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EUROPE STILL DUE U. S. MORE THAN TWELVE BILLION

No Cuts Have Been Made in Stupendous Indebtedness. Twenty-two Billion Will Have Been Returned at Maturity of Plan in 1986. Interest Rates Vary. Last Payment on Loans Made in July

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We hear a great deal of talk, mostly by politicians, about the war debts owing to the United States from Europe. A lot of the talk is calculated to create the impression that we have in some way cancelled a part of these debts and that there is danger that the balance may be canceled. Some people contend that an injustice would be done to the people of the United States by reducing to any extent these debts; others contend that we ought to wipe them all out.

Before we can discuss that question intelligently—and it will be one of the things about which a lot of discussion will be spilled in and out of Congress in this Presidential year—let's see what the facts are. How much did we lend Europe? How much has Europe agreed to pay us?

During the war and immediately afterwards we—the government of the United States—advanced to the different European nations a total of \$10,338,000,000. We charged interest, of course. Interest, accumulated and unpaid up to the time these debts were funded, brought the total to \$12,636,000,000. That is every cent that all Europe owed our government up to the time the final agreements were reached as to the rate of payment. The money is owing to us from England, France and Italy, principally; some smaller parts from some of the smaller nations.

Not a single cent of this money is owed to our government by Germany.

All the talk about what Germany owes us is talk about something in which the United States Government, as such, is not concerned. It relates to German government bonds which were sold to private investors in this country after the war was over, and to commercial debts owing to American merchants and banks.

Our government made no claim against Germany for "reparations," or penalties in money, following Germany's defeat. The reparations payments by Germany go to the European allies, principally to France. The United States took the attitude that it was sufficient to defeat Germany in the war, and that it would not be fair to the German people to punish them for the crimes of the Kaiser's government, by bleeding them white for generations, as France tried to do.

That ought to be kept in mind, whenever war debts are talked of. But the impression that we have been so generous with the nations that borrowed money from us, with which to fight Germany is a totally wrong impression, although the effort is being made in many quarters to create it.

The only concession that the United States has made in the case of the war debts to us of the Allies is a concession in the rate of interest to be paid.

Money raised during the war in this country by the sale of Liberty Bonds was lent to the Allies at 5 and 6 per cent. As soon as it was possible, after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, for the nations to take stock of their losses and their obligations, it became clear to everybody that none of the debtor nations could pay immediately. All of them would need time, and a lot of time, to pay what they owed to us. Much of the money we had lent to Europe had been in turn reloaned by England to other nations, and England contended that she ought not to be called on to pay us faster than she could collect from these other countries.

England, France and the other Allies had assessed on Germany a huge claim for damages, which is what is meant when the term "reparations" is used. It was perfectly obvious that Germany must have a considerable time in which to pay these reparations, and the inclination of the Allied nations was to pay their debt to us only out of what Germany paid them. Our government declined to make these straight loans dependent in any way upon the collection of reparations from Germany. We were agreeable, however, to giving our debtors as much time as they were giving Germany.

At the invitation of the German government and its creditors, Americans did unofficially take an important part in working out plans whereby Germany could reorganize its finances and meet its reparation payments. But these plans, first the "Dawes Plan," and then the "Young Plan," were arrangements between Germany and her European creditors in which the United States officially had no part.

The time fixed for the payment of German reparations, under the Dawes Plan, and continued under the Young Plan, was 62 years. Accordingly, the

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Chicago Will Be Host at Democratic Pow Wow

At the close of the meeting of the Democratic National Committee on Saturday in Washington, Chicago was selected as the place for the holding of the 1932 convention, after an offer of \$200,000 for the honor by Atlantic City had been met by the Mid-west metropolis. The convention will be held two weeks after the Republicans meet in the same city June 14.

The Jackson Day dinner held Friday evening was marked by typical Democratic deliverances from the three last candidates for the Presidency, Alfred E. Smith, John W. Davis and James M. Cox, and harmony prevailed. Chairman John J. Raskob sidetracked his anti-prohibition demands and denied that there was any inclination on the part of him or his immediate associates to block the nomination of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

BOARD OF HEALTH SHOWS PROGRESS DURING QUARTER

Report issued by Local Sanitary Officer indicates that Watauga People are co-operating in program. 804 inspections are reported, a hundred or more approved privies built. Grade A Milk Available.

Mr. Gordon Battle, sanitary officer for the Watauga County Board of Health, has issued his quarterly report to the United States Public Health Service, which goes to show that Watauga is quick to see the importance of lending their full cooperation in sanitizing their premises. Mr. Battle has furnished the Democrat the following facts concerning his work during the past four months, which will give a general idea of the accomplishments during that period:

During the quarter there were 804 inspections of private premises. These inspections resulted in the installation of 129 rural privies, nine urban privies, and 18 school privies. There have been 22 septic tanks installed and 22 private water supplies improved. Another item of interest is that there have been 51 sewer connections made to the city sewer system of Boone since the first of July.

Boone has a supply of Grade A milk, produced by the Howards Knob dairy. There will be at least three Grade A supplies for the tourist trade here and in Blowing Rock next summer.

Hotels and cafes in Boone and in Blowing Rock have been periodically inspected. All of these have a new placard posted in a conspicuous place, showing their sanitary rating and grade.

Chevrolet Organization in Banquet on Tuesday

Members of the local sales agency for the Chevrolet automobile in this city came together in a social and business meeting at a banquet at the Critcher Hotel Tuesday evening.

The discussions centered about the giving of better service to the motoring public during the coming year, and it was developed that many new improvements are planned in connection with the agency looking to this end. Sales of the new model Chevrolet have more than doubled those of last year for the same period of time, and it was revealed that during the first month the new six was displayed more than sixteen cars were sold. A delightful dinner was served, musical numbers by a colored quartet were enjoyed and there was a general good time.

Members of the W. P. Chevrolet Company present included: W. Ralph Winkler, O. J. Harman, W. T. Payne, L. L. Bingham, Hamp Blackburn, Ray Brendall, Stuart Winkler and Ralph Church. Messrs. A. E. Hodges, J. S. Winkler, Cliff McConnell and Brantley Duncan were invited guests.

HEAD OF SEARS ROEBUCK DIES AT AGE OF SEVENTY

Chicago.—Julius Rosenwald, numbered among the greatest philanthropists of all time, died Wednesday of last week.

The ravages of arteriosclerosis and kidney ailments that had kept him bedfast overcame his weakened heart and he died in his sleep at 2:55 p. m. He would have been seventy years old next August.

The fortune founded on the growth of Sears Roebuck and Company, of which he was chairman at his death, Mr. Rosenwald pitted against racial and religious intolerance, ignorance and poverty. His benefactions to humanity totaled more than \$40,000,000.

VILAS MAN FINED

Jack Smith, of Vilas, was haled into Justice of the Peace E. N. Hahn's court Friday, and was fined \$10 when he pleaded guilty to violation of the sanitary privy law. Five days were given for him to construct a privy which will meet standard State requirements.

Job Hunting on Motor Van



Legionnaires, Selectmen, Clergy, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls united in a drive to uncover occasional jobs for unemployed men in East Bridgewater, Mass. The touring van is the famous "House on Wheels" that carried Legion men to the Detroit Convention.

5-10 FARM PLAN MAY EMBRACE ALL OF COUNTIES IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRITORY

The 5-10-year farm program which was instituted some three weeks ago under the auspices of The Asheville Citizen is finding a favorable reaction in the hills of the Northwest, according to information coming to The Democrat. The local Civitan Club has had a communication from the Asheville paper tendering their co-operation should Watauga wish to start a similar movement or join with their neighbors in the "real march toward united agricultural prosperity."

Incomplete plans call for the formation of an agricultural program in the mountain counties. The points of the 5-10 program, formally adopted, are:

- The five-year objectives:
1. Grow enough for your needs.
 2. Devise model schedules of space allotment to crops and products on each farm, according to size and location, to assist farmers who can't plan to best advantage.
 3. Maintain high quality in everything.
 4. Have more and cheaper feed production.
 5. Have permanent pasture improvement.
 6. Improve the soil.
 7. Use good seeds, certified if possible.
 8. Raise more vegetables and other truck crops.
 9. Produce more cheaply, so the surplus can be shipped away and sold; educate farmers in wholesale methods.
 10. Urge consumers to use what

can be produced in this region.

11. Inform farmers as to what merchant can sell.
12. Improve home conditions.
13. Irrigate with water from storage dams built in spare time, to be independent of droughts.

The 5-10-year objectives: (In some lines of endeavor, results can be well obtained by the end of the five-year period, but activity must be continued into ten years to be nearer a satisfactory point.)

14. Standardize breeds and products, each county making its own decisions.
15. Increase poultry, hogs, sheep and cattle. (One may readily see that a standardization of vegetables, poultry, hogs and sheep can be more quickly attained than a standardization of heavier livestock and dairy cattle. An increase in poultry, hogs, sheep and livestock can be made in five years to show decided improvement over the present number, which admittedly is unsatisfactory.)
16. Maintain canneries in each county, with a united sales chain.
17. Sell carloads of feeder cattle for manure and the market.
18. Prepare to build the cattle industry to the point that a packing plant can be supported in Western North Carolina.
19. Increase and protect the wild game.
20. Stock streams and lakes with fish.
21. Carry on reforestation and protection of existing forests.

Parent-Teachers Will Hold Meeting Thursday

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its January meeting at the Demonstration School auditorium on Thursday, the 14th, at 3:15 p. m. Following a short program by the sixth and seventh grades, Mr. Smith Hagaman will make a brief address, and Miss Virginia Wary will sing two numbers. All parents and friends of the school are urged to be present.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OFFICIAL DIES SUDDENLY IN CAPITAL

Washington, D. C.—L. E. Jeffries, vice-president and general counsel for the Southern Railway System, died suddenly at the railroad consolidation hearings here Wednesday of last week.

Jeffries, a native of Uniontown, Ala., had made his home in Washington. He was 53. He had finished questioning Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, regarding details of the proposed acquisition of the Monon railroad. Upon resuming his seat, Jeffries suddenly collapsed.

Willard noticed Jeffries' gasps and went to his side. The fire department was called upon for its rescue squad. Artificial respiration was attempted without success.

Aho Girl Establishes Unusual School Record

Miss Virginia Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Hampton, of the Aho community has established a record of having never missed a day of school in eight years. The young lady is now 15 years old and has just recently passed her seventh grade examination and will enter upon high school work next year. The marked attention she has given her scholastic work is to say the least unusual and her many friends will watch with interest her future educational activities.

Two-thirds of Federal Loans Have Been Paid

Mr. F. B. Benson, seed loan agent in charge of the collection of Federal drought relief moneys in Watauga and other counties in Northwest Carolina, was in Boone Thursday, and during the day made several calls on borrowers over the county. Mr. Benson states that about \$20,000 has already been collected on Watauga's indebtedness of about \$30,000, and that in addition to that amount several thousand bushels of Irish potatoes have been collateralized, and are being held for higher prices.

Mr. Benson will return to Boone on Thursday, January 21st, and will be at the office of S. C. Eggers in the Watauga County Bank building. Borrowers who have not met their obligations to Uncle Sam are urged to see him on this date.

CURFEW LAW FOR BOONE RATIFIED BY CITY COUNCIL

Children Under 14 Must Be at Home After 9 o'Clock Unless Accompanied by Adult. Police Officers Expected to Enforce New Edict and Monetary Punishment is Provided. Public Appeal Caused Action.

The Board of Town Aldermen, in regular session last Friday evening, adopted a new ordinance, designed to control the activities of the younger generation during the late evening hours, along the lines of the old curfew law.

Acting upon a petition signed by the heads of practically every business house in the city, the aldermen made it a misdemeanor for any child under the age of fifteen years to be on the streets after 9 o'clock in the evening, unless accompanied by an adult person. A penalty for the violation of the new ordinance will vary from \$1 to \$5 at the discretion of the Mayor. Police officers will have charge of the enforcement, there having been no provision for a special curfew officer.

The request by the citizens for this official action came in a large measure as a result of petty depredations traceable to children, who have been allowed to roam over the town at all hours of the night, apparently without parental control.

Dearmin May Build Ice Plant Here This Spring

Mr. J. M. Dearmin of Elk Park spent one day last week in Boone laying plans for the establishment here of an ice manufacturing plant this spring. Mr. Dearmin states that if the people will offer him co-operation he is willing to install new equipment and be ready for ice-making before hot weather begins. Mr. Dearmin operates a model plant at Elk Park, and for the past year has been serving Boone people with its output, but the long haul necessitates the building of a manufacturing or storage plant if the service is to be continued.

Aroma of N. Carolina Apple Unites Brothers

Raleigh, N. C.—The aroma of a North Carolina apple in distant Oklahoma was the agency in bringing together two brothers who had not seen each other for 30 years.

Colonel J. W. Harrelson, director of the department of Conservation and Development, received a report of the chance meeting in a communication from Captain Garrett Drummond, of Stillwater, Okla., formerly stationed at Fort Bragg, who checked up on its accuracy and related it as follows:

Two men were sitting on a bench in front of a railway station at Guthrie, Okla., waiting for a train. One was from Stillwater. The other was returning to North Carolina. They had not spoken. Finally the Tar Heel pulled an apple from a bag and began eating it.

"That smells like a North Carolina apple, friend," the Stillwater man remarked.

"It is. I brought them with me," the other replied.

"I am from North Carolina," the Oklahoma man volunteered.

The other man mentioned a mountain county as his home.

"Why, I am from that county," the Stillwater man exclaimed. "What is your name?" he inquired.

"McBride," answered the stranger.

"That's my name, too," the Oklahoma man exclaimed.

The conversation led to mutual identification and it was recalled that they had not seen each other since the Oklahoma McBride had moved to Stillwater 30 years before. The N. C. McBride had gone to the western state on business, but did not know his brother's address and was preparing to return home.

Naturally, his return was delayed while he visited for a couple of weeks with the long-lost brother.

JOHN K. PERRY DIES FOLLOWING BRIEF ILLNESS; WAS 82

Prominent Citizen of Beaver Dam Community Succumbs to Three Weeks Illness. General Debility is Cause of Demise. Watauga Resident Since Shortly After Civil War. Funeral Wednesday at Bethel.

John Kenedy Perry, 82-year-old resident of the Beaver Dam section and one of the county's prominent and most substantial citizens, died at his home Tuesday midnight, after an illness of three weeks. General debility was given as the immediate cause of death.

Funeral services are to be conducted from Bethel Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The obsequies will be in charge of Reverends Hicks and McKaughn, Baptist ministers, and interment will be in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are a widow and five children. Professor W. Y. Perry, of Sherwood, is the only survivor by the first marriage, and four are living from the second union: Dr. H. B. Perry of Boone, Clyde Perry of Sugar Grove, Mesdames W. Y. Farthing and M. H. Edmiston of Sugar Grove.

Mr. Perry was born at Bakers Gap, Tenn., a son of the late Commodore Perry, moved to Watauga County in the year 1866, during the hectic days of the South's Reconstruction, and had made his home here since that time. He was for practically his entire adult life a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and contributed a full share to the Christian ministry.

Possessing a remarkable mentality, which never waned with the passing of years, Mr. Perry was intensely interested in the affairs of county, State and Nation, and was a leading figure in the civic life of the community and the county in which he lived as a model citizen for more than three score years.

Mrs. Tugman Celebrates Seventy-fifth Birthday

Mrs. Anzette Tugman, of Riddles Fork, celebrated her 75th birthday Monday with a family reunion which was attended by her five living children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The day was happily spent at the old home, amusing incidents of the long ago were recounted, and a bountiful dinner served. The birthday cake, bearing its seventy-five lighted candles, formed a centerpiece for the large table.

Mrs. Tugman is the widow of the late T. J. Tugman, was born and reared in the Meat Camp section, and has a wide circle of friends who join with the relatives in wishing for her many happy returns of the day.

Children present for the reunion were: Mrs. T. P. Adams, of Silverstone, Mrs. Zora Tatum, of Todd; W. A. Tugman, of Todd; Dr. B. W. Tugman, of Jefferson, and S. G. Tugman, who resides at the old home.

APPALACHIAN BEATS UNION IN OPENING COURT GAME

The Appalachian Mountaineers opened their season here Saturday night by taking the heavy end of a 37-27 score in a fast encounter with the strong Union College quint, from Barbourville, Ky.

The game was a nip and tuck affair, and only after the half did Appalachian forge ahead to a safe lead. Goins, Mountaineer guard, looped a basket in the opening minute of play. Union came back with two field goals and was still leading, 17 to 12, at the half.

Johnston's Mountaineers rallied early in the second half again and regained the lead, where they remained for the rest of the game.

Simpson, scrappy Union center, was outstanding for the visitors, scoring a total of ten points as high score man. Davis and Walker, for Appalachian, did some outstanding work. McConnell, playing his first regular game for the Mountaineers, also showed up well.

MRS. THOMAS E. MOORE DIES AT LENOIR HOME

Mrs. Thomas E. Moore, 56, sister of John B. Steele of Boone, died at her home near Lenoir Sunday morning following a stroke of paralysis which came on late Saturday afternoon. A daughter of the late John B. Steele, she was known and widely connected in this section of the State.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons and two daughters: Mrs. Cecil Hickman of Granite Falls, Miss Louise Moore of Boone, Fred S. Moore of Elizabethton, Tenn., Edwin Moore of Newland and John Moore of Granite Falls. There are two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Moore of Statesville, Mrs. Ben E. Harrill of Lincolnton, Clark Steele of Lenoir and John B. Steele of Boone.

Services were conducted at the old home in Happy Valley at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and burial followed in the Steele family cemetery.