WHO WISHED TO CANCEL LOANS MADE FOR WAR?

No One Can be Found in Britain Who Made the Proposal is Claim.

UNITED STATES SAYS ONE NATION DID SO

Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain Refused to Give Any More Information on Issue.

London, Feb. 7.—An inquiry carried out in official circles with reference to the statement by Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his speech at Birmingham last Friday night, that the United States Government had vetoed a British suggestion for a general writing off of inter-Allied obligations tends to shoy that the Chancellor's declarations was based on misinformation.

It became known late today that one British official who checked up the date at the Treasury during this afternoon, found that the matter had never been made the subject of formal exchange between the British and United States Governments.

Chamberlain is Silent.

Mr. Chamberlain declined today to amplify or comment upon the statement he made in his Birmingham speech.

In another reliably informed quarter it was declared that the matter had only come up in informal discussions between Allied financial representatives at the Paris peace conference, where the writing off was first suggested by the French to the United States representatives, and by them to the British. This was said to have occurred in February and March, of 1919.

Americans Were Opposed.

A year later when the British Treasury was engaged in a general discussion of Allied financial settlements the writing-off proposal was informally referred to United States Treasury officials by the British Treasury, but the United States officials conveyed an informal intimation, it was stated, that negotiations along that line probably would lead to unfavorable considerations on the part of the United States Government. It was then formally recommended, according to this informant, that the question of writing off the debts had been informally raised, but that in view of the United States' attitude the British had decided the point would never be made the subject of formal discussions.

Nation Wanted Loan Cancelled

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Houston disclosed to the Senate judiciary committee today that "one nation" had requested the United States to cancel its war loan to that power.

"What nation?" demanded Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri.

"I prefer not to say," Mr. Houston replied.

How They Stand.

Secretary Houston informed the committee that while it was his policy not to establish additional credits for foreign governments, if requests were made for advances on credits already established, there was a possibility that payments would be made under "solemn commitments" already entered into.

The Treasury Secretary estimated that $75,000,000 was the total of authorized credit not yet absorbed. Great Britain has taken its full amount, he said, but France, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Greece and Liberia have balances with the treasury.

SLEEPING SICKNESS VICTIMS

Boston, Feb. 7—Sleeping sickness added two more to the death list over the week-end bringing the total of deaths from this cause here and in nearby places to eight. Twelve other cases of the disease have been reported.

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Board of Trade Luncheon Rally

Large Number Attend "Get-Together" Gathering Last Night.

One of the most notable gatherings in the recent history of the St. John Board of Trade took place at the Knights of Pythias Castle last night, when upwards of 300 members of the Board and many friends took part in a Rally Luncheon, and went through a most enjoyable programme. Some interesting speakers were on hand and their speeches had the merit of being short and to the point. A pleasant feature of the proceedings was the interpolation between the various toasts of some very enjoyable singing, which was joined in most heartily by all present, while D. Arnold Fox accompanied.

The President of the Board, W. F. Burditt presided and he was supported by Premier Foster, His Worship the Mayor, and City Commissioners, and several ex-civic officials and chairmen of the Board of Trade. In the course of his remarks he referred to the excellent work that the Board had been able to accomplish for the good of the city, but he said there still remained a great deal yet to be done. The simplest way to get this done he thought would be to obtain the co-operation of all the other organizations in the city, as by joint effort there was more probability of getting what they wanted carried out. The gathering was intended to stimulate interest in the Board and its work and he earnestly hoped that all present who were not members of the Board would become such and use their influence to help on the work the Board was endeavoring to do in the interests of the city and community.

The Toasts.

The toast of The King was drunk with musical honors. The toast of the Port and The Province was proposed by H. C. Schofield, and in the course of his remarks he said that the work of developing the harbor of St. John commenced in 1892 but it was not until 1895 that any export trade of any consequence began to come through from Western Canada. At that time the value of the exports amounted to $3,500,000, at the present time the value exceeds $200,000,000. The amount paid in wages for labor at the port is in round figures $3,000,000 annually. Unfortunately the present equipment of the port is inadequate to its needs, and it is most essential that the most modern facilities be provided if the expansion of the port is to be accomplished. The question of harbor management had been a bone of contention for years, and he did not think that matters were sufficiently well understood by the citizens and it should be the duty of the City Council to take steps to have the whole matter placed before the people in a concrete form so that they might vote intelligently on it. The C. P. R. had made some improvements and would make more, but they were unable to do anything until some definite plan for the future had been decided on. There are at present no facilities suitable for handling passenger traffic, which was a great drawback. He trusted that the whole matter would be taken up at an early date and dealt with so that work might be commenced and go ahead.

Premier Foster.

Premier Foster replied. He said he had been advised that ten minutes was the time allotted to him, but to deal with matters relating to the port alone would take several hours, and if he had to go on to talk about provincial matters also, he would want all day. All would admit that the Board of Trade had done some excellent work for the city. It had been in existence for 99 years and during that time had seen many other organizations come and go, and had outlived them all. The port of St. John had been a prominent question for the last 25 or 30 years, and matters relating to it had figured in practically every election that had taken place in that time. The development of the port was not a provincial matter only, it was one of Dominion-wide importance. It had been the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden when in office to promote trade by the all-Canadian route, and part of their agrements with all railways that the Government had given financial aid to, was that the traffic over them should be brought wholly through Canadian ports.

National Ports.

He believed in all ports being nationalized. It was a matter of national concern that the trade of the country should be conducted through Canadian channels, and for this reason the country should undertake the maintenance of the national ports through which this trade had to pass. With regard to Harbor Commission, he was not by any means well enough versed in the barious matters connected with it to discuss or vote upon it intelligently. He thought that the City Council should have a synopsis of the matter prepared for circulation with all the facts and proposals set out, so that the public could make themselves fully conversant with it. The matter of charges should be carefully looked into, so that no discrimination might be made for or against this or any other port. If the council would call in the assistance of presidents of the other city organizations, the Board of Trade, Commercial Club, Rotary Club and so on, and prepare a statement showing the exact situation regarding the harbor and what was proposed and so on, the public would then know just what was before them.

Speaking for provincial affairs, as head of the Government he felt his responsibility, but in the present reconstruction period, the province must go ahead, it could not be allowed to stand still, no matter what it cost. He dwelt briefly on the road work now being carried on and other matters of development, particularly Hydro-Electric, which he hoped to see carried out satisfactorily in the near future.

"The City of St. John."

The next toast was the City of St. John, by M. E. Agar, which was drunk to the accompaniment of a song "For St. John." In speaking to the toast Mr. Agar necessarily had to cover a good deal of the same ground that had been gone over by previous speakers, but he put the mater very interestingly and forcibly nevertheless. He dwelt upon the excellent work the Board of Trade had done on behalf of the city and upon the necessity of increasing its usefulness and prestige.

The Mayor.

Mayor Schofield replied and said he did not think that he had ever felt prouder in his life than he did at that moment, when called upon to address on behalf of the city, so large and representative a gathering. Greater unity of action among the various city organizations would broaden the outlook and make development and progress nearer. With such a big representation of the various bodies as was present on that occasion, greater unity should be easily attainable. There should be a committee made up from the various organizations that would act as a kind of clearing house which would be of great assistance to the City Council, by the interchange of ideas. He was glad to hear the Premier speak so hopefully of the prospects of Hydro-Electric development, as it would give the people an opportunity to test the relative costs of water as against steam generation. But he warned his hearers not to expect too much in the way of cheap power. The development of the port was a matter of the first importance not only to St. John, but as a national concern. Every part of Canada is interested in the national ports and must aid in their development and maintenace. Speaking of city matters, there had been a good deal of criticism levelled at the council, but a short time ago a Dominion Government official was in the city and he (the mayor) took him around in his car when the official expressed the opinion that St. John had more and better streets than any other city of its size in the country. This remark brought forth some rather jocular remarks, when His Worship explained "of course I was very careful what streets I took him along," which caused much laughter.

City Improvements.

Continuing His Worship said he could say that the plans for the new station were well under way, and also that some improvements in the other end of the city were also contemplated but he was not in a position to say much regarding the latter as yet. Commissioner Frink had an extensive programme on hand and when he got through with it, he (the mayor) thought the people would be satisfied. What improvements they got depended on what taxes they were prepared to pay.

The Toast of the Board of Trade was proposed by W. S. Fisher and responded to by Geo. E. Barbour. The ground that these speakers had to cover had been gone over pretty thoroughly by those who preceded them, but they managed to treat the subjects from a slightly different view point, which made their remarks very interesting.

This concluded the special part of the programme and the ordinary business of the regular board meeting was entered upon.

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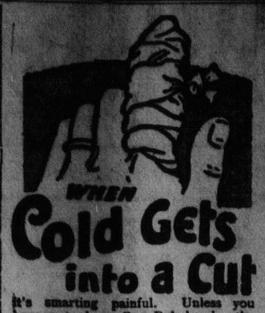
DIED.

EDGECOMBE—At the residence of W. H. Humphrey, 111 Hazen street, on Sunday morning, February 6, John Edgecombe, aged seventy-eight years, leaving to mourn two sisters and three brothers.
Funeral on Tuesday. Service at Trinity church at 3.30 p. m.

MILNE—In this city, on Saturday evening, February 5, 1921, at her residence, 9 Goderich street, after a brief illness, Susan, wife of George Milne, in the 58th year of her age, leaving her husband, four sons and two daughters, three brothers and three sisters to mourn.
Funeral from the late residence Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

COLWELL—Suddenly at Wickham, Queens Co., N. B., Cathleen, only daughter of Capt. B. R. and Mrs. Colwell, in her 13th year, leaving besides her parents, three brothers.
Funeral Wednesday at 1 p. m. Burial at Cambridge.

PORTER—At Lacerne, British Columbia on 31st January, Collins B. Porter, of Long Reach, Kings Co., N. B., leaving three sisters and four brothers
Funeral will be held at St. James' church, Long Reach, on afternoon of Wednesday, February 9th, after arrival of Valley train at Brown's Flats.



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Plea For Murderer To Be Made Today

Case of Newman Clark, Sentenced to Hang, Coming Before Court of Appeal.

Special to The Standard

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 7 — The docket for the Court of Appeals, which opens in this city tomorrow, follows:

Motion Paper

1. The King vs. Newman Clark. Mr. W. P. Jones, K.C., to move for leave to appeal and to have case reserved.
2. The King vs. Steve Procucupk. Mr. D. Mullin, K.C., the like.
3. Emerson, et al, executors, and C. vs. Clark. Mr. P. J. Hughes for plaintiffs to move for rule for security of costs of appeal.

Crown Paper

1. The King vs. C. A. Steeves, Police Magistrate, Moncton, ex-parte Isadore Cohen. Referred by Mr. Justice Crocket. Mr. A. A. Allen to show cause against and Mr. E. Allison Mackay to support, order nisi to quash conviction.
2. The King vs. W. Limerick, Police Magistrate, Fredericton, ex-parte Whittier Kelly. Referred by Mr. Justice Crocket. Mr. P. J. Hughes and Mr. G. T. Feeney the like.

Appeal Paper—King's Bench Division

1. Garson, doing business as H. J. Garson and Co. vs. Harris, doing business as Harris and Co. Mr. K. A. Wilson for defendant, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant, or for a new trial.
2. Keays vs. Doyle. Mr. M. G. Teed, K.C., for plaintiff, to move to set aside verdict for defendant and enter verdict for plaintiff, or for a new trial.
3. Woods vs. Finley. Mr. J. J. F. Winslow for plaintiff, to move to set aside order of Mr. Justice Barry setting aside writ of summons and seizure in replevin.
4. Fraser vs. McEachren. Mr. J. F. H. Teed for plaintiff, to move to set aside, in part verdict for defendant and enter verdict throughout for plaintiff, or for a new trial. Mr. P. J. Hughes for defendant to support cross appeal for verdict for defendant on all issues.
5. Emmerson, et al, executors and C. vs. Clark. Mr. C. F. Inches for defendant, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiffs and enter verdict for defendant, or for a new trial.
6. Turnbull vs. Saunders. Mr. P. J. Hughes for defendant, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant, or for a new trial.
7. Hayes vs. Heans, et al. Mr. K. A. Wilson for defendants, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendants, or for a new trial or for reduction of damages.
8. Brawley vs. Waterbury. Mr. W. B. Innes for plaintiff, to move to set aside verdict for defendant and enter verdict for plaintiff, or for a new trial.

Chancery Division

1. Barrett, et al, vs. Prudential Trust Co., et al. Mr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., for defendant. Inches to support appeal from judgment of Mr. Justice Grimmer.
2. Cohen vs. Congregation of Hazen Avenue Synagogue. The plaintiff to support appeal from judgment of Mr. Justice White.

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Halifax, N. S., Feb. 7.—Slamming the door in the masked face of a gunman, James Stewart, a clerk, saved $700 which he had in his possession When he was about to close Isnor Bros.' clothing store on Agricola street, Saturday night. Stewart shouted for help and telephoned the police station with such good effect that there was no trace of the highwayman when the police arrived a few minutes after the attempted holdup.

BURGLAR IN FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 7.—The police are looking for a mysterious burglar who entered the home of Alderman C. C. Camp, York street, on Saturday night shortly after midnight and stole jewelry valued at over $600 as well as a sum of money, an overcoat and a pair of gloves belonging to one of the boarders at his residence.

verdict for plaintiff, or for a new trial.

Sackville Board of Trade Elects Officers

Standing Committee for the Year Are Chosen With Mr. H. Berman Presiding.

Sackville, Feb. 7 — The Board of Trade Council met in the council chamber. The president, Mr. H. Berman, presided, and other members of the executive present were: A. B. Copp, M.P.; K. S. Pickard, E. R. Richard, S. W. Copp, C. C. Avard, C. M. P. Fisher, R. G. Henderson, Dr. Hart and Secretary-treasurer, J. Sheldon.

The chief business before the meeting was the nomination of standing committees, which resulted as follows:

Merchants—C. W. Cahill, G. E. Fawcett, O. C. Milner.

Railway and Shipping—A. B. Copp, F. B. Black, C. C. Campbell.

New Industries—A. E. Wry, H. M. Wood, C. W. Fawcett.

Membership—R. G. Henderson, H. A. Ford, B. C. Tilsworth.

Town Improvements—C. M. P. Fisher, H. H. Johnston, J. L. Dixon.

Immigration—R. Trites, E. P. Smith, S. W. Copp.

Publicity—A. H. McCready, K. S. Pickard, C. C. Avard.

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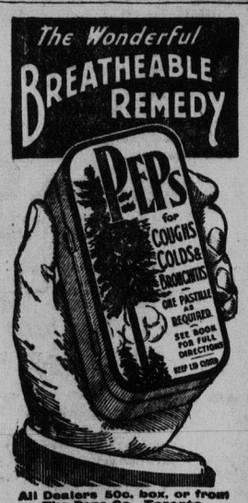

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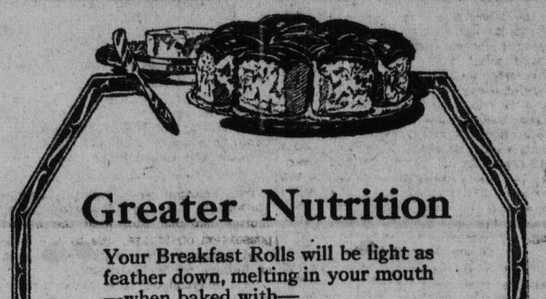

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Insurance Issued	52,268,849	" " "	12,097,629
Assets	33,220,910	" " "	3,865,280
Policy and Annuity Reserves	28,121,625	" " "	3,450,800
Income	8,630,545	" " "	1,545,410

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Hearing for Thefts.

CASH AND DRUGS STOLEN IN STO

Liquor and Drugs Foun
Police in a Barn and
Hotel.

Special to The Standard

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 7—
Magistrate Comben this afterno
a preliminary examination on t
Mrs. Ed. McDonald, charge
breaking and entering stores
day morning last. R. L. Simm
rister, prosecuted, and the mag
sent them up for trial at the
circuit court.

The witnesses heard were:
Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. McArdle
Kelly, Deputy Sheriff Mooers
stables Kirlin, Nevers, Lenah
John Brown.

Raided Three Stores

The evidence showed th
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ply of liquor. Liquor and drug
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in a barn on Water street an
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Town Council Meets

The newly elected town
held its first meeting tonight
the inaugural address of May
the different committees w
pointed. J. C. Hartley was re
town clerk and solicitor.
Leighton was appointed princ
sessor, and John T. Hibaud
Fred. D. Tweedie, assistant as
The town manager, R. F. Ar
gave an outline of the propos
for the coming year. Owen K
re-appointed chief of police a
commissioner.

Many Visits By Victorian N

Report to Directors
13,250 Visits Made
Year.

At a largely attended me
the board of directors of th
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Home, Carleton street, last
was announced that in the p
13,250 visits had been made,
2,000 child welfare visits.

Judge Forbes presided.
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also Miss Forshaw, one of
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The Estimates.

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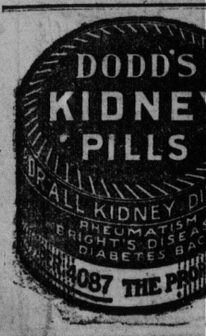
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