

SEN. CALDER PAGES IMMEDIATE USE OF WAR FINANCE PLAN

Bankers of Southern Sections Say Financial Situation Is Acute. EXPORT TRADE WOULD AVERT STAGNATION

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—Employment of war finance corporation machinery to facilitate financial transactions and relieve the acute financial situation throughout the country was recommended by Senator William M. Calder, of New York, chairman of the senate committee on reconstruction, in a telegram sent tonight to President F. D. Roosevelt, secretary of the treasury. The telegram followed a hearing today by the committee on the housing situation in this section. The telegram sent by Senator Calder follows: "Bankers and business men through central and southern sections, declare commercial channels congested with unprecedented crops of cotton, wheat, animal production and so forth and financial tension acute. Believe this dangerous situation can be measurably relieved by employment of war finance machinery to facilitate foreign distribution. This machinery is in your hands. Can not too strongly urge its immediate employment. Senator Calder, in a statement made during the concluding session tonight of the hearing here declared that it was necessary to revive the war finance corporation to prevent stagnation of business and consequent unemployment. Commodities and foreign countries have a great need for it," he said, "but they have no money with which to buy. It has been strongly urged by the producers of animal and agricultural products in the cities, which have insisted that we should make every effort to revive our export trade through the agency of the war finance corporation, which is able to extend credit to American exporters and bankers upon good foreign securities. "Delegations of cotton growers have come to me in New Orleans, Memphis and St. Louis, representatives of farmers and wheat growers have come to me at Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis, producers of animal products in Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and Denver, all with the same story—that there is a backing up of trade from your ports of export and that if this continues and increases it will bring about serious consequences of unemployment and financial strain."

EPIDEMIC OF SMALL POX NOW SPREADING RAPIDLY IN PORT AU PRINCE WITH 1,000 CASES.

Request Washington to Send Vaccine Points on Special Vessel. PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A small pox epidemic has broken out in Port au Prince and is spreading rapidly with 1,000 cases in the general hospital. The occupation forces and the American colony have not been affected. It is estimated that more than a thousand other cases which have not yet been reported exist around the city. A request has been sent to Washington that 300,000 vaccine points be shipped here at once by a destroyer, as the need is imperative. The passengers of ships visiting Port au Prince on their voyages are not being allowed to land here. Marine corps trucks are being used to bring in victims from the city, but because of the smallness of the medical force it is proving impossible to discover all cases.

HAITIAN TESTIMIES. PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The testimony of Sigon Gabot, a native gendarme, charging that Lieut. Williams, of the gendarmes, beat a gendarme to death in January 1919, caused an unexpected delay today in the proceedings of the naval court of inquiry which is investigating the alleged killing of Williams by American marines. The witness failed to give Lieutenant Williams' initials, but it was officially explained that he referred to Dorcas Williams, a sergeant in the gendarmes, who was killed at Quantico, Va., awaiting court martial in Washington in connection with charges resulting in the investigation of conditions in Haiti made by Major General John A. Lejeune, chief of the marine corps.

FAIR WEATHER FOR HARDING AND PARTY Reach Half-Way Mark in Voyage to Panama. Mrs. Harding Taking Rest After the Excitement of the Campaign.

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP PARISMINA, Nov. 20.—(By Wireless to the Associated Press.) Sailing through a quiet sea the steamer Parismina, with President-elect Warren G. Harding and his party aboard tonight approached the half-way mark in her voyage from New Orleans to Panama where the first stage of Mr. Harding's vacation trip will be reached. Except for the light rain and moderate wind which practically always is expected in the neighborhood of the Yucatan channel fair weather favored the distinguished passenger and he spent most of the day on deck, walking, reading and playing ship games. Mrs. Harding remained in her stateroom during the day on advice of her physician. It was explained she was not ill and that her appetite continued good, she was just in need of rest after the excitement of the campaign, the trying Texas experiences and the almost overwhelming welcome accorded the party in New Orleans. The Parismina left the Gulf of Mexico and went into the green waters of the Yucatan channel with its cross currents, choppy winds and occasional rain, about noon today, passing close to the western tip of Cuba. In the afternoon real tropical heat was encountered, the most of those aboard changed to duck and linen apparel. A picture show featured the night's entertainment program.

GOVERNMENT INDEBTED TO THE N. AND W. \$8,384,235

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 20.—The United States government is indebted to the Norfolk and Western railroad \$8,384,235 as the result of a deficit in the net railway operating income of the Norfolk and Western for the six months period from March 1 to September 1, this year, covered by the government's guarantee, under the transportation act, it was announced at headquarters of the road today.

GEN. MARCH MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT ON MEXICAN BORDER

Anticipates Little Difficulty in Raising the Peace Time Army. FORCES MAINTAINED ON MEXICAN BORDER U. S. Is Due \$220,000 From Germany for Army of Occupation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Little difficulty in obtaining the 280,000 men necessary to make up the peace time army authorized by congress is anticipated, said General March, chief of staff, said in his annual report made public today by the war department. The problem of obtaining the 17,717 officers needed for the reorganized army is difficult, however, and was one of the reasons for the delay of the enactment of legislation governing the reorganization of the army. The magnitude of the problem of selecting the national officers required to complete the permanent complement, said General March, "and the tremendous effect which will inevitably be exercised upon the future of the entire army by the character and qualifications of the new officers to be selected, is indicated by the fact that the actual strength of the entire army in commissioned officers on April 6, 1917, was 17,717, and the total of 17,977 held provisional appointments." The general added that the problem was further complicated by the resignation of 1,647 regular officers in the fiscal year ending last June 30, the period covered by his report. 15,000 Applications. Approximately 15,000 applications from former officers and reserve officers for transfer to the regular establishment were received by the war department before the lists were closed, the general continued, and the task of selecting from these applicants, the ten thousand additional officers needed to fill out the army quota is still under way. General March had this to say of the army reorganization legislation passed by the last congress: "The reorganization of a regular army of approximately 230,000 men and 17,700 officers. It does not provide for universal military training nor for the application of the draft system in future emergencies. It was stated without any qualifications that an adequate reserve of trained soldiers available for use in an emergency is an essential prerequisite to any plan for national defense. The plan for the maintenance of such a reserve without military training is impossible." General March said a new and permanent policy whereby the war department would assume the responsibility for the education and recreation of the enlisted personnel has been promulgated as the result of war experiences and "the illiteracy so strikingly revealed in the various sections, education, camp activities and moral training, the new service, General March said, has set up machinery to train technicians and mechanics to meet the needs and to raise the soldier's general intelligence in order to increase his military efficiency and to fit the soldier for a definite occupation upon his returning to civil life.

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THREE ARE NAMED

The men named and alleged to have participated in a distribution of more than \$20,000 were R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson, and treasurer of the shipping board; Lester Sisler, former secretary of the board; John Craner, a representative of the Downey Shipbuilding company and Sands himself. He testified that he received the money in the form of "notes," some of which he discarded and at different times described payments to Bolling and Sisler as both "payments" and "loans." In another part of his testimony he asserted that the money was to be understood as a commission on the securing of a loan from the bank to the ship building company, with which the witness then called.

FRATERNAL ORDERS TO ERECT BUILDING

Canton Pythians and Juniors in Big Undertaking. To Construct Three Story Brick Building Known as Fraternal Building. (Special to The Citizen) CANTON, Nov. 20.—Canton Knights of Pythias have organized a company to be known as the Canton Pythian company, which together with the Canton Junior Home company, recently purchased the Central hotel site over on Main street at public auction from Mrs. Hester-Meese. The amount of the purchase price was about \$14,000 and plans are now under way to erect in the spring a large three story brick building to be known as the Fraternal building. The plans are not ready yet, but the building will be up to date in all respects. The Knights of Pythias are being congratulated upon setting the example of housing Canton by erecting such an up-to-date block and it is hoped they will receive the hearty support of all the citizens of the town. The building will cost approximately \$50,000.

FRATERNAL PARTY HAS 140 DELEGATES AGAINST 240

GENEVA, Nov. 20.—An Athens telegram received at Lucerne announces the definite return from the election in Geneva of the opposition of the Premier Venizelos 140 delegates and the Venizelist party 140 delegates.

Y. C. A. GOES TO REMODEL AND EQUIP CHEROKEE INN FOR MODERN Y. W. HOME.

Failed to Get Quorum in Afternoon—to Meet Monday. BOARD REFUSES TO HEAR ATTORNEYS Interest in Outcome of Board's Action on Remainder of Vote.

With a margin of \$4,977.41 to its credit, Asheville's largest over-subscribed \$75,000 southerly association for the erection of a new building and the maintenance of its work for the next two years. The new home on Oak and Woodfin, formerly the Cherokee Inn, is now the possession of the association. And the city has fulfilled its desire "to erect an association building as a memorial to womanhood." Women were hysterical and men cheered as children when Miss Ava Blank, campaign director of the national association, announced at the final banquet given in the "Y. W." cafeteria on Haywood street last night that the goal had materialized and that the total of \$74,977.41 had been pledged. But the announcement did not come as a surprise. Cheers of the workers celebrated a well deserved victory rather than heralded the unexpected. For the drive was pronounced a success as soon as it was observed that \$3,000 or more had been raised during the first three hours of Tuesday morning. Its cause had been impressed upon the people, and the people were willing to give, the grand total representing more than 1,000 donations from "the widow's mite" to the larger checks of the more wealthy folk. Total Reached. Paul Brown, of the American National bank, totaled the reports of the teams as rapidly as they were read, the metallic click of the adding machine blending in with the noise that came as an ovation to each report. It was when the tenth team, headed by Harry Gruver, reported that goal was definitely announced. Reports of the other three teams carried the total beyond the amount asked by the association. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hunter, formerly of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, had carried on during the last three weeks, a publicity drive, the quality of which was most appreciated by the editorial staffs of the two local newspapers. To her stories describing individual stories of the association work is much of the campaign success attributed. Within a few days after her arrival, Mrs. Hunter had made a comprehensive survey of the field, picking up from each department stories that awakened the people to conditions that actually exist in Asheville. Discussing daily all phases of the association work, she soon made the people familiar with each minute of activity. Once converted to the true nobility of the cause for which they gave, the people of Asheville never for a moment hesitated to make the drive a success. Miss Ava Blank, campaign director, thanked all of the assembled workers for the good work they have carried during the last five days. Many of them, she realized, had completely forsaken their businesses in order to help; not a day of them had worked a day. "It doesn't make so much difference what each person gave," she said. "If you convinced them that the association stands ready to become their friend at any time, you have done your work well."

DOUBLE MURDER OF BRUTAL CHARACTER

Sixteen Year Old Youth Wanted for Murder. Entices Boys, 6 and 8, Into Woods Near Gaffney and Kills Them. GAFFNEY, S. C., Nov. 20.—Officers tonight are searching for Roy Henderson, aged 16, who is alleged to have killed two small boys, Frank and Floyd Kirby, aged 6, and 8 years late today in the Blue Branch neighborhood, six miles from Gaffney. Henderson, according to the account given out by the officers, enticed the smaller boys away from home to go with him hunting and when near a creek he shot the younger lad, blowing off the top of his head and a part of his hand; then beat the larger boy over the head with his gun until he was dead, after which he threw both bodies into the creek, where they were found later by their father, who became anxious and went in search for them. Immediately after the killing, it is said, Henderson went to his home, changed his clothes and left, and up to a late hour tonight had not been apprehended. Coroner Vinson went to the neighborhood and impounded a jury which inspected the scene of the crime and adjourned until tomorrow, when testimony will be taken. No motive for the crime has been devised.

GEN. WRANGLER HAS NOT FULLY DECIDED HIS FUTURE COURSE

Discussed Return of Former GREEK KING Interest Over Prospective Return Constantine Is Dying Down. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Wrangler declared today that he and his army and navy were ready to recognize the return of Constantine, but that his future course had not yet been determined. General Wrangler's ship is anchored in the Sea of Marmora, but he has refused to disembark, insisting on sharing the hardships of the returning vessel. General Wrangler expressed his thanks to the American nation for the aid given him by the American Red Cross. The scene aboard General Wrangler's ship today was as brilliant as it was unhappy. His officers wearing gaudy uniforms, with their breasts covered with glittering orders, General Wrangler, however, was in the black Cossack uniform and wore only the customary silver topped cartridge cases across his breast. "I have done all that is humanly possible and my conscience is clear," said General Wrangler. "My troops were overpowered by the desperate onslaughts of six entire soviet armies. They repulsed attacks by 23 divisions until they were exhausted. After heroic fighting they fell back upon the sea coast, facing terrible onslaughts by bolshevik cavalry sweeping down in a southerly direction. Thus, my troops made possible complete evacuation of the Crimea."

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY CONSUMED BY FLAMES

Two Thousand Feet of New Orleans Wharfage Is Destroyed. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—The loss involved by what was regarded as the worst river front fire in New Orleans since the Stuyvesant docks were destroyed a decade ago will be at least \$2,500,000 and may be increased to \$4,000,000, according to a statement issued tonight by Hayden Wienn, superintendent of the board of port commissioners following his investigation of damage caused by the blaze which early today consumed 2,000 feet of wharfage from Desire to Independence streets in the downtown section. The fire, believed to have been caused by sparks from a switch engine, completely destroyed a new Cayman wharf constructed for the Gulf and Steamship company, eight box cars filled with material belonging to the United States government; two derricks owned by the government; damaged the stern of the steamer Poncelot, being fitted for delivery by the Foundation company to the French line and consumed vast quantities of goods designed for export. Loss to the port commission is not covered by insurance, but a special sinking fund is maintained to cover such cases. The Mexican gunboat Saragosa, the steamer Truxillo and government barges were towed to mid stream when the Poncelot shortly after an oil tank on the steamer exploded, scattering burning oil on the barge which was disposed of by the rulling of the channel mentioned above. Mr. Engley said it was his understanding that when the board came to Asheville both sides were to have counsel, that this was part of the purpose in coming here. The chair said access to counsel was to be facilitated but not the bringing of attorneys before the board. "When our counsel was run out of Sylva we came acquainted with it and when I doubt I have counseled with the governor and attorney general."

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CHARLOTTE, Nov. 20.—Police departments in the principal cities and towns of states from Virginia to Florida have been unable to find any trace of H. D. Weaver, well known traveling man, of Charlotte, who disappeared from his home November 8. CROWN PRINCE CHARLES AND PRINCESS HELENE ENGAGED GENEVA, Nov. 20.—The official engagement of Crown Prince Charles, of Rumania, to Princess Helene of Greece, daughter of former King Constantine, took place today, according to a message sent here by Constantine's secretary at Lucerne.

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