

### WANT HARDING TO TAKE HAND IN ENDING REPARATION DISPUTE

#### Parisians Hope for Parley That Will Adjust Anglo-Franco Clash Over Germany—Vast Loan Proposed—With U. S. Help Would Mortgage Debtor Nation at 7 p.c. for 50 Years—Might Solve Problem.

Paris, Dec. 15.—President Harding can see his way clear to initiate a financial conference on either side of the Atlantic for the settlement of the constant Franco-British disputes over German reparations. It will find France's acceptance just as prompt as in the case of the disarmament task.

In fact, the possibility of President Harding calling such a conference as the first step in his association of big nations is suggesting both the French press and political circles here, and especially because of the rumors reaching here from London that indicate the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, intends to go to Washington at the end of this month after he has talked with Premier Briand. One report says that following the conference the two Premiers may go to Washington together to participate in discussion on world finances.

While these may be merely the British type of balloons d'essai sent up to see which way the wind is blowing the French are confident that little headway can be made unless existing conditions change for two reasons:

First—The British idea of a moratorium to which Mr. Lloyd George is understood to still be attached is not being realized, as Belgium intends to remain solidly with France in refusing any arrangement which would not provide for her priorities.

Second—it is considered futile to talk about a great international loan to help Germany pay unless the United States joins in it. Therefore it is considered more likely that the conversations between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand next week will merely prolong the status quo until British influence can be exerted in Washington to have international experts, politicians and financiers seek a solution of the problem under President Harding's auspices.

Whether such an arrangement would necessitate Mr. Lloyd George crossing the Atlantic remains to be seen, but important French officials suggest that the trip might be useful in bringing the next conference to this side of the Atlantic, where all the evidence gathered during the last three years regarding Germany's ability to pay could be placed on a conference table on a few hours' notice.

The Temps tonight gives the outlines of a settlement which it is believed here would be workable, but which would depend largely on American co-operation to the fullest extent, as the United States is the world's greatest creditor nation. This plan, which was mooted several months ago, would provide for an abridged form of moratorium for certain cash payments until such time as the mark has a stable value to be fixed, for instance, at one American cent.

Simultaneously Germany, the Allies and the United States, would, of course, bend all their efforts toward floating a billion dollar international German first mortgage loan, with all of Germany's resources as security and paying an interest rate of 7 per cent, the loan to be amortized in fifty years. The issue would be delivered to an international bankers' consortium at, say \$5, the consortium to be expected to find takers and to pay Germany's debts in quarterly installments of half a billion marks during the next two years.

diminishing France's claims," he says. "It is a delicate puzzle which will develop, the result of which is not yet known. The general opinion of the London spokesmen.

"But above all, in order that any acceptable solution may be evolved, it is essential for America to intervene. The Pacific agreement is a good augury; it is the beginning of the association of nations which inevitably must develop. The French are not yet ready on economic and financial questions which dominate the problems of a during peace."

The Liberator doubts that London alone will be able to solve the problem, declaring that France cannot grant any concessions to Germany, and shrewdly comments: "They are approaching the United States on the question at the very moment the United States announces it will not renounce any of its claims on the Allies. We cannot blame them. It is in proof that care of the general interest does not include care of particular interests. But it is curious that we are in the position of having to reduce our just claims on Germany just when America energetically maintains those which she has against us."

The "concessions" which Louis Loucheur, Minister of the Liberated Regions, had in Brussels today are reported to have strengthened French support in that direction and it is predicted that M. Loucheur will try to convince the Italian Government this week that Italy's interests coincide with those of France rather than with those of England.

Belgium cannot see the moratorium project favorably, as under the priority agreement, which is necessary to balance her budget, Belgium must still receive 12,000,000,000 marks gold before the Allies receive anything from Germany, especially an English note that Belgium must pay her 400,000,000 out of whatever she receives. Naturally, if the cash payments are limited, as London suggests, to a quarter of a billion marks gold, there would be nothing left but payments in kind for the rest of the allies. A Belgian was quoted today as saying: "If England will be able to conciliate Germany by generosity there is no objection. To prove her complicity let England make Germany's proposal of her share of the Belgian debt repayment."

A writer in Bon Soir says: "If England and the United States open credit to Germany for as long as the market not rise considerably, English industry will receive no orders from abroad. Even the reopening of the Russian market cannot revive British trade, for these markets will be captured immediately by Germany and the United States and, therefore, it is quite certain that the English economic situation is much graver than that of France and is seriously disquieting to Mr. Lloyd George."

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### Fine Recital By Local Artists

**Audience Favored With Excellent Programme by Guy Taylor, Mrs. LeLachur and Others Last Evening.**

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Mrs. LeLachur received a warm welcome from the audience, and was forced to respond with encores at each appearance. What was perhaps the most pleasing of her series of pleasing numbers was her artistic and sympathetic rendering of "The Land of the Leal."

Mr. Currie accompanied the singers in a highly finished manner, and in his solo, the opening number of the evening, was a brilliant rendition that met with warm applause.

The concert was held under the auspices of the St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. in aid of the new St. Peter's school fund, and was favored with a very fair house. The programme follows:

**PART ONE**

Waltz E. Flat ..... Bayard Currie

(a) Conci I ..... Tosti

(b) Siciliana (Cavalieria Rusticana) ..... Mascagni

(c) Lolita ..... Russi-Peccia

Mon. Coeur d'Amour a la Voix (Samson et Delila) ..... Saint-Saens

Mrs. LeLachur

Encore—"The Land of the Leal" ..... Currie

**PART TWO**

(a) Tommy Lad ..... MacLennan

(b) Why Harry, Little River, Norvald ..... Westbury

(c) Danny Boy ..... Westbury

Encore—Macaulay ..... MacLennan

(a) Will o' the Wisp ..... Wells

(b) Killarney ..... Spruce

(c) The Land of the Leal ..... Wells

Mrs. LeLachur

Believe Me If All These Badger, leg Young Chorus ..... Snow

Vesti la Giubba (Pagliacci) ..... Snow

### Garrison Officers Mess Reorganized

**Will Hold Reception on New Year's Day—Officers Elected, Major N. P. McLeod President.**

A meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Garrison Officers' Mess was held last evening in the Armory, with Lt. Col. A. McMillan in the chair. Plans were discussed regarding the winter's activities and the meeting decided to revive the old custom of holding a reception in the officers' mess on New Year's Day.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

Major N. P. McLeod—President

### Wanted by Police

Members of the detective department received word from a man named Hamilton at Oak Point, that an eleven-year-old boy stole a horse and sleigh from him Wednesday evening. The boy is believed to be on his way to the city.

The police are on the look-out for the boy, who is said to be large for his age, with very red cheeks and wearing a khaki coat. The horse is a bay mare, with white hind feet, a white spot on the forehead and nose.

The boy is said to belong to Joseph H. B., and to said to have taken a small watch and \$20 as well as other articles.

### Pleasant Concert by the Seamen

A pleasant entertainment was staged by the crew of the S. S. Wagonette in the Seamen's Mission last evening. In addition to a number of vocal solos, the ship's jazz band rendered several selections. The programme follows:

Band—Selections

Song—T. Downell

Bag Pipes and Drums—Campbell and Richards

Comic Song—W. Gotta

Song—W. Brindle

Band—Selections

Mandolin Solo—W. St. Cyr

Amoroso Solo—J. McCarty

Song—E. O'Neill

Vocal Solo—A. Murphy

Supper and Drama—Campbell and Richards

Band—Selections

Comic Song—W. Gotta

### Weddings

**McAllister-Harriet**

Miss Florence Gladys Harriet, daughter of A. Harriet Haggitt, and James B. McAllister, assistant superintendent of the Canada Steamship Lines, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon in Victoria street Baptist church by Mr. S. D. Hudson. They have the honor of being the first to be married in the new church. The bride was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister. The groom was supported by his brother George. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 25 Clarence street, after which Mr. and Mrs. McAllister left on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York. On their return they will reside in the city during the winter months and will then move to Montreal.

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The death of Mrs. Sarah C. Wright, widow of Horatio E. Wright, occurred at her home in Millbrook, N. B., on December 15 after a lengthy illness. She was seventy-seven years old and had been ill for more than fifty years. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. The funeral was held from her late residence on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Baptist cemetery, and was attended by many persons. Services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Young.

Mrs. Thomas Kitchin

Many friends were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Kitchin, which occurred Wednesday at her home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Kitchin, 21 Dorchester street. She was the widow of Thomas Kitchin, well remembered as an active local man and diligent fireman. She was a member of the Baptist church and a devoted worker for many years. Mrs. Kitchin survived by her daughter, Mrs. Waterbury, for whom there is deep sympathy in her bereavement. These sympathies will be expressed.

### GRAVE SITUATION LLOYD GEORGE TO THE

Sir James Craig hurriedly Ulster Cabinet at Belfast for Taking Territory from out its Sanction—According to the Claims of Sir to Ulster.

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The latter declares that the British Government in abandoning the situation that there should be levied tariffs or restrictions upon industrial trade and commerce, has opened a temporary palliative and not a permanent solution. He declared the Government, which had failed to prevent rebellion, would not be able to prevent a rebellion.

Regarding the question of alliance, the latter says the economic condition of the British Empire is such that the other Dominions take "good" seem to make it impossible for Ulster to enter the "free state."

It adds that further advance on the part of the British Government regarding the council of Ireland at the judiciary, but that this will withhold for the present.

"In spite of the inducements he

### LONDONDERRY ASSAILS ANGLO-IRISH TREATY

**Hinted Ulster Might Refuse to Nominate Representative on Boundary Commission**

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Londonderry speaking in the House of Lords today in opposition to the treaty with Ireland, declared he listened to Lord Curzon's speech yesterday in favor of the pact with the greatest attention. He declared that the Foreign Secretary's remarks were not original, adding that their substance had been delivered on many occasions by John Edmond "and statements of that type Lord Londonderry proceeded to declare that Lord Birkenhead, one of the negotiators of the treaty, had embarked on a gamble, the consequences of which, if it failed, as he believed would, nobody could predict.

Lord Londonderry argued that the union of South Africa offered no analogy whatever to the Irish situation and declared this treaty was only a temporary palliative and not a permanent solution. He declared the Government, which had failed to prevent rebellion, would not be able to prevent a rebellion.

Lord Londonderry, who is a member of the Ulster Government, hinted that Ulster might refuse to nominate a representative on the proposed boundary commission.

### Liberals Fishing For Independents

**Party Organizer Holding Out Bait for Unwary to Nibble at—Cabinet Is Bait.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Andrew Hayden, of Ottawa, chief Liberal organizer for the Dominion, held a consultation today with Hon. A. F. Hudson, Independent Liberal member-elect in South Winnipeg.

"I have no statement to make as to whether I will accept a position in the Mackenzie King cabinet," Mr. Hayden stated afterwards. "I should have said whether the question of my entering the cabinet was brought up."

Dr. Hayden has not had an interview with Hon. T. A. Crozier, the Progressive leader, so it is reported.

### American Millers Would Place Embargo On Canadian Flour

**Ask Congress to Place Duty of \$1.62 on Flour from Dominion.**

Washington, Dec. 15.—A levy of \$1.62 a barrel on flour, which is estimated to amount to \$100,000,000 an embargo, was asked of the Senate finance committee today by A. V. Fairbank, of Chicago, representing the Millers' National Federation. The rate proposed in the Fordney bill is \$1.

It is developed that the emergency tariff cut imports from Canada down from 118,000 barrels in April to 6,500 barrels in September, but the witness said that imports increased to 45,000 barrels in November. The Canadian barrel of flour, he said, contains six bushels of wheat or against four and a half bushels in the barrel of United States flour.

L. R. Woke, a miller, denied that the duty asked for would be prohibitive and said the millers wanted to force seasonal shipments of flour in the United States.

"Can't that duty be done without levying a duty on wheat in no existing countries with a duty."