

SENATORS MODIFY ALLIED DEBT BILL

13 Republicans Voted Leaders' Policy—Help to Restrict Power of Commission

FIRST MATERIAL CHANGE

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 31.—A provision in the Allied Debt Refunding Bill, which would have given the proposed Debt Commission authority to "adjust and settle all claims the United States has or hereafter may have against any foreign Government," was stricken out today by the Senate.

This was the first change to be made in the bill over the objection of Republican leaders. The vote was 39 to 15, thirteen Republicans joining with the solid minority in supporting the amendment, which was offered by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana.

The author of the amendment asserted, and Senators agreed that under the language of this provision the commission could proceed to settle and accept securities for all claims that the German Government, including the claim arising out of the maintenance of the American troops on the Rhine.

Without a record vote the Senate accepted an amendment by Senator Walsh which would require the commission to send to the Senate for its information copies of all agreements and contracts entered into with the debtor nations. Congressional approval of the agreements would not be required.

Also without a record vote the Senate accepted an amendment by Senator McCumber, in charge of the bill, which would provide that when the obligations of any Government have been refunded or converted the authority of the debt commission over such refunded or converted obligations shall cease.

Another effort to limit the authority of the commission to defer interest payments on the foreign debt failed. An amendment by Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, which would have provided that interest payments could not be postponed for more than three years without the consent of Congress, was rejected by the Senate, 41 to 27.

Four Republicans—Johnson, Ladd, La Follette and Norris—joined with the solid Democratic majority to reject the amendment. The vote came fifteen minutes after the Senate convened and no discussion preceded it.

Senator Simmons offered his amended bonus amendment, but later withdrew it at the request of Senator Norris, who asked that consideration be deferred until after the Senate had acted on his substitute bill proposing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund the foreign debt under conditions and terms laid down by the existing Liberty Loan Act.

The Senate later rejected without a roll-call an amendment by Senator Shields, Tennessee, prohibiting further loans to foreign Governments under authority of the Liberty Loan acts without the expressed authorization of Congress.

"LOVE NEST" FOR HEIRESS



This is the cottage in Ridley Park where Anastase A. Vonsiatsky-Vonsiatsky, humble worker in Baldwin plant, will live after his marriage Saturday to Mrs. Marion B. Stephens, Chicago divorcee, and heir to \$10,000,000.

Baldwin Worker to Wed Heiress

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Last and Chopin for me, I fell in love with her at once."
Horseback rides on the Chippewa Elks and the Bois du Boulogne followed, and the handsome Pole paid court to the heiress during those brisk canter.

Their conversations often turned on his experiences with the Russian white armies, experiences as related in a book, "The Diary of a Monarchist," published at Paris in the Russian language.

Copies of this book reached Petrograd and Moscow, where Lenin and Trotsky, ruler of the Russian Empire, once reigned. Bristling with hatred of the Bolsheviks, the book was prohibited by the Soviet. Mrs. Stephens has the only English translation.

Vonsiatsky and Mrs. Stephens did not become engaged during those glowing Paris days, but the young man led his fiancée to the city of love and he himself knew she was generally interested in him. July 3, 1921, he came to this country, he said, with a letter of introduction to Samuel H. Vauclain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

But Vonsiatsky let the dictates of his heart override his ambition apparently, for instead of presenting his letter at once he went to Thompsonville, Conn., where Mrs. Stephens has an estate. She was there with her mother, after a brief stay there as a guest they became engaged, he said.

Mrs. Stephens three weeks ago was baptized in the Greek Orthodox faith, the young Pole said, in preparation for the wedding. He said he will marry her on New York Saturday morning and meet his bride-to-be there.

Vonsiatsky later presented his letter of introduction to Mr. Vauclain, who gave him a job as apprentice. He has been at the Eddystone plant five weeks and boards at the Y. M. C. A. in Chester. He hopes the Baldwin company will employ him to Russia as its representative.

Vonsiatsky said he was born in Warsaw, the son of the chief of general police in the city of Warsaw during a Polish insurrection.

THEATRE VICTIMS BURIED IN CAPITAL

First Funerals Held, While Authorities Push Probes of Disaster

DEATH LIST NOW IS 97

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 31.—Ninety-seven persons, according to a final and official list issued today by the District of Columbia authorities, lost their lives in the collapse Saturday night of the Knickerbocker Theatre. Additions to the list, it was said, would result from the fatal termination of injuries suffered by other victims.

While the city began burial of its dead today, District of Columbia authorities pushed their investigation of the disaster. Action of the resolution of the Senate by Senator Capper, of Kansas, providing for an investigation by that body of the disaster probably will be delayed a day or two. The resolution has been reported favorably by the Senate Audit and Control Committee, but may be referred to the District of Columbia committee before it is called up on the floor.

Members of the District of Columbia committee, it was stated, desire to make a survey of contemplated action by the District authorities, before supporting the Capper inquiry.

Of the total of 133 injured, sixty-two remained in hospitals today, with a dozen reported in critical condition. E. H. Shaughnessy, Second Assistant Postmaster General, although included among these, was said to be still showing improvement today.

In addition to an exhaustive investigation of the disaster being pressed by the District of Columbia Commissioners, the Federal Grand Jury, which visited the scene of the catastrophe yesterday as the first step in its investigation, was ready today to call the first witness in its efforts to fix the blame.

The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the deaths has requested the War Department to assign army engineers to make a study of the structure of the motion-picture theatre which was wrecked when its snow-laden roof raved in on hundreds in the audience below.

Plan to Raze Walks
Preparations to raze the walls of the theatre were under way today, the search of the ruins for victims having been completed yesterday.

Colonel Charles Keller, engineer commissioner of the District, held the opinion today, after a personal survey of the wreckage, that the collapse of the roof was caused by a defect in material and not by a fault of design.

Reductions in the death list, which the police today believed would be final, resulted from the tentative elimination of names for which the police have been unable to locate any addresses. There are, moreover, no unidentified bodies which might account for these, and a careful check of hospitals and undertaking establishments in various parts of the city has failed to disclose any victims of the disaster.

Volanda Not Engaged to Boris

Park, Jan. 31.—(By A. P.)—Reports which have been in circulation abroad of the engagement of Princess Volanda, of Italy, and King Boris, of Bulgaria, were denied in Rome today, says a Harris dispatch this afternoon from the Italian capital.

Six Dead in Mine Explosion

Pineville, Ky., Jan. 31.—(By A. P.)—The death toll of the explosion last night in the Layman-Calloway Company's mine at Layman, near here, today reached six, when the bodies of the two entombed men, John Martin and his son, James Martin, were found by rescuers.

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