in a series of police cases since 1932.

APPROVE LAST PAVING JOB ON NEW YORK ST.

Concluding Step in Improvement
Project Is Given O. K.

Final resolution for widening and paving the last section in the East New York street improvement project, from Highland avenue to East street, was approved by the works board after a public hearing today.

The resolution provides for a forty-five foot concrete street, at an estimated cost of \$7,892. The improvement will cut off a corner of Highland park to remove a jog.

Property owners present were divided over whether the street should be forty feet or forty-five feet.

E. Kirk McKinney, works board president, said he was anxious to get the project under way as soon as possible, as the price of cement has risen 10 cents a barrel since the last contract on the street was awarded, and further rises are anticipated.

PRISON VISIT FAILS TO BARE NAZI TORTURE

Pape Strasse Barracks
Show No Sign of Cruelty
to Political Foes.

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found at dinner. They dined with obvious good appetite and a display of the social niceties.

Storm troopers were everywhere. A special detachment of 150, carefully selected, had been assigned to Pape Strasse, and those on duty stood at rigid attention around the grounds, in the corridors, and in the offices of commanding officers.

Those off duty rested in their dormitory on the top floor. On the top floor, also, are the well-lighted and open rooms used for questioning and investigating prisoners.

Prisoners Kept in Basement

The quarters for prisoners were in the basement where three large cells were enclosed by heavy steel bars. Two of these cells were for men; the other for women. Among the prisoners were two storm troopers, who had been caught abusing prisoners, and were made to share their existence.

Hans Fritsch, a former police captain and Nazi commander, in charge of the barracks, escorted the correspondent through every part of the building. He described his work in crisp military language, but with an air of kindness. He said his prisoners were held pending investigation of suspicions that they were engaged in communistic activities.

Where these suspicions were verified, the prisoners were turned over to the regular police. Those found without suspicion were released, he said. He denied that third degree methods were applied.

Denies Sensational Stories

"The sensational stories spread about Pape Strasse entirely are untrue," he said.

During the first days of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's regime several untoward incidents developed, he admitted.

"Some of my men, many of whose brothers had been killed by Communists before we attained our power, were ordered to treat the arrested Communists roughly," he said, "but such incidents were unavoidable in the first excitement. It is absolutely untrue that any one has been tortured."

He led the way through a room where prisoners were eating a meal of coffee, bread and butter and marmalade.

Fritsch explained that the prisoners occupied their time with gardening and peeling potatoes, with the younger ones put to polishing boots.

Bankers Poor Potato Peelers

He had three bankers as prisoners, he said smiling, but they were now in the hands of the regular police. They had been poor potato peelers at first, but with practice, acquired as much speed as the Communists.

The commander spoke feelingly of the two storm troops reduced to the status of prisoners.

They discredited storm troop discipline, he said, and were treated with greater severity than the regular prisoners.

Eight Times readers desired to purchase an oil range belonging to Vern Leach, R. R. 3. If you have an extra oil range, now is the time to sell it. RI. 5551.

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