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MELTON READY TO TALK DEBT PLANS WITH THE FRENCH

Despite Unsettled Status of Italian Debt Agreement the Secretary Plans to Make More.

AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE POSSIBLE

It Is Said Secretary Mellon and Ambassador Beringer Have Reached an Agreement.

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Despite unsettled status of the Italian debt agreement left dangling in the Senate by a vote for reconsideration after having been once approved, the American debt commission will meet tomorrow and probably take up formally the funding negotiations with France.

Secretary Mellon announced today that negotiations with Jugoslavia also would be resumed. The next meeting of the commission obviously has been held up pending the Senate's vote on Italian settlement, ratified yesterday by a vote of 55 to 33.

Conferences between Ambassador Beringer of France and Secretary Mellon have virtually brought about an understanding between France and this country over the war debt.

Secretary Mellon is hopeful that a French funding agreement as well as one with Jugoslavia can be drafted in time to permit Congressional action at this session.

PLENTY OF MUSIC AT THE CHARLOTTE RACES

Band Has Been Secured For Each Grandstand For May 10th Event.

Charlotte, April 22.—Strains from bands in each grandstand will enliven the throngs at the fourth annual championship race over the Charlotte oval on May 10th, it is announced by Coleman W. Roberts, general manager.

Prof. Leopold E. M. Steinert is in charge of the music for the occasion and the veteran conductor will direct the 35-piece Charlotte municipal band in grandstand A. The auxiliary band, consisting of 25 pieces, will furnish music in grandstand B.

Stirring marches will speed up entrance and exit prior to and following the race, speedway officials believe, and tuneful airs will keep the thousands of dyed-in-the-wool rooping band fans who take their racing and seats early, in good humor while final arrangements are being completed for what is expected to be the fastest race in the history of the bowl.

Activity of the bands will add to the festive air of the occasion. Dazzling racing cars, resplendent in new paint whizzing about the track, comely women in varnished spring finery in the stands, Memorial day decorations and Starter Fred Wagner's brilliant colored golf stockings will provide a riot of color at the speedway.

Concord Plays Championship Game Tomorrow

Salisbury, April 22.—(AP)—Faculty managers and coaches of 34 high schools in the west entered in the state High School baseball series met here last night and mapped out a schedule for determination of the group champions.

Schedule for the opening games includes Concord vs. Gastonia at Gastonia, April 23rd.

Three Farm Relief Bills Reported. Washington, April 22.—(AP)—Three farm relief bills—the Tinecher measure backed by Secretary Jardine; the Haugen corn belt bill, and the Aswell commodity marketing bill, were ordered reported to the House today by its agricultural committee.

Hunts Mother

Mrs. Elizabeth Spears of Amarillo, Tex., is hunting for her mother, whom she has never seen. She was born 26 years ago and adopted immediately by Mrs. G. L. Baldwin, a friend of her real mother. Now the foster-mother is dead and Mrs. Spears is seeking the real one. All she knows is that the mother's name is Millie Godfrey.

NORTH CAROLINA CATTLE FREE FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Fewer Cattle in This State Have the Disease Than Any Other State.

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FOREST FIRES ARE STILL MENACE TO SECTION OF STATE

Despite the Fact That More Than a Thousand Fire Fighters Are at Work, Flames Still Spreading.

MONTREAT FIRE ATTRACTS MANY

In That Locality Three Hundred Men Fought Flames and Saved Several Homes in That Colony

Asheville, April 22.—(AP)—Forest fires which have kept more than a thousand volunteer fire fighters busy during the last three days, today continued to sweep the hills in two sections near Asheville.

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Wrangling Match Over Dry Testimony Delays Work in Committee

Drys Want More Time to Present Testimony and Their Contention is Opposed by the Wets.

SENATOR REED LEADING WETS

At the Same Time He Says He Is Going to Vote on Bills According to Facts Presented Now.

Washington, April 22.—(AP)—A disagreement arose today in the Senate prohibition committee over the time to be given the drys to conclude their case. While witnesses for both the wets and the drys waited, committee members began their session with a prolonged wrangling match.

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And Ma Throws Out the First One

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SENATOR NORRIS IS STILL OPPOSED TO LEASING PROPERTY

Says He Will Fight All Efforts on Part of Government to Lease Plant at Muscle Shoals.

ALL LEASES TO HAVE OPPONENTS

Says Government Alone Has Money Enough to Develop Property to Its Full Strength.

Sheffield, Ala., April 22.—(AP)—Senator George Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, and a long opponent of proposals to lease the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate plant, announced today that he will offer uncompromising resistance to any plan to turn the gigantic establishment over to private operation under any of the several bids now before the Muscle Shoals committee at the House and Senate.

"They could not make a bid contemplating private leasing of the plant which will not be opposed in the Senate," Senator Norris said.

"The United States government has invested upwards of \$150,000,000 in the project and there is no private arrangement possible which can develop for the nation the full potentialities of the Tennessee River system."

Senator Norris will return to Washington Saturday morning to take up his fight against the leasing plan.

PUBLISHERS PROPOSE REVISED POSTAL RATES

Committee Hopes to Get Plan Before Congress at This Session.

New York, April 21.—A special bundle rate for newspapers which would make it possible to have them moved by mail at a moderate charge, with a profit for the government, was laid before the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association today.

This rate, which the committee hopes to get before Congress in the present session, would be added to a proposed schedule of second class rates, which otherwise would provide for a return to the rates effective in 1920.

The bundle rate was set tentatively at 50 cents per hundred pounds in the first postal zone, within a radius of fifty miles of the shipper, and forty cents within the second zone or 150 mile radius. The committee stated that the post office department would pay the railroads 11.82 cents per hundred weight in the first zone, which would leave an approximate profit of 150 per cent.

The publisher, under this system, would load the newspapers on the cars, and the agent would deliver them.

Figures from the postal department were presented to show that the three-foot unit, unless basis of comparison, which carries an average of 1,500 pounds of papers, costs the post office \$15.75, paid to railroads, for a fifty mile haul seven days a week.

The average charge for the same weight and haulage by the post office to newspapers is \$28.25 and forty cents within the second zone or 150 mile radius. It was pointed out that the publishers have diverted from the mails all bundles to dealers, except where other carriers were not available. Under the new rates the postal committee of the association said it would pledge a return of pounds of newspapers annually to the mails.

The report also urged that the postal department make use of 500,000 miles of hard roads with their extra carriers to aid the movement of the mails, which it was believed would lessen postal shipping costs and expedite service for shorthauls.

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SHOWERS AND PROBABLY THUNDERSTORMS TONIGHT AND FRIDAY

fair in extreme east portion tonight; warmer in southwest portion tonight; Fresh west and southwest winds.