

Congress In Ugly Temper Over War Debt Of France

Senator Borah's Reply to Marin Speech in French Chamber Deputies an Index to Situation as to Which France Seems Unable to Understand

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Washington, Jan. 23.—The prompt reply made by Senator Borah, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, to Luis Marin of the French chamber of deputies indicates the temper of the American Congress with respect to the non-payment by France of her war debt.

For a fortnight the tension which followed the speech of the French finance minister, M. Clementel, has been eased by the expectation that the French government would present formal proposals to fund the debt owed to America.

It needed only the spark furnished by Deputy Marin to set off another blaze of congressional indignation. While it is true that M. Marin represents the minority in the French parliament, nevertheless his theory coincides so with what normally has been expressed as the true French idea about the American debt that Congress is not drawing much of a distinction between majority and minority opinions across the Atlantic.

Ever since the war the contention has been made by French statesmen and publicists that because France sacrificed more human lives than did America, the U. S. should either cancel or scale down the three and a half billion dollars borrowed by France from the American taxpayers. The French have naturally taken it for granted that a nation which could send over seas two million men and raise unparalleled sums of money merely to serve the general cause of Democracy would not hesitate to show further generosity with respect to war debts.

What the French do not understand is the change in Washington generally since the war. It is not generally appreciated in France that the U. S. is as much responsible for the change in opinion on this side of the Atlantic toward war issues as any alleged materialism in America. The refusal of France for several years to listen to the appeals from America for a settlement of her reparations problem together with the French attitude of opposition to the reduction of land armaments has alienated many of her friends in Washington. Premier Poincare is as much responsible as any French statesman for the estrangement.

There are few men in Congress today who feel that the war accomplished what its slogans claimed were the true objectives of the conflict and this is particularly true of the battle cry "no annexations and no indemnities" which stimulated the American imagination shortly before America entered the war. The spectacle of quasi annexation in man-power, that is passed into by German hands, and the exact possession of the French at Versailles, has not been forgotten, and Senator Borah in his speech has just made articulate a spirit of criticism about the mandate system which has been brewing for the last five years.

When the French contend that they have made large sacrifices in man-power, there is no let-up in the sympathy and admiration which has always been felt for the heroic poilu, but that picture has been to a large extent overshadowed by the scramble for the spoils of war engineered by the French politicians, so that now Senator Borah, to ask what were the assets which France acquired since the war. It is not forgotten that besides Alsace-Lorraine with its valuable mineral resources the French added materially to their colonial wealth.

If the French had taxed themselves as effectively as did the Washington Government with respect to the American taxpayer, there would also be at this time a feeling that perhaps the burdens of the war were not being evenly distributed. The last straw, however, which has interfered with any sentimental consideration and has stiffened the attitude of Washington so that it may a few feet the terms that are finally made is the effort to repudiate their war debt. This is no longer disputed, in spite of the official denials from Paris, and Congress has very definitely in mind the idea now that the French are not developing a will to pay. It took the Germans a long while to reveal the will to pay, and they argued at the time that they did not have the capacity to pay. The French are insisting that for sentimental reasons they should not be obligated to pay. The critics in the American Congress on the other hand are beginning to throw on the screen facts and figures indicating that the French have the capacity to pay all their debts if they will but exert themselves by taxation. Naturally French public opinion is against further tax-

ASK REPORT AS SOLEMN TRIALS

Chicago Bar Association Objects to Sensational Treatment of Serious Matters in Court.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—As a means of eliminating the formulation of public opinion upon matters to be judged by jurors alone, under the ordination of press and bar, committees of the Chicago Bar Association are planning to recommend two new steps with relation to publicity for courtroom trials. These are the prohibition of the taking of photographs of courtroom scenes, and measures to ensure reporting of judicial proceedings as solemn trials rather than theatricals.

The Chicago Bar Association reported in its last issue says: "The present day practice in reporting sensational law suits in the public press is typified by the publication of photographs of court room scenes. The attendant stories stress in like fashion those features which excite popular attention. This satiating of the public appetite for the unusual not only brings the undesirable results incident to all scandal, but is peculiarly harmful in its effect on the administration of justice."

"Thus we find the presentation of a trial in the light of a theatrical performance rather than a dispassionate inquiry into the merits of the case. This is bound to lessen respect for the law and its instrumentalities."

"Akin to this is the creation of an erroneous conception of the true working of the judicial machinery. Frequently there results the formulation of a public opinion upon a matter to be judged by the jury alone. And of course there is the catering to the public appetite for scandal, and the consequent detriment to the public welfare."

"It is believed that a co-ordinated effort on the part of the press and the bar will in time bring about the desired development in this important field of reporting, and that a uniform rule which will place all newspapers upon the same basis in this respect will be welcomed by them as well as by the bar."

"The Chicago Bar Association, through its Committee on Relations of the Press to Judicial Proceedings and its committee on the Judiciary, now has this work in hand, and, as a first concrete measure, will direct its effort against the publication of photographs of courtroom scenes. It is planned to recommend to the court the adoption of a prohibiting absolutely the taking of any photographs in court. Such a rule would eliminate at once one of the most potent means of engaging the attention of the public. Next will come the proposal of measures to ensure reporting of court proceedings, not as dramatic or bizarre incidents, but as solemn trials."

NEW ORLEANS BANK ROBBED BY BANDITS

New Orleans, Jan. 24.—The First Street branch of the Interstate Trust and Banking Company was robbed of about \$7,000 by bandits today.

ALLIES REAFFIRM THEIR POSITION

Paris, Jan. 24.—The Allies reply to the German protest against continued occupation of Cologne Bridgehead was delivered to the German government today. It simply reaffirms the Allied position.

ation and, like the British people, will not look with enthusiasm upon the American bill collector who indirectly increases taxes.

The situation hinges, however, upon the damage to French credit that may ensue if the French government procrastinates in settling her debts to America. Already published reports from New York indicate that financial concerns are affected in their decision to float certain bond issues for the French because they fear an adverse opinion among American investors. The French have more to gain by arranging to pay their debts than by indefinite delay.

ECLIPSE ENJOYED BY BESTCITY FANS

The partial eclipse of the sun was watched with interest here Saturday morning by young and old. By eight o'clock eclipse fans had announced that the big show was on. Forth came other spectators with their smoked glass to verify the report.

The shadow on the brow of Old Sol deepened and widened until nine o'clock when only a pale crescent at the bottom of the ball of fire was to be seen through smoked glass. A croaky, lavender twilight prevailed and one got something of the thrill of a real eclipse even though it was not the big thrill of the total darkness farther north.

Then the shadow began to pass and in another hour the sun was shining as cheerily and serenely as if nothing had happened at all.

JUDGE MEEKINS TO LIVE IN WAKE FOREST

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Judge Isaac M. Meekins, who qualified on Monday before Chief Justice Taft as United States Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will designate Raleigh as his official residence, it was stated here today.

Judge Meekins will make his actual residence either in Raleigh or at Wake Forest. Some time ago he purchased the site of the old Wingate residence, one of the most desirable pieces of property in the college town, and Mrs. Meekins, who was Miss Lena Allen of Wake Forest, is reported as being very anxious to live in her old home. It is expected that he will dispose of his handsome home in Elizabeth City.

Judge Meekins is expected to assume his official duties in the district about February 1 and his first regularly scheduled court will be a civil term here the first week in March.

GIRL ANARCHIST EXPLODES BOMB

London, Jan. 24.—An Evening News report from Kuala Lumpur, Straits Settlements, says that two European officials were injured today when a Chinese girl exploded a bomb. The girl, believed to be an anarchist, was badly injured. She admitted to blowing the governor of the settlement unsuccessfully.

OPIUM CONFERENCE NARROWLY SAVED

Geneva, Jan. 24.—The International Opium Conference was saved from collapse today when a resolution by Finland providing for a joint committee from the first and second conference to inquire into opium smoking in the Far East was approved by Representative Porter, head of the American delegation.

BRAY'S TO PUT ON NOVEL ADVERTISING STUNT HERE

Bray's the new firm of French Dry Cleaners & Dyers, located opposite Fowler and Company, on South Water street, will put on a novel advertising stunt next week, and one which bids fair to be of much interest to women.

Beginning Monday the firm will send out a representative who will that day and each day take the number of an automobile. This number will be published the next day in the Advance and the owner will have the privilege of having his or her very best dress or suit dry cleaned at Bray's.

This process will be repeated for 60 days. The autos will be picked at random, as it were, and every auto owner in the town and section has a chance as being the lucky person.

Bray's, although scarcely a month old, already has won a reputation for high class work in every detail, and this new advertising plan will doubtless increase interest in the patronage of the new firm.

THE REV. A. A. STEINBACH CONDUCTS SELIG FUNERAL

Norfolk, Jan. 24.—Funeral services for Selig were conducted at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the grave in Forest Lawn Cemetery. The Rev. A. A. Steinbach, of Beth El Synagogue, officiated. There was a large attendance and numerous floral offerings. A delegation from the Masonic fraternity was present and conducted the ritual service of the order. The honorary pallbearers were Dr. J. H. White, J. T. McCabe, Miles Jennings, Dr. J. B. Griggs, E. F. Jakeman, Max Pinchus, W. P. Duff, T. T. Nelson, J. E. Hughes, John Tashjian, W. F. Williams, J. B. Flora and T. P. Nash. Active pallbearers were George Bell, Gilbert James, W. C. Sawyer, D. Guy Brockett, G. W. Beveridge, T. P. Bennett, W. D. Glover and R. Kramer.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 33.55, an advance of 10 points. Futures, closing bid, March 33.25, Dec. 23.61, July 23.55, Oct. 23.67, Dec. 23.64.

New York, Jan. 24.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 33.50, May 33.55, July 33.75, October 33.55, December 23.53.

7-Inch Pin in 9-Inch Dog



Cotriches may be able to eat barbed wire, and men may drink moonshine liquor—but when a puppy swallows a seven-inch pin there is plenty of trouble. But that is what "Brown Eyes," fox terrier, tried to get away with at his home in Pittsburg. Dr. J. C. Gensberg removed the pin, and placed "Brown Eyes" on a strictly milk diet.

Most Powerful Camera!



Uncle Sam will send the most powerful camera in the air service two miles above the earth to "shoot the sun" during the eclipse Saturday. Here is shown the camera attached to a DeLaval plane. Lieutenant George Goddard and Dr. S. M. Burke, scientist, both of McCook Field, Dayton, O., were entrusted to make the shot.

Rotaryannes Themselves Make Ladies Night Success

All Former Affairs of the Kind Totally Eclipsed Rotarians Admit at the Close of Delightful Evening Planned and Carried Out by the Ladies

Ladies' Night indeed was Friday night's banquet of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, for the ladies were not only present, they had charge of the program, a distinct innovation in Rotary programs, at least as far as Elizabeth City is concerned.

Ladies' Night's program is regularly the allotment of the good fellowship committee, of which Mrs. Leigh Sheep happens this year to be chairman. "We had thought," said Everett Thompson, at the end of the night's program, "that we had certainly picked a winner for this job this year. With all the years of experience that Leigh had had as the head of a women's wear store, we felt sure that there was nothing connected with women that she couldn't put her finger on. Oh, Min! he has called her his wife, and the result has been so pleasing that we are in fact keeping Leigh at the head of this good fellowship committee another year, so that we have been favored with tonight."

It was to Rotaryannes Ruth Bulla, wife of the president of the Elizabeth City club, that the event went when Leigh Sheep, who had been turned over to her by Dr. Bulla, handed it back with the request that the Rotarians should surrender it to "the one who took his orders from" a charming presiding officer who proved herself, though promptly at the close of the program she returned the gavel to her husband, saying that she did not want to have any trouble in the family.

It was shortly before 7 o'clock that the Rotarians, the Rotaryannes and their guests were ushered into the social hall of the First Methodist Church, where a sumptuous banquet—and a delightful one for once no green peas—was served. One Rotarian was heard to observe un-

See Bess City A Second Pinehurst

Elizabeth City, Jan. 24.—The golf course at Bess City, N. C., is being developed as a second Pinehurst. The club with respect to building a clubhouse for the laying out of the golf course on the river bank in Camden County.

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Members of the Elizabeth City Golf Club, including Mr. C. W. Phipps, president, and other club members, are planning to build a clubhouse for the club. The club with respect to building a clubhouse for the laying out of the golf course on the river bank in Camden County.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SUCCEEDING AS ENTERPRISE

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The Farmers' Cooperative, Incorporated, a co-operative marketing and purchasing association for farmers of Western North Carolina, started off the new year with payments to more than 1,400 stockholders of annual and semi-annual dividends. Since its organization, the association, organized as a corporation with co-operative features, has not failed to pay a dividend to its members.

In addition to the Farmers' Cooperative, the Merchants' Cooperative, which is a co-operative marketing and purchasing association for merchants of Western North Carolina, started off the new year with payments to more than 1,400 stockholders of annual and semi-annual dividends. Since its organization, the association, organized as a corporation with co-operative features, has not failed to pay a dividend to its members.

CANNOT GRANT EXTENSION FILING INCOME TAXES

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—An extension of time for the filing of income tax returns can no longer be granted by the United States Collector, but must be granted by the United States Commission of Internal Revenue. An announcement made by William Grison, United States Collector, unless such extension be granted by the Commissioner delinquents will be subject to the penalty and costs prescribed by law, says Mr. Grison.

Heretofore the collector has had the power to grant an extension of time, but the law was changed in 1924. Mr. Grison calls attention to Section 227 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1924 which provides that the Commissioner may grant an extension of time for filing income tax returns if application therefor is made before the date prescribed by law for filing the return.

In commenting on this phase of the law Mr. Grison stated that applications for an extension of time must be accompanied by affidavits, setting forth the reasons for asking for an extension, and, if in the judgment of the Commissioner, they are sufficient a reasonable extension will be granted.

Flyers Lost

Captain A. W. Stevens, McCook Field photographer, and Lieutenant Hinton, who accompanied the crew expedition to South America, are reported as lost. Stevens is the chief photographer of the air service.

ECLIPSE IS SEEN IN FULL GLORY

Brooks, N. C., Jan. 24.—The total eclipse was seen in full glory today from here, the only place in the state where it was seen in full glory. The sky was clear, and the attendant phenomena including the shadow of the moon, the corona and the prominences were seen by thousands of the smiling crowd and housewives.

FUNERAL REV. R. H. WILSON

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MEET MERELY TO FULFILL THE LAW

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The Senate at 10:30 this morning merely met for the purpose of fulfilling the legal requirements of the session, held daily except Sunday. The session lasted 15 minutes without touching any important work. The House met at ten. Both branches held short sessions last night after attending the dedication of Manning Hall at the University of North Carolina during the day.

Bills proposing a Statewide game law and increasing speed limit to 35 miles on the public highway, 25 in incorporated places and 15 miles in unincorporated areas were introduced. The House game committee will hold a hearing on the Statewide bill February 3 instead of January 27.

HIGH HOG PRICES FOR THIS SPRING

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Data furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture give the following as the probable hog production for 1925:

1. Decrease of 30 per cent in brood sows farrowing in fall of 1924 as compared with 1923.
 2. Decrease of 24 per cent in number of pigs farrowed in fall of 1924 as compared with 1923.
 3. Decrease of 10 per cent in number of pigs bred for farrowing in spring of 1925 as compared with 1924.
 4. Probable decrease of 15 to 25 per cent in numbers of sows to farrow in spring of 1925 as compared with 1924.
 5. Based on these figures, this means a probable reduction of 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 head of hogs for 1925 as compared with 1923.
- On January 8 the top price for hogs in Chicago was 11 cents per lb. This is unusual for hogs at this time and the effect of these figures coupled with the low corn crop for 1924 is apparent. Indications favor high hog prices this spring and summer. North Carolina farmers should make ready to profit by this information.

BESTCITY GIRLS MAKE GOOD FIGHT

Enough Belhaven Wins in First Game 'Twas a Hard Fought Fast Game Here

In the fastest and hardest fought game seen on the home team this season, the Bestcity girls defeated the Belhaven Friday night by the narrow margin of two points, the final score being 12 to 10 in favor of the visitors.

The High School Sextette went into the game with a subtle determination to win. In the first half of play Elizabeth City led off with a field goal, which was followed by a little later by a two point shot by Woodard for the home team. At the end of the first quarter the score remained tied 3 to 3.

During the second quarter only two points were scored by each team, the half ending in a second tie, 3 to 3.

In the third quarter that the visitors showed up best, taking the lead of three points which they held to the end of the quarter, giving a 12 to 9 advantage at the beginning of the fourth period.

During the last period the home team were in sight of victory when they snatched the lead from Belhaven, holding it by a margin of one point until the last minute of play, when Belhaven again showed itself by scoring three points, making the final count 12 to 11.

Woodard Cartwright and Woodard led in scoring for their respective teams, yet there was nothing but praise for each of the players for Belhaven. Belhaven had considerable advantage in point of size but this was ably met by the superior speed and accurate passing of the entire Bestcity aggregation.

Belhaven forward E. Woodard, Bestcity forward R. Carter, Bestcity forward C. Johnson, Bestcity guard M. Topping, Bestcity guard M. Jones, Bestcity guard H. Midgette.

BERGDOLL'S PAL MAKES SURRENDER

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Tired of being a fugitive, he said, Eugene Stecher, companion and chauffeur for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious draft evader, today was in Maryland prison charged with aiding and abetting desertion of a member of the American military forces and harboring and concealing a fugitive.

He returned from Germany ten days ago and surrendered yesterday.

POSTAL PAY BILL GETS CLEAR ROAD

Washington, Jan. 24.—The postal pay bill, which would increase the postal pay and raise the rate for the postal service, was given a clear road today in the Senate. Considerable debate, however, is in prospect.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The postal pay bill was left intact in the Senate by the defeat of a point of order which would have eliminated the bill. The measure was held aside for a time today for the War Department appropriation bill.

HALT DISCUSSION OPPOSING STONE

Washington, Jan. 24.—Republican leaders invoked the Senate rules today to halt incipient open discussion on Attorney General Stone's nomination to the Supreme Court when Senator Hefflin sought to explain that his opposition to Stone was due to his activities in the Owenby case and not because he was Morgan's attorney.

Senator Overman also opposed Stone for the same reason. The senate finally went into executive session.

FIRE LOSS DECREASES

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Fire loss in North Carolina during the year 1924 was \$5,476,258, according to an announcement made here today by Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina. The 1924 loss, according to the report was \$1,856,944 less than in 1923 and \$2,765,432 less than in 1922.