

DEBT FUNDING STEP BY FRANCE PLEASES U. S. GOVERNMENT

Word From Paris That Debt Mission Will Visit America Is Received With Unusual Interest In Capital.

MISSION COMING IN SEPTEMBER

No Direct Word From Paris But French Ambassador Tells Sec. Mellon Debt Has Been Recognized.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 3.—Word from Paris that a mission will be sent to Washington probably by September to settle France's debt to the United States is received with interest here while officials of the American debt commission are awaiting formal announcement by the Paris government.

Ambassador Dueschier called on Secretary Mellon yesterday and confirmed press reports that the French cabinet had formally acknowledged the debt, but his action was informal inasmuch as he has not been directed by his government to begin funding negotiations.

Washington's officials have received no direct word from Paris concerning the newest step towards reviving the debt discussion, but it was assumed here that the formal announcement would be made about the same time, if not before the mission is appointed. Composition of the delegation is reported under consideration by the French cabinet, but it has reached no definite conclusions regarding its personnel.

Want Negotiations Rushed. Paris, June 3.—The prevailing view in France is that negotiations for the settlement of France's debt to the United States and Great Britain should be initiated with the least possible delay. At the same time, it is recognized that the formulation of a plan at present is beset with difficulties which will be removed only when the finances of the country again are placed on a sound basis.

The ambassador in Washington having been instructed to inform the Washington government that France is disposed to send a commission for discussion of the question tentative plans for the composition of this body are already underway.

The mission will leave at the end of the summer, the view here being that no useful purpose could be served by an earlier trip as it is known the American debt funding commission is already occupied with several other European debtors.

MRS. COOLIDGE HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Almost Run Down By Motorcycle While Taking Her Morning Walk.

(By the Associated Press) Swampscott, Mass., July 3.—Mrs. Coolidge barely escaped being run down by a motorcycle this morning during a walk through Swampscott, a leap to the side of the road saving her. She was returning to White Court and had just turned into the private driveway when four members of the State constabulary on motorcycles turned into the lane behind her. Driving at a fast clip, according to witnesses, the officers were behind her almost before anyone was aware.

The griding of brakes and a yell from Jas. Haley, her escort service man, gave Mrs. Coolidge her only warning and as she jumped to the side of the road the leading machine shot between her and Haley.

The motorcycle detachment, which was coming to White Court to escort the President to Cambridge, proceeded to the White House.

Another Earthquake in Santa Barbara

(By the Associated Press) Santa Barbara, July 3.—A sharp earthquake occurred here at 8:30 o'clock this morning and lasted about five seconds. Vibrations loosened a few bricks and widened the cracks in some of the shattered walls. A few wrecked chimneys toppled to the ground, but no other damage resulted.

Quake Felt at Pasadena

(By the Associated Press) Pasadena, Calif., July 3.—A slight earthquake occurred here at 8:38 a. m. The movement was apparently north and south.

Scavengers were originally officials who collected Seavages, a tax imposed in many English towns upon all goods exposed for sale within their boundaries. The tax was abolished by Henry VII.

Concord Theatre (COOLEST SPOT IN TOWN) TODAY ONLY PAULING FREDERICK and LOU TELLEGEN in "Let Not Man Put Asunder" A 100 Feet Grand Motion Picture of Heart Interest and Comedy 1:30 to 11 P. M. All Children FREE Saturday First Show to see "BATTLING BREWSTER"

For Ransom



Here are the principals in a strange kidnaping plot revealed at San Francisco. Bliss Baker (above), young University of California student, planned to kidnap Mrs. D. C. Jackling (below), and hold her for a \$50,000 ransom. The police discovered the plot before it could be brought into execution. Mrs. Jackling is the wife of a wealthy copper magnate.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy Today at Decline of 1 to 22.50, With October Selling off to 22.50.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 3.—The cotton market opened easy today at a decline of 1 to 22.50, on continuation of yesterday's selling movement. October contracts sold off to 22.50, a net decline of 18 points, and a break of 125 points from the price ruling shortly before the government report issued, but the market steadied at this figure on covering for the holidays and week-end.

Failure of the weather map to show rain in Texas, and fear of continued dry weather over the holiday probably increased the disposition to take profits on recent sales, and the market was up to 23.07 for October by the end of the first hour or about net unchanged to 3 points higher. Failure of large brokerage houses had little effect on prices as the market interests involved were supposed to be chiefly in grain and stocks.

Cotton futures opened easy. May 23.06; July 23.07; Oct. 22.95; Dec. 23.05; Jan. 23.55; March 22.88.

STRIBBLING WINNER IN HIS BOUT WITH RISK

Georgia Fighter Had Best of Argument in More Than Half of the Rounds.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, July 3.—William L. (Young) Stribbling, Macon, Ga., light heavyweight, has another title added to his record. He won over Johnny Risko, Cleveland heavyweight, in ten rounds at East Chicago last night. Risko was knocked down in the fourth round. The Georgian was regarded as having the edge in four rounds, with three even.

Rev. John C. Blalock Dies at the Age of 97.

(By the Associated Press) Charlotte, July 2.—Rev. John C. Blalock, who had attained the ripe old age of 97 years, died Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock at his home near Ledger, Mitchell county, where he had made his home for more than 75 years.

Mr. Blalock was one of the foremost ministers of his day and was regarded as an authority on Biblical questions. He was actively engaged in the ministry until about ten years ago, since which time he had been studying and writing.

He is survived by his wife, who is more than 87 years old, five sons and two daughters. One of his sons, Rev. Thomas L. Blalock, a Baptist missionary to China, will be remembered by his friends here, as he has been a visitor to Charlotte on a number of occasions.

Another son, Rev. Jesse Blalock, is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Aberdeen, and two other sons are Baptist ministers in the State of Oregon. Mr. Blalock is survived also by more than 200 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bear Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Charles G. Ellis, pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sparks. Interment was in the churchyard.

Stock Company Falls. (By the Associated Press) New York, July 3.—The failure of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Dean, Oatvise & Company was announced today by the president of the exchange.

The firm which was organized in 1922 has branch offices in Chicago, Plainfield, N. J., and Washington, D. C.

Two Sections Twelve Pages Today



Sailors from an American man of war landed in Santa Barbara immediately after the quake and set up a portable radio receiving and sending outfit in State street, the main thoroughfare. Details of the tragedy and appeals for relief were sent out through this station. Picture transmitted by NEA Service over A. T. T. Wires

PRESIDENT IS VISITOR IN CAMBRIDGE TODAY

Will Lead and Review Parade There—150,000 Persons Gather For Parade.

(By the Associated Press) Cambridge, Mass., July 3.—President Coolidge arrived in Cambridge from Swampscott at 1:30 p. m., daylight savings time today, to lead and afterward review a parade ending at Cambridge Commons, where Washington took command of the Continental army 150 years ago. A Presidential salute was fired from army cannon as the President's automobile approached the Walker Memorial Building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where the parade started.

Chief of Police McEneaney estimated that 150,000 persons were in the city to see the parade. A detail of 200 Boston police and eight mounted officers was on hand to control the crowd.

President to Speak

Swampscott, Mass., July 3.—President Coolidge today will join in a national tribute to George Washington. The Executive has given the day over to a visit to Cambridge to participate in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Washington assuming command of the Continental Army. His part in the ceremony calls for him not only to deliver an address at the spot where the Washington elm once stood, but to head and later review a parade and historical pageant.

The President has reserved for this occasion his first address since the start of his vacation and probably part of the few speeches he will deliver this summer. Just what his plans are for the 4th of July, which is his 53 birthday, has not been disclosed.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS NO ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW

Such a Law May Be Presented to the Next General Assembly, However.

(By the Associated Press) Columbia, S. C., July 3.—Available records fail to show that South Carolina has any anti-evolution law similar to the Tennessee statute precipitating a nationwide discussion in connection with the indictment of John T. Scopes of a charge of teaching evolution in the public schools. Such proposed legislation has been introduced in the South Carolina general assembly, but has been defeated. Thomas H. Peoples, a former attorney general, now a member of the House of Representatives, has announced he would sponsor such a bill at the next session of the legislature.

Clarence Darrow, of counsel for Scopes, may have been thinking of Mr. Peoples' announcement when he said in Chicago today that South Carolina has an anti-evolution law.

Joseph L. Chambers, of Charlotte, Dead. Charlotte, July 2.—Joseph Lenoir Chambers, for many years one of the leading business men of Charlotte, and this section of North Carolina, died at the home of a daughter here shortly after 10 o'clock tonight following an illness of two months, during which he suffered from a complication of maladies.

Mr. Chambers had lived in Charlotte since shortly after his graduation from Davidson College in the class of 1873, having been during his long and useful life a newspaper man, manufacturer and prominent civic leader.

At the time of his death he was president and treasurer of the Liddell company and also held other important posts in business and civil organizations of the city.

Will Fight Lower Wage Scale.

(By the Associated Press) London, July 3.—Miners delegates from all the coal fields in the country meeting at a private conference of miners federation, today decided to resist the mine owners' proposal for lower wages and for extension of the present 7-hour day to an 8-hour day.

The Grand Circuit meeting at Kalamazoo in July will be featured by the \$25,000 American Derby for 2:08 pacers.

ALEXANDER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

Charlotte Man Claims It Is Move to Win Fight For Lands.

(By the Associated Press) Charlotte, July 2.—R. O. Alexander, formerly prominent cotton merchant here and one of the founders of the Presbyterian assembly ground at Black Mountain, was taken by county officials this afternoon to the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, despite his protests that he is being locked up at the request of members of his family in order that they may win the long drawn out legal fight involving possession of lands which Mr. Alexander has owned for many years at Black Mountain.

Mr. Alexander was arrested three years ago to pay \$500 a month alimony to his wife after they had legally separated. The case first had an ending in Massachusetts court, in which state Mr. Alexander lived for some time as a member of a religious colony. He has legally protested he is unable to pay the \$500 alimony and litigation now pending in court involves this point also.

Mr. Alexander has been known for years as somewhat of a religious fanatic but his sanity had never been questioned beyond this so far as known here.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH SHOOTING OFFICER HELD

Albert Robinson, Alleged Slayer of Police Officer Morgan, Under Arrest.

(By the Associated Press) Roanoke, Va., July 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Albert Robinson, negro, who is alleged to have shot and killed police officer C. H. Morgan during a raid here Wednesday night, was captured early this morning in Bedford county, 16 miles east of Roanoke. He has been lodged in jail here under heavy guard. Posses had been searching for the negro since the affray in which two other officers were seriously wounded. One of these officers, W. M. Terry, was reported to be lying at a local hospital today. Officer S. A. Smith's condition was described as critical.

With Our Advertisers.

One-Cent Sale at the Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store is now going on. All white canvas slippers are being sold at 99 cents a pair and you get another pair for one cent, or two pairs for \$1.00.

The Great Alteration Sale at the Markson Shoe Store is now in full swing. Every pair of shoes being offered is from the regular stock. See quarter-page ad today.

On Saturday, July 11, at 2 o'clock p. m., Linker & Barnett will sell the C. H. Peck property on Church street at public auction. The property will be divided into three lots of 20 1-2 feet each, 237 feet deep. The residence will be sold separately.

Read another column the list of specials for tomorrow at the Charles Store. Fresh fish today and tomorrow, fresh from Morehead City, at Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. Phone 571W.

Melrose and Liberty Self Rising flour at Cline & Moore's. Patt Covington's Quitting Sale has run into a Reconstruction Sale.

One-fourth off on all refrigerators at the Concord Furniture Co. Baseball Saturday at 4 p. m. between the Tabernacle team of Charlotte, and Gibson.

Phone 802, Parks-Bell's Beauty Shoppe for an engagement.

Ante-Bellum smoking tobacco has stood the test for over 60 years. Wall-Tona, a flat paint for walls, ceilings and all interior wood-work at the York & Wadsworth Co. Phone 30.

N. & W. Wants to Acquire Virginian. (By the Associated Press) Washington, July 3.—The Norfolk & Western Railroad made formal application today to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to take over the Virginian Railroad under a 999 year lease.

By contract completed last May the Norfolk & Western would assume all the indebtedness of the Virginian and will pay 4 per cent. dividends on its common and preferred stock.

The oldest Chinese newspaper was printed on yellow silk.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE ONE OF OUR INFANT DOLLS

Only a Few Hours' Work Will Get One.—See Page Ad. in This Paper.

We want every child in Concord and this section to get one of our beautiful infant dolls, with sleeping eyes and completely dressed in silk-bound flannel blankets.

For only five six-months new subscriptions to The Concord Daily Tribune or six yearly subscriptions to The Concord Semi-Weekly Times with the cash, we will give free one of these beautiful dolls.

You cannot buy one of these dolls at the stores, and if you could it would cost you at least \$5.00.

If you do not take The Tribune or Times regularly now, your own subscription will count as one.

Get five friends, neighbors or fellow-workers to subscribe, and the doll is yours. We will give you a book to get subscriptions. Come and get one.

Either mail or bring in your subscriptions when completed. We will then immediately verify the subscriptions and deliver your doll.

You will receive the doll just as soon as you submit your signed subscriptions. That is positive, for the dolls are already in The Times-Tribune office. A doll that will delight the heart of any little girl.

A new subscriber is one who has not been taking The Tribune during the last 30 days and who does not owe anything on back subscription. The Tribune reserves the right to accept or reject any order.

Names cannot be changed from one member of a family to another. All subscriptions must be bona fide new ones.

GREB KEEPS HIS TITLE AFTER TERRIFIC BATTLE

He and Mickey Walker Offered One of Fastest and Most Furious Battles in Ring History.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 3.—The worlds middleweight ring crown still was fitted snugly to the head of Harry Greb today after fifteen tempestuous rounds of fighting with Mickey Walker, welterweight king. These were the final bouts of the four thrilling struggles for the title last night in a ring of the Polo Ground.

Harry Wills, negro heavyweight challenger, took only two rounds to dispose of the Newark comeback, Charles Weinart.

Jim Slattery, Buffalo middleweight, fell a victim to the attack from the fast flying fists of Dave Shade. In the third round Slattery's second tossed in the towel.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN JAWS OF BIG CRANE

Was Setting on Crane Unnoticed by the Operator When Machine Was Set in Motion.

(By the Associated Press) Rock Hill, S. C., July 3.—Benjamin Wynn, of Union, S. C., worker at the site of a dam under construction above Rock Hill, lies dead today in a hospital here as a result of an accident which occurred last night when he was crushed between the iron jaws of a huge crane.

Wynn was sitting in the crane unnoticed by the operator when the machine was set in motion.

POSSIBILITY THAT DAYTON WILL LOSE THE SCOPES TRIAL

New York Report Says Defense Counsel May Move to Have Case Taken Up at Once in Federal Court.

WANT TO TEST THE LAW FIRST

Defense Thinks It Would Be Better to Have Supreme Court Pass On Validity of Law Than Try Scopes.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 3.—While Dayton, Tenn., is making preparations for handling crowds for the forthcoming trial of John T. Scopes for teaching evolution there is a possibility that the trial will not be in Dayton at all.

Counsel for the defense at a conference in New York are reported to have agreed to seek indefinite postponement of the trial in State court and seek in Federal court an injunction against enforcement of the law.

Instead of marshalling an array of legal, scientific and theological talent at the contemplated trial in Dayton a week from today, defense counsel, the reports say, will seek to prove in the Federal court that the law is unconstitutional.

Dayton Fears No Change in Plans.

Dayton, Tenn., July 3.—Encouraged by the State's Attorney's belief that nothing would prevent the holding of the Scopes trial here on the scheduled date, tradesmen and those concerned with hospitality were seeking today, just seven days before the time set for the beginning of the evolution test to complete their preparations for receiving hosts of visitors.

A. T. Stewart, Attorney General for this judicial district, asserted yesterday he knew no reason why the trial of John T. Scopes should not begin here July 10th. Prosecution lawyer has just come from conferring with local attorneys who will be associated with him in the suit against the young teacher.

THREE WOMEN BATHERS DROWN AS DAM BREAKS

Lake Barrier Gives Way and Trio of Columbus, Ga., Bathers Are Swept to Death.

(By the Associated Press) Columbus, Ga., July 2.—Three women were drowned here Wednesday when a dam of a lake in which they were bathing broke and swept them down a swollen stream.

The dead: Mrs. W. W. Rainey, Sr., wife of the vice president and general manager of the National Show Case company of this city; her daughter Miss Delia Rainey and Mrs. W. W. Rainey, Jr.

N. E. A. CONVENTION TO COME TO CLOSE TODAY

Mrs. Mary McKimmon Elected President in Race With Miss Cornelia S. Adair.

(By the Associated Press) Indianapolis, Ind., July 3.—The final business of the National Education Association will be completed today. The sixty-third annual convention, in session since June 18th, will adjourn today.

Mrs. Mary McKimmon, of Brookline, Mass., is the new president of the association. She was elected over Miss Cornelia S. Adair, of Richmond, Va., in the all-day balloting yesterday by a vote of 507 to 322.

Christian Endeavorers Meet.

Portland, Ore., July 3.—Full of enthusiasm for a successful meeting and a week of pleasure in Portland vicinity, thousands of members of the Society of Christian Endeavor arrived in this city today for the thirtieth international convention of the organization. Thousands had already arrived and the leaders are confident the convention will be one of the largest and most successful ever held by the Endeavorers.

The formal opening of the gathering is set for tomorrow, when delegates will be welcomed to the city in addresses by public officials and leading citizens. The annual address of the Rev. Francis E. Clark, the founder and president of the society, will also be presented at that time. Business sessions will continue through the greater part of the coming week and will be interspersed with many notable features of entertainment for the visitors.

July Clearance Sale at Fishers.

The annual July clearance sale at Fisher's will begin Saturday, July 4th, and everything in the store will be on sale nothing reserved. The sale will continue throughout the month of July. All merchandise will be on sale at sacrifice sale prices, regardless of cost as this store does not carry over seasonable stocks; therefore there will be no approvals and no return except for exchange, which will be cheerfully made.

National Track Meet.

(By the Associated Press) San Francisco, July 3.—Track and field athletes from all sections of the country will set for the National A. A. U. championships beginning here this afternoon and extending through Saturday and Monday.

Approve One Phase of Debt Funding Plan.

(By the Associated Press) Paris, July 3.—The council of ministers today approved the plan to send a debt commission to the United States this summer.

VARIETY OF MATTERS FACED BY THE ALDERMEN AT REGULAR MEETING

Several Petitions Asking for Street Extensions Presented, But All Referred For Consideration.

WANTS PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN

Rev. L. A. Thomas Asks the Board to Provide the Playground—Nothing Was Said About \$4,800 For Hotel.

Concord's aldermen stayed on the job until about 11 o'clock Thursday night so varied and many were the matters presented to them at their regular July meeting. The questions presented covered a wide field, ranging from a protest against a negro organization of the city to a request for a children's playground.

Street matters, perhaps, received more attention than anything else from the board. Petitions asking that several streets be extended were presented, and in addition there were requests that sewer lines be laid on other streets.

Rev. L. A. Thomas, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, received the ear of the board soon after the meeting started, and he made an eloquent plea for a children's playground. The board gave careful attention to Mr. Thomas and after he finished Mayor Barrier appointed the following committee to look into the establishment of a playground here: A. B. Howard, chairman; J. G. McEachern and W. A. Wilkinson.

C. N. Field, city tax collector, and Q. E. Smith, city engineer, submitted their bonds which were accepted by the board. The first petition read at the meeting asked that Franklin Street be extended from East Depot Street to the branch in the rear of the Corbin street school. Like the other petitions it was referred to a committee.

No sooner was this matter sent to committee than the second street-extending petition was read, asking that Spring street be extended from Broad street on to Tribune street. The board agreed that the mayor, the city engineer and the board members inspect this street and take action after the tour of inspection.

Persons interested in Clinch Alley were heard next, their request being that this street be opened. This matter was referred to the street committee.

Colored citizens changed the nature of the requests when they handed a petition to the board asking that an organization known as the Colored Elks be denied the right to operate in the city. The organization is a nuisance, the petition alleges, and is a bad influence on the younger generation. The matter was referred by the aldermen to the police department.

An ordinance regulating certain plumbing matters was presented to the board and approved, the ordinance requiring that permission be granted for certain plumbing work before it can be done.

It was stated at the meeting that a note with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, money for which was used by the cemetery commission, is due. The mayor and clerk were authorized to renew the note.

The city tax collector was authorized to sell at auction property on which 1923 and 1925 taxes have not been paid after proper notice of the proposed sale has been given. It is probable that the tax collector will prepare the list next week, and have it published immediately.

Members of the fire department were present and asked the city to appropriate money for their trip to the firemen's convention in Asheville. The request was granted, \$1,000 being allowed.

H. A. Grasher appeared before the board and made protest against paying a license for the privilege of operating a meat market in the city. The city attorney was directed by the board to investigate the protest and report to the board later.

City Tax Collector Field and City Clerk Harris told the board they desired to institute a new system of book-keeping for their departments and permission to do so was granted.

The audit which was made some time ago by J. W. Hendrix was presented to the board, which ordered it accepted.

Just before the meeting closed another street petition slipped into attention, this petition asking an extension for Crovell street. It was referred to the street committee, which was given power to act in the matter.

Nothing was said to the board about paying \$4,800 to the contractors who are to erect the new hotel building. It is said the contractors want that amount because of the decision to move the hotel five feet further north and suggestion has been made that the city pay for the change. It was expected that the matter would be presented at the meeting but it was not.

WHAT GAT'S BEAR SAYS



Mostly fair tonight and Saturday warmer in extreme west portion tonight.