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America Offers Europe Inducements to Join In World Recovery Effort

War Debts Revision, Consultative Pact And Lowering Of Tariff Walls Included In Proposals

Washington, April 26.—The United States has offered Europe war debts revision, a consultative pact and scaling down of tariff walls as inducements to action for world recovery.

The White House made known late today that President Roosevelt soon will ask Congress for authority to deal with debts and the tariff.

The possibility of a moratorium for all war debt was described today in official circles as "highly speculative." Close friends of Mr. Roosevelt were reluctant to forecast what form his proposals to Congress would take.

It was pointed out the President prefers to deal separately with each debtor. Thus, observers, said, his recommendations might ask authority to suspend payments of those debtors not able to pay.

In other official circles, it was learned that President Roosevelt has offered Great Britain and France a consultative pact through which the United States would agree to confer with other nations to maintain peace if they will agree to a really substantial program of disarmament.

These developments followed the departure today of Prime Minister MacDonald and a lengthy conversation between President Roosevelt and former Premier Herriot.

Before MacDonald left, he had the President issued a joint statement in which they registered agreement on the following points:

1. That the necessity for an increase in the general level of commodity prices was primary and fundamental.
2. That a return to a fixed exchange value between the dollar and the pound must be achieved as soon as possible.
3. That a conservative effort is needed to moderate the network of restrictions of all sorts by which commerce is at present hampered.
4. That expansion of credit should be provided through concerted action of central banks and every effort should be made to get this credit into circulation.
5. That proposals tentatively suggested for the improvement of the status of silver should be considered.

Prime Minister MacDonald struck the keynote of the conversations when he declared he departed from the search for recovery measures. Former Premier Herriot was beaming his admiration for the President when they sat together during the White House press conference today. He will continue his discussions until Friday, when he leaves for home. Prime Minister Bennett, of Canada, engaged in preliminary conversations, but will have his first extended talk with the President tomorrow.

All participants insisted throughout that no definite agreements have been reached. Everything is subject to further consideration at the world economic conference.

State Supreme Court Makes Another Ruling

Raleigh, April 26.—Filed with the Senate yesterday was an advisory opinion by the Supreme Court of the State which voted, four to one, that the General Assembly has the constitutional authority to declare a "general election next November on the question of calling a convention to consider repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and to elect delegates should the voters favor the proposal.

Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson cast the dissenting vote, holding it was a question that must be decided at the regular general election in November, 1934.

Previously the court had held the calling of a "general election" in November would not be valid, its opinion being asked by the Legislature in connection with a bill to that effect.

Representative Walter Murphy, however, introduced a substitute bill which changed the word "special" to "general" and again the Supreme Court was called on for a ruling. This time the majority held that such an election as that proposed for next November would be State-wide and that although the convention question would be the only thing before the electorate.

One hundred 4-H club boys in Orange County are planting the Java Golden variety of corn this season.

If some of us to what we desire, we might know what trouble really is.

Armed Hi-Jackers Seize Truck Load Beer Early Today

Armed Men in Three Cars Stop Truck And Take Possession

Henderson, N. C., April 26.—Armed hi-jackers seized a truck loaded with 115 cases of beer several miles north of here early today but officers later recovered the truck, located a storehouse filled with beer and arrested Garland Johnson of Henderson.

R. Y. Pruitt of Easley, S. C., his wife and James Holcomb, also of Easley, were on the truck.

Pruitt, owner and driver of the truck, said the beer had been purchased in Washington and was being taken to his home town to be sold. He valued the 115 cases at \$356.58 wholesale.

While traveling on Route One towards Henderson Pruitt said three automobiles forced his truck to the side of the road and seven men with pistols stepped out. They forced him, his wife and Holcomb out, manning the truck and drove off leaving the South Carolinians standing on the highway.

All three walked the five miles to Henderson, where the hold-up was reported to Sheriff J. E. Hamlet. Within a few hours officers had located a storehouse at Johnson's home here filled with beer which they said was identical to that described by Pruitt.

They arrested Johnson and jailed him when he was unable to post \$5,000 bond.

Government Will Issue Baby Bonds

New Certificates To Be Placed on Market To Boost Nation's Finances

New York, April 26.—With government bonds maintaining a relatively firm tone despite the inflation program of the administration with interest in being focused on the Treasury offering of baby bonds.

As just announced, this consists of \$500,000,000 three-year 2 7-8 per cent notes, and in the opinion of Wall Street the offer provides a fairly good test of the public attitude toward the monetary situation.

In accordance with Secretary Woodin's well-known philosophy that citizens should become partners in the country, the bonds are being offered in denominations as low as \$100.

Specialists in government issues reported today that inquiries had been received from many individuals and firms for the new issues.

Technicians were quick to point out the seemingly contradictory face that the bonds contain the gold clause, although by Presidential proclamation no gold can be paid out at present. This, however, was only of academic interest, it was said, and not significant to bond buyers who have confidence in the essential stability of the government.

The important fact, according to opinion in well informed banking circles, is that there is still adequate gold coverage for money. In the same time some prominent bankers point out that confidence in stability of the dollar is undermined whatever the reason the investors will adopt a negative attitude toward the government's new offerings.

Farmville Elementary School Honor Roll

- Honor Roll of Farmville Elementary School for the Seventh Month are as follows:
- 1-A GRADE—Cebot Monk, Nancy Gates, Frances Lewis, Wilma Stanfill.
 - 2-B GRADE—Earle Pearce, Marion Holloman, Myrtle Nichols, Juanita Hammelle, Bill Lovie.
 - 2-A GRADE—Bill Carr, Jack Payer, Aldyth Flythe, Mamie Lois Paucetta.
 - 2-B GRADE—Hazel Wooten.
 - 3-A GRADE—Hazel Mae Quinn, Boots Thomas.
 - 4-A GRADE—Margorie Lee Parker, Hama Paschal, Tommie Willie, Bill Pollard.
 - 4-A GRADE—Jennie Leggett.
 - 4-B GRADE—Rosa Willis.

Farmville to Have Cotton Festival

Local D. A. R. Chapter To Sponsor Affair; Including Cotton Ball

Consonant with the idea of boosting COTTON and supporting the movement to again enthrone him as King of the South, plans are being formulated for a Cotton Festival, concluding with a Cotton Ball, to be held here around the second week in June. The affair is to be sponsored by the Major Benjamin May chapter, D. A. R.

Farmville, as always with a view to keep step with the times, will make of this a gala occasion. The spirit of unity existing among the Farmville people has been extolled by every person who has ever visited this community and it is believed that with the citizens working in conjunction with the chapter, another enjoyable occasion, comparing favorably with the successful celebration of Farmville's 60th anniversary of last year may be achieved.

Use of the Term, "War Between The States", Not "Civil War"

By Mrs. John Hinkle Anderson, Raleigh, N. C. Historian General, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

A war was waged from 1861 to '65 between the United States of America and the Confederate States of America. These were the official titles of the contending parties.

It was the WAR BETWEEN THE STATES because twenty non seceding states made war upon the eleven seceding states to force them back into the UNION of States. It was a war between two organized governments, the southern states fighting to repel invasion, to protect their rights as granted by the Constitution of the United States of America to each state which ratified that Constitution.

It was not a CIVIL WAR, as it was not fought between two parties within the same government, as was the case of the Civil War in England.

It was not a WAR OF SECESSION, for the Southern states seceded without a thought of war. The right of a State to secede had never been questioned. In 1838 John Quincy Adams of Mass., spoke of secession, which had been threatened by some northern states as well as other states, in the following words: "Whenever the time comes for seceding it were better for the people of these DIS-UNITED states to part in friendship from each other than to be held together by restraint."

It was not a WAR OF REBELLION, for Sovereign, Independent States, co-equal, cannot rebel against each other. When the eleven cotton states seceded they set up an independent government of their own, with no declaration nor intent of war. They did not fight to overthrow the Federal government, but to set up a government of their own.

The principles for which the southern states were standing had been definitely declared in the Constitution Convention that framed the United States Constitution. Judge William Rawle of Penn., one of America's most able authorities on the Constitution, had defined his "Views of the U. S. Constitution," which text book was studied at West Point. We quote partly: "If the states are interfered with, they may wholly withdraw from the Union, and their secession depends on the will of their people. The Union was formed by voluntary agreement of states, and the Federal government would have no means of maintaining its claim against secession, either by force or by right." Many authorities might be given to show the right of a state to decide its own destiny. However, by the arbitrament of the sword and superior force, after the Surrender of 1865, Secession was decided to be unconstitutional.

From that learned Historian and Confederate soldier, Capt. S. A. Ashe of North Carolina, we find a war time reference to the conflict of 1861 to '65, in a case of the Supreme Court of the United States, Vol. 67, Page 673. The Court says: "We have shown that a war such as it now being waged between NORTHERN and SOUTHERN STATES is properly conducted." It goes on to state that "several of these states have combined to form a new Confederacy." So here the highest tribunal of the United States refers (during this war itself) to it as "a war between the States." The very term which should be continued in use, as historically correct. In England's declaration of neutrality she recognized that this war was being fought between two governments, not between two parties of the same State.

Every loyal member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy should be on the lookout for any attempt

Methodist Meeting To Begin Here Sunday Evening

Rev. E. J. Rees, Pastor of Washington Methodist Church, Will Be The Preacher; Public Urged To Attend

The series of meetings, announced in these columns last week, will begin in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, April 30, with Rev. E. J. Rees, pastor of the Washington Methodist church, as the preacher.

The success of the meeting will depend largely upon the interest manifested by the town as a whole and the spirit of cooperation existing among its Christian people. The entire community is invited and urged to attend and the usual spirit of good will and activity in its behalf evidenced by the churches during former revivals, is anticipated, together with the assistance of the various choirs of the town.

Renew Efforts For A U. S. Park

Letters Urging Eastern Project Sent to Governor Ehringhaus and National Forester

Wilmington, April 26.—Efforts to obtain a national park for the mid-south coastal section through President Roosevelt's nation-wide reforestation program were renewed here yesterday as letters urging the project were forwarded to Governor Ehringhaus and E. Y. Stuart, national forester, at Washington, D. C.

Lindsay Russell, member of the citizen's committee in charge of the effort, said he recently talked with former Governor A. W. McLean concerning the matter, and quoted Mr. McLean as saying the reforestation program was the finest thing yet attempted by the new national leadership.

Mr. Russell made public letters to Governor Ehringhaus, and the national forester, over the signature of Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Garden club, the letters in part are:

"The underlying motive of the Aycock administration was education; of Morrison, roads, and of Gardner, 'live-at-home.'"

"The need of youth for an inspirational interest was never greater than today, with thousands idle and drifting. It may be found in forestry and conservation of game and fish."

"Make our people 'forest minded,' and you give them a hobby which, unlike previous ones, cannot be hidden into the 'red.' It is at all times a spiritual and material asset."

"Instinct for the woods is inherent; even children are now turning to nature as never before for interest and occupation. A natural weaning process from town to country is in progress."

"Great impetus will be given to this movement if you will support the plan of the State Garden clubs for a mid-south coastal park and game sanctuary, to be located in the sub-tropical region between Wilmington and Georgetown, S. C. If the influence of the two states can be brought to bear, we may get the par. Secretary Roper, Senator Smith, and Bernard M. Baruch are likely to be interested."

The Farmville Rotarians Attend Intercity Meet

Eleven members of the Farmville Rotary Club attended the intercity meet of which Farmville is a member, at Mt. Olive Tuesday evening. The Rotarians and Rotary Anns were most cordial and served a delicious chicken dinner, while the program arranged by president Thad Thigpen of the host club was most interesting and enjoyable. Other clubs in attendance were Goldsboro, Zebulon and Wilson.

Fred Green of Wilson led the singing and president Thigpen delivered the address of welcome, Faison Witherington following with much emphasis laid on the welcome. Fred Moser of Zebulon replied to the welcoming speeches, paying tribute to the Rotary Anns, and the rich country around Mt. Olive noted for its fine truck and food products.

Luther Massey, president of this group, number three, said that this group in his opinion was the best of the 57th district and had held three group meetings this year, which had been honored with the presence of Governor Charles Phillips, who was in attendance at this time.

Dr. M. M. Saliba of Wilson, candidate for Governor of the district, gave his interpretation of Rotary, its history, aims and purposes.

Colan Shaw Smith of the Mt. Olive club gave a clever exhibition in the art of magic, completely mystifying his audience and holding them spell-bound.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of the Governor, made a delightful talk, saying that she wished to have the recipe for the delicious strawberry shortcake served that evening.

Governor Charles Phillips discussed Rotary in a number of its phases, speaking of its progress and accomplishments internationally as well as at home bringing to the attention of the group many practical applications of its principles.

The Wrightville meeting to be held on May 29th, when the presidents and secretaries will meet at White Lake and proceed to Wrightville, where the season will continue through Tuesday, Henry Balk of the Goldsboro Argus, who is in charge of the trip to Boston June 26-30, where the International conventions is to be held, made a short talk, urging the members to attend.

Where would the average woman be if she took "no" for an answer?

Ask Appointment For Ex-Senator F. M. Simmons

Movement Started Sometime Ago Reported Making Satisfactory Progress

New Bern, April 26.—A movement started here some time ago by friends to obtain a federal appointment for former Senator F. M. Simmons is reported to be making satisfactory progress. Several high offices are being considered, it is said.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey is reported to be actively interested in the matter, and is being assisted by local friends and supporters of the New Bernian, who for 30 years was a member of the Senate, being defeated for renomination by Senator Bailey.

Prospects of securing a high position, without physical hardships, for the former Senator, are said to be good. It is pointed out that his name and reputation would be of advantage to the present Democratic administration.

Mrs. Mebane To Speak At Fair At Greenville

Greenville, April 26.—Mrs. Lillie Morehead Mebane, of Spray, has been chosen to make the opening address of the Community Fair, May first.

Mrs. Mebane will appear on the platform in the costume in which she was presented at the Court of St. James. She has traveled extensively in Europe.

She will be presented to the audience by Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, president of State Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Free Coinage of Silver Written Into Inflation Measure Before Senate

Mrs. Ross Nominated For Job as Director of Mint

First Woman to Become Governor, Also First to Hold Coinage Position

Washington, April 26.—Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming, the first woman ever to be a governor, was appointed today by President Roosevelt to another position no woman has held before—director of the mint.

In that capacity, she will be in charge of making all the gold, silver and copper coins used in this country. She also will supervise the assay offices to which gold is brought for conversion into money.

Her nomination was sent to the Senate along with those of Lawrence A. Steinhilber of New York, to be minister of Sweden, and Charles Wyanski, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be solicitor of the Labor Department.

Mrs. Ross was elevated to the governorship of Wyoming in November, 1924, succeeding her husband, who had died a few weeks before while in office.

Serving with distinction at the helm of a state more typified by its six-guns than by its femininity, Mrs. Ross filled the remaining two years of her husband's tenure and then met her first political reversal in defeat for reelection at the hands of the late Frank C. Emerson.

House Also Agrees To Limit Debate So As To Hasten Final Vote On Roosevelt's Program

Washington, April 26.—Free coinage of silver was written into the administration's monetary inflation legislation by the Senate late today after a turbulent session which ended in an agreement to limit debate and thus hasten a final vote.

An amendment proposed by Senators Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, and King, Democrat, Utah, was added to the measure to authorize the President to remonetize silver at any ratio to gold that he sees fit. The amendment provides, also, for free and unlimited coinage at that ratio.

The bimetalism clause was accepted by a vote of 41 to 26 after the provision of the inflation legislation authorizing the President to reduce the gold content of the dollar by as much as 50 per cent had been subjected to terrific opposition from Senator Borah, Idaho's Republican independent, and Senator Robinson, Republican, Indiana, had injected the cash soldier's bonus issue by offering an amendment to pay the war veterans out of the proposed \$3,000,000,000 of new currency.

Democratic leaders joined in supporting the bimetalism amendment, which drew 36 Democrats in all to its banner, four Republicans and the lone Farmer-Laborite, Shipstead, of Minnesota.

The four Republicans were Capper, Kansas; Cutting, New Mexico; Norris, Nebraska, and Nye, North Dakota.

Nineteen Republicans and seven Democrats opposed it, the latter seven being: Bailey, North Carolina; Bulkley, Ohio; Copeland, New York; Gore, Oklahoma; Stephens, Mississippi; Tydings, Maryland, and Wagner, New York. It was the first test on the inflation proposal since it was taken up Monday as an amendment to the farm bill.

After the vote, Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, leader of the opposition, moved to strike out the gold-content reduction authorization and all amendments to it. This will be the pending amendment when the Senate resumes debate tomorrow under an agreement limiting each Senator, beginning at 2 p. m., to 30 minutes of speaking.

Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, proposed the debate-limiting agreement and there was no objection, although Robinson of Indiana, refused to consent, when the Arkansas Senator previously made a similar motion, unless his bonus amendment were excluded from the limitation.

Senator Carter Glass, Democrat, Virginia, former Secretary of the Treasury and a conservative on money legislation, announced openly for the first time during the day that he would vote against the inflation plan, but was undecided whether to make a floor speech.

The veteran Virginia Senator, however, plainly indicated his opposition on the floor when he interrupted Borah to observe that the Federal Reserve system already had "ample facilities" to expand credits and currency by more than \$4,000,000,000, and added:

"If they will not do it now, why should it be expected that they will make use of this proposed \$3,000,000,000 of (credit) expansion when they do not expand when they have ample opportunity to expand?"

Jury Assail County Audits

Investigating Body In Pitt Calls One of These Reports a Farce

Greenville, April 27.—Comprising 19 typewritten pages, the report of the Pitt county grand jury, filed yesterday with Judge Henry A. Grady, was one of the most comprehensive documents ever released by such a body, not to mention several startling disclosures.

Getting down to the audits made for the year ending June 30, 1930, 1931 and 1932, the report declared that "cash balances have not been correctly verified and reported." It was found that the treasurer's office was holding a great many old checks, many of them dating back to 1928 and 1929, which the various audits failed to mention.

"We are of the opinion that any audit which does not disclose checks held for any period is a farce, and that the county should ask for refund in costs of audits made in 1930 and 1931," the report said, "and the present embarrassing situation would not exist if these audits had disclosed true reconciliation of the cash account."

The 1932 audit also came in for investigation and it appeared to the jury that this, too, was badly handled. The audit for the period July 1, 1932, revealed information as to checks in treasurer's office, the report announced. Referring more specifically to the last audit, the report read:

"This audit by Perkinson discloses that the treasurer held in his cash account, checks totalling several thousand dollars, many of them long standing. Among them were many checks for taxes which were no good, and these have been charged back."

The grand jury's report disclosed that eight individual bond investments made with sinking fund money appeared to be in default. These included towns of Ayden notes, town of Elizabeth City bonds, town of Grifton notes, drainage district No. 2 refunding bonds and No. 2 drainage district bonds.

"Pitt county has also defaulted in \$20,000 bonds due April 1, 1933, and we are informed will default May 1 in the amount of \$52,000 additional," the report declared.

Roofus—If you stood in my shoes, what would you do?
Rufus—I'd give them a shine, to start with.
Flapper Flo—Teacher, George Washington must have had a wonderful memory.
Teacher—Why so, Flora?
Flo—Cause, most everywhere you go you see a monument erected to his memory.

Bertie County cotton growers are concentrating on two varieties this season and will attempt to produce uniform staple that may be sold to North Carolina mills.

Burning off the land is one good way to eradicate profits. Trees cannot flee from fire but must stand and take it, says Extension Forester Graeber.

Farmville 4-H Club Wins First Place In County Contest

The Farmville 4-H Club girls won first place in the rendition of sacred selections in the annual county contest held on Friday evening in Greenville, with 13 schools competing for honors. The numbers used by the Farmville group were "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Follow The Glean."

The local club is composed of 40 members with 26 in the chours. Particular pride is felt by the director, Miss Alice Coggins, who was assisted by Miss Vivian Case, in the achievement of the choral group in that only 11 girls took part in the contest, the others being prevented from attending on account of the inclement weather.