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# Chamberlain Says U. S. Refused Offer to Cancel All War Debts Briand, in French Chamber, Defends Allied Reparation Decisions

## U.S. SENATE ADOPTS FORGIVENESS ON WHEAT IMPORTS

Four Amendments to Tariff Bill, Which is Likely to Pass Next Week.

## TO BE DUTIES ON MEATS

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate got down to business with the Emergency Bill today and before the session, which commenced at 11 o'clock, adopted four amendments had been adopted. Votes on the amendments, where a record was made, showed supporters of the bill to have a majority ranging from 10 to 13.

Under the program, the early part of the sessions will probably be devoted to consideration of appropriate bills to be debated, as it was today, to the exclusion of all else.

The committee amendment to establish an import duty of forty cents a bushel on wheat was twice adopted today. It was first taken up with only nine senators in the chamber and accepted without a dissenting voice. Then Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, one of the bitterest opponents of the measure, discovered what had happened and forced a call for a quorum. He said he was under the impression the senate still was considering a minor Indian bill.

Passed by Good Majority. After the quorum call and an hour of desultory debate, Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, asked for a reconsideration of the wheat amendment and it again was agreed to by a vote of 38 to 28.

The amendment, also from the committee, exempting from duty all foodstuffs to be used in the manufacture of canned goods, likewise was adopted.

The committee amendments, fixing duties of two cents a pound on fresh and frozen meats and of 25 per cent. ad valorem, on prepared or preserved meats, and exempting from duty all live stock imported exclusively for breeding purposes, also was approved.

## COURT DISSOLVES KODAK COMPANY

Decree Orders Sale of Four Factories in Rochester and One in Jamestown.

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 4.—Federal Judge John R. Hazel has entered a decree in the case of the Kodak Company against the Eastman Kodak Company under the Sherman anti-trust law, directing the dissolution of the company by the sale and disposal of certain of its factories, together with certain lines of photographic supplies.

The decree orders the sale of the Prere factory and the Century, Folmer, and Schwing factory in Rochester, and the Aristo plant in Jamestown.

## BUSINESS IN CANADA CAUSING OPTIMISM

Early Winter Situation is Rapidly Clarifying—Outlook for Year is Promising.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(By Canadian Press).—Signs that business throughout Canada is leavening up and that this will become more apparent during March is indicated by the weekly trade report of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, issued today. Ten of the principal business centres show a decrease in failures and a continued slight improvement in collections. The report indicates an improvement in orders, this applying to practically all lines of trade.

Heavy snow in Manitoba and the west generally is naturally having a quieting effect on trade and orders from country merchants for the time being, but should prove beneficial from a crop standpoint later on in the year.

So far as the early winter situation is concerned, it is becoming rapidly clarified and leading business men are very optimistic on the 1921 outlook.

## HAS ONLY ONE FAULT, TREATY IS NOT ALIVE

Briand in Chamber Defends Attitude of France in Reparations Question—Has Not Got All She Deserved, But at Least Knows What She Will Get—Replies to Tardieu.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The French chamber of deputies today heard Premier Briand explain the negotiations at the recent reparations conference in Paris and an assertion by the premier that the decisions reached at the conference were the best terms obtainable for France from Germany under the conditions obtaining at present.

The premier requested the chamber either to accept or reject the decisions as a whole. It was decided that all deputies who had indicated their desire to be heard should speak before a vote was taken on the question, and the discussion was postponed until next Tuesday.

"I have done the best that I could," said Briand. "If there is a man in this chamber who has a better practical program, let him come to the front."

Previously Andre Tardieu had continued the criticism of the government on the reparations agreement begun yesterday. His argument amounted to a re-statement of the allied agreement. All the arguments he said, tended to show that France was in too great a hurry and should have waited a few weeks to consult the new United States administration.

Mr. Briand spoke for an hour and forty-five minutes. His time was occupied in replying to M. Tardieu and comparing the work accomplished by the peace conference, of which M. Tardieu was a member of the French delegation, when it was working under better conditions, and which, the premier said, failed to obtain better results.

## WIDESPREAD RANGE FOR PACIFIC WIRELESS

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 4.—This city will shortly be in touch with Europe and the Orient by means of wireless, if the plans of the committee of the shipping bureau of the board of trade are carried out. It is intended to have installed in connection with the Merchants' Exchange, which the bureau is forming here, what is believed to be the most powerful wireless receiving set on the Pacific coast.

Instruments, it is proposed to set up here, will receive messages from Vancouver, Wales; the station at Lyons, France; from Nauem, Germany, and from such stations across the Pacific as Cavite, Philippine Islands and Funchasi, Japan.

## DEVASTATED AREAS MAY RAISE LOANS

French Government Will Distribute Building Materials at Low Prices.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The departments and towns devastated by France will be allowed to borrow money for reconstruction on their own account, it was announced today at a meeting of a group of senators from northern France. Mining companies and sugar refiners will also be authorized by special legislation to float loans for the same purpose.

The government, Louis Loucheur, minister of the liberated regions, announced, will help solve the problem of building materials by distributing at minimum prices the 400,000,000 francs worth of material it has on hand.

The expectation is that a large part of these loans will be floated abroad. Negotiations are already under way involving a total of 500,000,000 francs for Rheims and Verdun. The amount needed for Verdun will probably be furnished by London, which "adopted" the city as its godchild.

## Germany Will Not Attend Conference in Brussels

Berlin, Feb. 4.—It was officially stated today that Germany has declined to attend the Allied Financial Conference of experts, to be held in Brussels beginning next Monday. The ground taken is that Germany requires her financial experts to remain at home for the present.

## BAD QUAKE IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Feb. 5.—Considerable property damage was done by an earthquake Thursday night. The earthquake began at 11:30 p.m. and lasted for about 15 minutes, according to newspaper advices received here last night. It is believed that many lives were lost in the region shaken.

## MINISTER OF LABOR HAS LIVELY TIME AT MAGBRIDE'S HANDS

Independent Member Charges Government With Compromising With Labor

"CHARGE NOT PROVED"

Hamilton, Feb. 4.—E. Haslam O'Dry are held by the police tonight following reports of "Red" activities here. They are president and secretary of the International Soldiers' and Workmen's Association respectively, and have been actively interested in the unemployed situation here for some months.

## CARSON HANDS OVER ULSTER LEADERSHIP TO SIR J. CRAIG, M.P.

Not Single Act in Great Fight to Disgrace the Northern Province.

## KEEP CLEAR RECORD

Belfast, Feb. 4.—Sir James Craig, M.P., was today chosen leader of the Unionist party in the new Ulster parliament in the case of Sir Edward Carson, by the Ulster Unionist conference. Sir Edward Carson, in handing over the reins of office as leader of the Unionist party, said a great chapter in history in Ulster had closed, and the great fight had gone thru without a single act which would disgrace the province.

## FRANCE TO TEST PROFIT SHARING

Representatives of Employers and Workmen Meet to Draw Up Plans.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The first organized effort to introduce in France the system of sharing the profits of industrial enterprises with the workmen was inaugurated in Paris today, when representatives of the employers and workmen met to frame such a plan.

## COAL IS PILING UP, BUT PRICES REMAIN

Statement That Fuel is Landed Here at Less Than \$11 a Ton.

While the supply of coal which is piling up in Toronto and the signs multiply of a break in the price, the fuel commissioner has been steadily urging the citizens to stock up. Only two weeks ago he issued a statement that there was only about a two weeks' supply in the city, and that there was no prospect of a cut from the prevailing price of \$11.60 a ton.

## WILL SELL ONLY THRU GOVERNMENT

Newfoundland Fish Exporters Accept Suggestions of Fisheries Minister.

St. John, Newfoundland, Feb. 4.—Exporters of codfish in this colony have agreed to sell their fish only thru the Newfoundland government, it was announced tonight after conferences with Premier Squires and the fisheries department.

## SUCCESS W. J. MOULE

Montreal, Feb. 4.—J. Leslie Comproux, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, announced today that Ernest Lloyd, former under secretary and controller to succeed W. J. Moule, deceased.

## FARMER NEAR KEMPTVILLE HOPES HE HAS FOUND SMALL

Montreal, Feb. 4.—(Special)—A telephone message received here tonight from Kemptville, Ont., about 30 miles from Ottawa, points to the possibility of Ambrose J. Small, the missing theatrical millionaire, being a guest of a farmer, W. E. James, about three miles from Kemptville. Three days ago a man of apparently about the age of Small and resembling his description appeared at the farm of Mr. James and asked to be taken in for a few days. It was gathered from this talk that he had lived in Toronto, but he also gave the impression of having suffered partial loss of memory.

## PROPOSED TO CANCEL ALL INTER-ALLIED DEBTS

Two Radicals Held By Hamilton Police

Austen Chamberlain Says Britain Made Offer, But United States Declined to Accept Suggestion—Would Have Meant Starting With Clean Slate—Britain Would Have Suffered Most.

Birmingham, England, Feb. 4.—The British government formally proposed a cancellation of all inter-allied debts, but the proposals were unacceptable to the United States government, said J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, in a speech to his constituents here today.

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## NEW YORK'S FOR PROPOSES BUSES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Would Establish Municipally-Owned Service to Replace Obsolete Surface Lines.

Special to The World.

New York, Feb. 4.—Abandonment of all the surface lines in the city was urged by Mayor Hylan at a mass meeting last night at Cooper Union, and his speech showed that the New York street railway situation to be in some points, not unlike that of Toronto.

## TO MAINTAIN LOW FARE

In his speech the mayor said: "It is a fact that the surface lines are obsolete and are not making money. They could not operate profitably on a 10 or 15-cent fare. The city, however, has no financial interest in these lines. It will, therefore, not be a party to any settlement of the traction problem which provides for the unloading of the antiquated equipment of these lines upon the people."

Mr. Chamberlain prepared his remarks by saying that he would have preferred at the close of the war that the whole inter-allied debt had been wiped out so as to start with a clean slate. There was no proposal for a settlement of the international debt among the allied and associated powers, whether for total or partial remission, which the British government would not have been prepared to be a party to, he declared.

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## YOU'LL SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES

This is the slogan for a day of big bargains for men at Dineen's today. You'll never appreciate fully what real bargains are unless you make it a point to drop into Dineen's today. But of even greater importance is "quality" of the goods. This firm has always been known for quality. When you get such reductions as are offered today you may rest assured that "quality" goes with the price. Dineen's had on another page.

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