

FRENCH GOV'T SANCTIONS ADDITIONAL ISSUE OF TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS OF TREASURY BONDS

FRENCH TREASURY OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES OF EARLY DAYS OF WAR

FIND DISEASE IS RAMPANT IN SERBIA

Appalling story of conditions brought back by members of Rockefeller War Relief Committee.

London, March 18.—An appalling story of conditions in Serbia was related today by Ernest Bicknell and Henry James, Jr., of the War Relief Committee of the Rockefeller Foundation, on their return to London after a tour of inspection through that country. They said that several diseases were epidemic in Serbia.

Typhus, the most deadly of these, already has caused the death of sixty out of four hundred native doctors in the country. The foreign Red Cross units have suffered great losses. Two American units and one British unit have been compelled to suspend their regular work because of typhus. Nine American nurses and two physicians have contracted the disease.

The commissioners went first to Nish, then proceeded to Belgrade, and left the country by way of Utsan, thus visiting the three most populous towns. During their tour they learned that typhus, typhoid fever, cholera, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever are all existing in more or less epidemic forms. Typhus is particularly deadly. Smallpox and diphtheria are diminishing.

The Serbians assert that typhus was introduced by Austrian prisoners of war, who were permitted to wander over the country, and infected the population by spreading vermin, which conveys the germ of the disease. No figures are available as to the number of cases of typhus, but the commissioners believe that the mortality is so heavy as to bring the situation within their purview.

Physicians and sanitary experts are needed badly, but unless they are fully equipped with medicine and also with furnishings for their living quarters it would be unwise for them to go to Serbia, since they probably would fall victims to the disease.

Mr. James said that the situation could be dealt with effectively only by a joint organization of medical units, operating under a system whereby strict sanitary control could be enforced. Some plan must also be devised for placing Austrian prisoners in camps. The Serbian government has been unable thus far to provide guards for concentration camps, and prisoners at present are permitted to wander freely about the country.

Mr. James sails for New York on Saturday, to make a report to the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Bicknell will remain to make further investigations.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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PERSONAL.

F. M. Sproul of Hampton was at the Victoria yesterday.
Mrs. George C. P. Kierstead left on the Montreal train last night for Montreal to study nursing at the General Hospital in that city.
Mrs. J. A. McIntyre, who has been in the city the past two weeks, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Douglas avenue, returned this morning to her home, North Shore, York Co.

Finance Minister Shows Inroads War is Making on Country's Resources—Reassuring Indications of Restoration of Business—Little Savings in the Woolen Stocking Have come to Country's Aid.

Paris, March 18.—In the course of a speech in the Chamber of Deputies today on the proposal to authorize the government to raise the limit for the issue of treasury bonds from 3,500,000,000 francs (\$700,000,000) to 4,500,000,000 francs (\$900,000,000), Alexander Ribot, Minister of Finance, said today:

"The way in which the people of France have taken these bonds surpassed expectations. Great difficulties faced the French treasury at the beginning of the war. The treasury is conquering them.

"Toward the end of last year the monthly expenses were 1,100,000,000 francs (\$220,000,000). The expenditures during the first months of 1915 have been from 1,250,000,000 francs to 1,300,000,000 francs, rather nearer the later figure. Expenditures are increasing, owing to fresh necessities; for example, the military expedition to the Dardanelles, for which no would reproach us. We shall have to manufacture not only increased munitions, but material and necessary provisions; and lastly, our expenses certainly will be augmented on the day we retake possession of the invaded departments."

M. Ribot sketched ironically the methods of German finance which, he said, consisted of "an exchange of paper for paper; a process encouraged by recourse to the penal code."

"If it is possible to administer wisely the finances of the country," said the Finance Minister, "the merit is that of the entire people. It is the little savings in the woolen stockings which have come to the aid of the country; the gold has come in the beginning, not from the large cash boxes, but from pocketbooks."

"Those whom I have wanted to attract to the treasury have come to us. The river is composed of little brooks. In the name of the country and of the chamber I address my thanks to all the citizens."

M. Ribot remarked that France had not needed to employ the de-

options to which the governments of the enemies of France had had to resort to raise money, because "there is confidence that what we say is the truth."

"We brush aside with disdain the manoeuvres and artifices to which our adversaries have had to resort," he added. "We will use our financial solidity to its last limit. That which the Bank of France has begun, the people of the country will carry on."

M. Ribot concluded his address in the midst of an outburst of applause. The Chamber unanimously passed the bill increasing the limit of defence bonds.

"We cannot refuse help," Finance Minister Ribot said, "to those of our fellow countrymen whose homes have been destroyed."

"Fortunately alongside the prospect of larger expense are reassuring indications of a restoration of the business of the country. The increases in direct taxation have been paid cheerfully by these able to do so; the revenues from indirect taxation are increasing, while the customs deficits are diminishing, and we are able to hope that on the day of peace there will be an exposition of activity in the development of the riches of our country which will permit us to overcome all difficulties."

The national defence bonds, the Finance Minister said, had yielded, up to the 12th of March, 3,862,000,000 francs (\$772,400,000).

CALIFORNIA RESURRECTS OLD STATE LAW AND HOLDS UP SALARY OF 1,500 CANADIAN CITIZENS RESIDENT OF STATE

Ottawa, Mar. 18.—The fact that Canadian citizens resident in the state of California and holding public offices of any kind are being refused the right to collect their salaries as the result of the digging up of a state law never formerly enforced, was brought to the attention of the House this afternoon by Mr. Wm. Gray of London. Mr. Gray stated that on the strength of a law passed in 1901, providing that no state or county money should be paid to aliens, the authorities were now disregarding contracts made with aliens, though enforcing those made by the latter. About 1,500 people in the state, a large majority of them Canadians, are affected, while twenty-eight professors in the state university, including two Britishers, are also being refused their salaries, though paid out of a university fund, and not the general state fund. Naturalization is required and this requires two years to obtain. Mr. Gray read a letter from Miss Kate Short, a Canadian school teacher in Mendocino, whom the county authorities have now refused to pay for work performed since Feb. 20. He asked that the government take action in regard to this matter.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, stated that the matter was undoubtedly of great importance. It had already been brought to his attention through the press and other sources and he had given instructions that it should be looked into.

If the facts were established, representations would be made to the authorities of California, who, he assumed, had surely no intention of causing such injustice.



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