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DEBT OF NATION IS $24,299,321,467

THE REVENUE OF GOVERNMENT NOW EXCEEDS EXPENSES BY $291,221,547.

REDUCTION OF TWO BILLIONS

Operations Incident to the Greatest Expenses Incurred by Government Have Been Completed.

Washington.—The government's income for the fiscal year ending June 30 exceeded its expenses for the first time in three years, Secretary Houston declared in a statement in which he announced a reduction in the gross public debt and forecast a further "important reduction" for the coming twelve months.

While the annual operations of the government showed a surplus of $291,221,547, the more important change, treasury officials said, was the cutting of $1,185,184,692 from the gross public debt during the year. The national debt aggregated $24,299,321,467 on June 30, and $25,484,506,106 a year previously, but in the meantime the obligations of the nation had mounted to their highest point—$26,596,701,648, on August 31—due to the operations incident to the handling of maturities of treasury certificates of indebtedness. Thus a reduction of $2,297,380,180 from the peak is shown.

"The operations incident to the handling of the maturities of treasury certificates from June 15 to July 15 have now been completed.

Harding Declines to Express an Opinion on Case of Eugene Debs.

Marion, O.—Although declaring for general amnesty for political prisoners, Senator Harding, republican nominee, declined to express an opinion on the case of Eugene Debs, socialist leader, who is in the Atlanta penitentiary on conviction of attempting to obstruct the draft.

Mission to Poland is to Get an Exact Idea of Situation There.

Paris.—"The role of the Franco-British mission now on its way to Warsaw," said Premier Millerand to the senate, "is to get an accurate idea of their situation, to support with every means within its power the newly formed Polish ministry, and to advise us as to the army's needs in material, munitions and instructors."

Cox to Be Notified of Nomination at Montgomery County Fair Ground.

Dayton, O.—A change in the place for notification of Governor Cox, of his nomination for the presidency by the democrats was taken up by the governor with local interests. The event may be transferred from "Trail's End," the candidate's home, five miles outside of Dayton, to the Montgomery county fair grounds.

Damage Suit Entered to Recover on Loss of $9,000 Worth Whiskey.

New York.—A value of $25 a quart is placed on 357 quart bottles of whiskey which form the basis of a damage suit filed here by W. E. D. Stokes against the Importers' Warehouse company, Inc. The action is brought to recover $8,925 for the alleged loss of whiskey from a warehouse.

Swiss Newspapers Satisfied That the League Will Meet at Geneva.

Berne.—Swiss newspapers express satisfaction that President Wilson has summoned the next assembly of the league of nations at Geneva and not Brussels. Regarding the seat of the league, they point out that the United States has always favored Geneva and that if the idea of the universality of the league is to be maintained the seat will have to be in a neutral country.

Department of Agriculture Warns Against Dragon From Army Worms.

Washington.—Warning to farmers in North Carolina, Virginia and states farther north that the fall crop worm may damage their crops within the next few weeks has been issued by the department of agriculture. The worm appeared in large numbers in Southern states last year, causing considerable damage to late crops in Eastern Carolina, particularly peanuts, sweet potatoes, cotton, alfalfa and late corn.

WHOLESALE PRICES FOOD STUFFS OFF

NO EXCUSE FOR EVER RISING COST OF EVERTHING IN FAMILY FOOD BUDGET.

SAME APPLIES TO CLOTHING

A Decrease of 400,000,000 Pounds in Meat Production in Last Six Months is Shown in Report.

Washington.—While retail food prices were steadily increasing in June, wholesale prices of foodstuffs dropped 2 3-4 per cent, the department of labor's bureau of statistics announced in its monthly survey of the American family's food budget.

The advance in the retail price of food during the 30 days ending June 15 was placed at 2 per cent, or an increase of 9 per cent since January 1. Figures as to wholesale prices showed that clothing during June decreased even more than food, the decline amounting to 3 1-2 per cent. Fuel and lighting and other items in the budget of the average family increased more than 4 per cent in wholesale prices during the month.

Decrease of 400,000,000 pounds in the country's meat production for the last six months as compared with that of last year was reported by the Institute of American Meat Packers. Statistics of the agricultural department showing that 2,500,000 fewer cattle, hogs and sheep were slaughtered at 69 markets during the last six months were used by the institute as the basis for the estimated decreased production.

25,000 Additional Box Cars Sent West to Aid in Handling Grain.

Washington.—Movement of 25,000 additional box cars from eastern roads to the grain carrying lines west of Chicago and Minneapolis was ordered by the car service division of the American Railway Executives.

Christensen Wants Harding's Help in Having Eugene Debs Released.

Denver, Col.—Parley P. Christensen, farmer-labor party candidate for president, telegraphed to Senator Harding, republican nominee, and Governor Cox, democratic candidate, suggesting that all join in a demand upon President Wilson to immediately release Eugene V. Debs from prison.

General Gonzales Unconditionally Freed By Mexican War Minister.

Mexico City.—General Pablo Gonzales, former candidate for the presidency, charged with being the leader of the abortive revolution in the state of Nuevo Leon, has been unconditionally set free by General Calles, the war minister, as no longer constituting a peril to the administration, according to official announcement.

British Building Ship Tonnage Far Faster Than United States.

London.—Total tonnage now building in the United Kingdom exceeds the amount under construction in the United States by 1,762,000 tons, according to returns published by Lloyds' Register of Shipping. The aggregate amount now under construction in Great Britain is 3,578,000 tons—the highest amount ever recorded.

Much Talked-of Bergdoll, Draft Evader, Has at Last Surrendered.

New York.—Erwin Bergdoll, young half brother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll who disappeared from his Philadelphia home about two years ago and since then has been sought on charges of draft evasion, has surrendered at Governor's Island.

With Bergdoll was Judge James Romik, of Philadelphia, a personal friend of the Bergdoll family, who himself is under indictment in connection with Grover Bergdoll's escape.

Aged Man Hanged Whose Sentence Had Previously Been Commuted.

Pittsburg, Mass.—His death sentence once commuted to life imprisonment by an acting governor, only to have the governor return, leave a statement that the records of his office did not show a commutation and order him from the state farm back to the death cell, Charles H. Fry, 68, was hanged in the jail here for the murder of Love Gaspard in 1905. In a last statement Fry asserted he did not regret the killing.

LOOK FOR HIGHER PASSENGER RATES

FREIGHT TARIFFS INCLUDING THAT ON MILK EXPECTED TO REACH BLUE SKY.

HIGHER STILL FOR PULLMANS

These Increases Will About Care For $626,000,000 Recently Awarded Army of Railway Employes.

Washington.—Increases of twenty per cent in passenger rates, from eight to ten per cent in freight tariffs and from 24 to 31 per cent in milk transportation charges were asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission by the railroads to cover the $626,000,000 wage award made by the railroad labor board.

The carriers also proposed that an additional surcharge of 50 per cent of passenger fares be made where the passengers use Pullman cars.

The freight rate increases requested are in addition to those on which hearings recently were held and which the carriers have estimated would yield them $1,017,000,000.

The increases in passenger, freight and milk tariffs, said Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the executives, will take care of the total of $626,000,000 which the executives estimate is added to transportation costs by the labor board award. Mr. Thom explained that the additional $26,000,000 over the board's estimate was accounted for by certain overtime charges provided for in the award.

William K. Vanderbilt Has Died After Illness of Some Duration.

Paris.—William K. Vanderbilt, the American financier, died here surrounded by his family.

Secretary of Ludwig C. Martens.

Washington.—Santeri Nuortava, private secretary to Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet agent in the United States, who recently arrived in England as a sailor on a merchant vessel, has been deported.

Representatives of Coal Operators Appeal to President Wilson.

Washington.—Representatives of the Coal Operators' Association of Illinois appealed to President Wilson to use his good offices in an effort to prevent the spread of a strike of miners in the central competitive field.

Unloading of Ships at Vera Cruz is Suspended Because of Strike.

Mexico City.—A general strike has been declared in Vera Cruz, according to Excelsior. Unloading of several ships will be suspended. In consequence of the recent strikes at Vera Cruz and Tampico and those on the Mexican Railway, a government investigation into alleged radical activities has been instituted.

STRONG PLEA MADE FOR CO-OPERATION

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES SPEAKS BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY OF SOUTHERN EDITORS

WE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Says The Press an Opportunity by Which Co-operation Would Much Benefit the World in General

Asheville.—Pleading for a closer co-operation between this country and Great Britian, involving the great problems that now face the world in the reconstruction period, Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, in his address to the Southern Newspaper Publishers association, in 18th annual session here, told the newspapermen they had the greatest responsibility of any organization of men he knew anywhere.

He said that it is no wonder that the minds of the British and American nations see things differently, as they are attuned to different notes in the song of humanity, and yet beneath the different crusts I find the same [illegible] and mine not unlike.

He said that each saw the other reflected either in a mental kaleidoscope or misread or misunderstood, that each [illegible] mainly through the most striking and unusual items of the news in many cases items of sensation. He saw in the press an opportunity for the countries to start a co-operation that would make for the improvement of the world in general and that as long as America and Britian stood, civilization [illegible]

Governor Dorsey Visits Military Academy.

Fort Oglethorpe.—Governor Dorsey of Georgia and his staff have been invited to visit the Georgia Military Academy's summer school and camp at Fort Oglethorpe.

Teachers Needed in Mecklenburg.

Charlotte.—The need of teachers to fill positions in the schools of Mecklenburg county this fall and the great difficulty being encountered in getting them is felt more at the present than it ever was before, it was stated.

Rowan County Valuation.

Salisbury.—According to figures procurable now the revaluation places Rowan county taxables at $52,000,000 as against $18,000,000 under the former valuation. The tax commissioners' figures are $48,000,000 now, and this does not include railroad property that is valued at $4,000,000.

Winston-Salem Tobacco Company.

Winston-Salem.—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company by action of the board of directors, issued a letter to holders of common and common B stock that a dividend of 200 per cent would be issued to those holding stock of these two classes on August 16.

35 Per Cent Off — Ladies and Misses Dresses, Waists, Skirts, M. Blouses.

BLOOM'S Department Store

25 Per Cent Off — Men and Young Mens Suits and Separate Trousers

Will continue Sale until

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th

All Summer goods will be sold at and below Cost on account of needing room for Fall stock.

All we ask is come in and look over our many bargains.

25 Per Cent Off — Men's, Ladies and Children's SHOES

REMEMBER THE NAME Bloom's Department Store Farmville's Underselling Store Next door to Citizens Bank, Farmville, N. C.

50 Per Cent Off — Ladies and Misses READY TO WEAR HATS

WINE AND CIDER MAKING ALLOWED

RAY OF SUNSHINE TRICKLES THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF ORDERS AND RULES

HALF PER CENT DISREGARDED

Home-Made Wines, Ciders and Fruit Juices May Be Drank in the Home Until a "Real Kick" Comes.

Washington.—A ray of sunshine for cider makers has trickled through a labyrinth of orders, rules and regulations on the bone dry laws. A gentle kick is not to be a penal crime. There is rejoicing in the land over the new decision which lifts a tiny bit the ban on home drinks.

The prohibition enforcement officers have actually handed down a friendly opinion on cider and other "non-intoxicating beverages" by declaring, in effect, that the definition of one-half of one per cent may be disregarded if the stuff manufactured is used "at home."

A decision of the bureau of internal revenue interprets the law relating to "cider and fruit juices" as follows: "Any person may, without permit, and without giving bond, manufacture non-intoxicating cider and fruit juices, and in so doing he may take his apples or fruits to a custom mill and have them made into cider and fruit juices."

In other words, it is said, that one can drink his home-made ciders and fruit juices, until he feels a real kick.

Former Prime Minister of France on Extended Visit to Argentina.

Buenos Aires.—Rene Vviani, former prime minister of France, arrived here for an extended visit in the interest of strengthening France-Argentine relations. He received an

French Troops Encountering No Opposition in Syrian Invasion.

Beirut, Syria.—French troops, in view of the failure of King Feisal of Syria, to begin execution of the ultimatum terms, began a march on Damascus. They encountered no opposition.

Present Force of Employes Will not be Cut By Seaboard Railway.

Norfolk, Va.—A report that the Seaboard Air Line intended a widespread reduction in its force of employes was denied by M. J. Caples, vice-president in charge of operations, who declared that a reduction had not even been considered.

Moral Support of Our Government Has Been Solicited By the Poles.

Washington.—Poland has asked the state department to formally announce to the world the "moral support" of the United States to Poland in its battle with the Russian bolsheviki.

Suggestion also was made that a similar expression from Presient Wilson would be welcomed.

Jews to Inaugurate $125,000,000 Foundation Fund For Palestine.

London.—Decision to inaugurate a foundation fund of 25,000,000 pounds for the establishment of Palestine as the Jewish national home was taken by the Zionist conference at its concluding session.

Austria-Bolsheviki Agreement Contrary to Treaty Provisions.

Paris.—The allies consider Austria's agreement with the bolsheviki for the exchange of prisoners, stipulating that Austria is to maintain strict neutrality in war against the soviet even to the extent of a prohibition upon the transport of troops and material through Austrian territory, to be contrary to the provisions of the treaty of Saint Germain.

Mines in Southern Illinois Faced With Possibility of a Shut Down.

Belleville, Ills.—Mines throughout southern Illinois were faced with a possibility of being forced to shut down on account of the unauthorized strike of every day laborers.

Approximately 30,000 men are idle, according to the strikers. For the majority of those the idleness is enforced, it is said, the walkout of the men who include drivers, pump men and timber men, making a suspension of operations.

5,410,284,874 IN TAXES COLLECTED

MORE BY ABOUT 75 PER CENT THAN ANY PREVIOUS YEAR DURING THE WAR

TREMENDOUS EXCESS PROFITS

The Contribution of Southern States Towards Elimination of Our Great War Debt Was $439,852,901.

Washington.—The nation's greatest tax bill, $5,410,284,874 was collected during the fiscal year ending June 30.

Official figures showed that the tax paid in the last twelve months had exceeded all estimates by approximately $300,000,000, and was nearly 75 per cent larger than the total taxes paid in either of the war years of 1918 or 1919. The 1918 tax levy yielded $3,964,619,638, and the taxes in 1919 aggregated $3,839,950,612.

Revenues derived from income and excess profits taxes alone were $3,944,555,767 for the twelve months, which was nearly $1,250,000,000 larger than the last two years.

Total collections by southern states follow:

Alabama and Mississippi, $29,560,235; Florida, $15,336,583; Georgia, $42,665,792; Louisiana, $50,984,323; North Carolina, $169,206,007; South Carolina, $26,653,541; Tennessee, $36,138,197; Virginia, $69,312,348.

General Pershing, According to Reports, Will Soon Visit Brazil.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—General Pershing, according to reports in government circles here, probably will visit Brazil in the near future.

The Indiana Coal Field Is Partly Paralyzed by Strike of Laborers.

The Indiana coal fields were partly paralyzed by a strike of laborers employed in the mines. Only a few mines were operating in the Terre Haute field. Fifty mines near Terre Haute are idle.

Mutilated Body of Woman Shipped to New York Has Been Identified.

Detroit, Mich.—The woman whose mutilated body was shipped in a trunk from Detroit to New York has been positively identified by the Detroit police as Mrs. E. Leroy, formerly Miss Katherine Jackson, of Starkville, Miss.

Sevres is Selected as Place to Sign Projected Turkish Treaty.

Paris.—Sevres, four miles northwest of Versailles, was chosen for the signing of the Turkish peace treaty after a long search for a place which would give the treaty a sufficiently dignified and historic name, there being already treaties named Versailles, Paris, Grand Trianon and Montaine Bleau.

Poor Health of Lloyd George is a Source of Great Uneasiness.

Paris.—The health of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain is causing serious uneasiness, according to a London dispatch. The British prime minister's physicians are said to have ordered an immediate and absolute rest for him.

Prominent Suffrage Attoney Says Tennessee Can Not Vote For It.

Interest in the fight for the ratification of the Anthony suffrage amendment at the special session of the Tennessee legislature next month has been revived by a statement made here by Foster V. Brown, former attorney general of Puerto Rico and one of the leading suffrage advocates of the South, in which he holds that ratification is barred by the state constitution.

Mr. Brown holds that action without submission to the vote of the people would be a violation of the oaths of members of the legislature.

Irish Situation More Alarming Than Any Time in Sixty Years.

London.—Sir Horace Plunkett, founder of the Irish dominion league and leader of the moderate Irish nationalist opinion, told a Newcastle audience that the situation in Ireland is more gravely alarming than it had been within his knowledge of 60 years.

A similar view is reflected by the newspapers of both England and Ireland of all shades of politics. It found expression in all the speeches