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May Seek American Aid In Franco-British Tangle

Prominent American in London Suggests That United States Also Cancel French War Debt in Return for Better Conditions for Germany Would Have to Change Law.

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 11.—The conference of allied premiers called to arrange the basis for an allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels has broken down. It was announced at 6 o'clock this evening that the premiers had adjourned until January 2.

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 11.—Adjournment of the Premier's conference tonight for eight days in order to avert an rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations has been virtually decided, it was learned today.

The British cabinet rejected the measure of force for the Ruhr dispute upon which Premier Poincare insisted.

Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Poincare that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany. Poincare had made a demand for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium. It was stated in authoritative American quarters that the chief hope of bringing the British and French together on the German reparations question lay in the United States.

It was said by this authority that Great Britain will probably ask the American government if it is willing to cancel the French debt to the United States, provided Great Britain in turn cancels the French debt to Great Britain, and at the same time enters an agreement with the American government to ultimately pay the British debt to America.

This suggestion was made informally last night to a certain important American and it probably will be communicated to the state department at Washington.

WASHINGTON INTERESTED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 11.—No request that the United States take part in a conference on the cancellation of the French war debt has reached the state department and there was no indication today that the department saw any reason for altering the well known policy of the American government in regard to war debts.

It has been said on the highest authority that the United States has no objection to make in connection with the discussion of the allied premiers in London. It is pointed out moreover that the state department has no authority to sit in a debt fixing conference, since congress has fixed by law the duties of the debt commission. This commission is proceeding with the question in a manner it considers satisfactory.

No official will discuss a cancellation of debts in the meantime.

NATIONS SHOULD SHOW SOME CHARITY

By the Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 11.—In his allocution at his first consistory today Pope Pius referred to the conference at Genoa and similar meetings, asserting that the conferences were useless and likely to cause dangerous disappointments unless the nations decided to temper justice with charity.

The hope in his allocutions protested against conditions in Palestine, where he said the large Catholic interests were not being sufficiently safeguarded and pointed to the need for continued help for Russia and urged reestablishment of peace and order throughout the world.

COMMITTEES WORK ON RESOLUTIONS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Two senate judiciary sub-committees were set to work today on proposals for two constitutional amendments both recommended by President Harding in his annual message to congress.

One of the sub-committees will handle various resolutions for a child labor amendment and another will consider an amendment for prohibiting the issuance of tax exempt securities.

SELECTING JURY

By the Associated Press.
Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 11.—Selection of a jury to try Mrs. Doris Brunen and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, for the killing of "Honest John" T. Brunen, circus owner, was begun here today at the little brick court county building erected in post revolutionary days.

PUT BLOODHOUNDS AFTER MASKED MAN

By the Associated Press.
Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 11.—Bloodhounds were being rushed from Huntsville penitentiary today to take up the trail of a masked negro who attacked a 22-year-old white girl at her home at Streetman this morning. Excitement ran high at Streetman and the streets were filled with armed men.

TO EXTEND TIME INCOME TAX PAYMENT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 11.—The internal revenue bureau has made plans to extend further aid to federal taxpayers this year in an effort to reduce the number of errors which annually have crept into the income tax returns of the millions who help pay the way of the government. Schools of instruction for deputy collectors and office attaches are being held throughout the country, it was announced today.

CHURCH FURNACE YIELDS MUCH HEAT

An overheated furnace in the basement of the First Methodist church yesterday at 12:10 caused Rev. D. M. Litaker, presiding elder, to cut short his sermon and the congregation hastened out in good order. A pillar was scorched, but no damage was done. Services were held last night as usual.

The furnace was unusually hot during the Sunday school hour and the annex was warm to the point of discomfort. The heat was cut off, however, and nobody apparently thought of any danger until the wooden pillar began smoking. It did not catch on fire.

Mr. Litaker had begun preaching about "the lower world" and he voiced his orthodox in no uncertain terms. He had no idea that he was getting reinforcement from the fiery furnace of the church, but he was, and he stopped his discourse and the congregation fled out. The fire department responded quickly, but there was no damage.

LABOR CONDITIONS BETTER IN STATE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 11.—General improvement in North Carolina employment conditions is shown in the November analysis for November. It showed that cotton mills added 880 employees, equal to the October increase, and that there has been a lessening in the lumber industry.

Lessening of agricultural activities is releasing many laborers says the report, which deals with seven cities in detail, including: High Point—Health conditions exist. The 130 plants are working full time. Ample employment for all comers. Large building program.

YEGGMEN CARRY OFF CONTENTS OF SAFE

By the Associated Press.
Concord, N. C., Dec. 11.—Robbers last night entered the postoffice at Mount Pleasant, nine miles east of here, and after blowing off the front of the safe, carried away its entire contents. The value of their loot will not be known until a postal inspector makes a check of the books in the office. No one heard the thieves at work and there is no clue to their identity.

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By the Associated Press.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 11.—This morning and early afternoon delegates to the Baptist State convention began arriving in the city and by tomorrow it is expected that 800 messengers from all parts of the state will be here for the opening session Tuesday night.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, president of the convention, is detained at his home at Kinston on account of the illness of both himself and Mrs. Spillman, Mrs. Spillman has been ill for several days with a severe case of grip, and he was stricken while attending her.

In the absence of Dr. Spillman it is expected that E. L. Wells, first vice-president, will call the convention to order and a permanent presiding officer be elected from the floor.

TAFT WILL APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Chief Justice Taft informed Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee today that he would appear before it in the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty if he were asked to do so.

SPURUS M. MURPHY GOOD CITIZEN, PASSES

The funeral over the remains of Spirus Marion Murphy, whose death occurred at his home on Seventh avenue early yesterday morning, was held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick and interment followed in Oakwood cemetery. Born near Startown April 30, 1852, he had resided in Hickory for many years and was highly esteemed. Mr. Murphy is survived by his widow, who was Miss Etta Gault of this county, and four children—W. E. and C. S. Murphy of Birmingham, Ala., Fred F. Murphy of Hickory and Mrs. J. A. McCoy of Charlotte. The daughter was with him at the end, but the two sons did not reach here until after his death. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Ellis Fullbright of Startown. The pallbearers were R. L. Heffer, P. A. Setzer, P. E. Reinhardt, J. A. Bowles, J. T. Setzer and W. C. Shell.

Mr. Murphy was a shoemaker by trade and a thorough workman. During the early days when home-made shoes and boots were in demand he had a custom for many miles around, and he made shoes for hundreds of people. He was a master in his line. Quiet and unassuming, Mr. Murphy was a good citizen. A lifelong member of the Methodist church, he lived his religion and reared his family well. The influence of this quiet old man, a gentleman in the true sense of the word, was far-reaching.

Mr. Murphy had been in bad health for years, but his condition did not become serious until Thursday night. He lost consciousness Friday morning and passed peacefully away Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. A son, Marcus M. Murphy, died in camp of influenza several years ago.

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By the Associated Press.
Tokio, Dec. 8.—Viscount Uchida, foreign minister, replying to the recent protest of Ambassador Warren against methods employed by Japanese officials in dealing with M. R. Andrews, an American, says it was clear that Andrews was not a spy in made and the allegation that he was suspected of espionage was based on unfounded rumors.

"I am glad the decision of the court made this fact clear," the viscount said. A letter to this effect will be posted with the firm of which Andrews was a member. Andrews will plead guilty to a minor charge of violating the navigation laws.

R. M. Andrews was before Japanese court officials recently in connection with charges that while his motorboat was cruising in the waters of a military reservation he had taken photographs in violation of law.

GOOD START MADE FOR ALARM SYSTEM

Fire Chief H. E. Whitener has met with real encouragement in his campaign for a Gamewell fire alarm system for Hickory. He announced today that the Shuford Mill interests had contributed \$600 towards the \$2,500 the firemen are to raise. The whole amount obtained, Mr. Whitener will lay the money before city council and a standard fire alarm system will be installed in Hickory.

Mr. Whitener pointed out today that an alarm box near the First Methodist church would have been useful yesterday, when fire was reported. A man ran from the church to the fire station to give the alarm, whereas he could have pressed a button if the city had been equipped with the box system.

Business men have promised their aid in raising the money for the system, which will be of great benefit to the entire town.

The Hickory Furniture Company today pledged \$200 towards the alarm system fund, and Mr. Whitener obtained several smaller pledges.

PLAY BASKETBALL FOR FIRE VICTIMS

With a basket ball game in the armory tonight for New Bern relief funds raised in Hickory for the fire victims will go over \$200, in the opinion of George Bailey, who is in charge of the campaign here. Mr. Bailey has received many contributions, though others will go direct to New Bern authorities. The Hickory firemen have given \$25 and the local T. P. A. post \$50. Miss Clara Ballew's Sunday school class yesterday gave \$5 and other classes will take up a special collection next Sunday.

NATIONAL GUARD PLANS ARE MADE FOR EVENING CAROLING

TO BUILD CLUB HOUSE

Plans for the erection of a \$20,000 armory and club building on Third street by the headquarters company and the Hickory cavalry were announced today by Major Wade V. Bowman, who has obtained from Mayor M. H. Young an option on a lot 50 by 100 feet north of Dr. W. B. Ramsay's residence. Major Bowman has been given ample time to meet the conditions of the option.

The proposition just now is to raise \$5,000 to pay for the lot. That accomplished, members of the headquarters and cavalry will finance the building of the armory with their drill pay, with what assistance they may be able to obtain from local people. The horses would be kept somewhere else and the armory, equipped with modern features, would be open to Hickory people generally.

This would give Hickory a first class club house and another place for holding meetings. The national guard is a fixture in North Carolina, Major Bowman has been informed by the adjutant general's department, and it will be his effort to enlist more fine young men in the service.

Hickory business men have assured the major of their backing and it is expected that the option will soon be taken up and plans made for building next spring.

SCOUTS ARE GUESTS NEWTON KIWANISANS

Newton, Dec. 11.—The Newton troop of boy scouts were guests of the Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting on last Thursday evening. H. H. Lowry and Paul Frohman had charge of the program, which was one of the best yet pulled off. The invocation was offered by Rev. A. T. Howell, of the Baptist church, after which the scouts and members of the club sang "American." The boys then gave the scout yell. President Brady asked the boys and Scoutmaster Lowry to raise \$100.00 for the fire sufferers at New Bern. This money to be raised Saturday.

Mr. W. P. Gaither, of the local bar, made a splendid talk to the scouts, giving them some good advice. After Mr. Gaither's talk Glenn Misenheimer read "What is a Scout." Then the boys sang "Polly, Wolly Doodle" and "Brighten the Corner Where you Are." Mrs. J. Yates Killian was called on for a talk and made one of the best heard by the club in a long time. Mrs. Killian said the boy scouts were a great benefit to a town and that the town should give them their support.

The scouts are indebted to Mr. Clyde F. Rowe, who was present and assisted the boys in carrying out the program. Mr. R. P. Caldwell was appointed leader for the next meeting, on Thursday, December 14, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Prizes were awarded Thursday night as follows: Attendance, Julius Abernethy, a chair, manufactured by the Clay Manufacturing Co., of Maiden, and donated by Mr. J. Smith Campbell. Guest, Clyde F. Rowe and William Abernethy; Scout prizes, Albert Wilkie, William Caldwell, Earl Wilkie, Bivian Drum, Joe Hollingsworth.

BUD WEAVER FAILS TO GET IN GAME

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 11.—K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, today denied reinstatement to George (Buck) Weaver, former star third baseman of the Chicago White Sox. Weaver was one of those dropped as a result of the scandal growing out of the 1919 world series championship, in which the White Sox are alleged to have thrown the series to Cincinnati.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 11.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today, with first prices 15 to 21 points higher on over-Sunday buying orders and local demand which was encouraged by the steady showing of Liverpool. The market turned easier after the call.

	Open	Close
December	25.08	24.85
January	25.10	24.90
March	25.30	25.07
May	25.20	25.07
July	24.90	24.72

Hickory cotton 24 1-4 cents.

ENGLAND TO BEGIN SHIP CONSTRUCTION

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 11.—Minister Bonar Law announced in the house of commons today that the government had decided to begin the construction of the two new battleships allowed under the Washington treaty.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR EVENING CAROLING

Christmas eve caroling through the street of town and city is being revived in some communities and introduced for the first time in other cities.

In olden times, particularly in England and Russia, it was the custom of children and young people to sing carols on street corners at the door steps of their friends, and in public halls in order to inspire within the hearts of their hearers the true meaning of the Christmas message.

Carols are songs of joy, exultation, praise and devotion. Hence the carol expresses the true spirit of Christmas as no other class of vocal music can.

The revival of this beautiful custom in our country has met with hearty response and is a source of much satisfaction to all who believe in the ennobling qualities of the Christ spirit.

Christmas caroling is an understanding which should also enlist the attention of the musical interests of the community. The carol singing may well kindle in the children participating the spark of the love for music, which under proper guidance will increase in the years to come.

The caroling for this section of North Carolina is an assured thing for yesterday 18 people representing West Hickory, Brookfield, Longview, Highland and the four wards of Hickory city met for a short conference to perfect the plans for the program. Mrs. S. H. Parabe, general chairman of the Community Service Christmas committee presided at the meeting. Mrs. Robert Brown called the roll and representatives from the various groups responded briefly with the local plan of organization and names of group leaders.

The plan as outlined by Miss Wilson met with the hearty approval of the group and work is to begin at once in the schools on the carols. Mrs. Robert Brown will teach the carols to the school children of Hickory, Mr. Kiser of West Hickory, Mr. Hiss of Brookfield, Mr. Long of Longview all pledge their cooperation in seeing that the school children learn the carols as selected by the committee.

The following committee will have charge of the work in their respective communities. Brookfield, Mr. Hainey, West Hickory, Mavor Walker, Longview, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Highland, Miss Rose Sox, Ward No. 1, Hickory, Mrs. George Bailey, Ward No. 2, Mrs. R. L. Revely, Ward No. 3, Harold Shuford, Ward No. 4, Miss Emma Bonner.

Groups of colored carolers under the leadership of John Sencer will sing carols in the colored section on Christmas eve.

The four carols selected by the committee will be published in the Record during the coming week. The second carol will appear tomorrow. Carolers are asked to clip the the carols and save for future use.

The interest in this part of the country has become so general that it was decided to ask Concord, Newton and Maiden to come into the caroling plan and make Catawba county a 100 percent singing county on Christmas eve. Last year according to statistics compiled by the National Community service organization only five cities or towns in the state had "Learn a Carol a Day campaign" followed by Christmas eve caroling to let all work together to show what Catawba county can do.

A general meeting of all groups and leaders will be held Sunday next at 3 p. m. in the Reformed church for the purpose of rehearsing the carols and receiving final direction for the Christmas eve program.

To date the group leaders chosen in Hickory are as follows: Ward 1, Mrs. W. B. Menzies, Mrs. C. R. Warlock, Mrs. J. L. Murphy, C. R. Warlock, Mrs. J. L. Murphy, Virginia Allen, Mr. Weaver, Miss Deaton, Miss Sutcliffe, Mrs. J. R. Tomlinson, Mrs. W. H. Barkley, Ward 2, Miss Ola Warner, Mrs. Fred Abernethy, Mrs. Nobel Shumate, Miss Hilda Whitener, Mrs. Raymond Heffer, Ward 4, Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, Miss Olivia Abernethy, Miss Virginia Sellers, Miss Helen Springs.

The consensus of opinion seemed to be in favor of enlarging the number of groups in each ward, in order that each group may cover its allotted territory in an hour's time. A hearty response has been met with in all sections of town and undoubtedly these additional leaders will be appointed within a few days.

All groups will take part in the caroling are asked to communicate with the Community service headquarters in the chamber of commerce rooms. An earnest effort is being made to have enough groups assigned to sing before every home in this section of the county displaying the lighted candle in the window.

KINSTON POULTRY SHOW

By the Associated Press.
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 11.—Arrangements are being completed here for the opening of the annual poultry show of the Kinston Poultry Association December 26 to December 29. Entries will close December 21.

Silver cup awards have been offered and entries from other states, including Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, are expected.



THE RETORT PATERNAL

"I told your father that I just don't love you."
"And what did he say?"
"That I had better find an another London Mail."