

PROPOSED FOREIGN LOAN MAY BE ONLY ONE HALF BILLION

Wall Street Reports Say That is the Sum American Financiers Will Lend.

AN OVERNIGHT CHANGE

Some Authorities Say Anglo-French Commissioners Didn't Expect Billion.

New York, Sept. 16.—The proposed billion dollar loan to Great Britain and France shivered today in the gossip of Wall Street to half its previous size. Five hundred millions was the sum which current reports set as the amount American financiers would lend.

In some manner not understood tonight the situation underwent a change overnight. There was an almost unanimous opinion among bankers whose views could be obtained that a billion dollars was not needed, and that in naming this vast sum at the outset the commission sought to place itself in an advantageous position.

This is the way some financial authorities regarded the situation tonight. Didn't Expect Billion Loan.

The commission asked for a billion dollars, but did not expect to get the full amount. To this request bankers would naturally make a counter offer—say a half billion.

There would then follow a series of parleys. The commission would reduce the amount by 50 to 100 millions, and the American bankers would add a few millions to their previous offer.

After a period of negotiations, they would reach a common figure, and define the terms as to interest, duration of the loan and other details could be arranged fairly soon.

The Anglo-French commissioners, in the opinion of Wall Street, are master players in the game of finance. They do not betray by their words what their intentions are, nor do they place all their cards on the table at once, as Wall Street views it.

Consequently, it is expected there will be many more developments before it will be seen what they really are striving for, and whether they will win.

A dozen or more prominent New York bankers talked with the commission today at a meeting place whose whereabouts was not disclosed. J. P. Morgan and two of his partners, Henry P. Davison, and Dwight W. Morrow were among the number.

Who the others were was not disclosed. A number of bank presidents were not at their downtown desks, however, at the hour when the meeting was held.

Instances of formal statements was given tonight by the commission. It is expected such statements will be issued daily so long as negotiations are in progress. Tonight's statement reads as follows:

Formal Statement Issued. The mission has nothing of fresh importance to say. Its members have continued largely in their individual capacities and occasionally as a body, the discussions already begun with reference to the exchange markets and kindred subjects.

Figures have been collected going to show the total exports in recent years of cotton, grain and other food stuffs from Great Britain, the total of such figures having such a direct bearing upon the question of establishing credits in this country. The figures as published today give the total commodity exports of this country last year to Great Britain, Canada, France as approximately \$1,690,000,000, the great part of that being for articles of normal export.

These figures, if correct, as we assume them to be, indicate the great volume of international trade involved in this whole situation.

Dumba's Messenger in an Austrian Uniform



James F. J. Archibald, Archibald is the man who held an American passport and left here with messages from Dr. Konstantin T. Dumba, Austrian ambassador to the United States to Premier Burtin.

DISCLAIMS ATTACK ON THE HESPERIAN

Note From Germany Delivered at Washington.

ADVANCES MINE THEORY

Action by American Government Not Contemplated at Present—No Proof That Liner Was Torpedoed Has Been Received.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Germany's note informing the United States that there is no reason to believe the liner Hesperian was sunk by a submarine reached the State Department today.

Secretary Lansing said no action in the case was contemplated at this time. There is no evidence before the department to prove whether the liner was attacked or struck by a mine.

The German note declared all reports received from submarine commanders indicate that there was no submarine in the vicinity when the explosion which wrecked the Hesperian occurred, and expresses belief that the vessel was blown up by a mine, in view of the nature of the explosion and the fact that it was well forward.

Although dispatches from London and Queenstown at the time stated that the Hesperian had been torpedoed, the explosion occurred when the vessel was about a hundred miles outside of the zone in which German submarines usually operate, and so far as is known here nobody on board has claimed to have seen a submarine or torpedo.

The State Department today announced receipt of a message from the American legation at Bern, Switzerland, stating that the note asking for recall of Ambassador Dumba was delivered in Vienna on September 10th.

Officials were unable to explain the failure of the American embassy at Vienna to acknowledge receipt of the note, but it is presumed telegraphic communication was interrupted between Vienna and Bern, just after the message from Washington reached its destination.

NEGRO VOTERS WERE DRIVEN FROM POLLS BY THE POLICE. Testimony in Indianapolis Trial of Election Frauds Cases.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 16.—How negro voters were prevented from registering by the police who drove them away with riot clubs, was related by a number of witnesses for the state today in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Ball on a charge of election conspiracy.

Among the witnesses were Arthur Robinson, state senator and candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator; Robert H. Bryson, former postmaster; James F. Cleary, state representative; Sheriff George V. Coffin, Walter Pritchard, deputy prosecutor, and a number of negroes.

INQUIRE OF ACTION REGARDING MEXICO

European Governments Want to Know Next American Step.

DECISION NOT REACHED

Recognition of Any Faction Will be Fully Considered, When Pan-American Conference Meet Saturday in New York.

Washington, September 16.—Informal inquiries have been made by some of the European governments as to Washington's next step in the Mexican situation. Ambassador Jusserand, of France, had a long talk with Secretary Lansing today.

From high official quarters it was learned tonight that no decision has been reached with respect to recognition of any government in Mexico, but that the subject will be fully considered at the Pan-American conference in New York Saturday.

It is said the conferees will give audiences also to representatives of other nations, who are en route to Washington, so that the entire situation may be carefully studied.

It is also believed that the conferees will take under consideration the amount of territory controlled by each faction, but that it is understood several weeks probably will elapse before recognition of a government is decided upon.

Carranza's proposal that, if recognized, he will give due attention to the matter of claims through joint commissions is believed to have been one of the purposes of Ambassador Jusserand's call today.

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General Garza Goes As Commissioner From General Villa. El Paso, Texas, Sept. 16.—General Rogue Gonzales Garza, former president of the conventionalist government in Mexico, arrived at Juarez from Torreon today en route to Washington as a commissioner from General Villa.

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Hard fighting continues on the eastern front. Additional German successes in the region of Dvinsk, in Northwest Russia, are reported by Berlin. The Russians are strenuously resisting on many fronts, but the Teutons are making progress, according to their versions, at all points along the eastern battle front.

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CONDEMNNS CARGOES OF AMERICAN MEAT

British Prize Court Declares Forfeiture to Crown.

VALUED AT \$15,000,000

American Packers Will Appeal to Privy Council and if Relief is Not Given Will Seek Further Diplomatic Aid.

London, Sept. 16.—Virtually all of the American meat aboard the seized Norwegian steamers, Kim, Alfred Nobel, Ejerstjerne Bjornsen and Fridland was condemned by the British prize court today and declared forfeited to the crown.

The case has been pending for several months. The steamships were seized last November, and efforts by the American owners to obtain an early trial failed.

The court said it was plain, these ships were carrying towards Copenhagen, when seized, more than thirteen times the amount of goods which under normal circumstances would have been taken to that port.

The decision aroused intense interest among all the representatives of American packing firms here as well as those immediately involved, as no American meat products have been shipped to European neutrals since last play and the unfavorable result of the packers' case is likely to cause further stoppage of this trade.

"We intend to carry the case to the privy council, where we expect to win," said Alfred R. Urion, attorney for the Chicago packers.

Will Make Further Appeal. It is known that the packers, in the event of losing in the private council, will make further appeals through diplomatic channels with an international commission as a possible court of final appeal.

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Germans Afraid to Shoot This at Nancy.



German 42 Centimeter Shell. Herbert Corey, the famous war correspondent, who has been with the French army at the front, has written that the Germans have their 42 centimetre guns planted 99 near Nancy, in France, that they could drop 42 centimetre shells into the city, and perhaps destroy it.

SOUTH AMERICA OPEN FOR TRADE WITH U. S.

Disappointment that Opportunity Has Not Been Seized.

Dr. Rowe Declares American Exporters Have Failed to Adjust Themselves to Changed Conditions Brought on By European War.

New York, Sept. 16.—Dr. L. S. Rowe, secretary general of the Pan-American Financial Congress, who returned today from a three months' investigation of financial, industrial and commercial conditions in South America, declared that in Peru and in Chile especially, he found a feeling of disappointment that American exporters had not taken advantage of the opportunity to build up closer trade relations.

Dr. Rowe, who is professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, also was entrusted with a special mission by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to confer with finance ministers with a view to giving early effect to the resolutions passed by the recent Washington meeting of the Congress.

American exporters, Dr. Rowe declared, failed to adjust themselves to the changed conditions brought about by the European war.

He found they appeared unwilling to grant credit such as South American countries were accustomed to receive.

Default of Treasurer Causes a Run on Bank. Police and Fire Departments Called Out to Disperse Crowds.

Ansonia, Conn., Sept. 16.—Ansonia's entire police and fire departments were called out tonight to disperse a crowd of about 5,000 persons that gathered after the announcement that State Bank Commissioner Sturges had taken charge of the Savings Bank of Ansonia.

The treasurer of the institution, former Mayor Franklin Burton, is under arrest, charged with embezzling \$38,000 on bogus notes during a period of 15 years.

A run on the bank started just before business closed, and the directors invoked the sixty days notice rule.

DISCRIMINATION NOT INTENDED BY BRITISH

Against the American Foreign Trade Advisers

Policy Now is to Release Goods of German or Austrian Origin Consigned to United States if Purchased Before War.

London, Sept. 16.—The government denied tonight that it had any intention to discriminate against the American State Department foreign trade advisers in favor of representatives of private trade interests in securing release of goods of German or Austrian origin consigned to the United States from neutral ports.

The government here points out that its policy now is to order the release of any such goods on proof that they either were paid for before March 1 or that the American consignees ordering the goods before that time ultimately will be compelled to pay for them.

Foreign Secretary Grey explained in the House of Commons today that the government was not interfering with shipment from Germany of such goods.

Sir Edward said also that Great Britain was permitting free passage of drugs in Germany for which neutrals had an imperative need.

KILLS HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN THEN HIMSELF. Mississippi Man Mentally Deranged, is Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 16.—After killing his wife early today with a shotgun, and almost severing the heads of his two young daughters, Monroe M. Lee, aged 35, a farmer residing near here, placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and blew the top of his head off.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict that while mentally deranged, Lee killed his wife and children and then took his own life.

The children, aged 6 to 4, apparently had been killed while they slept. Their throats were cut with a pocket knife.

GERMANIC ARMIES ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK BY RUSSIANS

Forced Across the Strips and Retire Westward North of Galician Frontier.

DVINSK IS ENDANGERED

Teutons Continue to Advance Slowly in the North and Center of the Lines.

RUSSIANS RE-OCCUPY VILLAGES.

South of Vilna, toward Grodno, the Russians are offering stubborn resistance and have the Germans firmly held.

In the center also, Prince Leopold has been delayed in his advance. Von Mackensen has passed his forces through the Pripiet marshes and now is in possession of Pinsk.

From this point southward the Russians are advancing and re-occupied several villages but they are not expected to push their advantage much further, as to do so would make their northern flank vulnerable.

Much importance is attached to Russia's decision to call to the colors the reserves of the territorial army. Should the age limit be fixed at 36, this fresh call would mean the possible addition of eight million men to the Russian armies.

Naturally, all of these could not be armed and equipped, but Russia could have the pick of them.

With Russia now well supplied with munitions, her allies, who have been supplying her, are able to turn their attention to the Russian front, and, in consequence, there is no cessation in the artillery engagements which have been so marked in the west for several years past.

British Submarine Missing. In the Dardanelles the British losses have totaled 47,630 up to August 21, including 17,608 killed.

The British submarine E-7, operating in these waters, which the Turks claim to have sunk, is admitted by the British admiralty to have been missing since September 4.

The E-7 did much damage to Turkish shipping in the sea of Marmora, and, after blocking the railway line near Kara Burnu, by bombarding it from the sea, shelled a troop train and blew up large ammunition cars attached to it.

Evidence reached London today that the situation of the neutral Balkan states is becoming more and more acute. Berlin newspapers are said to be publishing sensational telegrams intimating that the Austro-German army in the war may be expected at any minute, and that Giornale d'Italia, of Rome, says that because of the concentration of Greek and Rumanian troops on the Bulgarian frontier, Bulgaria has instructed her representatives at Athens and Bucharest to request an immediate and definite explanation.

CLAIMS FRONT IS UNBROKEN. Vienna Statement Says Russian Attempts Unsuccessful.

Vienna, (via London), Sept. 16.—"All Russian attempts to shake our front remain without result," says the official statement. "Yesterday the enemy directed his main attacks against our front on the middle Stripsa river. He was repulsed everywhere.

"Our troops co-operated in flank attacks on the Bucacra bridgehead and in the region south of Zolozce. The village of Zebrow, south of Zolozce, was taken by storm and 11 officers and 1,300 men and three machine guns were captured."

PATRONIZING HOME FOLKS. Only Raleigh Architects and Contractors to Get Part of \$100,000. (Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 16.—Raleigh public school committee voted tonight to receive bids only from Raleigh architects or contractors for either plans or construction of new school buildings to be erected with the \$100,000 bonds just voted.

The new Murphy school is to cost \$40,000 and Glenwood \$30,000, balance to improve other buildings.

WORLD WITHDRAW DEPOSITS. Hungarian Organization Opposes the Anglo-French Loan.

Johnston, N. C., Sept. 16.—Alex. Covert, national president of the Verhoboy Aid Society, a Magyar organization with 28,000 members, announced tonight that the association had agreed (Continued on Page Eight.)