

## LYNN GEORGE HAS HOPES FOR FRENCH DEBT SETTLEMENT

**American Demands To Help  
Britain; Washington Gets  
Warning Against Shar-  
ing Dawes Payments.**

BY DAVID LYNN GEORGE  
LONDON, June 2. (By Cable.)—The question of interrelated debts is once more a boiling question. The suggestion sent by the United States government to its European debtors has compelled serious consideration of the problem. There is no doubt that hitherto the debtor countries had a lurking hope, amounting to a practical conviction, that they would never be called on to pay up these loans. Payment was not in their reckoning. Their financial arrangements never took such a contingency into account. Their budgets were invariably framed on the assumption that Germany must and would pay her obligations but that they would not be called on to discharge theirs. Such a contingency was not usual. Quixotic respect for her bond, had foolishly not only settled to pay America but, incredible as it might seem, had actually started paying. Perhaps the worst and most unpardonable of her perfidies! You could never depend on her—not even to break her word. However, in spite of the betrayal, there is still a belief that lip service to the bond would be accepted by America in lieu of interest and that as for the rest, the rich taxpayers of the United States of America would be satisfied with what they were extracting annually out of Britain. But here comes this suggestion from the American treasury hinting gently but firmly that the real settlement would be welcomed in America. It is now realized, for the first time, that America means business about the debts owing to her.

**What France Owes**  
France owes America about \$4,000,000,000. She owes Britain about \$2,000,000,000. The British government, having to find annually \$4,000,000,000 pounds to pay America for a loan which was really incurred on behalf of the Allies, found itself unable to meet the demand. The British government, in fact, has been unable to pay interest in respect of their borrowings, up to the limit of Britain's payment to America. So far, the British government has been able to pay interest on the "conversations" but no cash. The negotiations for payment have been completely sterile. Will America fare any better? Will the American treasury be satisfied with polite acknowledgments which contain no check? When the suggestion was first received in Paris, there were some official communiquees that proposals were ready to be submitted to America. Then, later, these proposals "could not be ready for a fortnight," then it was "a few weeks" and now comes a more definite and official statement from "Mr. Briand and Mr. Caillaux" had been instructed by their government to study the whole question of interrelated debts with a view to reaching a settlement. When a government in France is confronted with a difficult and disagreeable situation, it is always referred to somebody to be studied and nothing more is heard of it until and unless events force some more decisive consideration. Still, I can not help thinking that this time "proposals" will emerge, for the American invitation is one of these forcing events.

**Borah Points Way.**  
Senator Borah, in his recent content articles has given the American case for demanding payment. He calls attention to the bounding prosperity which France has fortunately enjoyed since the war. Her population is fully employed—and her exports are leaping up by substantial percentages from year to year. According to his information, the figures of her taxation are \$32.55 a head of population, whereas American taxation is \$68 to \$69 a head. He also calls attention to the fact that the French armies and their reserves are more than those of Britain, the United States of America and Japan combined and their armament is infinitely more powerful and therefore more costly. He also points out that while France is leaving her more heavily taxed creditors unpaid, she is lending large sums of money to the new countries of central Europe to help them to organize and equip armies.

These facts are also present to the British mind. I do not know on what basis Senator Borah computes his per capita taxation. Does he confine it to federal taxation or does he include state and municipal taxes? If he confines his reckoning to the former, then, on the same basis, British taxation comes to \$76 a head of our population, twice that of France. If he includes local charges, then the British taxation is more than \$90 a head.

While these leisurely negotiations are going on for postponing, reducing or retarding the British claim for repayment of money advanced by Britain to her Allies, the British house of commons has been considering the finance of the year. In many respects the budget is a characteristically British document. British trade is worse than it has been within living memory. This is the fifth year of unemployment and a million and a half of the population this month exceed those of the corresponding period last year.

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by 150,000. Reports from the industrial north are full of gloom and despair. Collieries, furnaces and yards are closing down and orders being snatched by continental yards, which pay lower taxes and lower wages for longer hours. The solidity of the race comes out in the absence of excitement and hysteria under these trying conditions.

A dogged hope still prevails that in the end all will be well. But it is not a cheerful atmosphere in which to debate a budget of 800,000,000 pounds and to ask for a renewal of taxes which are the heaviest in the world.

There are several proposals in the budget which excite fierce controversy. But there is one proposition which is accepted without note or comment by men of all parties—that we must pay our way without borrowing. There is no substitute to dodge taxes such as those we are accustomed to in continental budgets. Annual expenditure is squarely met out of annual revenue. In addition, 34,000,000 pounds is set aside to pay America and 50,000,000 pounds is voted into a sinking fund to reduce our capital indebtedness—all out of revenue raised by taxation within a year. I fear that the proposals submitted to parliament to make provision for widows and orphans and aged workers, at a further cost to the community of 2,000,000 pounds per annum, will be quoted in this argument about payment of debts as proof that our outpence is overflowing. It is nothing of the kind. Apart from the justice of the proposal, it is an insurance scheme in more senses than one. Our industrial system in Britain is the most top-heavy in the world and, with continued depression and unemployment, it might well rock. The weight of every social evil makes it lean over. This additional expenditure will conduce to stability. That is how it appeals to the more conservative minds.

**Must Have Action.**  
The American suggestion helps the British government in its negotiations with France and Italy. The "conversations" as to the repayment of the debt will now proceed somewhat more expeditiously and what is more important—more earnestly. The American treasury must have something definite to report to congress in December. In order to enable that to be done, proposals will have to be submitted without delay. Discussions must, then, be taken up at once and pressed to a conclusion, for the summer holidays will soon be on us "when no man worketh." If both Britain and America insist on concrete proposals, then something will be achieved and the vexed question, which is like so much grist in the wheels of international trade and international relations, will—

tionship, will—for the time being—be out of the way.

One word of warning to creditor nations. America and Britain will be offered by France and Belgium a share of the Dawes payments from Germany, in liquidation of interest due on the debts owing by their respective countries. I can not imagine a wise treasury in either Washington or London looking twice at such a suggestion. It is only another way of involving Britain and America more deeply in the collection of German reparations. Garnishing a debtor's book debts to use a legal phrase) is the last resort before bankruptcy. If these European countries could screw their courage up to the pitch of British taxation, they could not only pay their foreign bills, but restore their currency.

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## RAIN LAST NIGHT COOLS THE SWELTERING CITY

Although several aggravating showers broke up picnic parties Memorial day, it remained for the weatherman yesterday to hand out a day to everybody's liking. The maximum temperature yesterday was 94, which was mitigated by a strong west breeze. Thunder heads arose on the horizon about 7 p. m., but the storm did not materialize until about 10 p. m. It cleared the air and refreshed the lawns and gardens; a total of .21 of an inch fell. This morning the temperature had dropped to 64.

Light showers Memorial day partly spoiled many picnic parties both morning and afternoon. The golf links, the parks, the baseball game were all well attended until a shower about 3 p. m. caused a scampering to shelter. The rain did not extend much farther east than about Twentieth street, but was sufficient to lay the dust well where it fell. The Iowa Railway and Light company reports that the rainfall that day was "too small to measure."

**Polo Costly Sport.**  
Nearly one million dollars were used to arrange and finance the international polo match between Great Britain and United States in 1924 when the Prince of Wales was in this country. The gate receipts of course did not pay for even a small part of the expense. Two of the ponies, however, sold for \$10,000 each immediately after the match which consisted of only two games.

## BEDTIME STORIES

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### UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE MOLE.

The mole is a queer little animal, something like a mouse, only it has no eyes. But, as the mole lives most of his life under the ground, where it is very dark, he has no need of eyes. He has a very good nose, however, and when he digs his tunnel through the earth with his strong, front claws, the mole's nose tells him as good as if he had eyes to see where he can find bugs and worms to eat.

Now, it happened, once on a time, that a large, gray mole, in a tunnel under the earth not far from Uncle Wiggily's hollow stump bungalow. This mole did not come up on top of the ground, so he never saw the rabbit gentleman, nor his bungalow. And though Uncle Wiggily had never met this particular one.

And one morning Mrs. Longears said to her husband: "Please dig up a place for me where I can plant some more flower seeds." "It shall be done," answered the gray mole, with a polite twinkle in his pink nose. Then, taking a spade, he began to dig up the ground. But he had not dug very far before, all of a sudden, with a spade of earth he tossed out a small, brown creature like a mouse.

"Hello, there's a mole!" cried Uncle Wiggily. The mole did not answer, but at once, with his strong front claws, began to dig himself down into the ground again. For these strange little creatures do not like to be on top of the ground, where hawk birds might catch them. "What is your hurry, Mr. Mole?" asked Uncle Wiggily, as he gently tweaked the tail of the little blind creature. "Why, don't you stay and talk to me?"

"I can't see who you are, and perhaps you may be the fox," said the mole, digging faster than ever to make a tunnel down in which he might hide.

"Oh, no, I'm not a fox!" laughed Uncle Wiggily. "I'm as much afraid of the fox as you are, for I am a bunny rabbit. Stay and let's be friends. I am making a flower bed for my wife. Sometimes you moles, in digging your underground tunnels in search of worms, spoil flower and vegetable gardens. Smell with

your nose and learn where this bed is that I am making, and then you can keep away from it." "I'll do that," said the mole. "Since you are so kind," and then Uncle Wiggily and the little gray fellow became well acquainted. When the mole learned where Mrs. Wiggily's flower bed was he promised not to tunnel beneath it. And Uncle Wiggily saw a place where there were many bugs and worms and told the mole about it. So one helped the other, and often in the evening the mole would stick his queer, pointed nose out of his tunnel and sniff and sniff, until he smelled Uncle Wiggily, and then he would talk to the bunny.

And one evening, when Mr. Longears and the mole were thus talking together, the Bob Cat sneaked quietly along and came up behind the bunny, who was so busy talking he didn't hear the bad chap. But the mole with his sharp nose smelled the Bob Cat and also heard him. And then the mole thought of a trick to play on the bad chap. Without saying anything to Uncle Wiggily about it the mole suddenly popped down into his tunnel. Then he began to dig a new trench, just under the surface of the ground slanting toward where the Bob Cat sat crouched behind a bush.

All of a quickness, coming up out of his tunnel, the mole, with his sharp claws, tickled the Bob Cat on the bottom of his left hind foot. "Ouch!" howled the Bob Cat. Then he danced on three legs. The mole



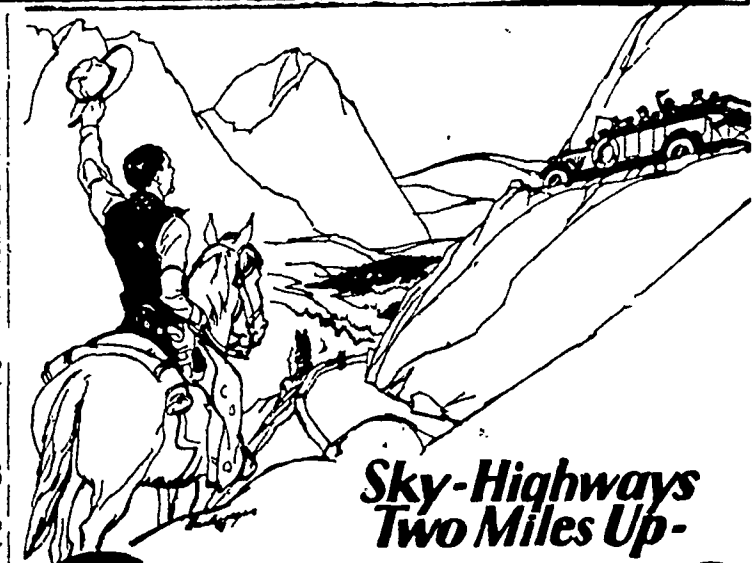
He danced on three legs.

## AWARD CONTRACTS FOR IMPROVING ROAD NO. 6

The county building showed more outward signs of activity Friday afternoon than at any time since it was occupied, when the board of supervisors let contracts for the improving of county road number 6. Following are the winners of the bidding: grading, Sam Patterson, Marion, \$9,886.95; filling, Alex Elkwald, Emmetsburg, \$1,222.28; bridging, eleven culverts, J. B. Elliott, Independence, \$4,303; twenty-five culverts, Perry Jayne, Cedar Rapids, \$13,560; one small bridge, H. O. Graham, Cedar Rapids, \$2,626; wooden repair work, A. E. Dunn, Central City, \$665.

A contract for the graveling of a portion of road district number two of Grant township was awarded to C. F. Wishard of Charles City on a bid of \$2,553.12. Contracts for the grading, bridging and draining of primary No. 23, running from Marion northeast through Springfield to the Jones county line will be awarded June 12. It is estimated this work will amount to \$136,513.

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**Special Lot of Hats**  
One special lot of trimmed hats have been placed in this sale—some tailored and some trimmed. A pleasing array of colors and materials. Hats worth twice the price asked, but during this June sale, **\$2.98**

**Eat 'Em Up Cowgirl!**  
Rodeo! Rodeo! Get your rodeo hat during this big June sale. NOTE—a pretty bright scarf free with every **\$2.95 and \$1.95** hat during this sale

**Untrimmed Shapes**  
If one has deftness of fingers several hats may be bought for the price of one. Here may be found 100 dozen of Ajour and hemp braids, and with just a little work may be transformed into really lovely, stylish hats for wear now and during mid-summer. The color assortment is charming, being varied as to choice. White may be had if preferred. Sale **\$1.48** price

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