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U. S. Will Accept The British Proposals

Belgian Gov't. Resigns Rather Than Pay Debt

Unable To Meet Installment Of \$2,125,000 Due United States Tomorrow—Vote Was Unanimous.

(Associated Press)
BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 13.—The Government of Premier Count Charles De Broqueville resigned this afternoon after voting to refuse to pay the \$2,125,000 debt installment due the United States this week on the ground that payment was impossible.

The vote, which was unanimous, was taken after George Theunis, who negotiated the debt agreement in 1925, had discussed the debt issue before the ministers.

Previously the government had announced that it would resign only after the war debt policy had been settled. Actually the resignation was necessitated by the Chamber of Deputies election in November.

"The cabinet council, having considered the diplomatic correspondence concerning the debt question, has ascertained that the debt agreement of 1925 is based upon Belgium's capacity to pay," an official communique said.

"The Hoover moratorium and the Lausanne agreement having deprived Belgium of income essentially necessary to balance the budget, the government considers that these circumstances render impossible the resumption of payments.

"In informing the American Government of its decision, the Belgian Government regrets that no amicable decision was reached previous to the December maturity, while expressing its readiness to

Court Decrees It A Duty To Read The News

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(B.U.P.) It is the duty of every body who follows a trade or profession to read newspapers, it has been ruled in court at Kalbe.

A merchant who exports machinery was fined \$75 for flouting the currency decree. He appealed, pleading that because he did not read newspapers he knew nothing about the decree.

The Appeal Court not only declined to accept the excuse but, telling him it was his duty to read newspapers, increased the sentence to one month's imprisonment and a fine of \$200.

MORE CANADIAN CATTLE FOR OVERSEAS

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—For shipment overseas via Maritime ports, 175 head of cattle will leave Montreal next week-end, it was learned today. A total of 45 head arrived at the Montreal stockyards today increasing cattle now here to 135. Three loads of cattle were reported en route to Montreal.

Pictou Youth Is Held On Murder Charge

(Canadian Press)
PICTOU, N. S., Dec. 15.—Wanted by Quincy, Mass., police on a charge of murder John Alfred Bowen of Pictou was lodged in the county jail here today on a technical charge of vagrancy and remanded for one week.

Chief of Police J. McLanders and R. C. M. P. constables made the arrest at the request of the Quincy authorities, who, however, did not forward any information as to the basis of the murder charge. Bowen, who is 20 years old, was not told of the Quincy charge.

He had lived in the United States for some years, returning to Pictou less than two months ago.

Rumania Fixes Oil Production

(Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 13.—At an international oil conference an agreement was reached today whereby Rumania agreed to fix its oil production at 18,500 tons daily for a period of three months beginning January 1.

An official communique specifying this limit said the agreement was based on a desire to balance production with demand.

BRITAIN IS FIRM IN NEW DEBT NOTE

Pressing For Reconsideration Of War Debt Question—Sticks To Policy—Ready To Pay, Under Conditions—Text Of Note.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—In a new note to the United States—a note almost laconic in its brevity—the United Kingdom both sticks to her guns and again presses for reconsideration of the whole war debt question as soon as possible.

The note despatched today declares the British "are prepared to make the payment of \$95,500,000 due on December 15 in the light of considerations set out in their note of December 11 and they must reserve the right to recur to these considerations in the examination of the whole question to which the United States government has agreed."

The Conditions

These considerations were that the payment should not be regarded as a resumption of the old system, but as a capital payment to be taken into account in future revision of the war debt settlement.

The text of the note follows:

"In reply to the note of the United States government of the eleventh of December, His Majesty's government desire to emphasize that the purpose of their note of even date was to state clearly their own position in regard to payment on the fifteenth of December and to explain the circumstances in which they had decided to make that payment. It was not of course the intention of their note to touch

New Gov't. For Vatican City

(Associated Press)
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 13.—Pope Pius promulgated today a commission to form a new government for Vatican City. His nephew Count Franco Ratti, was named President of the planning commission.

Other appointments will be announced Thursday.

Reorganization of the Vatican City Government, whereby three commissioners for art, administration and engineering will be set up, was announced last week.

Speaks On The Public School System

HALIFAX, Dec. 13.—(C.P.)—The public school system, through employment of many more women than men teachers, is a "transfer station for the wedding train. Certain subjects on the curriculum are given places out of all proportion to their educational value; arithmetic has driven more pupils from school than all other subjects combined; homework should be reduced to the smallest degree possible in the first eight grades.

These were some of the opinions expressed today before a Halifax service club by Ross Berringer, principal of Joseph Howe School, and S. I. Robinson, of Richmond School.

Mr. Berringer remarked that he was not blaming young women teachers for marrying; "that is their destiny." But because of the preponderance of women teachers, many boys completed their common

May Their Hopes Be All Realized

Every Child Is Waiting Santa's Gifts. Will Any Be Disappointed? You Can Answer The Question.

Eagerness and hope shone through the apprehension on little Jimmie's face, as he bounded down stairs on the morning of December 25th. As Jimmie was only eight years old, the mystery of Santa Claus, and the thought of discovering Christmas gifts thrilled him through every inch of his being.

Shivering with cold, Jimmie buttoned his ragged little sweater, as he trotted toward the hook where hung his stocking. What had Santa brought he wondered. Did he bring that toy auto and the jumping jack? Did he bring candy and fruit? The latter thought made the little boy feel very hungry for he had had a scanty supper the evening before.

Perhaps Santa had brought a pretty picture book —, but imagination carried him no further. Really—cruel, bitter, heart-sickening reality rendered him for a moment incapable of thinking. The stocking was empty.

Jimmie gave the stocking a slap, a gesture of dead hope. Yes, the stocking was empty. The little boy shed no tears. Already life had given him too many disappointments for that, but there was a great lump in his throat, and a dull ache somewhere inside him. Deep in his heart he had not expected to find anything in his stocking. He had only hoped. Never, since his father had died, had Jimmie received anything from Santa Claus who seemed to have forgotten the little boy entirely, but year after year, Jimmie had hung up his stocking, and hoped. His mother, who could scarcely provide the necessities of life for herself and her little son, had never seemed happy on Christmas morning, and Jimmie knew that she was sad because Santa had forgotten him.

Guardian readers, there are many cases similar to that of Jimmie, or differing only in a few particulars. If you wish to help Santa Claus bear his heavy load, become a Santa Pal, sent to us your gift of toys, candy and fruit or forward your donation to our Empty Stocking Fund. Let us have your name at once. Phone 133.

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Herriot Plan Is Shelved In House

French Gov't. Expected To Resign Over U. S. War Payments.

(Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 14.—(Wednesday)—While the Chamber of Deputies temporarily suspended its session on the war debt payment to the United States early this morning, the Socialists voted not to support Premier Herriot's plan to make the payment due Thursday with reservations—an action interpreted by the Havas News Agency as indicating "that the government will resign in several hours."

M. Herriot's plan for payment involved forwarding the almost \$200,000,000 due Thursday with the stipulation that it be credited as a capital payment, and with the request that the United States consent to an international conference for the purpose of revising the entire debts structure.

For the second time the Socialists voted not to support this plan, only 17 members of this party favoring abstention. The Socialists took the position that acceptance of the British payment by the United States, announced in Washington Tuesday, did not mean acceptance of reservations, and that it constituted no guarantee of ultimate revision of the debts.

"It is almost the unanimous opinion," said the Havas agency, "that the refusal of the Socialist to follow the government will prevent the government from obtaining a majority in favor of its proposal. In these conditions it is to be foreseen that the Government will resign in several hours."

The meeting held by the Radical Socialist group Mr. Herriot's party

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Christmas Message Of The King To Be Heard Throughout Empire

LONDON, Dec. 13.—More than 150,000,000 persons on Christmas afternoon will hear the King's Christmas greetings when the British Broadcasting Corporation inaugurates its empire-wide service from its Daventry station.

Under present plans powerful twin short-wave transmitters, each with a carrier output of 20 kilowatts and capable of working on six wave lengths from 13.9 to 49.6 metres, will serve the world, which has been divided into five empire zones—Canada, Australia, India, South Africa and West Africa.

The Christmas programme will be broadcast and relayed to all zones, through the co-operation of 1,000 empire stations and many in non-empire countries.

Is Fatally Stricken At Dinner

CANTON, China, Dec. 13.—Chu Chao-Hsin, inspector-general of foreign affairs in the Canton government, and formerly charge d'affaires in the Chinese legation in London, is dead following a dinner at naval headquarters here.

Physicians said that snake poisoning caused death.

The dinner was in honor of Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, Commander-in-Chief of the British naval forces in the Far East.

Mr. Chu was once the Chinese Ambassador to Italy and also Consul-general in San Francisco. He at one time was a student in Columbia University, New York, and held several important posts in the Chinese government.

Snake was on the menu at the dinner given by the naval club. Mr. Chu was believed to have swallowed a poisonous bone which the cook had overlooked.

NEW CANADIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Will Make Its Initial Bow On Christmas Day—Message From His Majesty Will Occupy Ten Minutes.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—The new Canadian radio broadcasting commission will make its initial bow on Christmas Day as a purveyor of broadcasting service to the Canadian people. The Canadian section of the Empire Christmas broadcast, from London, will be under the direction of the commission. The broadcast will occupy approximately one hour, from nine to ten o'clock, eastern standard time.

A Christmas message from the King will occupy about ten minutes of the time of the broadcast, it is announced. Exchange of greetings between various parts of the British Empire around the world will continue for nearly an hour, 15 minutes of which will consist of two-way conversations between England and Canada.

UNITED CHURCH MODERATOR AT SUMMERSIDE

Trinity United Church, Summerside had the pleasure yesterday of welcoming the Right Reverend T. Albert Moore, D. D., of Toronto, Moderator of the United Church of Canada and former secretary of the church. A banquet was served in his honor by the ladies of the church in Epworth Hall, at which Rev. L. B. Campbell, pastor of the church, presided. Present were Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, Rev. L. P. Archibald, of Bedouque; Rev. W. S. Loring, of Kensington; Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Lot 16; besides members of the board of management.

At 8 o'clock he delivered an eloquent address in the church to a large congregation. The speaker was introduced by Rev. Mr. Campbell.

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LATE WIRE BRIEFS

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—Peter Butchen pleaded not guilty in arraignment court today to a charge of stealing a Christmas tree. He was remanded for trial.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 13.—(C.P.)—Based on his research in infectious jaundice, Professor Roy Fraser, head of the biology department at Mount Allison University, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of England.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 13.—Negotiations between Hon. W. J. Walsh, Minister of Agriculture and Mines in Newfoundland and Government, and business men from the United States had not reached a point tonight at which there was anything for publication, the Minister said.

BRIDLINGTON, Eng., Dec. 13.—(A.P.)—For the first time in the long history of Bridlington Harbor, a woman has been appointed Harbor Master. She is the wife of the regular master, who is ill.

GAO, French West Africa, Dec. 13.—Amy Johnson Mollison, flying from Cape Town to London, landed here at 5:15 this afternoon (12:15 p.m. E. S. T.) and said she would leave again at 3 a.m. tomorrow (10 p.m. E. S. T. tonight) for Oran, Algeria, on the Mediterranean coast.

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United Kingdom Will Meet Its Debt Obligation

Government Officials Welcome Decision Of States To Accept Payment Of Britain's Installment, With Reservations.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press and Associated Press Cables)—Government circles tonight welcomed the decision of the United States to accept payment of Great Britain's \$95,500,000 war debt installment due Thursday and to recognize the United Kingdom's reservations that a re-examination of debt agreements will be necessary before the next payment becomes due.

The position with regard to these reservations which the United States previously had rejected was cleared up today in a fifth note from Great Britain which explained the reservations were not intended to apply to the present payment but to future negotiations on the debt question.

In parliamentary circles the American decision was hailed as marking the end of interchange of notes and the beginning of diplomatic negotiations during which the entire debt subject can be brought under review.

This attitude was reflected in the British note itself which said the Government "would again emphasize the importance of entering upon that examination without loss of time."

Considerable satisfaction was expressed over the fact the United States has as Ambassador here Andrew W. Mellon whose public utterances on more than one occasion have intimated he believed Great Britain is entitled to special consideration in regard to debts.

Great interest was manifested in a full dress debate on the debt situation which will be held tomorrow in the House of Commons.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald who returned from Geneva last night was expected to wind up the debate for the Government while George Lansbury, peppery veteran leader of the Laborites, was expected to be one of the chief opposition spokesmen.

Have Decided To Pay

RIGA, Latvia, Dec. 13.—(A.P.)—The Latvia government decided today to pay the debt installment due the United States Thursday.

U.S. CHAMBER TERRORIZED BY FANATIC

(By William L. Beale, Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Dangereously brandishing a loaded gun, a youthful zealot stood in the gallery of the United States House of Representatives today and terrorized a crowded chamber until safely disarmed through the calm approach of one of its members.

Bullets were not the only resource in his determination to deliver a speech to the House. After he had been identified as Marlin R. M. Kemmerer, of Allentown, Penn., police found two sticks of dynamite in the rooms he occupied here.

Before the 25-year-old department store worker was taken to hospital for mental observation, he told police his first intention had been to speak from the gallery and then blow himself up with the dynamite. But for fear of hurting someone else, he decided to hold the House at the point of his gun while speaking.

Had Kemmerer succeeded, not

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The Weather, Etc

10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

YOU CAN LEAD A FELLER TO CONGRESS BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM THINK!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 13.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Pasadena	25B	24B
Los Angeles	48	26B
Albany	28	36
Victoria	28	36
Vancouver	28	36
Edmonton	14	20
Calgary	12	18
Saskatoon	12	18
Regina	12	18
Winnipeg	12	18
London	12	18
Toronto	12	18
Kingston	12	18
Ottawa	12	18
Montreal	12	18
Quebec	12	18
Halifax	12	18
Saint John	12	18
Charlottetown	12	18

FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence Valleys: Fresh to strong southwest to west winds, partly cloudy and moderately cold with local snow flurries.

Gulf and North Shore: Fresh to strong winds, cloudy with some light snow, not much change in temperature.

Maritime West: Fresh to strong winds, unsettled with some snow or rain.

High tide this afternoon at 1:17 and tonight at 11:07.

Sun rises this morning at 7:51 and sets this afternoon at 4:19.

Last quarter moon Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 4:38 p.m.

Sunrise this tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Week days—Leaves Cape Torreyes 10:30 a.m. and 2:35 p.m.