

AMERICAN PLAN IS GROWING IN FAVOR

Funding Plan of This Country is Becoming More Popular With British, Experts Have Discovered.

GREAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS OFFER

This Announcement Made After Some Discussion in England.—Some Criticism Presented, However.

London, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Great Britain has decided to accept the American offer in regard to the funding of the British war debt to the United States.

The government's decision was reached in a cabinet meeting this afternoon. There was a full attendance of the members, and apparently they entered the meeting with the decision already formed to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as this session lasted only a few minutes.

The terms are 3 per cent for 10 years, and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter. No reservation was made regarding Great Britain being allowed to pay the 1914 loan at the 10 year period.

London, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Leading financial writers of the morning newspapers find that opinion has shifted yesterday in favor of accepting the American funding proposal.

However, there is a widely held opinion that America, having regard for the uncertainties of the future, should agree to a clause allowing Great Britain full benefit of any changed conditions that might arise in the national credit of both countries in the next ten years.

The contribution of The Express to the discussion today takes the form of a front page statement printed in bold type that several states of the American Union are still in default to British investors for sums borrowed on the British market.

"American public opinion," the newspaper says, "is now very insistent upon the necessity of honoring financial pledges."

"But it may be pointed out that the American government has never defaulted on its own bonds in order."

Then follows the declaration that sums totaling 12,000,000 pounds sterling are owed by Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, while Alabama is included as a debtor for an unsecured amount.

These sums, the paper says, borrowed in varying amounts from forty to seventy years ago, represent a total greater by half than the amount claimed by the American government for the arrears and interest on the British loan.

The Express concludes by asking: "Ought not this to be taken into account in determining the total sum Great Britain ought to pay?"

Will Make Changes in Law.—Washington, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—The British decision to accept the American debt funding suggestions was said today by Secretary Mellon to open the way for the immediate drafting of recommendations to the President for changes in the funding law to legalize the terms suggested in the American proposition.

While the Secretary explained that no public move would be made by the American commission pending receipt of official notification of the decision which must come through the British embassy, he explained that the American commission was in a position to begin at once an outline of details which the President could transmit to Congress.

The nature of the recommendations which the commission may make was not disclosed, but indications were that a broadening of the commission's authority would be requested so that it could carry the negotiations to an early conclusion with a hope of final settlement before Congress ends its session on March 4th.

With Our Advertisers.—Don't forget the auction sale of Kentucky horses and mules to be held at the Corl stables on February 2 at 10 a. m. Fifty head of horses and mules will be sold. See ad.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company has three ads. In this paper today. It will be to your advantage to read the ads carefully, as they were written for your special benefit.

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY CONCORD, N. C. The Public is most cordially invited to the formal opening of our new banking home this evening from seven thirty to ten o'clock.

MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

Elaborate Plans Are Underway For Summer Military Training Camps.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.—Elaborate plans are underway for the continuation of the government summer camps for young men to receive military training. Captain Donovan Yench, acting U. S. C. officer of the Fourth Corps Area, which includes the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, has advised officials in this state, Adjutant General J. VanH. Meigs, announced today.

"According to present plans, camps are to be held this year at Camp McClellan, Ala., Fort Barrancas, Fla., and Fort Bragg, N. C.," it was stated. "The branches of instruction offered may be slightly different from those of last year, but in the main will be in the same branches, which include infantry, cavalry, field artillery, engineers and coast artillery."

"The courses offered include a basic Red Course, which gives fundamental training, but does not instruct in any particular branch of the service; advanced Red Course, which gives basic instruction in branches desired; White Course, for which graduates of last year's Red Course, who were certified as eligible for admission to White Course (as qualified) its students to be non-commissioned officers in the organized reserves of the national guard; and the Blue Course, for which graduates of last year's White Course who were certified as eligible for admission to Blue Course are qualified if of proper age and possess necessary educational qualifications which its officials are responsible for commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps."

Approximately three thousand men received outlays at the government's expense last year, it was stated. The North Carolina National Guard, said General Meigs, made an "excellent record" at the regular summer camp for national guardsmen.

SOUTH NOW THE CENTER OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Directory of Southern Railway System Shows Just What South is Doing in Textile Way.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Remarkable growth of the textile industry in the South is shown in a directory of manufacturing plants on its lines just issued by the Southern Railway System.

In the directory are listed 925 cotton mills, operating 242,900 looms and 12,379,257 spindles. In the entire South there are 15,964,381 spindles, or 43.21 percent of the total in the United States.

There are also listed 240 knitting mills, operating 35,594 machines and 270,713 spindles; 22 woolen mills, with 1,271 looms and 72,900 spindles; 11 silk mills, with 1,763 looms and 85,120 spindles; 50 mattress, mat and felt mills; 22 bleacheries, dyeing and finishing plants; 16 jute mills; 6 braider mills; and 4 miscellaneous cotton manufacturing plants.

Maps and tables in the directory show in a graphic way the constant growth of the textile industry in the South and the great percentage of that growth at points on the Southern. In 1922, 10 mills in the South consumed 3,977,847 bales of cotton which was 64.74 percent of the total consumption in the United States.

On January 1, 1923, twenty-seven new plants and additions which will operate 3,652 looms and 270,640 spindles were under construction at points on the Southern. The directory shows that in the year ended July 31, 1922, new spindles numbering 244,669 were installed in the South and only 83,201 in other parts of the country. Many other interesting facts and figures showing the tendency of textile development toward the South are included.

THE COTTON MARKET Was Active and Unsettled During the Early Trading Today.

New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market was active and unsettled during today's early trading because of relative easy Liverpool cables, rather less favorable reports from the Manchester goods market and the easier ruling of foreign exchange. The opening was fairly steady at a decline of 18 to 20 points with May selling off to 27.85 and October to 25.23.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady, March 27.70; May 27.33; July 27.57; Oct. 25.25; Dec. none.

Student Seized by Mob.

Missoula, Mont., Jan. 30.—Charles Gleason, a student in the University of Montana here, was taken from a fraternity house at 11 p. m. last night by a band of masked men. Gleason, the second university student kidnapped by masked men within the last five days, refused today to make any statement regarding the occurrence.

MILEAGE BOOKS ARE ORDERED SOLD AGAIN

Selling of Books Again Ordered in a Late Ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

TO GO ON SALE ON MARCH 15TH

Books Will Be for 2,500 Miles at a Reduction of 20 Per Cent. From Regular Passenger Rates.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Railroads were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to resume the practice of selling interchangeable mileage books, good for 2,500 miles of travel, at reductions of 20 per cent. from the regular passenger rates.

Sale of the books must begin March 15, the Commission decided. A number of small railroads were excluded from the requirements of the order, because of financial inability to meet the reduction. Practically all the Class I roads, however, must establish the reductions.

Commercial travelers and business organizations were especially active in urging that the mileage books privilege be restored to persons required to travel extensively in transaction of business. The Commission noted that the general business opinion was that the reduction would result in a greater number of salesmen going on the road, and an increase in the amount of travel by those now engaged in salesmen.

Sale of the books will be open to all desiring them.

METHODIST CHURCH SETS HIGH STANDARD FOR 23

Presiding Elders and Superintendents of Western Conference Held Important Meeting.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 29.—Seventy thousand new Sunday school members in 1923 is the goal set for the Methodist churches of the western North Carolina conference at a meeting held this afternoon that was attended by 10 of the 11 presiding elders, eight district superintendents, and members of the executive committee of the Sunday school board and others interested in the work of the church.

The meeting was held in First church and was presided over by R. W. A. Lambeth, chairman of the conference Sunday school board. Miss Virginia Jenkins, elementary superintendent was secretary, and O. V. Wessley, conference superintendent of Sunday school work, had charge of the discussions.

Besides resolving on the number of new members for the schools, the meeting expressed intentions of doing more intensive work in the way of training teachers, giving special attention to standard training schools and to the courses to be given at Trinity college and Lake Junaluska during the summer months.

Business transacted included the mapping out of a program for the entire year's work.

The conference continued from 2 to 8 o'clock, supper being served by ladies of the local church.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS ARE PREPARING FOR NEXT MEET

Asheville Among Cities Asking For Next Annual Convention.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 29.—The board of directors of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association in session here today, appointed a committee to prepare a constructive program for the next annual convention, the date and place for which has not been fixed. Invitations for the next meeting were received from Asheville, North Carolina; Lexington, Kentucky; French Lick Springs, and White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

G. J. Halmer, of Houston, Texas, chairman of the committee on labor, reported that satisfactory contracts had been entered with trade unions. Resolutions to the memory of Mrs. W. W. Holland, wife of the publisher of The Spartanburg, S. C., Journal, were adopted.

Considerable time of the meeting was given over to the discussion of cost finding, with special reference to cost of handling national advertising.

JOHN H. McNEIL IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Death Followed Injuries Sustained When Clothing Caught in Shuffling.

Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 31.—John H. McNeil, of Roberdale, near here, was accidentally killed at a grain mill there today when his overcoat was caught in a belt as he started to shift the shafting. Mr. McNeil, who operated a store and mill at Roberdale, was about 40 years of age, and had served as county commissioner. He leaves a widow and several children.

TWENTY LIVES LOST AS REFUGEE VESSEL SINKS

Steamer Paris Arrived at Manila. With Report of Sinking of Sister Ship.

Manila, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—With the arrival here today of the Steamship Paris, a belated member of the fleet of Russian refugees, it was learned that her sister ship had been sunk off Formosa last week with the loss of 20 lives.

Youthful "Doper" Tries to Take His Own Life

Chicago, Jan. 31.—George E. P. Roth, 18-year-old high school senior, today was in a hospital here, said by physicians to be near death, from a bullet wound self-inflicted, because he hated his father, he had forced an uncomprehending drug habit that had forced him from school and denied him the privilege of graduating with his class tomorrow.

Roth told his father he bought the drugs from a youth who stood outside the high school and peddled to high school girls and boys. The police immediately started search for the peddler.

Armed with his father's revolver, Roth told how he departed from home to "kill the dope peddler" that had started me out, and then I intended to kill myself. But he did not find the peddler and early today shot himself.

TURKS DESIRE MORE TIME, LEADER SAYS

Ismet Pasha Asks the Conference at Lausanne to Postpone Signing Peace Treaty for Two Weeks.

Lausanne, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation to the Near East conference, asked the conference today for a delay of two weeks before signing of peace, and a delay of eight days before the meeting of the conference commission. The interval would be employed, he explained, in striving by every means to reach an agreement.

The Turks desired the delay of eight days so that they need not give definite reply as to the acceptance of the treaty until that time expired.

The session was suspended to allow the allies to reach an agreement on the reply to be made to Ismet.

On the resumption of the conference session Lord Curzon announced that it would be impossible completely to satisfy the Turkish requirements as to time, but personally he was ready to remain at Lausanne until Sunday evening.

SPLENDID MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR BANK OPENING

Tonight in the New Bank Building of Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

The following program will be rendered tonight by Lajoie's Orchestra, of Charlotte, the occasion being the opening of the handsome new home of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at South Union street.

March: Powhatan's Daughter—Sousa. Overture: Morning, Noon and Night—Suppe. Medley of Popular Airs—Remick. Violin Solo: Selected—Mr. Lajoie. Orchestral Suite: Scenes From the South—Nicolini. Selection: Chin Chin Chow—Norton. Two Dances: Gavotte and Minuet—Finck.

Selection From the Musical Comedy, "Good Morning Dearie"—Kern. Violin Solo: Selected—Mr. Lajoie. Characteristic: Down South—Mildleton. March Militaire—Suñid.

In addition to the above numbers requests for classical and semi-classical selections will be granted.

PRESIDENT PLANS VISIT TO FLORIDA

He and Mrs. Harding Will Leave the Capital on Night of March 5th.

Washington, Jan. 31.—President and Mrs. Harding expect to leave Washington the night of March 5 for their Florida trip. It was learned from sources close to the President today. No itinerary has been arranged, but it is believed the first stop will be St. Augustine, where the President enjoys the golf course, and then several stops will be made down the Florida coast.

New England Textile Mills Facing Trying Conditions.

Boston, Jan. 30.—Textile manufacturers in New England are operating "under trying conditions," says the monthly review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, made public tonight.

"Manufacturers in this district," the review says, "seem to be fairly well supplied with orders, so that the outlook for the next few months is comparatively good. Certain labor unions in the textile trade are, however, asking for a restoration of the cut in wages which was made late in 1920, generally amounting to 20 per cent. when the industrial depression was becoming severe. This request comes at a time when the cost of living remains near the lowest point during the recent business depression, with barely any upturn noticeable."

"Even disregarding the strike threat, the textile industry is operating under trying conditions. The supplies in this country of both raw cotton and wool are comparatively small, and as a consequence, the prices of both are relatively high. Inasmuch as the product of both cotton and wool and worsted industries is used mainly in the manufacture of everyday necessities of life, there seems to be ample reason for the manufacturers to be fearful of the results of further increases in the prices of finished textile goods."

Haywood Journal Chartered.

Waynesville, N. C., Jan. 31.—The Haywood Journal, capitalized at \$10,000, has been granted a charter of incorporation by the secretary of state, it was announced today.

Honore Sentelle, W. C. Allen, T. G. Miller, all of Waynesville, are the incorporators. In addition to publishing a paper, the company will also do a general printing business.

TRAINING OF BOYS SUBJECT OF ROTARY

Local Club Devoted Weekly Meeting to a Discussion of How the Boy Can Best Be Physically Trained.

Bill Caswell and the members of his boys' work committee had charge of the program at the regular weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club at the Y Tuesday night. How their physical training and ways to best influence these were discussed at some length by several speakers. The program followed was one arranged out by Rotary International, and the last meeting in January was devoted to a discussion of "Physical Training of Boys by Rotary Clubs all over the world."

The club had a 100 per cent meeting. Every member except L. T. Harris and Arthur Cannon were present, and they method President Richmond and they had attended meetings in Raleigh and New Orleans, respectively.

John M. Oglesby, chairman of the publicity committee, stated that the Rotary sign just north of the Locke Mill is to be reinstated at once.

Bill Caswell started the program with a statement of facts relative to the importance of training the youths of the country in a physical way. He declared that about one-half of the people in the United States now have physical defects, and that this condition should be remedied by giving physical training to the boys and girls of today, to keep them from growing up with defects.

"We need physical training made democratic, as everything else should be made democratic," Bill stated. "We would never have a great nation if we just selected a few men and developed their minds to the highest degree. Neither can we have a great nation if we just select a few bodies and train them to the highest degree. We must train every mind and every body."

Ship Wels spoke briefly on "Physical Training as Relative to National Efficiency." Charlie Rivin spoke on "Recreational Facilities in Our City," and Martin Verburg spoke on "National Investments for Community Development." Each talk followed the general theme of the meeting, Ship pointing out the fact that the child who goes recreation makes the best student. Charlie declaring that the Y and the new high school site afforded fine facilities for recreation here; and Martin recommending a playground for the Y and large attendance at the summer camp conducted by the Y.

After the speeches Chairman Bill offered the following recommendations by his committee: "That the Rotary Club send members once a week to conduct the devotional exercises at the high school."

"That the club in the near future endeavor to have the Senior class of the high school."

"That the club endorse the Y camp and try to provide ways by which deserving boys and girls can be sent to camp."

"That the club endorse the 'Win You a Club' campaign to be conducted by the Y in the near future."

The recommendations were accepted, and in addition the club voted to entertain the girl members of the Senior class of the high school the week following the meeting at which the boys will be present.

The meeting next week will be held on Wednesday with Bob Eldenhorn and his music committee in charge.

To War on Bootleggers in Capitol.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—A spectacular crusade against the bootlegging ring in Washington is to be launched tomorrow, according to announcement made by Edward N. Reed, chief of the District of Columbia division of the prohibition bureau. He promises that the clean-up, the dry forces answer to charges of wholesale violations in official circles, will be opened with "a big surprise."

The drive "will be directed against all concerned" in the recent controversies in the House of Representatives between Representative William D. Ushaw, Georgia dry, and other members, says Chief Reed, and is intended to take "official cognizance of bootlegging at the Capitol and of the leakage of 'good stuff' from certain embassies."

The campaign will have two main purposes. In addition to the attempt to rid the country of purveyors of illicit fluids, it will seek to restore the dry morale, which is said to have been dealt a severe blow all over the country as the result of the Ushaw charges.

It is understood that plans for the drive were laid nearly two months ago and have been approved by those "higher up" as a result of Representative Ushaw's activities against those who "do not vote the way they drink."

Reed is reputed to have prepared his plans with the assistance of experts in his office, the legal division of the prohibition unit and other enforcement specialists. It is hinted the padlock method of closing places where liquor is dispensed may be used.

Propose College For Army and Navy on the Pacific Coast.

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 30.—Plans of the navy to establish at San Diego a junior war college where army and navy officers will receive post-graduate training supplementary to that received at West Point and Annapolis, were received here today from Washington.

This college will extend in a broad way, it is announced, the work of the naval war college at Newport giving to the officers high in command an extensive training in strategy and tactics.

Two Hundred Miners Caught.

Berlin, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Fire-damp following an explosion has cut off 250 miners in a mine at Beuthen, Polish Silesia, says a Central News message. Several bodies have been recovered. There is little hope, the message adds, of saving any of the imprisoned miners.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Senators Favoring the Good Roads Bill Make Effort to Get the Bill Through Its Second Reading.

HOUSE OCCUPIED WITH MANY BILLS

Judiciary Committee Failed to Report on Turlington Bill, Which Would Abolish the "Quart" Law.

Raleigh, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Senators in the General Assembly here who favor the \$15,000,000 good roads bill made another effort today to get the bill through its second reading for a roll call vote after having been forced over from Monday night by objection or lack of sufficient members present.

Before the opening of the session the state of the bill was undetermined in the minds of members of both houses. The proponents, however, claim more than three-fourths of the Senate vote, while a storm of debate was expected to develop in case the matter got to the floor, especially over the three-cent gasoline tax the measure carries.

The House was occupied at the opening with a slight increase in the volume of new legislation introduced and a number of routine matters and local bills were up for final passage. The Judiciary committee which considered the bill introduced by Representative Turlington of Iredell county, failed to report when the bill was lodged in the hands of a sub-committee for redrafting and clarification. It would abolish the so-called "quart law" and provide uniform machinery for the state enforcement act to conform with the Volstead act.

Passes Second Reading.—Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Voting down all amendments to the state road bill which provides for an issue of \$15,000,000 in bonds to carry forward the program of highway construction under way and for the increase of the motor fuel tax from 1 cent to 3 cents a gallon, the Senate voted 42 to 3 in favor of the measure on its second reading today, and the bill is on the calendar for third and final vote. The measure already has passed in the House of Representatives without amendment.

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Alexander S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem as member from the seventh district of the State Highway Commission, succeeding R. A. Doughton, who was named State Commissioner of Revenue upon the resignation of Col. A. D. Watts.

DAVIDSON STUDENT PLAYS HEROIC PART DURING FIRE

Fell Through Burning Roof, But His "Falls" Caught on a Nail and Saved His Life.

Davidson, Jan. 30.—Echoes from the fire yesterday at Dr. J. M. McConnell's residence are to the effect that one of the Charlotte boys, in Davidson college here, McLean Sencaire, with a daring that outran his prudence and discretion in his strenuous efforts to do his bit in extinguishing the flames on the high roof, fell through the opening made by the ravages of the fire and the fire-fighters down to the garret floor, but his fall was broken by a nail that caught and did frightful violence to his "pants," but possibly saved him from any hurt of consequence at all. That some of the fellows climbing with their shoes on the steep roof did not slip and get a fall to the ground was a matter of congratulation for all concerned.

Dr. McConnell and family are for the present the guests of the home of President Martin. The condition of the walls of the second story of the house and the temporary damage of the furnace, because of dislocated radiators and like disorders, prevent an immediate use of the home. Temporary roofing was placed on the building yesterday, weakness being on the roof with their rolls of rubber on an hour or more after the fire was extinguished.

Sale at Parks-Bell Co. Continued.

The management of the Parks-Bell Company announced today that the Removal and White Goods Sale has been continued for ten days. The new building will not be occupied by the company until it is ready for about ten days, and the sale is continued for that reason.

The company still has many bargains. Usually only Winter goods are offered during January sales, but this year everything in the store has been reduced in order to cut down the stock of goods before moving day.

Two pages of ads. in this paper today set forth some of the many fine bargains left. Read them carefully.

"PERSONAL"

If the young man with the blue serge suit and the gray fedora hat, who quarreled with his sweetheart in front of the St. Cloud Hotel last night, will bring the young lady to the Star Theatre he will learn "What's Wrong with the Women."