

Germany's Pleading For Financial Help Puzzles Country's Lawmakers

WONDER HOW WAR DEBTS ALREADY CANCELLED CAN BE REDUCED

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Senator Thos. Schall

Washington—Germany's plea for financial mercy from the World War victors seems to have fallen upon compassionate American ears, if expressions by the few senators and representatives in Washington between sessions of congress, are typical of national public opinion.

"Mighty little that I have heard from any of these lawmakers indicates that they think there is much in the United States can be expected to do it."

AS SENATOR THOMAS D. SCHALL, Minnesota's Republican member of the upper congressional chamber, put it: "Germany is crying out for reparations modification and subject to which I listen with deep sympathy. Yet if reparations modification be granted the Germans we know quite well that it will be upon the condition of corresponding modification of payments by the reparation beneficiaries to this country."

"Now, what can we grant in the way of war debt reduction? We have settled with England on the basis of 2-7-10 per cent interest for 62 years—and cancellation of the principal. We have settled with France on a 2-7-10 per cent basis and Belgium on a 1-1-10 per cent basis and cancellation of principal."

"REDUCTION" exclaimed the senator hotly. "How can we reduce what we already have cancelled?"

"Besides, we advanced the money that Germany has paid in reparations."

"And it has gone, cancellations and reparations alike, into increased European armaments, which, in turn, force us to build warships we otherwise would not need, for defense against some possible future old world conflict."

"Honestly," said the senator, "it is hardly believable that Europe will have the effrontery to ask us to wipe our 3-7-10, 2-7-10 and our 1-1-10 percentages in interest in addition to our 12 billions in principal—loaned by us, too, in considerable part, in France's case, after the war was entirely over."

AMONG DEMOCRATS— "Of the World war's victorious belligerents," said Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway of Arkansas, "the United States and Great Britain alone have made sacrifices in the cause of international rehabilitation."

"I voted for the war debt settlement with the British; opposed all others. I particularly resented the French terms because France's greed in all her post-war bargaining."

"Germany unquestionably is in dire need of reparations conceptions. Conditions of today not only are to the disadvantage of world economics; they are a threat against world peace."

"HOWEVER," ADDED the Arkansan. "The responsibility is not ours. We have made our contribution. And the British. As to those who have made none—"

and the senator left his sentence unfinished.

finished significantly. "There is such a thing," he continued after a pause, "as public opinion; stronger than armies. We saw it lately overthrow the oldest monarchies on long Europe. No government can long defy it."

"If France insists on her last found-of-flesh nearest the heart, hers be the peril. An honest, instructive, courageous population of 65,000,000 cannot be enslaved in safety."

THAT THE administration will be as resolutely opposed as lawmakers like Senators Schall and Caraway to further "debt reductions" (provided they are accompanied by hard armament cuts) is not so certain.

Senator H. B. Howell of Nebraska, perhaps the country's foremost authority on actuarial calculations, is, in an entire agreement with Senator Schall that the principal of all outstanding war obligations has been completely cancelled, leaving only a low rate of interest to be paid during the 62-year period, that they normally are to run. However, bookkeeping sleight-of-hand reduces the total, in terms of principal-and-interest.

"It is on the supposition that the distinction still exists that Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs, is quoted as tentatively favorable to a program of combined debt and armament reductions, although no distinction is made between the two."

NEVERTHELESS, IT IS true that the Idaho senator appears less irreconcilable than hitherto to joint consideration of debts and armaments, a policy toward which the White House generally is believed to incline, if the two can be inseparably connected.

Assuming that he is readjusting himself to debt cancellation, the Idahoan indisputably is an influential recruit for that school of thought.

Thus far it by no means is an absolute certainty that he is doing so.

In any event, it is an outcome which evidently will meet with plenty of opposition.

Calendar of Coming Events
Today: Opening of the State Convention of the American Legion and auxiliary in Pontiac; opening of Barnum pool.
Saturday, July 4: Birmingham Tennis Club tournament on club courts; special holiday programs at the Birmingham and Orchard and Pine Lake Country Clubs.
Monday, July 6: A meeting of the Grand Trunk celebration committee will be held at the Community House instead of at the Municipal building because of the Village Commission meeting. No meeting of the Gyrophets until September.
Tuesday, July 7: Members of the Birmingham unit of the National Farm and Garden Association, to visit gardens at the Community House.
Wednesday, July 8: Carillon concert by Anton Brees. There will be no meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club until September.

The Change
She was the ray of sunshine
That brightened up his life,
That dazzled till he asked her
To be his sunny wife.

Fortorn Figures
By CLIFFORD McBRIDE

Shorthand student, on first job, tries to take speech of stutterer.

Church News

First Presbyterian Church
Ten, Mile and Labor Roads
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
1101 1/2 Ave. West
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

United Presbyterian Church
Henry St. Evans, Minister
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

Chapel of the Holy Name
Rev. James W. Cotter, Pastor
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

First Baptist Church
Willets at Bates St.
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

The special guest preacher of the evening is the Rev. Gilbert North, one of the former pastors of this church. All people of the entire community are cordially invited.
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M. Everglades Institute.
Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. E. Marston, Pastor
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Wm. Farwell, Rector
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

Emory Methodist Church
Resolute Ave.
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward
Rev. G. Wozniak, Pastor
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

Christian Science Church
Center and Willets Streets
Worship at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

We can understand why a fool and his money are soon parted, but where he gets it is what gets us.
The Turkish bald proprietor is the man who earns a living by the sweat of his brow.
The honeymoon is over, in the opinion of a friend, when he stops calling her darling and calls her "saw."

Waitress—"Oh, I'm sorry I spilled water all over you."
Patron—"That's perfectly all right, the suit was too large anyway."

OBITUARY
MRS. ELIZABETH MACKIBBEN
Funeral services will be held Saturday for Mrs. Elizabeth Mackibben, who died at her home in Detroit Tuesday, Mrs. Mackibben, who was 72 years old, was born in Avon Township on her father's farm, now known as the Mark Hall farm on East Maple road.
As a child she attended the log cabin school at Council Corners, now Clawson. She was the daughter of the late John Donaldson, a ruling elder of the Crooks United Presbyterian Church. Her husband was the late James A. Mackibben.
For the past 45 years, Mrs. Mackibben was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Detroit, where she made her home. The Rev. Homer B. Henderson, former pastor of that church, will officiate at the funeral assisted by the present pastor, the Rev. Ralph Mansfield.

Undeserving
She—Anybody would think I was nothing but a cook in this family.
Her Husband—Unless they ate a meal here—Judge.

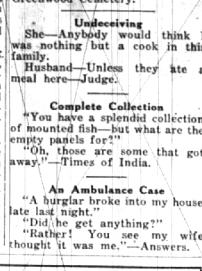
Complete Collection
"You have a splendid collection of mounted fish—but what are the empty pans for?"
"Oh, those are some that got away."—Times of India.

An Ambulance Case
"A burglar broke into my house late last night."
"Did he get anything?"
"Rather!" You see my wife thought it was me.—Answers.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Mortgage Loans	\$146,648.94	Capital	\$200,000.00
Loans to Birmingham Residents	218,657.63	Surplus	50,000.00
Collateral Loans	76,407.71	Undivided Profits	6,335.14
Market Bonds	122,000.00	Reserves	12,337.65
Cash and due from Banks	172,723.50	Deposits	578,643.01
Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	104,338.02	Bills Payable	none
Other Assets	6,540.00		
	\$847,315.80		\$847,315.80

Analysis of Security Behind Deposits

Assets as listed above	\$ 847,315.80
Additional Stock Liability	200,000.00
Total Security behind deposits	\$1,047,315.80
Total Deposits	578,643.01
Excess security over and above all deposits	\$ 468,672.79

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150% Security on All Deposits

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