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## RENT CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY

VICTIMS OF RENT PROFITEERS  
APPEAL TO THE COURTS OF  
BRONX AND BROOKLYN.

### TENANTS ARE GRANTED TIME

Trial Magistrate Receives Rent From  
Tenants Which He Considered  
Fair Refused by Landlords.

New York.—New York landlords have lost the first round in the battle being waged between tenants and rent gougers when the new anti-rent profiteering laws were given their first court tests. More than 3,000 men and women crowded municipal courts in the Bronx and Brooklyn to appeal in 600 eviction and rent increase cases. In every instance tenants were granted from one to three months stay-overs when they proved their inability to find new homes. In a majority of cases, landlords had served notices effective April 1 and May 1. In Brooklyn, Municipal Justice Ferguson collected more than \$1,000 in rentals from tenants after landlords had refused to accept amounts thought fair by the court.

### Ten Persons Drowned When Ferry Boat Capsizes in Savannah River.

Columbia, S. C.—Although ten persons lost their lives when a boat used on a ferry on the Savannah river turned over at Harper's ferry, not one of the bodies has been recovered.

### Culebra Cut in Panama Canals New Much Narrower and Shallower.

Panama.—The slide in the Culebra cut which has created considerable trouble recently because of its narrowing the channel and decreasing

### Mexican Embassy Receives Advice That Bonillas Has Not Been Killed.

Washington.—The Mexican embassy announced receipt of advice from Mexico City, officially denying recent reports that Ambassador Bonillas had been killed or wounded during a political demonstration.

### Body of Swiss Girl is Washed Ashore at Chicago Municipal Pier.

Chicago.—A body believed to be that of Jeanne de Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John de Kay, of Lucerne, Switzerland, was washed ashore at the municipal pier.

### Miss Helen Taft Makes Positive Denial of Engagement to Marry.

Los Angeles.—A report reaching here that friends of Miss Helen Horton Taft had announced her engagement to marry Professor Frederick J. Manning of Yale was denied by Miss Taft, who is visiting her aunt Mrs. William Edwards, of Los Angeles.

## NATIONAL DEBT IS \$24,698,000,000.00

PAYMENTS LARGELY COMPOSED  
OF CERTIFICATES SUBJECT  
TO INCOME TAX.

### REDUCTION IS \$705,600,000

Future Reductions Hinge Largely on  
New Appointments and Tax Legislation Officials Said.

Washington.—A reduction of \$705,600,000 in the national debt—more than double the amount by which the debt was lowered during any previous month—was accomplished during March, the treasury reported. The national debt now stands at \$24,698,000,000.00. March payment on the public debt was composed almost wholly of redemptions of certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of income and profit taxes. Future monthly reductions will hinge largely on new appropriations and tax legislation, officials said. They expected, however, that operations of the sinking fund would reflect more and more on the gross national debt each month hereafter.

### Railroads Will Cost Government \$175,000,000 in Next Six Months.

Washington.—Guaranty provisions of the new railroad law will cost the government approximately \$175,000,000 for the six months they are operative, Secretary Houston estimated.

### Bill Providing for High Voltage Bear Killed by Delaware Assembly.

Annapolis.—The so-called 1 1/2 percent bear bill, which was to have become operative only in the event the Volstead act was declared invalid, and

### was killed in the senate by a vote of 15 to 11.

### No Other Policy Than Exclusion of Japanese Can Save California.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Japanese birth rate in California is so high and their standard of living so low that any immigration policy other than exclusion will result in the ultimate destruction of the American population in the West if not in the whole United States, V. S. McClatchy, publisher of the Sacramento Bee asserted in a luncheon address in this city.

### Palmer Orders an Investigation of Alleged Illegal Combination.

Washington.—Investigation of an alleged illegal combination to depress cotton prices was ordered by Attorney General Palmer. In a telegram to United States Attorney Alexander at Atlanta, Mr. Palmer issued instructions for the examination of charges that cotton dealers have combined arbitrarily to reduce the price of cotton in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

## THIS GOVERNMENT HANDLED ROUGHLY

ENGLISH PREMIER AND IRISH  
UNIONIST ARE AGREED IN  
THEIR OPINION OF US.

### JEFFERSON DAVIS IS QUOTED

Irish Murders Are Not Committed by  
Irishmen, But by Ill-Conditioned  
Americans Who Are Misled.

London.—The United States was handled without gloves by Premier Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster unionist leader, in the debate in the house of commons on the second reading of the Irish bill. The premier said it was action such as that taken by the United States senate in adopting the Irish resolution that had fostered secession. "De Valera is putting forth the same views in the same words that Jefferson Davis used," the premier declared, and added that such a movement had led to civil war. Sir Edward Carson, in opening the debate said he believed that the Irish murders were committed "not by my countrymen, but by ill-conditioned Americans" misled by Sinn Fein propaganda, which he exclaimed, pointing to the government, "you are doing nothing to counteract."

### Spanish Astronomer of Barcelona Announces Discovery New Planet.

Cambridge, Mass.—The discoverer of a planet by the astronomer Serafín de Haro, a was announced at the Harvard college observatory in a cablegram from Professor Lacoino de Uccia.

### 1,250 Poles Who Left This Country to Fight Huss Are Returning Home.

Danzig.—Twelve hundred Poles who went to Europe from America to fight against Germany and later against the Russian bolsheviks, sailed from this port for home.

### Government Measures Have Driven Red Leaders into a Bad Corner.

Dusseldorf.—The revolutionary leaders in the Ruhr district have been in secret session virtually uninterrupted, for 36 hours, and at 6 o'clock at night were still trying to find some way out of the corner into which most of them feel they have been driven by the government's measures.

### Shoe Manufacturing Concerns Are Closing Down in Massachusetts.

Marlborough, Mass.—Demands of turn shoe workers for increased wages will tie up the shoe industry here, according to announcements by manufacturers. The Parker Shoe company closed its shops to its 260 operatives and the Herbert Humphrey and Sons Company announced it would shut down. The latter employs 500 hands.

## COTTERILL'S TALK TO BUSINESS MEN

UNDER NEW TRANSPORTATION  
LAW PRIVATE OWNERSHIP  
GETTING FINAL TEST.

### HEARD WITH GREAT INTEREST

Address Was Comprehensive Analysis  
of Provisions of Recently Enacted  
Governing Traffic Rates.

Charlotte.—Under the new transportation law, private operation of the railways has entered a great and final test and if it falls this time there will be a unanimous verdict in favor of carrying the last remaining experiment—government ownership and operation—according to Charles B. Cotterill, of Atlanta, general counsel of the Southern Traffic league, who delivered an address at a joint meeting of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers association, Merchants association, Automobile Trade association, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, in the assembly room of the Grand hotel. The principle of socialism could not be at government ownership of railways, declared Mr. Cotterill, but he pointed to the coal mines and other industries upon which the railroads depend and said they should be nationalized as well and "such a prospect as that must be avoided."

### Chicago Was a Comprehensive and Interesting Analysis of the Essential Provisions of the New Railroad Law, Under Which the Lines Would Be Placed Under Private Control.

### 50,000 Railway Employees Are Striking Out of Work by Strike.

Chicago.—Fifty thousand stockyard employees will be thrown out of work as a result of the strike of 50,000 railway employees in the Chicago railroad yards.

### Paris—M. Tschirner, bolshevik foreign minister of Russia, has sent Japan a note declaring he considers the Japanese attack against Russian forces at Nikolayevsk, on March 30 as a violation of agreements reached regarding operations in eastern Siberia.

### Japan With the United States and Other Nations is to Finance China.

Washington.—Japan has informed the state department of its adherence to the arrangement under which bankers of the United States, Great Britain, France and that country will enter a consortium for the financing of China. It was stated officially that it would not be necessary to await the return of Thomas W. Lamont, who is in the Far East as the representative of the American group, to begin the execution of the plans.

## NORFOLK-WESTERN RAILROAD STRIKE

FURTHER TROUBLE IS EXPECTED  
BY A SORELY HARASSED  
RAILROAD SYSTEM.

### 500 BRAKEMEN MAY WALK OUT

No Developments Have Followed Ultimatum of Members Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Roanoke, Va.—While the Norfolk and Western is facing further interruption of its operation by the threatened walkout of approximately 500 brakemen and switchmen employed in the local yards in sympathy with the striking clerks out because of the company's refusal to discharge two non-union clerks accused of insulting a young woman, information comes from the office of Grand President Forrester, of the clerks' union, Washington, that a representative of the grand president is on his way here to straighten the matter out. No developments have as yet followed the ultimatum of members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen threatening to tie-up passenger service on the road promptly unless the "unsafe conditions" alleged to have arisen because of the walkout of the clerks is relieved.

### Allied Council Offers Armenian Mandate to the League of Nations.

Paris.—A mandate for Armenia has been offered the league of nations by the supreme allied council. All Armenian territories would be included with the exception of Cilicia, which would be left under French protection.

### British Make Arrests of Several Notables at Constantinople.

Constantinople.—The editors of prominent newspapers here, and Souliman Nazif Bey, a widely known poet, have been arrested by the British and deported to Malta. Said Pasha, Turkish commandant in Constantinople, has also been placed under arrest.

### New York Socialist Members Have Been Expelled from Legislature.

Albany, N. Y.—Five socialists—Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Charles Solomon, Samuel A. Dewitt and Samuel Orr, all of New York city, the entire delegation of their party in the New York assembly, were expelled from the legislature.

### American Soldiers on the Rhine Subject Only to Orders of Wilson.

Washington.—American troops on the Rhine are subject only to the orders of the president of the United States as commander-in-chief of the army. President Wilson wrote congress in response to a resolution of inquiry adopted by the house.

## MONDEL PRESENTS GLOOMY PROSPECT

ONLY BY STRICT ECONOMY IS  
NATION TO BE SAVED FROM  
A "CALAMITOUS CRISIS."

### BEST REDUCTION TEMPORARY

Government Financing in Short Time  
Notes May Bring at Almost Any Moment a Tremendous Increase.

Washington.—Government expenditures have exceeded the revenue "from all sources" by more than \$200,000,000 during the first nine months of this fiscal year, and the reduction of \$706,000,000 in the floating debt last month is only a "temporary" condition, Representative Mondell, Wyoming, republican leader, declared in a statement. Economy alone, he said, could avert a "calamitous crisis." Immediately upon the "temporary reduction" in the floating debt, Mr. Mondell declared, the treasury was in the market "for further loans and this month must dispose of a further large volume of temporary certificates. Government financing by short-term notes, he added, is such as "may bring a tremendous increase the very next day," week or month" after an apparent reduction for a comparative period. Treasury officials, the statement continued, "have handled a most difficult situation most admirably," but they "can not avert disaster unless we keep public expenditures within our income."

### A Change Has Been Wrought in the Ex-Kaiser's Past Manner of Living.

Amerongen.—The presence at Amerongen of his daughter and son-in-law has brought a change in the former

### San on Trade Relations with Soviet Russia May be Taken Off.

Washington.—The ban on trade relations with Russia may soon be lifted, officials here said, although the recent American proposal to the supreme council for concerted action to this end by Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States, has temporarily deferred action here.

### Suffrage Forces of Delaware Are Undimmed by the Recent Defeat.

Dover, Del.—Undimmed by the defeat of the resolution to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment by the lower house of the Delaware legislature, suffrage leaders have started a statewide drive in an effort to win over members of the legislature by changing the opinion of their constituents. A large delegation of suffrage workers started from here on a tour of the state. It is planned to visit every town and hamlet.

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