

# The Evening Star

VOL. XVIII, No 237.

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1922

TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

## A BIT NEARER SECRETIVENESS

### Labor Board Chairman and Strike Leaders Confer

### President Harding Intervenes with a Proclamation—New Appeals for Troops—Fore- man Tarred and Feathered.

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, July 12.—Settlement of the rail strike seemed probably step nearer today when it was disclosed that secret conferences have been held between Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board and leaders of the striking shop crafts.

President Harding's intervention in the strike through a proclamation calling for protection of transportation and the mails was accepted as bearing much significance and expectant eyes were turned toward Washington and the labor in anticipation of further developments.

A telephone call from Washington for W. L. McMenimen, one of the three labor members of the board, was said by the Chicago Tribune to have come from the president. The telephone operator, the Tribune said, called the newspaper in an effort to locate Mr. McMenimen.

New appeals for troops were made to the governors of Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas, while Governor Boyle of Nevada was asked by the Union Pacific for state intervention in the strike at Las Vegas.

Disorders occurred at Chicago, Milwaukee, Sayre, Orrville, Demmon, and at Roadhouse, Ill.

At Algiers, La., four negroes working in the shops of the Southern Pacific were fired upon by a crowd of whites, thirteen of whom were arrested for violating the federal injunction. The prisoners denied they were strikers.

The situation at Bloomington, Ill., remained tense with troops holding the yards and shops. Frequent shootings and the general lawless attitude of strikers and large crowds of sympathizers kept national guardsmen on constant vigilance. Meanwhile city and county authorities were attempting to re-establish civil government.

B. M. Jewell, President of the Shopmen's Union, commenting on President Harding's proclamation, said that the end of the strike was to call a conference of railroad executives and shopcraft leaders. Tarred and Feathered.

Roadhouse, Ill., July 12.—Bert Dickson, night roundhouse foreman of the Chicago and Alton Railroad here, was taken from his home by a mob and driven two miles from the city in an automobile, and given a coat of tar and feathers. Dickson walked back to Roadhouse and went to Chicago.

Dickson is said to be a relative of W. G. Bland, president of the Chicago and Alton.

Sayre, Pa., July 12.—Leaders of the striking Lehigh Valley Railroad shopmen yesterday formed a "peace committee" to prevent possible outbreaks. The action was taken after a worker named Van Gorder had been chased from the entrance of the shops to his home by a crowd of men, and the stoning of another worker's home.

Keene, N. H., July 12.—Notices were posted last night at the Boston and Maine shops here announcing an indefinite shut down.

The Harding Proclamation.  
Washington, July 12.—President Harding, in a proclamation issued at the White House late last night, directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the U. S. mails."

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shopcraft employees and carriers, it was stated, "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies for such settlement is essential to the security and well being of our people."

The president took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroads in order to transport mail have the "same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

### NICE TODAY AT BISLEY RANGE

Bisley Camp, July 12.—(Canadian Press)—Beautiful weather prevailed here today and the conditions for shooting were excellent. The public schools are making a good showing in the Ashburton shield event, fifty-nine teams competing. This shield competition is open to one team of eight pupils from each of such schools as have a contingent of the junior division of the officers training corps. The shield was given in 1867 by the third Baron Ashburton.

The Canada challenge shield was won by the team from the depot rifle brigade with a score of 856. Eighteen teams competed. The public schools are making a good showing in the Ashburton shield event, fifty-nine teams competing. This shield competition is open to one team of eight pupils from each of such schools as have a contingent of the junior division of the officers training corps. The shield was given in 1867 by the third Baron Ashburton.

The Roberts challenge cup was won by the Pembroke team. It is a snap shooting competition, ten shots at 200 yards and a shot for in two stages. The first stage was shot on Tuesday and the first four teams then competed in the second stage today.

The public schools snap shooting competition was won by the team from Mill Hill.

### JAMES McLAUGHLIN.

The death of James L. McLaughlin, youngest son of John F. and Elizabeth McLaughlin of 41 Elliott row, occurred at his parents' residence this morning. Besides his father and mother he leaves to mourn two brothers, Harry L. and John F., both of the city, and two sisters, Mary B. and Evelyn C., both at home. The young man was well known and liked in the city and in his position as operator with the C. P. R. telegraph. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral. He had been in failing health for about a year. His many friends will hear with deep regret of his death.

HON. STANLEY BALDWIN.



President of the British Board of Trade, who is considering the contention of the British Seamen and Ships' Stewards that their hours of duty are too long. The sailors say they are on duty fifty-six hours a week and the stewards from ninety to ninety-six.

President of the British Board of Trade, who is considering the contention of the British Seamen and Ships' Stewards that their hours of duty are too long. The sailors say they are on duty fifty-six hours a week and the stewards from ninety to ninety-six.

## REACH CRITICAL STAGE AT HAGUE

### Ultimatum to Russian Delegation on the Restitution of Private Property.

(Canadian Press)

The Hague, July 12.—Continuance of the conference on Russian affairs depends upon the answer of the Soviet delegates to a virtual ultimatum which is to be handed to them either today or tomorrow by the representatives of the powers.

The ultimatum, taking the form of a list of questions, was unofficially communicated, brings up for final disposal the problem of restitution of private property in Russia. The Russians are asked to state categorically to what extent and under what practical conditions they will return the seized property to its former owners.

If the Soviet will not admit the principle of restitution, the French and Belgian delegates are convinced that further prolongation of the negotiations is useless.

M. Krassin is working with his conference in an endeavor to alter their stand sufficiently to save the conference.

LATER.  
The Hague, July 12.—The morning session of the conference on Russian affairs, which was devoted to the consideration of the private property question, broke up amid considerable confusion, many of the delegates declaring that Russian replies meant that the collapse of the Hague conference was inevitable.

No decision as to this, however, had been taken up to three o'clock this afternoon.

Maxim Litvinoff of the Russian delegation said on leaving the conference chamber that further meetings were unlikely as the non-Russians insisted upon the Russians making promises with regard to property compensation and giving guarantees which were impossible until the Russians knew what credits and loans they would be granted. He added that the peace pact would hold for one month after the last meeting.

M. Litvinoff declared that Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame of Great Britain, M. Alphand of France and other of the non-Russian representatives had insisted upon beginning work just where the Geneva conference began, and had made progress impossible by thrusting over old stalling and demanding replies from the Russians which they could not possibly make until the other powers told them what would be done financially by those powers toward Russian restitution.

"We can't say how long it will take to restore Russia until we know what our resources will be," Litvinoff insisted.

In the conference session today the president, after hearing the Russian explanation concerning the restitution of confiscated foreign property, announced that no useful purpose would be served in continuing the discussions. Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame of Great Britain said he would consult his colleagues as to whether any good could be served by a further meeting of the sub-commission on property.

## IRISH REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED AT CORK IS REPORT

(Canadian Press)

London, July 12.—A rumor that an Irish Republic has been formally proclaimed at Cork is printed by several of this morning's newspapers, under Belfast dispatch. It is not confirmed from any other source.

The isolation of southwestern Ireland is practically complete, and both the Republicans and Free Staters are imposing censorship so that their official statements comprises almost the only information reaching here.

## ELEVEN QUARTS FOR A QUARTER; YOU PICK 'EM

Milton, Ont., July 12.—A farmer south of Milton offers his cherries at twenty-five cents for an eleven-quart basket to those who will go to the orchard with their baskets, pick the cherries themselves and guarantee not to damage the trees. It is reported that thousands of baskets of cherries will rot on the trees in the Bronte district unless more pickers are secured.

## WALKER STEPS OUT PAST WILLIAMS

### Leads the American League Home Run Getters

### Chicago Tries to Get Back Running Races and Will Have Test Betting Case— British Golfers in U. S.— Late Sport News.

(Canadian Press)

New York, July 12.—The New York Yankees were separated from the leading Browns by only a half game today as a result of their 2 to 1 victory over the Polo Grounds yesterday. It was a hurling duel between Bush and Shocker, with the St. Louis finger having the edge. Two flukes, a home run by Ward, which bounced off Williams' glove into the left field bleachers, and a muff of Ruth's high fly, followed by a wild throw, gave the Yankees their winning margin.

Willey Walker of the Athletics is the new American League home run leader, displacing Ken Williams as a result of cracking out a circuit blow in each game a double, a homer and the Mackinnon score over Detroit, 4 to 2 and 9 to 8. Walker has 21 homers and Williams 20.

Faines held the Phillies to two hits, one a scorching home run, in a 10 to 1 eighth straight, 8 to 0, but the fast going Cardinals were unable to gain on the Giants, who stopped the Chicago Cubs winning streak, 4 to 0.

The Reds outdug Brooklyn from fourth place in the National League, beating the Dodgers' ace, Reuther, by 4, while the Boston Braves checked their losing streak by trimming Pittsburgh, 10 to 4.

Earl Smith's pinch hit in the seventh inning, a scorching homer, sent the Senators to beat Chicago, 8 to 2.

Guy Morton of Cleveland shut out the Red Sox, 2 to 0, with four hits.

Test Track Case.  
Chicago, July 12.—Reversal of running races in Chicago, including the annual American Derby, hinges on the official outcome of a race at the historic Hawthorne today, which has been planned by followers of two events at the Belmont Park track, which has been booked, and in fact, on him, it was said, depends the fate of racing. Just before the race a bet will be made by a city and the amount recorded by the bookmaker, although no money will change hands. The plan is to have the bookmaker arrested just after he records the bet. The event is sponsored by the Illinois Jockey Club, a new organization composed of prominent merchants and manufacturers, and a law firm has been engaged to handle the bookmaker's case when it is called in court.

Racing was stopped in Chicago, organizers of the new club said, because bets were accepted on the races conducted on other tracks. They contended that they will allow no foreign books and the decision will not apply.

The Golfers.  
New York, July 12.—J. H. Taylor and Alexander (Sanddy) Grant, famous British golf players, arrived today on the Olympic for an exhibition tour of the U. S. and Canada. They are to play their first match this afternoon at White Plains, N. Y.

Glencoe, Ill., July 12.—Today's qualifying round in the national open golf tournament, which was being conducted at the 218 first and 218 second courses, when it was found to be impossible to play over the course, which had been flooded by a heavy rain which showed signs of letting up at 10 a. m.

Grand Circuit.  
Tuldeo, July 12.—Racing in the Grand Circuit is scheduled to be resumed at 1 p. m. after a day's postponement due to a muddy track. As the result of the delay the programme will be moved back one day, which means that it will be necessary to occupy the entire week. In addition to the regular card of four races today, the 218 first and 218 second courses, which were stopped by rains after one heat had been run, are on the programme. Today's regular card consists of the 218 first and 218 second 212 trot, the Sherwood stake for three year old trotters and the 218 pace.

At Wimbledon.  
Wimbledon, July 12.—Miss Ryan and Randolph Lyett, of Great Britain will meet Miss Suzanne Lengden, the French women singles tennis champion, and Pat O'Hara Wood, of Australia, in the final round of the mixed doubles in the international grass court championships, both pairs having won today's matches in the semi-final round. The weather is fine.

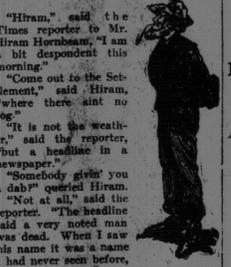
The finals in the men's doubles will be fought out by Gerald Patterson and O'Hara Wood against J. O. Anderson and Lyett, after which Miss Lengden and Miss Ryan will defend their title as women's doubles champions against Miss Kathleen McKane and her sister, Mrs. F. Stocks.

ACCIDENT CASES.  
It was reported from the hospital this afternoon that Policeman Walter McNeil, who was injured in a runaway on Dock street yesterday, had suffered a badly sprained ankle. An X-ray was taken and it was reported that he would probably be able to return to duty this afternoon. Edmund McLaughlin, of City Line, who was injured at Courtenay Bay on Monday, was reported to be improving this afternoon.

Frank Orr, a driver of one of the Canadian Oil Company's trucks, was injured yesterday when a step of the truck broke and he was thrown forward. It was said this morning that he had suffered a broken wrist.

A lady was thrown violently to the pavement this morning, when she tripped in stepping from the street to the sidewalk in Germain street. She was not badly hurt.

## As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Walker, "I am a bit despondent this morning."  
"Come out to the Settlement," said Hiram, "where there ain't no fog."  
"It is not the weather," said the reporter, "but a headline in a newspaper."  
"Somebody gives you a job?" queried Hiram.  
"Not at all," said the reporter. "The headline said a very noted man was dead. When I saw his name it was a name I had never seen before, to my knowledge."  
"You can't be expected to know everybody," said Hiram.  
"It is not that," said the reporter, "but the thought struck me that there may be a great host of people who have never heard of me—and know nothing about my splendid career."  
"That had to be too bad," said Hiram dryly. "They're missing a lot—ain't they? You ought to lay awake nights feeling sorry for them. Can't you get some radio feller to broadcast what a wonder you are?"  
"But they didn't believe it!" queried the reporter.  
"The sun," said Hiram, "wouldn't fall out of the sky—even if they didn't. You'd just say 'put up with it—yes, sir. This world is check fall o' folks just like you—that thinks more about themselves than anything else. That's the reason other folks think so little of them. As for headlines—I often wonder how you fellows that writes 'em kin keep from laughing your heads off—By Hen!"

## GIRL OF FOURTEEN IS A PREACHER

Belleville, Ont., July 12.—Mary Agnes Vitchstein of Pittsburgh, fourteen years of age, an evangelist who has been preaching to large crowds in the last five years, has arrived here and last night opened a four days' series of services in Victoria avenue Baptist church.

The church proved too small to hold the crowd who wished to enter.

The girl possesses a remarkable voice for public speaking. "I would not preach," she declared, "if I did not feel that the Lord speaks to me. I cannot speak unless I am under the power of God."

## EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, July 12.—Selling exchange steady. Great Britain, 4.85-5. Canadian dollars 14, per cent discount.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Beattie, 172 Tower street, west, wishes to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Yida A., to Reginald H. Elliot of Ontario, the marriage to take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram B. Hayes of the city, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Miss Ella Olivia Hayes, to William W. White, of the city, the wedding to take place soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Beattie, 172 Tower street, west, wishes to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Yida A., to Reginald H. Elliot of Ontario, the marriage to take place in the near future.

## MUNICIPAL MEETING.

A meeting of the municipal committee on finance and accounts has been called for Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, preliminary to the quarterly session of the municipal council in August.

## BASEBALL CHALLENGE.

The All-Stars challenge the East End Pirates to a game on the Crown street diamond on Friday evening at seven o'clock.

## Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by auth. of the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Since last evening a disturbance has formed over the upper Mississippi Valley and is now causing showers over the western provinces. The weather continues overcast and foggy in the maritime provinces and numerous thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and western Quebec, elsewhere the weather has been quite fine.

Forecasts: Fair; warmer.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, clearing. Thursday, fair and warmer.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate westerly winds, fair and warm today and on Thursday.

New England—Fair tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy, probably local thunderstorms. No much change in temperature, northerly to southerly winds.

Toronto, July 12.—Temperatures:  
Highest yesterday night 8 a.m. 56  
8 p.m. 52  
Lowest 46  
Prince Rupert 52 56 52  
Victoria 52 56 52  
Kamloops 52 56 52  
Calgary 54 74 54  
Edmonton 54 74 54  
Prince Albert 60 76 60  
Winnipeg 56 70 48  
White River 58 76 48  
Sault Ste. Marie 69 70 54  
Quebec 58 86 54  
Kingston 70 82 68  
Ottawa 76 88 62  
Montreal 78 86 62  
Quebec 54 86 72  
John, N. B. 60 60 54  
Halifax 62 54  
St. John's, Nfld. 72 54  
Detroit 76 86 68  
New York 77 76 68

## DULL SKY OVER BELFAST ON 12TH.

### Heavy Rain Mars Celebration of Orangemen

### A Holiday in the Six Counties— Resolutions Relative to Conditions in Ireland— Observance in Several Cities of Canada.

(Canadian Press Cable)

Belfast, July 12.—Leadens skies and a heavy rain in the early morning threatened to mar the spectacular features of Belfast's celebration of the Battle of the Boyne anniversary today. The entire city was taking a holiday. In fact, there was cessation of work practically throughout the six county area.

At all the demonstrations in the provinces, resolutions will be put condemning all unlawful acts of violence, deploring the anarchy prevailing in the greater part of Ireland, and demanding that adequate steps be taken immediately to restore peace and security and calling upon the northern government to adopt without delay all possible means to insure the safety and integrity of the six counties against all aggression.

In the Carrick hill area there were signs of unrest, which is considered ominous on the view of the celebration. Unity, which is the name of the band which was the scene of an attempt to kill a girl yesterday.

Toronto, July 12.—The day opened cloudy here with indications of rain in Toronto, but it did not materialize. Reports from other centers indicate plans for enthusiastic celebrations.

Halifax, N. S., July 12.—While the city is making no general observance of the "glorious twelfth" several provincial towns are celebrating with the usual parade of Orangemen. Truro is in gala attire to greet hundreds who traveled to the hub on special trains, from Halifax and Springhill Junction.

Local members of the Royal Orange Lodge celebrated on last Sunday with a special church parade and service in Dartmouth.

Moncton, N. B., July 12.—About 200 local Orangemen accompanied by the City Silver Band left this morning by special train for Cape Tormentine where the county lodges will celebrate. Orangemen from towns en route are also going to Cape Tormentine for the day.

Woodstock and Elsewhere.  
Fredericton, N. B., July 12.—The most pretentious celebration of the "glorious twelfth" in the central portion of New Brunswick today is being held at Woodstock in connection with the annual summer carnival there, while on the Upper St. John valley the principal celebration is at East Florenceville. At Kinslear a new hall built by Thomas Logan, named after the late A. Duncan Grant, at one time N. B. grand master, is being dedicated by H. T. Brewer of Fredericton, deputy grand master, and some other grand lodge officers, including Grand Chaplain Rev. Dan Jones. Past Grand Master David Hipwell of St. John and C. D. Richards, M. L. A., of Fredericton.

Planelles are also being held at Stanley Burt's Corner and elsewhere in York county, while the Sunbury county lodges are joining with the Q. B. A. at a picnic at Fredericton Junction.

## OBSERVANCE OF JULY 12 HERE

### Picnic at Grand Bay and Celebration at Lorneville— Nothing in City.

In spite of the poor weather prospects this morning there was a good turnout of the Orangemen on the nine o'clock and noon trains for Grand Bay where Willis Lodge, No. 7, of Fairville, is holding a picnic in honor of the "Glorious Twelfth." More than 100 were on the morning train and above 100 on the noon, while a still greater number are expected this evening. The lodge members wore their regalia. A good programme of sports has been prepared for the afternoon and evening and the Fairville band is in attendance.

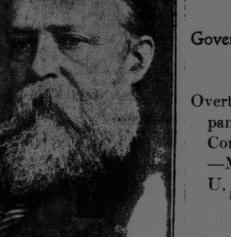
There was no city celebration of the day but many of the members of the local lodges are attending the picnic at Grand Bay.

The lodges at Lorneville, Mount Purple, Coronation and the "Prentice Boys," turned out in good numbers for a parade from the Mount Purple hall through the village to the hotel of R. W. Dean where dinner was served and the members of the lodge marched to the hall. Speeches by several prominent men are the feature of the afternoon at the Mount Purple hall.

## ROTARY PICNIC.

About sixty Rotarians left in automobiles at two o'clock for Canon R. A. Armstrong's summer home at Lakeside for a Rotary picnic. A lively programme of sports including indoor baseball, running, swimming and other favorite forms of indoor and outdoor sport was planned. The Rotarians will have supper there, returning to the city this evening.

## SAYS GERMANS ARE DECEITFUL



Sir Edmund Walker of Toronto, noted Canadian banker, who has just returned from Europe. He says the French are working hard, but declares that German politicians are deceitful, and that many Germans still dream of world conquest.

## WHO KNOWS OF A WOMAN OR GIRL MISSING?

### Mayor McLellan Asks Information in Connection with Trifts Murder—Phases of the Case.

Mayor McLellan said this morning that he would like to have any information that may have regarding any female member of the family or female boarder being absent or missing since the night of the Trifts murder.

"Nothing new" was the report from detective headquarters today regarding the Trifts murder case. The detectives were working on several clues and sitting along that road some little time ago and the tread of the tires was examined closely. Though there were several distinctive marks none of them could positively be identified as having been those of the murderer car. The clay in some places resembled to some extent that on the wheels of the Trifts car, but was slightly different in some degrees. Several persons residing in that vicinity were interviewed and some information obtained from them.

With regard to the tires, the combination was rather unusual and one that might easily be traced if the impressions were clear. The right rear wheel was shod with a K. & S. supreme cord tire, and the three other wheels with Goodyear all-weather diamond tread tires. So much time has elapsed since the murder and so much rain has fallen that the chances of detecting tracks made by these tires are very slight.

F. M. Weston, fingerprint expert of Halifax, said last evening that positively no full print of the essential part of any of the murderer's fingers could be secured from any of the smudges inside the motor car. There had been fingerprints there, but time had obliterated some of them, and others of them on the leather cushions were absorbed to such an extent that they were valueless. Several of the prints had been made by a bloody hand. One of the impressions made on the glass in the rear of the car he thought had been made by a woman's hand. He expressed regret that so many had handled the car, which hindered him from getting the full scope needed for his work.

## PLUCKY ACT OF BOY AT SHEDIAC

### Risks Life to Save Miss Therrault from Drowning— Both Saved.

Moncton, N. B., July 12.—While bathing near Shediac on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Therrault of that town narrowly escaped being drowned and her rescuer, a young boy, has lost his life but for assistance.

Claude McArthur, aged thirteen, son of J. McArthur, hearing the young lady calling for help, dived into the water. She sank before he reached her. Diving, the lad brought her to the surface, and started to swim to shore with her, but feeling that he would be unable to reach land called for assistance. Alpha White, hearing his call, swam out and rescued them.

## DETROIT'S MAYOR PLANNING TO GAIN CONTROL OF SERVICE CITY.

Detroit, July 12.—Mayor James Couzens, exponent of municipal ownership of public utilities, is planning to gain control of the Detroit City Gas Co. for the city, when the company's franchise expires next year.

The city recently took over the street railway system after a strenuous campaign for that action by the mayor. The gas company's property is estimated by city officials to be worth \$30,000,000. No announcement of the mayor's plans for financing the programme was made. The proposal would go to the voters in the fall election of 1923, at which time the mayor's term of office expires.

## BRITAIN AND ITALY TALK THINGS OVER

Rome, July 12.—Foreign Minister Schanzer addressed the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies yesterday, saying that his conversations at London, when he has just returned, brought about a distinct clarification of the situation between Italy and England. Questions pending between England and Italy were the mandates in Palestine and Mesopotamia, encouragement of Italian agreements in Asia Minor, the matter of the Tanager, Egypt and Cyrenaic frontiers.

## LUMBER RE-SOLD.

Lumber sold to the French government during the war period and piled along the C. N. R. in the vicinity of the cattle shed, have been re-sold to private interests and are now being removed. A crew of fifty men are engaged moving the lumber.

## FIND BRITISH DEBT TO THE U. S.

### Governments Reported to be in Negotiation

### Overtures Said to be Accompanied by an Invitation to Conference in Washington— Mission May Be Sent to U. S. Capital.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, July 12.—The question of finding the British war debt to the U. S., reported to be under consideration by the British government, is given prominent notice by the newspapers this morning.

Overtures for the funding of the debt were made by the U. S. government some time ago, according to the Times, these being accompanied by an invitation to a conference in Washington.

The Daily Mail asserts that important communications are now passing on the whole subject between the two governments, adding that a British mission will leave soon for the U. S. to discuss the question, and while there also talk over the possibility of an international economic conference in Washington.

The Morning Post's financial editor welcomes the evidence that the funding plan, which has been advocated for some time by the Post, is now receiving attention. "Unquestionably this matter plays an important part in the whole problem of international indebtedness," he says, "and it is very clear that America is looking to Great Britain to give a strong lead to recognition of these external obligations."

The writer, however, ridicules the report that repayment of the debt to America in a lump sum in the near future is contemplated, adding: "We must remember that, apart from the question of beginning the liquidation of our large debt to the U. S. in the autumn, we have smaller obligations to meet during the present year. It is understood that there is a liability of something like three million pounds due to Japan, while there is a large line of three-year British notes in America, which will mature on November 1, amounting to \$20,000,000."

"It will readily be seen, therefore, that while it is generally believed the British government's stock of dollars in America is fairly large, there is every reason to maintain a strong position in that respect."

The French Position.  
New York, July 12.—Bringing the message that France will pay her debt, and adding that "it is not dependent on Germany," Jean V. Parmentier, official representative of the French government, arrived yesterday on the S. S. La Savoie on his way to Washington, as an adviser to the inter-allied debt funding commission.

"If Great Britain and the U. S. press France for her payments to Germany then the franc will drop and create a situation so bad that I will not dare talk about it now."

## DETROIT'S MAYOR PLANNING TO GAIN CONTROL OF SERVICE CITY.

Detroit, July 12.—Mayor James Couzens, exponent of municipal ownership of public utilities, is planning to gain control of the Detroit City Gas Co. for the city, when the company's franchise expires next year.

The city recently took over the street railway system after a strenuous campaign for that action by the mayor. The gas company's property is estimated by city officials to be worth \$30,000,000. No announcement of the mayor's plans for financing the programme was made. The proposal would go to the voters in the fall election of 1923, at which time the mayor's term of office expires.

## BRITAIN AND ITALY TALK THINGS OVER

Rome, July 12.—Foreign Minister Schanzer addressed the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies yesterday, saying that his conversations at London, when he has just returned, brought about a distinct clarification of the situation between Italy and England. Questions pending between England and Italy were the mandates in Palestine and Mesopotamia, encouragement of Italian agreements in Asia Minor, the matter of the Tanager, Egypt and Cyrenaic frontiers.

## LUMBER RE-SOLD.

Lumber sold to the French government during the war period and