

Bankrupt Nations Adopt Slogan of "Nothing Without

America," Refuting Report of Abandonment of League by Allied Powers

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Washington, Dec. 17. — "Nothing without the United States," according to the usually inspired "Temps" of Paris was the policy of the big conference of allied premiers just concluded in London.
That is a sufficient answer to the stories that this conference was a revival of the Entente, that it was an abandonment of the league of nations, that it settled Finme agreeably to Italy

over the league of nations. It is vital to Europe that it shall have the friendship of the Wilson administra-tion while it lasts and that it shall equally enjoy the friendship of the Republican administration if such no nd-ministration succeeds the present one. It is for this reason that no nilled gog-It is for this reason that no nilled gov-ernment will express in advance its views upon reservations. To do so would be sure to displease one side or the other in the contracers. And by merely insisting upon the payment of interest upon its leans to the Allies during the war America would forces. Europe to ruin. Europe Cannot Pay Interest The question of the interest on these leans was one taken up by the Lon-don conference. There is no doubt that Europe cannot have interest as the danger point Eu-pore is already scant gold supply, is one of those events that is forcing our hand. It is the first. There will be others.

The question of the interest on these loans was one taken up by the Lon-don conference. There is no doubt that Europe cannot pay the interest on these loans and there is no doubt also that if she is forced to pay it she will not pay it long and even the principal will be imperiled.

will be imperiled. The question of this interest comes up because this country has lent the Alles almost of the \$10,000,000,000 authorized by Congress. The Alles cannot longer may the interest on their borrowings from the United States by further borrowing. They cannot pay it by the sale of goods in this country. They can only pay it by the shipping of gold to this country. And the ship ping of \$500,000,000 of gold to this country in the east year would bring about the final smash in the foreign cannapt of a large part of its remaining

And the French Imane, more inflated than the British pound, which was once worth twenty cents in our money, is now worth about nine cents. The de-cline in the value of Allied money, measured in our own, has been steady, and experts believe it will go on until ich lower levels than now prevail have

As it is Europe is finding difficulties in buying goods in America. What is needed is not increasing of the demands

stories that this conference was a Frances of ultimately connecting the principal are improved.
Fortinately the authority to defer the first settled Finne agreeably to have an areceasing the transmission for the United States was above in London than at any time in the Peace Conference at Paris. As the uncertainty of American participate has increased.
The Temps" puts financial and economic displease of the premiers with Ambassador Davis sitting in unofficially. The financial sitting in anofficial to the Republican Senate in the Democratic Pressident or the Republican Senate in the bands of the sectors as long as he political controversy that is raging here over the league of nations.
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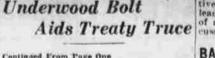
Smash Would Upset C. S. It is unfortupate that the whole question of helping Europe back on its collection is concerned, is now, like the lengue of nations issue, involved in party politics, for our own financial stability is dependent upon that of furope. A great smash cannot come on that side of the water without upset.

Europe can do nothing but wait their coming, meanwhile clinging to the policy of "nothing without America," and avoiding all possibility of giving offense over here, no matter to which political party. A debtor world such as Europe

ping of \$500,000,000 of gold to this country in the next year would bring about the final smash in the foreign exchange situation. It would drain burge of a large part of its remaining gold, leaving Europe's vast issues of paper with still less basis than they have now. And the collection of a debt of \$500,000,000 annually from the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League, calling on him for all evidence he has in his possession on his allegations that gross violations of the corrupt practices and an adverse balance of inflation and an adverse balance of inflation measure of value in the world, down to \$5.73 in our money. Its normal value before the war in our money was \$4.86 And the French franc, more inflated

## Chicago Theatres Increase Prices

Chleago, Dec. 17.-(By A. P.)-Two leading Chicago theatres today announced an increase in the price of seats for the New Year's eve permuch lower levels than now prevail have been reached. If Europe has to send us 5500,000,000 a year, this decline will be so great as to precipitate a smash. Europe Needs More Credit As it is Europe is finding difficulties the last day of the year with the con-sequence of amusement seekers turning to the theatres was the reason ascribed for the chauged prices.



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Washington, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island. through its attorney general, Herbert A. Rice, asked the Supreme Court to-day for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment and to enjoin federal efficials from enforcing it in that state. Validity of portions of the Volstend Made to deliver all or nearly all the Democrats to a compromise on reserva-tions it will be necessary to carry along whom there are many. This is a thing mr. Underwood cannot do: Probably fight is settled. Mr. Hitchcock cannot is a balance to his readership. Mr. Hitchcock should win there MR. Linewood cannot do: Brobably fight is settled. Mr. Hitchcock cannot headership. Mr. Hitchcock should win there

Validity of portions of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act affecting the constitutional amendment, also is attacked in the printed motion filed with the court. The proceedings are similar to those

Instituted yesterday on behalf of the instituted yesterday on behalf of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of New Jersey, although those today were the first to be brought by a state. They were filed in compliance with a reso.

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Washington, Dec. 17 .--- Rhode Island,

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Rhode Island." Allegations as to the unconstitution-ality of the eighteenth amendment are similar to those made yesterday in the New Jersey case. Early action upon the Rhode Island and New Jersey mo-tions are anticipated owing to the short

time now remaining before the constitu-tional amendment becomes effective.

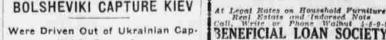
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Ital In September London, Dec. 17.-(By A. P.)-The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kupinisk, southeast of Khirkov, ne announced in a Bolshevik statement re-ceived from Moscow by wireless today.

Kiev. capital of the Ukraine, with more than 300,000 population, is a prize that has shifted hands soveral times in the rivil warfare that has been in progress in Russia for nearly two years. The Bolsheviki were last driven parts in and the Southware by David from it early in September by Deni-kine. The soviet forces are now sweep-ing ahead along virtually all of Deni-kine's front in South Russia.

WOMEN ON NEW JURY

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needed is not increasing of the demand, upon Europe, but mcreasing of Europe's credit here. Europe needs to be able to buy American goods with American money loaned to her here. Otherwise she cannot pay for them Europe is in the position of a debtor who may be pressed into bankrupty by his creditors, or, who by a little le-uiency on the part of his creditors, may be tided over. The propoal to defer, for three years, payment of interest upon the war loans to Europe is only one form of grant-ing Europe additional credit. At the

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