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GERMAN BANKERS MAY HELP ALLIES FLOAT BIG LOAN

More important Pro-German financiers in Wall Street willing to participate, although smaller bankers would refuse to help Allies raise money.

New York, Sept. 13.—The pro-German element of New York's financial world probably will be invited to participate, if they signify that they desire such an invitation in floating the billion dollar credit loan which Great Britain and France hope to establish in this country.

The monied faction of this element, Wall Street heard, would be glad to have a chance to help, another faction, composed largely of middle western bankers with pro-German sympathies, would bitterly oppose participation in raising funds for the use of Germany's enemies, even though the money will all be spent in the United States.

This was the big feature in today's negotiations of the Anglo-French Financial Commission with Wall Street bankers who are endeavoring to assist in adjusting the foreign exchange situation.

Heretofore the commission has met and conferred with only such bankers as are pro-Allies in their sympathies and connections.

Some of the largest financial institutions in the United States, including the big banking house of Kuhn Loeb & Company, which is second in New York only to J. P. Morgan & Company, have thus far been excluded by this policy.

Apparently it would be useless to ask financiers with German sympathies to participate. Such a policy, however, was disavowed late today by Basil B. Blackett, secretary of the commission.

Mr. Blackett said he did not know who had arranged that none of the members of these firms should meet the commission, in fact he did not know that they are to meet the commissioners.

Overtures looking to the possible participation of Kuhn Loeb & Company in the loan, while not made today, were said to be in the making.

J. J. Hill, the railway builder and financier of the northwest, who has championed the cause of the commission and conferred with J. P. Morgan on the situation left Mr. Morgan's office this afternoon for the office of Kuhn Loeb & Company.

Mr. Hill discussed the loan with Mr. Schiff, though neither would state, after the meeting, the subject of the discussion. From another source it was reported that Kuhn Loeb & Company would not look unkindly on an invitation, in this instance, to join hands with the firm of Morgan & Company and participate in the loan.

A report directly to the reverse of this, however, also gained circulation. It was impossible to verify either.

By a financier, regarded as a leader among the half dozen or so really big pro-German banking houses of New York, there was voiced this opinion: "There is no doubt in my mind that many banking houses with Teutonic affiliations might be induced to take part in this undertaking (floating the credit loan) if asked, not because it would be helpful to the Allies, but because it is essential to the maintenance of the commerce and industries of the United States."

Sympathies with Kaiser, But Purse Speak for Uncle Sam.

Some pro-German bankers, high in the money councils of Wall Street, feel keenly the failure of their firms to receive invitations to meet the members of the commission. These bankers point out that they are primarily Americans, notwithstanding what their sympathies are in the European conflict; that their interests and the welfare of the United States are identical, and that if they have to choose between a continuance of American prosperity and hard times, they choose prosperity, no matter to whom they will have to lend money.

"Our sympathies and our hopes are with Germany in her struggle," a spokesman for this group said, "but our pocketbooks speak loudly for the United States."

It was the opinion of some of the pro-German bankers that the Anglo-French commission has made a grave mistake in placing its requirements so high as a billion dollars. Such a drain on the resources of the banks and other financial institutions of the country, they assert, would not only be unnecessary, but would constitute a menace to the monied interests of the country.

These pro-German bankers declined to discuss the attitude of the average German-American depositor toward any institution participating in the proposed loan, but they pointed out that German sympathizers constitute a very considerable part of the bank patronage in some of the larger cities of the country, and that not a few are to be found among the officials of such institutions.

It was hinted also that persons of Irish ancestry or birth figure importantly in the affairs of banking institutions in the west and along the Pacific coast. This element, it was intimated, would be none too friendly to banks participating in a loan to Great Britain and France. The hopes of the anti-British loan contingent

REOPENING OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Asquith to ask vote of \$750,000,000 in House of Commons today—Subject of Conscription brought up.

(Continued from page 1) Official admission was made today for the first time that the British cabinet is seriously debating the question of conscription. The announcement was made in the House of Commons when parliament reopened today by Premier Asquith.

The subject was raised when the motion for adjournment was made. It was brought up by both the opponents and the advocates of conscription.

Premier Asquith finally rose and announced: "This is not a matter which has escaped the attention of the government. When the government, without undue delay and with due deliberation which the gravity of the subject demands, have arrived at their conclusion they will be presented to the House and will then become the subject of parliamentary discussion."

The premier expressed regret that the question of the best way "in which this country shall meet the call to bring the war to a successful conclusion" had become a matter of public controversy. He hoped there would be no further debate on this subject for the present.

Premier Asquith rapped the knuckles of the officers, members of the House of Commons who recently returned from the front and signed a memorial urging that the government hasten to adopt conscription. The premier repudiated any desire to close their lips, but he added that "they ought to feel themselves under the most strict sense of responsibility."

"Let them remember," said the premier, "that they sit in the Commons, not as representatives of the army, but of their constituents. It would be a disgrace for them to feel themselves under the most strict sense of responsibility to come to the House with any mandate from the army. That would be an evil thing for the army, and a bad thing for the Commons. It is a claim I would never admit."

The vote of credit, which the premier would move tomorrow will, it is understood, be at least \$750,000,000, and possibly more. In the House of Lords, Field Marshal Earl Kitchener will review the progress of the war, and explain the present state of recruiting.

SMALL ADVANCE IN PRICE OF LIVING FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 14.—The report of the Labor Department on wholesale prices during August shows the cost of living to have made a further, though very slight advance. The index number is now 147.9 as compared with 136.3 in August last year.

The chief reason for the slight rise last month is the higher price for certain groceries, such as honey, glucose and cream of tartar. Textiles are higher, especially woollens and jute. Oilcloth is also up. Flax sewing twine made in Canada is high in price owing to the increase in the price of flax. Drugs and chemicals also showed advances. The chief fall in prices occurred in grain with a consequent slight average fall in the retail price of flour and bread. Animals such as cattle and sheep as well as eggs also display a decrease. Fruit and vegetables, tin, copper and a few other minor articles show slight declines.

CONTRACTOR KELLY WILL APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Winnipeg, Sept. 14.—Thomas Kelly can appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the lower court, requiring him to testify before Mathers Royal Commission. This permission was granted today, on the application of A. T. Sweetman, counsel for Contractor Kelly, by the Court of Appeals. The case will now go direct to the highest judicial body in the empire, and definitely carries the contention over for several months.

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ARRESTED IN GREECE AS RUSSIAN SPIES

Two French journalists charged with stealing documents and sending them to Petrograd.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—(Via Tuckerton, N. J., delayed in transmission)—A despatch to the Tagblatt from Athens says that great excitement has been created there by the arrest of two French journalists named respectively Pappas and Marion, charged with acting as spies in behalf of Russia. According to the despatch they are accused of having stolen since April, hundreds of official telegrams of the German embassy and also of King Constantine of Greece as well as some British telegrams, and sending copies of them to Petrograd.

Both the journalists and telegraph officials who were incriminated have been arrested, the despatch adds, and the investigation is still proceeding.

A despatch from Athens under date of September 6, reported the arrest of two men and a woman charged with trafficking in messages to King Constantine and the General Staff. It has been established, it was said, that German and Austrian messages had been sent to Russia and that also many despatches from the British Admiralty were reported missing. The accused were charged with playing a regular trade, the Athens advices state, giving information impartially to either side.

BRITISH PRESS BUREAU AGENT FOR ENFORCING OFFICIALS' PREJUDICES

London, Sept. 14.—"As constituted at present," the Globe says today, "the press bureau too often is the agent for enforcing trivial prejudices of permanent officials at the Admiralty, war and foreign offices. We do not suggest that the power of the press bureau be diminished, but rather that it should adopt a definite policy."

"The present director is a well meaning gentleman, but they are merely underlings whose duty it is to carry out instructions of government departments. We believe great improvements could be effected if a broad minded statesman were made director. He would need to be big enough to keep politicians and permanent officials in their place, as well as the newspapers, but would see that there was fair play and would have little sympathy with foolish restrictions."

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Ex-Cabinet Ministers' counsel may claim that criminal charge cannot be preferred against former Ministers of the Crown.

Winnipeg, Sept. 14.—There is said tonight to be a possibility that the counsel defending Sir Rodmond Roblin, Hon. Dr. Montague, George R. Coldwell and J. H. Howden may present the claim that criminal charges cannot be preferred against men who have been ministers of the crown, based on acts committed while in office.

One of the defending counsel admitted that this point had been considered. R. A. Bonnar, chief of the crown counsel, said he had considered this possible, and had decided that it was not good law to any of ministers, as it is said of Kings, that they can do no wrong. Mr. Bonnar added that he did not know of any previous case in the British Empire when ex-cabinet ministers had been prosecuted.

The greater part of the day was taken up with the presentation of documentary evidence, consisting of exhibits taken from the custody of the Royal Commission, and when the court adjourned at 4 o'clock to permit Sir Rodmond Roblin to attend the wedding of his youngest son, Captain Charles Roblin, this part of the case had not been concluded.

It is expected that the exhibits will be all presented by noon tomorrow, after which V. W. Horwood will probably be called as the first witness for the crown.

The children of that soldier in the trenches must be clothed and fed—the patriotic auction is for the patriotic fund.

HAD SURPLUS FROM SUPERANNUATION FUND

Toronto, Sept. 14.—The annual meeting of the Superannuation Fund Board of the Methodist Church of Canada was held this afternoon at the board's office. Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the church, presided.

The statement submitted showed that, despite the fact that annuities to superannuated ministers had been increased twenty per cent. during the past year, a surplus of nearly \$29,000 was carried forward to special reserve fund. The total of the permanent and special reserve fund now stands at considerably over \$600,000.

C. P. R. Suburban Service. On Saturday, Sept. 18th, and Sunday, Sept. 25th, Canadian Pacific will operate extra suburban train St. John to Welford and return. Going leave city 1:10 p. m. local time, returning leave Welford 8:40 p. m. All suburban stops.

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