

U.S. Becomes a Contracting Party in Dawes Plan and Reparations Question

Battleships Nelson and Rodney Revolutionizes Naval Construction—Chas. E. Hughes Retires From Office of Secretary of State—Redistribution of World Gold Stocks Predicted.

INTERESTED ACTOR

PARIS, Jan. 11.—General satisfaction that the United States, through the agreement reached at the conference of Allied ministers, has become one of the contracting parties to the Dawes plan and the reparations question was expressed by all the European delegates in the informal conversations among the representatives of the powers today. The European statesmen concerned here hold that from mere spectators the United States had become an interested actor in the solution of the reparations problem. The experts committee spent the entire day unravelling the mass of figures bearing on the Ruhr occupation, the Belgian priority payments, and the total German deliveries in kind. The committee must prepare resolutions which will be presented for ratification by the plenary session of the conference Tuesday. Despite the screen of secrecy behind which the delegates are working, details of the terms of the agreement are gradually leaking out from sources worthy of confidence. From British sources it was learned today that by the Anglo-American agreement the army cost payments will spread out over a period of twenty years, dating from the end of the war, and that the United States figures of \$350,000,000 for the total United States damages were not accepted by the British, and the compromise agreement is said to provide for an annual percentage of the Dawes annuities, the capital value of which is less than the original figure demanded by the United States.

when he completes four years as head of the State Department. Mr. Kellogg is expected to take office immediately after. Mr. Hughes has had twenty years of public life and desires to resume private activities.

KELLOGG WILL SUCCEED.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—United States Ambassador to Great Britain, Frank Kellogg, here today, said he would accept the Post as Secretary of State in succession to Charles Evans Hughes, who had resigned.

GOVERNOR CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBE.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Jan. 11.—Warrants will be sworn out in the Court of Topeka to-morrow, charging Governor Jonathan M. Davis, and his son, Russell G. Davis, 23, with soliciting and accepting a bribe of \$1,250 in payment for a pardon issued Fred W. Polman, it was announced late today by Tinkham Veale, County Attorney of Shawnee County.

NOVEL NEW BATTLESHIPS.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The design of the battleships Nelson and Rodney now being built by Great Britain under the provisions of the Washington Naval Treaty is so revolutionary, according to the Daily Express, that it marks the end of the dreadnought era just as the dreadnoughts marked the end of previous types. The new ships will be entirely different from any others in the world. They will be both floating fortresses and airmen and will have a radius of action covering thousands of miles. Nine 16 inch guns will be mounted in three turrets all forward. There will be no guns on the after part which will constitute the flight deck and the ships will carry their own flying corps and planes. There will probably be no funnels, the products of the furnace being discharged through pipes running alongside to the stern.

GOLD MOVEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Government experts again have turned their attention to a study of the world gold movement. Some of them now foresee a pronounced slackening in future receipts in the United States and possibly a redistribution of the world gold stocks. Students of the subject are agreed, it is declared at the Treasury, that a renewed confidence of European investors in their domestic currencies is manifest and the trend of the gold movement is regarded as giving further evidence of restored economic health in most of the nations.

BATTLE BREAKS OUT ANEW NEAR SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.—A battle was in progress to-day near the Tung Wein Japanese College and the grounds of the Siccawei Catholic Mission. Many bullets were falling in its vicinity. The voluntary corps of foreigners from the foreign and French settlements have been ordered out and erected barbed wire barricades in the approaches to the foreign quarters. Fighting was continuing this noon, but the foreign settlements had little apprehension of danger. The attack was aimed particularly to prevent the return to power of Lu Chung Hang, former Tschang Chekiang Province, who was reported proceeding from Nanking towards Shanghai with Manchurian troops. The soldiers of Chia and Sun made a surprise attack this morning. Night they were in complete control of the region surrounding the foreign settlements. Fighting in the Langwa District had subsided. Teng Sun in undisputed possession of Langwa and the arsenal there. Chang Wang Min, the Defence Commissioner appointed by Peking, had taken refuge with his subordinate commanders in the foreign settlements. Chang's troops made an unsuccessful resistance. The foreign defence units were guarding the barricaded approaches to the settlements to-night.

MORE FIGHTING IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11.—Two thousand troops under the command of General Sun Chun Peng, an adherent of Wu Pei Fu, in the siege of Shanghai last fall, made a surprise attack this morning on the Siccawei District. In the outskirts of Shanghai, attempting to capture the arsenal at Lungwa and drive out General Chang Yung Min, whose forces were subjected to heavy fire.

HUGHES RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Charles Evans Hughes has resigned as Secretary of State and will be succeeded by Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, now Ambassador to Great Britain. The resignation of Mr. Hughes will be effective March 4.

"One Drink Only Here!"

PUBLIC-HOUSES WITH CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

A public-house is generally regarded as a place to buy drinks—as many as you care to, within reason, of course.

There is, however, at least one tavern, in the City of London, where the plural "drinks" becomes the singular; you may buy one drink, that is to say, and no more.

This is the "Snip," an old-fashioned hostelry near Bishopsgate, whose landlord declines to serve any customer twice, unless he has quitted the house after his first drink and been absent for at least half an hour.

Moreover, the quantity of his one drink is strictly limited. He may have one gill of wine, half a gill of spirits, or a half-pint of malt liquor. The rules also provide that customers must not smoke, must not talk loudly, and must not use bad language.

These quaint regulations, which are strictly enforced, were drawn up some sixty years ago by an ancestor of the present proprietor.

A few years ago a similar set of rules was in force at a well-known public-house known as "Dirty Dick's," in Shoreditch. The custom, which was said to date from the passing of the "Gin Act," in 1735, a measure designed to check the excessive consumption of this spirit, has now, however, been allowed to lapse.

Many Yorkshiremen will remember old Sam Hey, the landlord of a public-house in the Gillingham district of Bradford, whose boast was that, though he had kept one house for thirty years, a drunken man had never been inside it.

He knew all the "wage days" in his locality, and if any working man came in on that day and asked for liquor, he would say: "You can have one drink, then you must go home and give your wife your wages. You may then come back and have another when you have washed yourself and brushed up."

He allowed no bad language in the house, either.

11-Year-Old Boy is Sewer Victim

Douglas Dillon, eleven years of age, whose parents live at 939 Dorchester street east, shot head first through bars over a manhole this morning at 11:20 as he was trying to obtain some straw from a farmer's sleigh. The rig passed near a manhole, down which laborers were dumping snow. The boy of the boy is believed by the police to be held somewhere between the two manholes, on Papineau avenue east of Dorchester street, by a blockade of snow in the sewer.

The guardian of the manhole had no time to warn the child of danger as he did not see the boy run to the street after a sleigh driven by a farmer who was journeying eastward with the load of straw. Before anyone could act the boy pulled two handfuls of the straw from the sleigh.

He was seen to stumble, and a second later spectators were horrified as the lad plunged head first down the opening, passing between the guard bars.

Mrs. Dillon, mother of the boy, rushed to the scene of the accident, and begged the police who had been called to let her jump down after him. She was only prevented by force. She tore herself from friendly hands, came a second time to the fatal manhole, and was again turned aside by police.—Montreal Star, January 5.

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Facts

Among the women of America 187,863 are registered as farm owners, 770 as farm managers, and 73,801 as tenant farmers.

Parasol ants derive their name from a habit of biting off pieces of leaves much larger than themselves and carrying them over their heads.

In more than one case recently, where the animals have lost their teeth through age or accident, dogs have been successfully fitted with false teeth.

Tunic blouses are growing slightly shorter and showing more of their undershirts.

Pearline costs only ten cents a package.—Oct 14, t. u. f.

C. L. B. Cadets

Business as Usual at Headquarters of the 1st Nid. Regiment, C. L. B. Cadets. Owing to the holiday rush and Christmas season, the O.C. cancelled all parades from December 18th, to January 6th. All ranks congratulate 2nd Lieut. Ern. Chafe and John Andrews, who have joined the Officers' Mess. Captain Len Stick, Ad. Jutant, will inspect all recruits on Jan. 20th. Corporal House is preparing them for their exams and we hope every lad will be keen to get through and be posted to his Company. The Gymnasium winter programme is under way. A company under instructors are busy Tuesdays and F Company leads on Thursdays. Old Comrades held a regular meeting Thursday night to discuss the 1925 programme. They meet again next Thursday in order to discuss important matters with Lieut.-Col. W. F. Rendell, C.B.E., and Lieut.-Col. (Rev.) J. Brinton, Battalion Chaplain. Brigade-Major Williams attended the meeting and was pleased to see Old Comrades' affairs going with a swing under President John Crane and his staff. Old Comrade Sidney Skeffington, a Blue Puttee hero, and one of the Brigade's best was also present, and everybody was delighted to see him again at his old Brigade Headquarters. He is visiting St. John's just now for the Christmas season and returns to New York by the Rosalind. Everybody wishes him the best of luck. He reports all old members of the C.L.B. doing well in New York.

All hands were shocked when they heard of the passing to rest of Bandsman George Bishop, our expert saxophone player, who died Christmas Eve. To his widow and children his Brigade comrades offer their sincere sympathy.

The Brigade is grateful to Mr. Joshua Hooke, a loyal supporter for many years, for a Christmas box to the Brigade funds of five dollars. Thank you, Mr. Hooke, for your generous remembrance of the Brigade on your Christmas list.

Overseas news is good! The Brigade Major has a splendid photo from Gordon and William Groves, now of St. John, N.B. One wears the uniform of the King's Navy and the other is a Soldier of the King. Both are creditable specimens of manhood and their C.L.B. friends are glad to hear from them. Sergt. Harry Peckham sends a cherry card from 212 Holland St., West Somerville, Mass. Old Comrade Ken Poole, of the 1901 recruit class, writes a cherry note from 1130 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo N.Y., wishing all officers and lads a happy and prosperous New Year. He sends his special regards to his Old Colonel—Col. Robert G. Rendell, C.B.E., who formerly commanded the Regiment. The C.L.B. congratulates Alderman G. F. C. Taylor, 34 years old, of Chelsea, Mass., on being elected to serve the people on December 9th. He is a native of St. John's, and his wife was Miss Georgia Pike, of Carbonear.

Headquarters' Staff were very sorry to hear of the death at Chicago of Old Comrade Herbert Pitcher, one of the smartest N.C.O.'s of olden days. To his widow and relatives all ranks express their sympathy at his early passing.

We note the Rev. John Stead, the extremely popular Rector of Bell Island for many years and who, with Major Lindsay, equipped and built the only C.L.B. Armoury in Newfoundland outside St. John's, is going strong in England on Brigade duty. He is now being posted as Chaplain to Langley Park Company. We take this opportunity of sending hearty greetings to all Brigade members throughout the Island and best wishes for 1925. Q.

There are two sets of Trios, Ting-a-Ling, Ping-Pong and Ding-Dong, three lovely belles looking for husbands; also Juscot Karfair, Mush Lush and Wun Tun, three original characters who are not looking for wives. College Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets at Dicks & Co. In aid of the College Clinic. Jan 12, 11

A Galaxy of Talent at the Nickel Theatre

IN STUPENDOUS FILM "HEARTS AFLAME."

A great array of talent is seen on the screen in the Reginald Barker production, "Hearts Aflame," now at the Nickel Theatre. Fifteen important characters, each played by a seasoned artist, make the cast an exceptional one.

Anna Q. Nilson is the center of interest in the role of Helen Foraker, a girl who battles against overwhelming odds to carry out her father's ideals of reforestation in the Michigan pine country.

Frank Keenan gives a wonderful performance as Luke Taylor, the crabbled old lumber king, who attempts to wrest the forest from the girl. Moved by Helen's brave fight against his misdeeds, he surrenders to her cause and assures the success of her forestry project with his financial backing.

Craig Ward, a former stage celebrity, makes his screen debut in the part of John Taylor, the millionaire's son. His allowance cut off, he accepts his father's ultimatum of a job in the Michigan woods, where he not only makes good as a lumberman but wins the girl as well.

The comedy element of the picture is divided between Russell Simpson, John Hill, Little Richard, Headrick, Joan Standing and Martha Mattox. Lee Shumway has the role of Mill Goddard, Helen's loyal foreman. Richard Tucker and Stanton Heck supply most of the villainy in the picture; while Walt Whitman serves as the pun. Ralph Clounger and Irene Hunt are pathetic figures as the victims of a land shark's greed. Gordon Magee, as the sheriff, completes the cast.

Motor Train Service Contemplated

Our advocacy for a special train service between here and Corner Brook has evidently had some effect, for we learn that a motor railway car service is now under contemplation. It has been said that the three things most needed to ensure a community's growth and success are great waterways, a fair number of enterprising citizens and easy and adequate means of transportation on land.

We have the waterways in the Humber Arm providing a saltwater port free from sunken rocks or dangerous shoals and where vessels may ride in safety at anchor or alongside wharves no matter how rough the sea or strong the wind outside.

Enterprise is characteristic of many citizens of this neighbourhood, and at Corner Brook there is the greater enterprise or undertaking in the whole of Newfoundland.

It promises come true there will in time be an electric railway in operation between Petries Crossing, Curling, Corner Brook and Humbermouth. In the meantime, however, we learn that a Motor Railway Car passenger service is to be inaugurated. We are unable to state just when this latter passenger service will be put in operation, but we have assurances that it has been under the consideration of the Railway Commission for some time.

As we pointed out in a previous issue, the big power and paper plant at Corner Brook makes it necessary to have some means by which people—especially the workmen—may be able to get from one point to the other at a small expense.

So far as the Star can learn, the proposed passenger service along this way will be operated similar to a street electric railway. Several trips will be made during each working day, the first trip running into Corner Brook will be early enough to take the men to their work. The fare will likely be quite small and the service promises to prove attractive to all.

This will prove a great boon to this part of Bay of Islands and will be the means of stimulating a greater business activity in Curling as well as at Petries, Corner Brook and Humbermouth.—Western Star.

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"Jealous Husbands" a Stirring Picture

"Jealous Husbands," a First National picture, produced by M. O. Levee and directed by Maurice Tourneur, which is at the Star Theatre to-day, is a remarkable photoplay in many respects—and one of the most grippingly entertaining films that it has been our good fortune to see in some time.

It is remarkable for its general excellence; for the finished work of the cast; for the unusual and dramatic story; for the fidelity of its settings.

In many cases a picture falls down in one or more of these details. But in "Jealous Husbands" all of these elements have been combined with such a high degree of skill and artistry that we, for one, are willing to doff our hat to Mr. Tourneur as a directorial wizard.

The story opens in a San Francisco mansion, the harmony of which has been destroyed by the incessant jealousy of the head of the house, Ramon Martinez, who is ever suspicious that his pretty wife, Helen, is carrying on clandestine love affairs.

They grow apart—and then occurs an event that breaks up the home. Not even their little boy can effect a reconciliation. The father in his rage gives the child to a burglar who had broken into his house, and pays him to kidnap him.

Later comes the awakening—and bitter remorse. The parents conduct a search for their boy without success until—

To go on with the outline of the plot would be to spoil for you one of the most breath-taking dramatic moments that has seen light on the silver sheet.

"Jealous Husbands" is a picture that keeps up your nerves to a high tension, never letting down until "Finis" is flashed from the projector. It is a masterpiece of suspense.

—By Bud Fisher

MUTT AND JEFF

JEFF GETS A KICK OUT OF A DICTIONARY.

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NO, IT'S NOT SO INTERESTING, MUTT, BUT—

BUT IT'S DARN AMUSING! IT SPELLS WORDS SO DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY I SPELL 'EM, YOU KNOW!