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War Debt Payments To U.S. Omitted From The British Budget

Is Interpreted in Some Quarters as a Bold Move to
Force Consideration of War Debts Revision—
Has Created Delicate Diplomatic Situation—
Chamberlain's Explanation.

LONDON, April 20—Omission of war debt payments to the United States in the British budget, thus disturbing the United States budget, was interpreted today in some quarters as a bold move to force consideration of war debts revision, and among Conservative elements it caused some concern.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain's omission coupled with Ogden Mills' recent clear-cut announcement that the United States does not intend to extend the Hoover moratorium after July 1st created a unique diplomatic situation.

Unofficial American quarters here considered it a bold move to force the United States to reconsider her war debts position. But official press circles ridiculed the suggestion of the repudiation of war debts by the British Government. Chamberlain's decision was explained as merely leaving the war debts item open until after the Lausanne conference.

WAR VETERAN RETURNING TO CLAIM PENSION

J. A. Foster Starts on a
Long Trek From Florida
to Montreal With
His Family.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press)

Knoxville, Tennessee, April 19—J. A. Foster, trudged along the road toward Montreal, Canada today, pulling a 1,465 pound cart loaded with his two children and household goods.

Foster, forty two days out of Florida, is bound for the Canadian city to try to collect a pension, due him, he said, for services as Sergeant in the Canadian Black Watch Regiment during the World War. At his side, walks his wife, who has helped him build the crude cart after their home burned down in Miami, Fla. Five of their daughters were drowned in a storm in 1926.

DE VALERA HAS BILL READY FOR THE DAIL

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press)

Dublin, April 20—President Eamon DeValera was prepared today to introduce legislation in the Dail for removal of the oath of allegiance to the British Crown from the Free State constitution, despite threats and warnings.

The Dail reconvenes today to receive the "constitutional removal of the oath bill of 1932." Introduction of the measure will constitute its first reading, but there will be no debate until the second reading next week.

From objection to the bill may be taken today, however.

Leave Granted
(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press)

Dublin, April 20—Leave to introduce legislation abolishing the oath to the crown was granted to President De Valera by the Dail today.

WILL DISSOLVE NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE

St. John's Newfoundland, April 19—The Newfoundland Legislature will dissolve and the Government will go to the people "probably late in May or early in June," Premier Sir Richard Squires said today as the House met for the first time in two weeks. No hint of the riotous violence which forced adjournment two weeks ago was in evidence when members of the Assembly gathered to consider the Dominion's business.

Surrounding the Colonial Buildings, repaired since crowds angered by delay in admitting a deputation smashed out windows on April 5, were about 1,000 people, but their only objective seemed to be the satisfaction of idle curiosity. A cordon of 200 police had been drawn up about the building and the House met behind closed chamber doors, a ruling of Speaker A. J. Walsh having excluded "strangers."

Sir Richards' observation in connection with the election date was made in reply to Opposition Leader F. C. Alderdice. He could not be more definite at the present time, the Premier said. A revision of the election lists was almost certain to be provided for in legislation yet to be introduced, he added, and it was probable a redistribution bill would be brought in.

PRISONERS WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press)

Bombay, April 20—Yeroda jail where Mahatma Gandhi is imprisoned was relieved of 350 prisoners today to make room for members of Gandhi's nationalist party arrested in recent raids.

The released prisoners, including many women were given free transportation to their homes.

BRITISHERS GET NO RELIEF FROM TAXATION

Some Highlights in the
Budget Brought Down
in British House by Hn.
Mr. Chamberlain.

London, April 19—Highlights of the budget presented by Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer today, follow:

Estimated expenditure in the new fiscal year—£766,129,000.

Estimated receipts, including new taxes—£767,925,000.

Estimated surplus £796,000.

Revival of former duty on tea of four pence a pound; two pence a pound on Empire-grown tea.

Increase in Empire preference for colonial sugars.

No reduction in income taxes or tax on beer.

No provision for reparations receipts, or war debt payments, being held in suspense pending possible results Lausanne reparations conference.

New foreign exchange account to be opened for "equalization" purposes; power being sought to borrow up to £150,000,000 for this.

General 10 per cent. duties imposed in March expected to yield £27,000,000. Another £5,000,000 expected from additional import duties yet to be announced—no details of the new duties yet.

Estimated Revenue	
Existing taxes (excluding recent import duties)	£731,300,000
10 per cent. duties	27,000,000
New Duties to Come	5,000,000
Abnormal duties	1,000,000
Tea tax	3,000,000
Silk tax	25,000
Total revenue	£766,925,000
Estimated Expenditures	
General purposes	£766,004,000
Loss in colonial sugar concessions	1,100,000
Loss in motorcycle taxes	25,000
Total expenditures	£767,129,000
Total revenue	767,925,000
Total surplus	£ 796,000

THE ICE CREAM SALES TAX IS OBJECTED TO

Ottawa, April 19—A large delegation of ice cream manufacturers, mainly representative of the Ontario Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association waited upon members of the Government today with a request for removal of the six per cent. sales tax on their product, provided in the budget now before the House of Commons.

The delegation, which also represented the ice cream makers of Manitoba, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, spent the day in consultation with the Ministers, calling, in order, upon Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance; Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Minister of National Revenue; Hon. Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture and Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Chimney Fire
The fire department was called out to the home of Mrs. Dorcas, George Street last night, where a chimney fire was burning. No damage resulted.

COL. GUTHRIE IS READY TO BE DRAFTED

Former Fredericton Mayor
Former Capital Man
To Accept Place on
Curleys Slate

IN HANDS OF
HIS FRIENDS
Says He is Willing to
Shift to Democratic
Party

Boston, April 20—Col. Percy A. Guthrie said yesterday that he will accept the place on Mayor Curley's Roosevelt-for-President slate if no better known and better qualified man can be found to take the place.

He explained that he has placed himself in the hands of his friends in the matter, and if finally drafted to run as a delegate, will change from the Republican to the Democratic party, as he has been advised he would have to do.

Col. Guthrie said today: "I believe that Roosevelt has a good cause but there are many men better qualified than I to be on the slate. I have been here a comparatively short time and there are others who have a much wider circle of friends. Although I have been identified with one party here, it has not been a life-long, deep-rooted proposition and I believe in backing the man best qualified. We are greatly in need of good men in public office at this time and I am prepared to support them regardless of party.

"I intend to stand pat on my position."

Whether the Curley group will go ahead and draft Guthrie on the basis of his present attitude has not been fully decided. It is reported the mayor has a prominent French-Canadian under consideration for use if necessary.

Guthrie was actively associated with the Frank G. Allen and Eben S. Draper campaigns as well as the Republican Club of Massachusetts.

MID-WEEK MARKET

There was a fairly large mid-week market this morning with a sharp drop in prices in most commodities. Meats were selling as low as 5 cents per pound. Butter dropped back to 25 cents and eggs in some cases, sold at 18 cts per dozen. Vegetables were also slightly lower. Following is the price list:—

Stove wood, per cord, \$6. to \$8.
Butter per lb, 25 cts.
Eggs, per dozen, 18 cts.
Beef, per lb, 5 cts.
Veal, per lb, 5 cts.
Pork, per lb, 7 to 8 cts.
Parsnips, per peck, 25 cts.
Carrots, per peck, 20 cts.
Artichokes, per lb, 5 cts.
Apples, per bbl, \$3.
Potatoes, per bbl, 70 cts.
Maple Honey per bottle, 40 cts.
Honey (Bees), per bottle, 25 cts.
Chickens, per lb, 25 cts.
Hams, per lb, 14 cts.

USE WOODEN MONEY

Tenino, Wash. April 20—That old one about "don't take any wooden money" isn't funny here, where wooden money is welcome indeed.

When the bank closed, some medium of exchange was needed, so the Chamber of Commerce issued "money" printed on on veneer slips in denominations of 25 and 50 cents and \$1. Every one is glad to get it.

A NEW PRESIDENT

New York, April 20—William A. Irving has been elected president of the United States Steel Corporation in succession to James A. Farrell, who has retired.

Man Sought by Toronto Police Held at Hoboken

Frank Lombardi is Wanted on a Thirteen-Year-Old Murder Charge—Has Been Living Under An Assumed Name—Admitted His Identity to Police.

HOBOKEN, N. J., April 20—Frank Lombardi, sought by Toronto police on a thirteen-year-old murder charge, was held here today, awaiting the arrival of extradition papers.

Before United States Commissioner Edward R. Stanton, Lombardi admitted his identity. He had been living in North Bergen, N. J., for nine years under the name of Frank Collo, according to the police. He was the father of eight children, and had operated a trucking business in Nor. Bergen.

The police said that Lombardi asserts he shot in self-defence after Berledio had stabbed him in the face.

PAYMENTS TO AIRD ARE NOW BEING PROBED

Toronto, April 19—Reading of correspondence bearing on the sale of the M. J. O'Brien power rights of the Madawaska and Mississippi rivers to the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario took up most of the first day of the resumed hydro inquiry under Mr. Justice J. F. Orde as Commissioner. The inquiry was opened on February 25, last, and adjourned indefinitely when the then Commissioner, Mr. Justice W. E. Middleton was taken ill.

J. G. G. Kerry, consulting engineer, whose firm, Kerry & Chase, was associated with the O'Brien concern throughout the negotiations, was on the stand all day and it was his letters to J. A. O'Brien and Mr. O'Brien's replies that usurped most of the attention today.

This phase of the inquiry concerns the payment of \$50,000 by the Hydro Commission to John Aird, Jr., in connection with the O'Brien power purchase. The other two subjects of inquiry, payment of \$125,000 to Aird by the Beauharnois Corporation and the purchase by Hydro of the Dominion Power and Transmission properties, will be gone into later.

Correspondence read today and Mr. Kerry's evidence revealed that Mr. Aird was at least active in seeking to interest various parties, including the Hydro Commission, in the O'Brien properties, although near the close of the day, when asked by Arthur G. Slaght, K.C., counsel for independent interests, what Mr. Aird had done for Hydro to earn the \$50,000 paid him, the witness said he could not mention anything.

LLOYD GEORGE TURNS PSALMS INTO WELSH

London, April 20—Solicitor, world-famous politician and statesman, journalist, and now psalm writer.

Such is the versatile record of Lloyd George, British wartime premier. During his recent stay in Criccieth, Wales, the veteran Liberal leader translated six verses of the psalm "Thy Kingdom Come, O God," into Welsh. The psalm is a beautiful metrical version and will be sung at the psalmody festivals of the Welsh churches and the Eisteddfodau.

DIVISION ON THE BUDGET COMING SOON

Mr. McDade Makes a
Vigorous Reply to the
Statements by Hon. P.
J. Veniot—Division on
Thursday.

Ottawa, April 19—With the budget debate droning on, attendance records fell to a low ebb in the House of Commons today. At one time a bare quorum of 21 members was sprinkled over the large chamber and the public galleries held eight spectators.

French-speaking members held a field day during the evening, led by Hon. Arthur Sauve, Postmaster-General. Speaking in his native tongue, the former Conservative leader in Quebec defended the record of the Government, particularly in relation to the tariff and unemployment relief.

A division on the Rhodes budget is expected Thursday after Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King have closed the debate.

N. B. Members

Charges of irregularities in the expenditure of unemployment relief moneys on road construction, made by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot (Liberal, Gloucester), were dealt with by George McDade (Con., Northumberland) on Monday. He read a letter from one of the road engineers denying certain of Dr. Veniot's statements. As the former Postmaster-General had staked his seat on the truth of his statements, perhaps he might feel like resigning it, Mr. McDade suggested.

Dr. Veniot declared that the statements he made in the House were absolutely true.

Telesphore Arsenault (Cons., Kent), declared that in view of the worldwide economic conditions no fairer budget could be presented. Mr. Arsenault paid tribute to Mr. Bennett and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes), and thanked his electors for returning him in the general election. "It will be my constant aim," Mr. Arsenault declared, "to do all I can in the service of the people of my constituency."

Shows Improvement

Improvement is shown today in the condition of Louis DeCarlo, 12 years of age, who is recuperating at the Victoria Public Hospital from an operation for appendicitis. Young DeCarlo is a resident of Minto.