



1—Chicago boy scouts on a pilgrimage to the tomb of Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. 2—Fleet submarine V-2 photographed just after her launching at Portsmouth navy yard, where Mrs. D. E. Dismukes christened her. 3—Mrs. F. A. Wellman and her two daughters, of Montclair, N. J., ice-boating near the Lake Placid club in the Adirondacks.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Uncle Sam Lets France Know He Won't Stand for War Debt Repudiation.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

THERE was considerable excitement in government circles in Washington when the publication of the French budget revealed the fact that it did not include France's war debt to the United States. A spokesman for the administration stated in rather blunt language that this country expects France to recognize the debt and to make immediate arrangements to fund it, pointing out that repudiation would seriously affect international credit. He said the position of this government is that, while we do not wish to be oppressive, we recognize no grounds in law or equity why the debt should be reduced or canceled. On the question of the validity of the debt, the government spokesman pointed out that \$1,000,000,000 of the loan had been turned over to France after the war was over and that \$400,000,000 more had been credited to France for the purchase of war surplus supplies.

In both the senate and the house the matter came up and the supposed attitude of France was severely criticized. Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, speaking for Secretary Mellon, chairman of the war debt funding commission, set forth the necessity of collection of the debt from France to relieve American taxpayers of that portion of their burden, asserting that repudiation would destroy French credit and intimating that the French attitude would put an end to French borrowings of American bankers.

The French embassy in Washington promptly issued a statement explaining that the American debt was not included in the budget because the law does not permit the inclusion of indeterminate items for payment of which no revenue is provided; and both there and in Paris it was reiterated that France had never intimated that she would repudiate the obligation. This was not enough, however, and Ambassador Herreick conferred with Premier Herriot and Finance Minister Clementel, both of whom repeated the explanation and the assurance that France's intentions were honest, and telegraphed this assurance also to the British government. The truth appears to be that the Herriot government is glad thus to have the French people disabused of the prevalent idea that the debt will be either canceled or materially reduced. In this both political and financial considerations weigh largely, for, until the French public is brought to realize that the American and British debts must be paid, any government that undertakes to pay them will be politically dead; and, in addition, American credit and American tourist trade mean a tremendous lot to France.

According to Washington dispatches, the administration leaders in Congress are formulating a plan by which France will be given about thirty days to demonstrate her intention to fund the debt, and if she fails in this it is their purpose to ask the senate to adopt a resolution condemning the attitude of France and expressing disapproval of any further loans or extensions of credit by American bankers or other individuals to the French government or to French citizens. President Coolidge, of course, knows all about this plan and is said to approve its important features, but he has come to no hasty conclusions and still assumes that France intends to propose a fair settlement of the debt.

GERMANY received in sullen and threatening mood the notification from the entente nations that the Cologne bridgehead will not be evacuated on January 10, as was provided in the treaty of Versailles, because of her own failure to observe the terms of the treaty in the matter of disarmament. Foreign Minister Strossmeyer declared that, unless a compromise were reached, peace in Europe would be dealt a terrible blow, the reconciliation of nations postponed and the fulfillment of the Dawes plan greatly en-

dangered. He warned the allies not to overtax the patience of Germany, which was interpreted to mean that Germany was prepared to reply by making harder trade treaty terms. He said that the machinery in the Krupp gun works had not been dismantled because it was busy on American orders. The German government has demanded that the alleged facts on which the allied control commission based its report and recommendation that the Cologne region be not evacuated should be made public at once. The commission was asked by the allies to rush to Paris all its information on the German failure to disarm, so that they can justify their action in the eyes of the world. This should make most interesting reading. The most important part of the report deals with the methods by which Germany is said to have at least 700,000 men trained and equipped for war. A Paris paper is publishing a series of sensational articles revealing Germany's alleged gigantic preparations for the next conflict. One of these tells of a new and devastating war gas developed by a German scientist, and says great quantities of mustard gas and suffocating gas are also being made.

The German reichstag meets January 5 and Berlin dispatches say Chancellor Marx, Foreign Minister Strossmeyer and Finance Minister Luther plan to form a nonpolitical directorate with extraordinary powers to deal with the situation temporarily.

GREAT BRITAIN'S invitation to the premiers of the dominions to a conference in London in March to discuss the empire's policy in the matter of the Geneva peace and disarmament protocol, has met a chilly reception in the dominions and their attitude is worrying the government in London not a little, for it amounts to a practical declaration of their complete independence of Great Britain, the only connecting link being a common crown. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada have been exchanging views by cable and mail, trying to arrange to present a common front against Great Britain in the dispute that all feel is certain to come. As for the Geneva protocol, they feel that their own parliaments can decide their stand, and each of them has a membership in the League of Nations.

PREMIER MUSSOLINI of Italy is fighting desperately and so far successfully to maintain his position in the face of the bitterest kind of attacks against him and the Fascists. The latest development was the publication by the opposition of a memorandum written by Cesare Rossi, former chief of the press bureau of the interior department and now under arrest for connection with the murder of Deputy Matteotti. The document directly imputes to Mussolini the crimes committed by the Fascists recently, asserting they were committed by his orders. It is generally believed the Rossi charges are unfounded, but they stirred up great excitement and complicated the difficulties under which Mussolini already was laboring. Some of the premier's followers have deserted him and others have urged him to resign, but he still has sufficient support in parliament to retain his position.

SPAIN has succeeded, at considerable cost in lives, in withdrawing her troops in Morocco to the prepared line connected with the coast towns, and hopes to remain there. Abd el Krim, leader of the rebellious tribesmen, last week issued a proclamation in which he said the Rif republic would treat with Spain only on equal terms, "since we are the victors and they are the vanquished." His peace conditions, he said, were:

"Recognition of the republic of the Rif, whose frontiers will be formed by the mouth of the River Kert and the River Marti, in which territory not a single Spanish position must remain nor warships of the vanquished nation exercise vigilance along the coast."

"Spain must agree not to engage Mussulmen troops, transferring those in the service here to the borders of the government of the Rif republic; delivery of all Moroccan prisoners without ransom, at the same time paying a heavy sum for the ransom of Spanish prisoners we captured during the last glorious campaign in which

our traditional enemy lost more men and materials and suffered more humiliations than three years ago."

SOME three thousand savants gathered in Washington for the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, divided themselves into 15 sections and proceeded to discuss a varied menu of scientific subjects. One of the addresses that attracted popular attention was that of Dr. Edward L. Rice, professor of zoology in Ohio Wesleyan university, in which he characterized the views of W. J. Bryan on evolution as "dogmatic" and "dangerous to religion," and urged more unprejudiced co-operation in scientific and religious study. Mr. Bryan's arguments, he said, were deduced "from the assumption of the literary accuracy of the Bible in general and of the first two chapters of Genesis in particular." This assumption was "not Biblical," nor was it "accepted by leading Bible scholars of today," he said.

Dr. W. P. Davey of the General Electric company's research laboratory told of the production of a new form of copper that conducts electricity with 13 per cent more efficiency than the ordinary copper. Dr. E. C. Rose now of the Mayo Foundation reported the discovery of bacteria that appear to be responsible for the present epidemic of hiccoughs. Favorable results looking toward the control of diabetic symptoms by means of insulin administered by the mouth, instead of hypodermically, as at present, were reported in a paper by Dr. John R. Murlin of the University of Rochester. To overcome the problem of the destruction of insulin by stomach juices, Doctor Murlin said he had prepared insulin tablets which pass through the stomach unaffected and are dissolved in the intestines.

ILLINOIS especially is interested in the result of the civil suit to recover from Gov. Len Small the interest on state funds which he is charged with withholding when he was state treasurer. Judge Burton at Springfield held Small liable to the state for all interest paid by Chicago packers on state funds lent them in 1917 and 1918 and referred the case back to a master in chancery for determination of the amount of indebtedness. Since the Illinois law provides that no one in debt to the state can be elected governor, there was some question whether or not the second inauguration of Small, set for January 12, would be blocked.

WORKING rapidly, the house passed the treasury-post office supply bill, carrying a total of \$763,000,000, and sent it on to the senate. Among other items in the bill are \$11,000,000 for prohibition enforcement; \$20,000,000 for the coast guard service, of which half will be available during the coming year to check liquor smuggling; \$2,600,000 for the transcontinental air mail service; \$16,656,200 for the customs service and \$9,103,101 for the public health service. The house at the close of the week was considering the army appropriation measure. Senator Norris, chairman of the agricultural committee, introduced a resolution directing the federal trade commission to conduct an inquiry into the doings of the "haver trust," which, he charged, is attempting to dictate disposal of the Muscle Shoals property.

NOTABLE among the deaths of the week were those of Leon Bakst, celebrated Russian painter and stage scenery designer, who succumbed to pneumonia in Paris; William Archer, the veteran English dramatic critic and author, and A. Henry Savage-Landor, famous artist and explorer, whose sensational experiences in Tibet were related in his book, "The Forbidden Land."

NOTRE DAME university made good its claim to the intercollegiate football championship by defeating Leland Stanford at Pasadena, Cal., on New Year's day, the score being 27 to 10. The University of California eleven beat the University of Pennsylvania by a score of 14 to 0, the game being played at Berkeley. Both contests were witnessed by immense crowds.

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Foreign—

A despatch from Honolulu says that the Red Star Line was fined \$400 for transporting Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Buteler, of New York between two American ports.

Berta Kuebler, Germany's oldest woman, is dead at Walberberg, Rhineland, at the age of 106 years and three months.

The Havana university football team defeated the Florida All-stars by a score of 13 to 6, at Havana.

Premier Mussolini of Italy, has tightened the noose of censorship about the opposition press and Italy is virtually without newspapers except those that approve of the Fascist government.

Leon Trotzky, Soviet war minister, who was reported under arrest and confined in the Kremlin in Moscow, is in the Crimea, far to the south, more than a thousand miles from the Russian capital. Trotzky went to a Crimean resort to recover from the illness which attacked him in November.

It is understood that Rajah Sir Hari Singh, named as the victim in the recent London Robinson blackmailing case, has been asked by the government to go to England in connection with legal proceedings against the alleged instigators of the plot.

Cardinal Creste Giorgi died of pneumonia at his residence in the Palazzo Aitemps in Rome, in his 69th year. He was born in Valmonte, Italy, and was created a cardinal December 4, 1916. He held the office of grand penitentiary of the Holy Roman Catholic church.

Editions of all the principal opposition newspapers in Italy have been seized by carabinieri by order of Premier Benito Mussolini, Fascist commander-in-chief.

Thousands of black-shirted Fascists stirred to feverish heat by the exhortations of their leaders recently converged Florence, Italy, defying cordons of carabinieri and sacking the plant of an opposition newspaper, the Nuovo Giornale.

The pope recently gave private audience to the Rt. Rev. Edward P. Allen, bishop of Mobile, Ala., who presented a report of the diocese. The bishop expects to remain in Rome for the beginning of the jubilee year.

The name of Christiana, Norway, has been changed to Oslo, which was the name of that city in the middle ages.

Washington—

A bill to permit S. M. Adams of Iva, Anderson county, South Carolina, to construct a bridge across the Savannah river near Sander's ferry or Craft ferry between Iva, S. C., and Elberton, Ga., has been introduced by Representative Dominick, Democrat, South Carolina.

As a climax to the recent hints of a miniature Teapot Dome scandal involving the alleged use of money to aid the postal employees' pay-increase bill, six responsible postoffice officials in as many different cities have been suspended until further notice.

The bill to convert the military reservation at Camp Benning, Ga., into a national forest, has been passed by the senate without objection.

Rear Admiral Henry J. Ziegmeier has been detached from command of the Norfolk navy yard and assigned to command battleship division three in the Pacific. His successor has not been decided upon.

Urging more unprejudiced co-operation in scientific and religious study, Dr. Edward L. Rice, retiring vice president of the zoological section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in a paper prepared for the meeting of that section recently, characterized the views of William J. Bryan on evolution as "dogmatic and dangerous to religion."

A bill granting a pension of five thousand dollars annually to Mrs. Edith Boiling Wilson, widow of the late war president, has been passed by the senate, and has been sent to the house.

The future of the American navy has taken on a new aspect with simultaneous expressions of opinion from both the white house and the house naval committee as to what should be the first step in that direction.

Inhabitants of Mars are either cave dwellers, or they hibernate in winter like polar bears, in the opinion of Dr. W. W. Coblentz, physicist of the bureau of standards, expressed in a paper recently read to the American Physical association.

The bill of Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, to require the director of the census to include in the cotton ginning reports the names of the owners of gineries with the quantity of cotton ginned at each ginery was passed by the senate without objection.

An agreement has been reached by the joint congressional postoffice subcommittee to recommend that provisions of the administration bill increasing postal rates and salaries be effective for one year only pending further hearings.

John A. Johnston has been nominated by President Coolidge to be postmaster at Petersburg, Va.

The future of Americanism in the United States will be safeguarded under the provisions of existing immigration laws according to findings of a third biological study of this question made by Dr. Harry H. Laughlin of the Carnegie institute.

Announcement of a grant of \$350,000 to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by the Rockefeller foundation was made here by officers of the association.

A plan for a bigger and better year, designed to unscramble the present hit or miss calendar and substitute a simpler one, which would be the same every year, has been prepared by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in session here. They propose cutting the year up into thirteen months of 28 days each.

Domestic—

Dr. H. W. Evans, wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, underwent an operation at a hospital in Dyesburg, Tenn., following an attack of acute appendicitis.

Harry J. Colwell, editor of the Minneapolis, St. Paul Herald, and Marie railway passenger train, whose rear coach fell into the Mississippi river near Shippewa Falls, Wis., on December 20, resulting in the death of eight persons, committed suicide at his home in Minneapolis, Minn.

Albert C. Sides, a Southern railway brakeman, was shot and killed by Charles L. Abernathy, another brakeman, in a fight in Council Springs, N. C.

Mrs. William J. Fox, of New York, started the new year with several fingers badly lacerated when a handbit bit the rings from her finger.

Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture director, and Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson Dial, were married in Los Angeles, California.

William Newborn, of Fairfield, N. J., was elected honorary president of the Phi Epsilon fraternity at the closing of its annual convention in Philadelphia, Penn., where he was selected as the most eligible for 1925 convention.

In Chicago squads of police scoured the city in a vain search for Angelo Accadio, wanted for his part in connection with the shooting to death of Russell Dickey, member of a Chicago and North Western train who was shot during an attempt of holdup by a robber as the train entered Chicago.

Four killings, one probably fatal shooting, only two arrests for drunkenness, packed hotel dining rooms, cabarets and restaurants and thousands of private homes heralded the birth of the new year in Chicago.

Fighting their way through a snowstorm borne on the wings of a mountain gale, five intrepid climbers scaled the heights of Pike's Peak to uphold the tradition of the Adams club, an organization which for years has celebrated the coming of each new year by staging a display of fire risks from the brow of the peak, says a despatch from Colorado Springs.

Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture director, and Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson Dial, at Los Angeles, Calif. They immediately alternated to New York on their honeymoon.

The New York World announces that its price has been reduced to 3 cents. It has been selling for two cents.

Thomas N. Harris, former employee of the United States veterans' bureau, in Atlanta, Ga., was recently arrested in Memphis, Tenn., on a warrant charging him with the theft of records from the bureau, but was later released on a thousand dollar bond. He was working in Memphis as a laundry wagon driver at the time of his arrest.

Approximately four million orchard trees were in the Missouri storm area of December 18 and suffered heavy damage and destruction, the Missouri public utility information bureau estimates.

The Kaw Valley State bank, Kansas City, Kan., was held up and robbed of \$11,669 the other day by three men. They just missed getting the Armour payroll which had been made up a few minutes before their entrance and taken away by messengers. The bandits got away.

The toll of dead from accidental gas poisoning in St. Louis, Mo., the last few days was increased to five with the death of Mrs. Martha Hyatt, 70. Eighteen others had been overcome several of whom are still in hospitals.

The Maryland public service commission declares that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company's request for increased telephone rates is unjust and unreasonable and would constitute an unfair burden upon the telephone users of the state, and orders that existing rates be maintained in the future.

At Milwaukee, Wis., a warrant has been issued against Joe Jackson, famous baseball player, and formerly a member of the Chicago White Sox of the American League, charging him with perjury.

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