

REPAYMENT DIM ON LEASE-LOANS

Unless Congress Changes Policy of 1920s, Arms Won't Come Back.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Unless Congress does a complete somersault on its old war-debts position, the war materials which it now proposes to lend or lease to Britain will never be paid back.

During the World War, contrary to the general impression, the United States did not lend money to the Allies. It lent goods, just as the President now proposes to do in his lease-lend bill. But when it was suggested that the Allies might repay in kind, Congress shouted an emphatic "no!"

"To do that," it said, "would hurt our industrial and agricultural interests and throw American workers out of their jobs. We want our money back or nothing." And they got nothing.

Expect Repitition
What happened then, the few old-timers left on Capitol Hill are now saying, is almost certain to be repeated, with minor variations. And this is what happened then—

When Arthur Balfour and Rene Viviani arrived in the United States in April, 1917, they told President Wilson that defeat started them in the face unless America came to the rescue.

"We don't want money," they insisted. "What we want and must have are guns, munitions, trucks, automobiles, steel, copper, cotton, wheat, fats, foodstuffs, clothing, horses, cattle and other American products."

Treasury Footed Bills
That is what they got—not money. President Wilson and Congress told them to go ahead and order what they needed. The United States Treasury would foot the bill. This Treasury did—accepting simple I. O. U.'s from the Allies and replenishing its tills by drastic new tax laws and huge Liberty Loan drives whereby American citizens shelled out hitherto inconceivable sums.

These I. O. U.'s added up to approximately 10 billion dollars. They constituted the war debt—this day still very much misunderstood. Even President Coolidge seemed to think the Allies received money. He said, "they hired the money, didn't they?" and hoped Congress wanted the money paid back.

No I. O. U.'s This Time
What the Allies had really borrowed, however, was a gigantic quantity of goods—the products of American farms, mines and factories, things turned out by American workers. They, not the Allies, received the Liberty Loan billions.

Today Great Britain and her associates are asking for exactly the same treatment. They want planes, tanks, ships, guns, food, cotton, steel, copper, trucks, and just as during the World War. The only difference between then and now is a fancier design for financing the deal. To-day the President proposes to get the I. O. U.'s and lend the "defense articles" themselves.

Eventually, however, according to the plan, the articles are to be returned to this country or replaced by a Democratic vote without losing of his seat. But he would prefer having a normally Republican county added—if any.

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Same Thing Over Again
Thus after the war is over the United States will again face almost exactly the situation that existed after the World War. Will it be willing, it is asked, or can it even afford, to accept billions of dollars' worth of British goods in return for the American products now being leased or lent to Britain?

The more realistic politicians here say no. After the war we will not want billions of dollars worth of ammunition, guns, planes and tanks, they say, because presumably by that time we will have as many as we need. Certainly we could hardly accept automobiles, trucks, Scotch whisky, cloth, Indian cotton, steel, copper, cutlery and other substitutes, because to do so would hurt our farms, factories and mines and put American workers in the headlines.

So, the realists insist, our aid to Britain must be in the gift of regardless of the name it is called by.

FUGITIVE CAPTURED BENEATH BATHTUB
Four squads of police assisted by several State Police today "cornered" an escaped Penitentiary Reformatory prisoner in the 1100 block Senate Ave.—under a bathtub.

Police said the youth, Ernest Goble, serving a sentence for bicycle taking, left the Reformatory last night and stole a sedan.

Indianapolis police located the car on Senate Ave., and while searching for him were directed to a bathroom in a nearby house.

At first it appeared empty. Skeptical but overlooking nothing one of the police stooped over and peered under the old-fashioned tub.

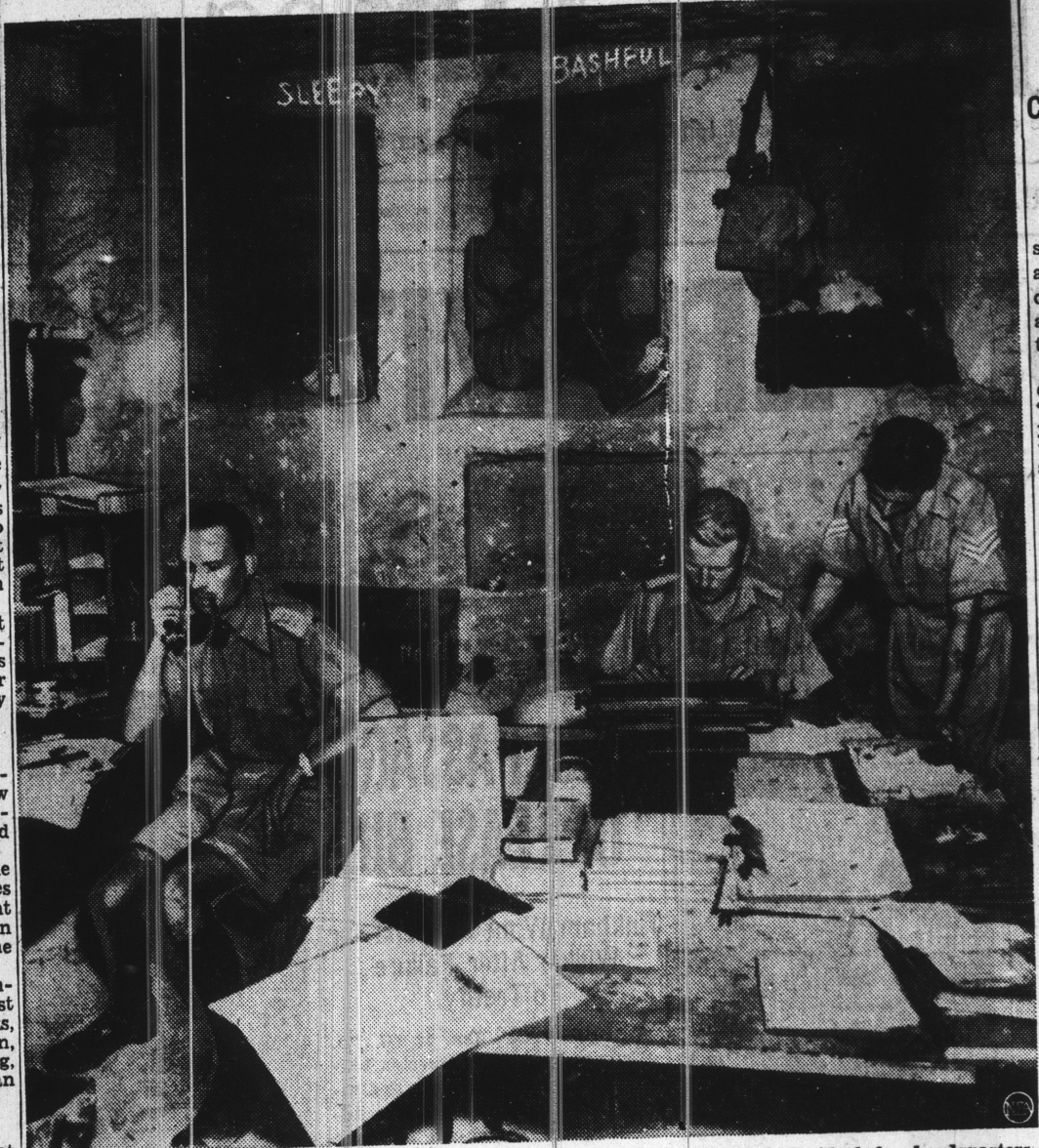
"You don't need your guns, fellows," Goble advised them as he wriggled out of his hiding place.

BIDS ACCEPTED FOR HOSPITAL SUPPLIES
Bids for about \$50,000 worth of City Hospital supplies were accepted and approved last night by the Board of Health.

The supplies range from ether to hospital uniforms. Dr. Charles Myers, hospital superintendent, said the bids are the regular ones received shortly after the first of each year.

Bids also were asked for new files for the City's vital statistics department.

British Troops Enjoy Grave Situation



A British battalion in the western Libyan desert finds this old Roman tomb ideal for headquarters, well protected from the shells of enemy Italians whose ancestors provided it. Niches formerly housing coffins are now used as bunks, each dedicated to one of the Seven Dwarfs. Photo passed by British censor.

Hoosiers in Washington Redistricting Bill Is Vexing To Larrabee and Harness

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Two Indiana Congressmen, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, are doing the lion's share of the redistricting which will reduce the House delegation from 12 to 11.

The Democrat is Rep. William H. Larrabee, whose Eleventh Congressional District is said to be the worst of the Indiana redistricting, which has a Republican majority in both Houses.

Rep. Forest A. Harness is the G. O. P. Congressman who is worried. He has heard that in the dismembering of Rep. Larrabee's district, his district (Fifth) will draw Madison County.

In 1940, Republican year in Indiana, Madison County gave Rep. Larrabee a 3596 majority.

Since Rep. Harness was re-elected by 13,500, he could absorb that much of a Democratic vote without losing of his seat. But he would prefer having a normally Republican county added—if any.

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With 12 Congressmen and 11 seats there are bound to be head-scratches, but the general attitude is that of a pedestrian crossing the street against a traffic light—he thinks that the accidents always happen to the other fellow.

Sumptuous Sanctum
Former Senator Sherman Minton has a private office in the State Department as big as that of the inner sanctum of the Governor of Indiana at the Statehouse.

The ceilings are 20 feet high and covered with classic murals. He is located directly across the street from the White House office and connected by private way with the White House switchboard, as are all of the Administrative Assistants to the President.

Mr. Minton seems to be a pet peeve of Frank R. Kent, the Baltimore Sun columnist. Twice recently he has devoted his column to dishing out razberries to "Shay."

His latest suggests that the Administrative Assistant appointment is but a stop-gap toward putting the former Indiana Senator on the Federal bench. Mr. Kent does not favor that.

No discussion of a Court appointment was carried on between the President and Mr. Minton the day the latter called him to the White House and gave him his new \$10,000 job.

There long have been rumors that he might go on or Chicago and even the Supreme Court has been mentioned. The latest "plot," which Mr. Minton terms "utterly fantastic," is that he would first be made Attorney General and then promoted to the Chief Justiceship.

The details are predicated on the retirement of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, some time after administering President Roosevelt's third term oath, and the appointment to the Chief Justiceship of Attorney General Robert H. Jackson.

Then Mr. Minton would take Jackson's place until Justice James Clark McNeely resigns, when Mr. Minton would be appointed to the High Court.

This would make three New Dealers landing on the bench by the same route, the third being Justice Frank Murphy.

Wickard a Cinch?
There also were rumors here this week that Undersecretary Paul H. Appleby was being doomed to succeed Secretary of Agriculture

Claude R. Wickard in the third term cabinet.

He was supposed to be backed by the Farmers Union, The Farm Bureau and Grange already are on record for Mr. Wickard's reappointment and President James C. G. favor it.

With the three major farm organizations supporting him, the Camden, Ind., man is rated as a cinch to stay in the Cabinet now.

Willis Has Fun

Senator Raymond E. Willis has been having fun with his new title. After hours one day this week he went to the basement of the Senate Office Building and requested that he be taken over to the Capitol via the underground railway.

The operator of the car, which man of the 41 safety committee and Ernest King was chosen vice chairman. P. A. Smith was re-elected secretary.

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RUSHVILLE MAN DIES IN CRASH

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A man was killed and a woman seriously injured last night when a tractor-trailer driven by an Indianapolis man was sideswiped by an automobile on State Road 44, three miles west of Rushville, Ind.

In Marion County, a truck-car collision southwest of the city Thursday claimed its second life yesterday and an 18-year-old youth was critically injured in an accident at 38th St. and Keystone Ave.

Herman McDonald, 21, of Rushville, died of a fractured skull in the Rushville wreck, State Police said. Mildred Barnes, 32, also of Rushville, was injured and two other occupants were injured slightly.

Truck Driver Unhurt
The driver of the trailer, Frank Hensley, 565 W. 15th St., was not injured, police reported.

Mrs. Catherine Brogan, 32, of Bedford, Ind., died in the Long Hospital from injuries received in a collision at Epler Ave. and the Bluff Road Thursday. Mrs. Terec Pichler, 61, also of Bedford, died earlier. Mrs. Brogan was the driver of the machine.

James Webb, 18, of 710 Lord St., is in the City Hospital with injuries received in the accident on 38th St. He was thrown from a bicycle and struck by a car.

Kiah Cooper, 15, of 15th St. and New York and New Jersey Sts. He received a possible fractured skull and was taken to the City Hospital.

Sideswipes Truck
Halfert Jones, 59, of 12 S. Elder Ave., attempted to pass a truck in 7500 block W. Washington St., today, skidded on the slippery pavement and sideswiped a tractor-trailer loaded in the opposite direction. Mr. Jones received a possible fractured skull and was taken to City Hospital. A passenger in his car, Otis White, 48, of 238 N. Miller Ave., was treated for head lacerations. The driver of the tractor-trailer was not injured.

Struck by a taxicab as they were crossing 9th and Pennsylvania Sts. last night, a youth and a girl were injured and taken to the Methodist Hospital where their condition is considered "fair" today.

They were John Ansley, 18, of 930 N. Alabama St., and Miss Mary Moley, 15, of 922 N. Alabama St.

Weaver Killed in Columbia City Accident
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Jan. 18 (U. P.).—Eugene Kaloustian, 50, woolen mill weaver, was injured fatally last night when struck by an automobile driven by Max Dudge, Columbia City. Police said they were attempting to locate Mr. Kaloustian's mother and brother, believed living in Providence, R. I.

OLIVIA LOSES APPENDIX
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—Olivia de Havilland, the film star, was recovering today from an appendectomy, performed last night, five weeks after she was stricken in Santa Fe, N. M., and flown to Hollywood in a special plane.

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