

# UNITED STATES ARRANGING LONG-TERM PAYMENT OF ALLIES' WAR DEBT

Statement of Amounts Due the United States Includes Unpaid Interest—Live Question at Washington Conference.

A despatch from Washington says:—When the Washington Conference convenes, the American Government will have defined a policy contemplating the payment of the \$11,000,000,000 allied debt to the United States with full interest and providing for the refunding of the whole debt into definite long-term obligations.

With increasing persistency come reports from allied capitals that European delegates to the Conference will bring forward the proposal of reciprocal cancellation of war loans among the allies, or will use the question of the payment of the debt to the United States as a pawn in the negotiations on the limitation of armament.

A tabulation of the allied debts to the United States follows:

Armenia	\$ 12,969,786
Austria	24,777,380
Belgium	409,287,557
Cuba	9,205,900
Czecho-Slovakia	99,304,693
Estonia	15,388,813
Finland	8,880,265
France	3,634,911,801
Great Britain	4,573,621,642
Greece	15,000,000
Hungary	1,736,410
Italy	1,809,112,931
Latvia	5,519,249
Lithuania	27,568
Poland	5,479,790
Roumania	145,499,103
Russia	39,606,029
Serbia	218,721,857
Total	\$11,084,802,332

With a view to getting the debt-refunding legislation through Congress before the Conference meets, President Harding has accepted the proposed amendments to the bill committing the refunding to a commission and requiring the consent of Congress to the substitution of German or Austrian indemnity bonds for the benefit of any of the allies. The Administration approval will be conveyed to the Ways and Means Committee in a letter from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to-morrow.

The World War Foreign Debt Commission, as proposed under the amendment suggested by the Ways and Means Committee, would be made up of five members, one of whom would be the Secretary of the Treasury. The other four members would be appointed by the President, and any appointment other than that of a Cabinet officer would require the confirmation of the Senate.



MONTREAL HUNT CLUB ANNUAL MEET. This pretty picture was taken at the Fall Meet. It shows Mr. Gavin L. Ogilvie and Master Hugh Ogilvie, the youngest huntsman of the Meet.

## NEW AGREEMENT REGARDING REPARATIONS AFFECTS CANADA'S INTERESTS

Franco-German Arrangement to Pay War Claims in Kind in Place of Gold Will Alter the Entire Situation—Britain May Follow the Lead of France But Will First Consult Interests of the Dominions.

A despatch from London says:—The conclusion of the new agreement between France and Germany, whereby the latter country is to be allowed to make reparations in kind, instead of in gold, promises to alter the whole situation as it affects Canada's share of the German indemnity. The Dominion has within the past few months received one million pounds as its first and possibly its last money payment from Germany. This was the sum owing Canada because her troops formed part of the allied army of occupation on the Rhine after the Armistice, Germany being obliged by the terms of the armistice to pay all costs of that army's upkeep. Expenditures under this head were a first charge on the reparation moneys and have been discharged.

Under the Paris agreement Canada is not due to share again in the indemnity payments until the settlement of many other claims, which were given priority. The conclusion of the new Franco-German agreement, however, creates an entirely new situation, and it is said to be altogether probable that Britain will follow the lead of France and allow future payments to be made through some other medium than gold. Before this can be done, the interests of Canada and the other dominions must be consulted, Canada alone having a stake in the present reparation arrangement of some three hundred million dollars.

## UNITED STATES RAILROAD MEN ORDERED OUT ON GENERAL STRIKE

Half Million to Quit Work on October 30—Other Unions Joining Will Increase the Number of Strikers to Two Millions.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—More than half a million United States railroad men were Saturday night ordered to initiate a strike on October 30, while other unions whose memberships bring the total to about 2,000,000 announced that the men were preparing to follow suit.

Details of the plan announced for the progressive national strike gave the Eastern States at least two days of grace before the proposed walk-out would become effective in that region. The Pennsylvania and the Erie roads, included originally in the first group on which the strike was ordered, were removed from the list, thus excluding at the start all states east of Chicago and north of the Ohio River.

The strike orders were issued to the Big Five Brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful of the railway unions, and they specifically included mail trains in the walkout. Their provisions instructed strikers to keep away from railroad property, with a warning that "violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote, said to be upwards of 90 per cent., favoring a strike because of a 12 per cent. wage reduction authorized by the United States Railroad Labor Board on July 1st, and after it was declared by the Association of Railroad Executives in session here yesterday that a further reduction would be sought by the railroads. It was said that the strike decision was made before the announcement of this further intended out. Printed instructions as to conduct of the strike, issued in Chicago, were dated yesterday, October 14th.

"I fear it will be one of the most serious strikes in American transportation history," said W. G. Lee, president of the Railroad Trainmen.

Washington, October 16.—The Government is prepared to man and man the railroads if the nation-wide strike set for October 30th ties up the country's transportation system.

The use of the army and navy to protect those operating the roads in the emergency is certain to be evoked. Any molestations of the property or persons of the railways while the strike crisis lasts will be dealt with unhesitatingly, it was learned today. Administration leaders are understood to be of the opinion that drastic measures of this sort will be warranted by the situation caused by a general strike and will have the endorsement of the people.

## GREATEST TASK IS NOW ACCOMPLISHED

League of Nations Solves the Difficulty of Silesian Boundary Lines.

A despatch from Geneva says:—The Council of the League of Nations has reached a final decision on the Upper Silesian question, and has thereby accomplished the greatest task yet set for its consideration with greater despatch than many expected. The solution reached by the Council involves a new frontier line, together with certain measures providing for guarantees against the dislocation of existing economic conditions.



Second Woman M.P. in England. Mrs. Tom Wintringham, who was elected in the Louth by-election on Sept. 23rd., joins Lady Astor in the House of Commons as the second woman Member of Parliament. Louth is the seat that was rendered vacant by the death of Mrs. Wintringham's husband.

The members of the Council are confident that this solution is the only possible one and that it will at the same time roll away one of the dark clouds hovering over Europe and firmly establish the prestige of the league.

The text of the decision will be published simultaneously at Paris, London, Rome and Geneva, as soon as notified to the Berlin and Warsaw Governments. A courier left for Paris at once, conveying the document to M. Briand, president of the Supreme Council.

## Soldiers to Wear Poppy on Armistice Day

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Poppies will be worn by soldiers in uniform on Armistice Day. By order issued by the Department of Militia, permission has been granted to personnel of the Canadian Militia to wear a poppy in the cap, or if this is impracticable, it may be worn on the jacket.

## Freight Surcharge to be 6 Per Cent.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The Board of Railway Commissioners has issued the following statement: "In accordance with the judgment and order of the board, dated January 14, 1921, the rate of exchange in connection with shipments of freight between points in Canada and the United States from October 15 to October 31, inclusive, will be 9 1/2-32 per cent., and the surcharge on the said traffic will be six per cent. The rate of surcharge on international passenger business will be based on nine per cent. exchange."

## Shrinkage in Canada's Trade.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—During September, as compared with September a year ago, the total value of Canadian trade declined over ninety-two million dollars. For the six months ending September, in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year, the decline was over half a billion dollars.

## EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE TO BE ABOLISHED, SAYS LONDON PAPER

A despatch from London says:—The London Standard of Thursday says: "It is the intention of the Government to act on the recommendation of the Finlay Commission in favor of abolishing the embargo on Canadian stock cattle, although the Cabinet has not yet formally considered it. The feeling in Canada on the subject is intensely strong and the commission's conclusions will be held to outweigh the arguments of the cattle breeders of Great Britain, whose interests have been protected by the embargo for the last thirty years."

The same paper is authority for the statement that Canadian and United States ranchers are flooding the English market with cattle which must be killed on arrival. During the past six months over 36,000 head have been imported into the Mersey slaughter yards alone, whereas before March the number was negligible.

## COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE BY IRISH

Lord Castlemaire Gets £101,359 for Castle Destroyed by Sinn Fein.

London, Oct. 16.—It was announced to-night that the Athlone Assizes has awarded Lord Castlemaire £101,359 as compensation for the destruction of his residence, Moydrum Castle, by Sinn Feiners on July 3.

Other awards are £10,000 for the widow of Major Compton Smith, who was captured by Sinn Feiners in April last while on a sketching expedition in Blarney district and was subsequently shot, and £9,000 for the widow of Brigadier-General Lambert, who was shot while returning from a tennis party on June 20.

## PEACE CONFERENCE HOLDS SESSIONS

Great Secrecy is Observed but Result Appears Hopeful.

A despatch from London says:—The third session of the Irish Peace Conference was held on Thursday at 10 Downing street. That is the extent of the information officially available, and it is universally regarded as good news. If the same can be said at the end of next week a successful issue to the Conference is practically certain.

The whole British delegation was present, Chamberlain having recovered from his illness, and the hour and a half during which the session lasted was devoted to discussion of the work of the committee appointed at the last session to discuss breaches of truce. The question of the treatment of Irish interned in prison and the Irish demand for their release were also discussed, but so far no decision was reached. There has never been a Peace Conference at which greater secrecy was observed than at this one.

## Will Test Remedies in British Colonies

Berlin, Oct. 16.—A scientific expedition, led by Professor Kleine, is leaving for Africa for the purpose of testing new remedies for sleeping sickness. Professor Kleine is the first man to transfer the germs of this disease to monkeys from flies. A notable feature of this expedition of German scientists is that they will work in Rhodesia and other British colonies with the well-wishes and full co-operation of the British Government.

## "Broadening Out" the University.

During the past week the provincial university has undertaken to provide study classes in accordance with requests received from Junior Farmers' Institutes and Junior Women's Institutes in Cheltenham, Streetsville, and Brampton respectively. In each case the personnel of the classes will consist of young men and young women from the farms in the vicinity and in each case also the request is for instruction in English literature. Believing that such a movement towards higher education is one of the most encouraging signs of this new era, the University of Toronto is endeavoring to provide instruction in all cases of this kind so far as the size of its staff will permit. In this "broadening out" policy the university has the cordial support of the general public because it is everywhere recognized that the provincial university is in this way serving the interests of the province.

## Observe Silence on Armistice Day

London, Oct. 16.—The Government is arranging a celebration of Armistice Day on similar lines to last year. The principal ceremony will be held round the cenotaph in Whitehall, where wreaths will be deposited on behalf of the King, the Government, the Dominions and of India as representing the Government of the Empire. Two minutes silence will be observed at 11 o'clock in the morning throughout the United Kingdom.

The word "father" appears in the Bible nearly five times as often as "mother."

## GERMANS SADDENED BY LEAGUE'S DECISION

Fixing of Silesian Boundary Endangers Fatherland, Says Wirth.

A despatch from Berlin says:—In a voice filled with pessimism and infinite sadness Chancellor Wirth, discussing the League of Nations decision to give the Upper Silesian industrial zone to Poland said: "This act is not only a blow to the present German Government but has brought the whole German people into danger and is a calamity for the whole of Europe."

The Chancellor's tone and bearing gave an index to the nation's fears and anxiety. His eyes betrayed lack of sleep due to day and night conferences and he spoke with a depth of emotion frankly and openly in a manner rarely, if ever, found in an European statesman.

"Part of the Press and public are already proclaiming that Wirth must get out," he said. "But I haven't resigned because to do so now would bring added troubles to the country in a time of crisis. It is now up to the Reichstag to judge the Government's policies and their results."

## Mine Sweepers Again in English Channel

Paris, October 16.—Mine sweepers have again been called into use in the English Channel and off the French coast, following repeated warnings that floating mines have been sighted off Cherbourg.

The Olympic is said to have missed one of the mines by a few yards.

## Weekly Market Report

Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.28 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.26 1/2; No. 3, \$1.25.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 45c; No. 3 CW, 46 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 43c.

Manitoba barley—No. 3 CW, 66c.

All the above track, Bay ports.

American corn—No. 2 yellow, 50c; nominal, Bay ports.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 40 to 42c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$1.10 to \$1.15; No. 3 Winter, \$1.07 to \$1.12; No. 1 commercial, \$1 to \$1.05; No. 2 Spring, \$1.03 to \$1.08; No. 3 Spring, nominal.

Barley—No. 3, extra, 60 to 65c, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 70 to 75c.

Rye—No. 2, 96c.

Manitoba flour—First pats., \$8.10; second pats., \$7.60, Toronto.

Ontario flour—\$5.50, bulk, seaboard.

Milfeed—Del., Toronto freight, bags included; Bran, per ton, \$23; shorts, per ton, \$25; good feed flour, \$1.70 to \$1.80.

Baled hay—Track, Toronto, per ton, No. 1, \$23; No. 2, \$21; mixed, \$18.

Straw—Car lots, \$11, track, Toronto.

Cheese, New, large, 20 to 21c; twins, 20 1/2 to 21 1/2c; triplets, 22 1/2 to 23c. Old, large, 25 to 26c; twins, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2c; triplets, 26 to 27c; Stiltons, new, 23 to 24c.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 33 to 35c; creamery, prints, fresh, No. 1, 22 to 24c; No. 2, 39 to 40c; cooking, 22 to 24c.

Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 30c; roosters, 20c; fowl, 28c; ducklings, 30 to 35c; turkeys, 50 to 60c.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 19 to 21c; roosters, 16c; fowl, 16 to 20c; ducklings, 25c; turkeys, 50c.

Margarine—22 to 24c.

Eggs—No. 1 storage, 45 to 46c; select, storage, 50 to 52c; new laid, straight, 57 to 58c; new laid, in cartons, 60c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5 imp. gals., \$2.65.

Maple sugar, lb., 19 to 22c.

Honey—50-80-lb. tins, 14 1/2 to 15c per lb.; 5-7 1/2-lb. tins, 16 to 17c per lb.; Ontario comb honey, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 31 to 32c; heavy, 24 to 26c; corned, 13 to 14c; rolls, 27 to 28c; cottage rolls, 30 to 31c; breakfast bacon, 33 to 34c; special brand breakfast bacon, 32 to 45c; bacics, boneless, 42 to 47c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 19 to 21c; clear bellies, 18 1/2 to 20 1/2c.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 19 to 19 1/2c; prints, 21 to 22c. Shortening, tierces, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c; tubs, 14 to 14 1/2c; pails, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c; prints, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c.

Choice heavy steers, 36 to \$7.25; butcher steers, choice, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, good, \$5 to \$5.75; do, med., \$4 to \$5; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4; butchers' Beans—Can., hand-picked, bushel, \$4 to \$4.25; prints, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Heifers, choice, \$5.50 to \$6; butchers' cows, choice \$4.50 to \$5.50; do, med., \$3 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1 to \$2; butchers' hogs, good, \$3.50 to \$4; do, com., \$2 to \$2.75; feeders, good, \$4; milkers, \$5 to \$5.75; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$5; do, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$11.50 to \$13; do, med., \$9 to \$10; do, com., \$3 to \$6; lambs, good, \$8.50 to \$9.75; do, com., \$5 to \$5.50; sheep, choice, \$4 to \$4.50; do, good, \$2 to \$3.50; do, heavy and bucks, \$1 to \$2; hogs, fed, watered, \$10 to \$10.25; do, off cuts, \$10.25 to \$10.50; do, f.o.b., \$9.25 to \$9.50; do, country prints, \$9 to \$9.25.

Montreal.

Oats—Can. West, No. 2, 55 to 55 1/2c; do, No. 3, 54 to 54 1/2c. P. 1917.

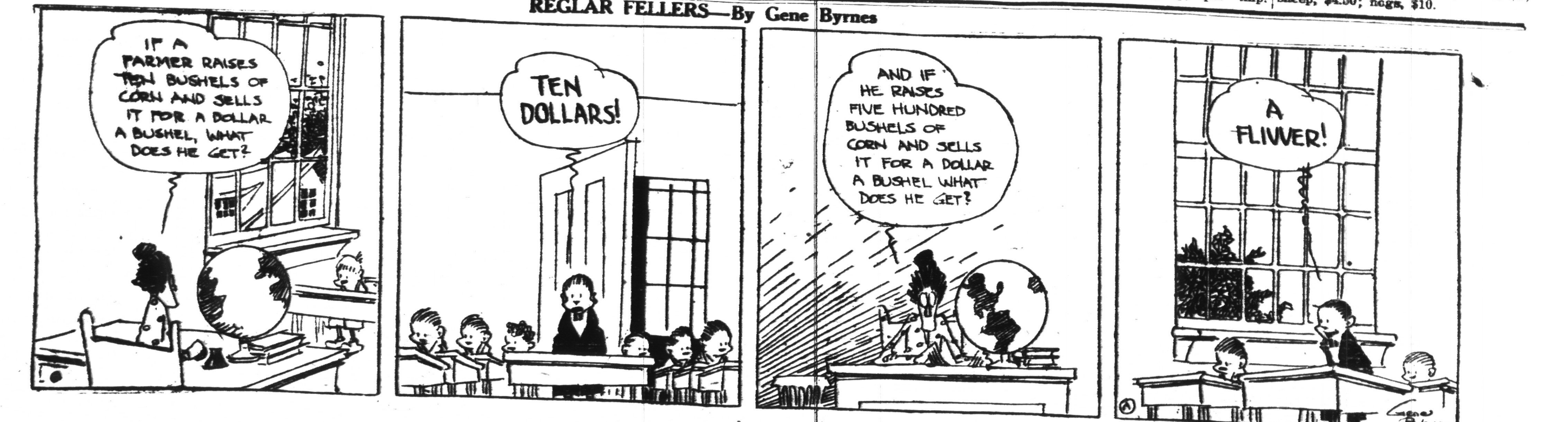
Spring wheat pats., firsts, \$8.10. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3 to \$3.10. Bran, \$23.25. Shorts, \$25.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$27 to \$28.

Cheese—Finest easterns, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Choiceest creamery, 33 1/2c.

Eggs—Selected, 47 1/2c.

Com. butcher cattle, \$2.50 to \$4; calves, \$3 to \$10; lambs, \$7.50 to \$8; sheep, \$4.50; hogs, \$10.



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