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GOLD DECLARED WORLD MENACE

New Imperialism Arising Says Clemenceau.

ECONOMIC STRUGGLE ON

Fear That Commercial Domination Will Provoke New Conflict Is Expressed.

ALLIED UNITY HELD GONE

Tiger Proposes Seizure of Foreign Bonds Owned by Germans to Pay Debt.

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"THE GERMAN REVOLT."

BY GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.

(This article is the fourth of a series written exclusively for the North American Newspaper Alliance by Georges Clemenceau. The series breaks a silence which dates back to the signing of the treaty of Versailles. Not until the present visit has the "Tiger of France" expressed himself upon international affairs in either speech or writing, not even in the pages of his own journal, Echo Nationale. His words are being read eagerly today in France, England, Holland, Switzerland, Argentina, Japan and many other countries where these articles are being released simultaneously for publication.—Editor's note.

On May 7, 1919, fourth anniversary of the torpedoing of the Lusitania, we handed the German plenipotentiaries the peace conditions. In presenting them I said: "This second peace of Versailles, which is about to be the object of our debates, was too dearly bought by the peoples represented here for us not to be unanimously resolved to obtain legitimate satisfaction by all the means in our power."

This satisfaction had been allowed for in the treaty, and Germany had signed it. But whoever could have thought that that would be sufficient? One may insert into a solemn pact all sorts of clauses duly agreed upon; one cannot insert the will to respect and execute them. That is partly a question of loyalty, honor and good will and partly a matter of confidence, guarantees and sanctions.

Moral Revenge Enjoyed.

After the war of 1870 France scrupulously and rapidly fulfilled all her obligations. Pressing down in her heart the despair caused by the loss of Alsace and Lorraine, she understood that she could only get on her feet again by work, and she set about working with a view to acquiring compensation in a more intense production for the loss of her two rich provinces. All the world knows how she succeeded. Ever since 1878, at the time of the great success of her international exhibition, she began to enjoy a moral revenge.

Scarcely four years have elapsed since the second treaty of Versailles and, with the exception of its territorial clauses, the treaty has been outrageously turned and twisted. By a tragic coincidence having nothing to do with chance, the German reaction hits France just where she is most directly threatened. Whereas France requires reparation and security, what one sees across the Rhine is an economic evasion and military reaction. First the economic evasion. The American public is too well informed to credit Germany's plea—in justification of her incapacity to pay—that the collapse of the mark is exclusively due to the obligations imposed upon her by the treaty.

Mark's Collapse Wished For.

The American public knows that actual gold payments made by Germany to the reparation commission have amounted only to $375,000,000 and that in the internal budget of the Reich the total sum paid out under the treaty is less than the figure spent by the German government in the purchase of raw materials and on railways and in the postal administration. The collapse of the mark was wished for and precipitated because it was at one and the same time a means of eluding the reparational payments in rendering the execution of the treaty more and more diffi-

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EX-KING CONSTANTINE COMING TO AMERICA

FORMER GREEK RULER MAY MAKE HIS HOME HERE.

Europe Considered Unsafe Now, With Punishing War Guilty a Popular Pastime.

BY RAYMOND FENDRICK.

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PARIS, Dec. 4.—Ex-King Constantine of Greece is planning to go to America in the early spring and, possibly, to make his home there, as the king business is not looking up in Europe.

He will be the guest of his brother, Prince Christopher, and his wife, Princess Anastasia, formerly Mrs. Leeds, who are sailing on December 12 on an extended visit to the United States. Their original passage in the Majestic, which sails on December 6, was canceled for fear Prince Andrew's head might fall.

It is reported from Palermo that ex-King Constantine feels unsafe anywhere in Europe with punishing the war guilty becoming a popular sport, especially in Greece, Spain and Bulgaria.

Princess Anastasia's son, William B. Leeds Jr., is also going to America early in the spring, with his wife, Princess Xenia.

Even lucky Prince Andrew, now en route for Palermo, may be taken along.

IOWA STATE GETS PRIZE

Stock-Judging Team Wins International Event.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Restlessness of 100 anxious students came to an end Sunday afternoon when it was announced that the quintet from the Iowa State college won the huge bronze trophy in the students' live-stock judging contest at the international livestock exhibition's opening day. The Hawkeye team crowded Purdue university into second place by a wide margin of 77 points. Iowa students scored 3970 points; Purdue, 3893; Kansas, third, 3869, and Nebraska, fourth, 3843.

The Iowans not only made the highest collective score in competition with the other 19 teams, but annexed the individual prize. This was won by J. C. Holbert, who registered 860 points out of a possible 1000.

MAN, 87, BUILDS HOME

Michael Moehnke, Oregon City, Erects Residence Unaided.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Michael Moehnke, well-known resident of Oregon City, left today for Eagle creek, Clackamas county, where he is to improve several buildings on the farm of M. C. Glover. Mr. Moehnke, who is 87 years of age, is unusually active. He has just completed a two-story residence on his farm at Beaver creek. He erected the buildings unaided.

Although Mr. Moehnke has lost three homes by fire he has never become discouraged. One of the homes burned in a forest fire in the Beaver creek country years ago, and destruction of the last home was due to a defective flue. During the forest fire Mr. Moehnke and his family were residing on the place.

STARBUCK BANK ROBBED

Outlaw Obtains About $500 From Counter, Says Report.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 4.—The Bank of Starbuck, at Starbuck, Wash., 170 miles south of here on the Oregon-Washington railroad, was held up this afternoon by a robber, who escaped with approximately $500, which he took from the counter.

The man threatened bank employes and customers, according to information received by a detective agency here.

WABASH TRAIN WRECKED

Number of Passengers Reported Hurt in Iowa Mishap.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.—A number of passengers were reported hurt in the wreck near Imogene, Ia., at 8:45 o'clock tonight of Wabash passenger train No. 14. According to first reports, the baggage car and two coaches were derailed. Doctors were sent to the scene of the wreck.

The train was bound for St. Louis and left Omaha at 5:55 P. M.

Imogene is 65 miles south of Council Bluffs.

LAST FLING JOYOUS ONE

Veteran, Near End, Gives Associates Good Time.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 4.—Six weeks ago Percy Evans, wounded world war veteran, invited a score of his wartime and boyhood friends to dine with him.

"This," he told them, "is my last fling. I am slowly slipping underneath the daisies. Eat all you want. Sing a lot and fight if you wish, but don't wreck the place."

He died in his wheel chair today.

HARDINGS TO TAKE REST

Departure From Washington Will Follow End of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—President and Mrs. Harding will leave Washington for a rest after congress adjourns next year.

This was learned today at the White House.

CENTURIES-OLD FEUD IS ENDED

Irish Constitution Is Approved by Lords.

ROYAL SIGNATURE IS NEXT

Measures Passed Without Rollcall Being Asked.

GOVERNOR IS SELECTED

Choice Is Declared to Be Particularly Good, as He is in Sympathy With Aspirations.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The centuries-old struggle between England and Ireland ended tonight when the legislation giving the sanction of law to the new settlement with Ireland passed its final stages in the house of lords, which for generations has bitterly opposed any accommodation with Ireland.

The constitution bill has gone through both houses of parliament without any amendment and even without division being challenged. Lord Carson alone, whose influence was mainly responsible for failure to settle the Irish question in 1914 and who has throughout his political career been the bitterest opponent of home rule, persisted to the very end in his role of "last ditcher," even when such traditional anti-homerulers as the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Duke of Devonshire had gracefully yielded to the government view and resolved to give Ireland a chance to prove her sincerity under new conditions.

Royal Assent Is Certain.

There now only remains royal assent, a matter of formality, and everything will be ready for the new Irish government to come into existence with excellent omens in the expressed desire even of many of the "die hard" statesmen in England to give it every opportunity to succeed in its work, not only unhampered, but aided by England.

Even the appointment of Timothy Healy as governor-general of the Irish free state, which is momentarily expected to be announced officially, is, on reflection, recognized as an auspicious event. When Mr. Healy's name was first mentioned it was received with astonishment and some incredulity. When a governor-generalship is in question the British mind turns naturally in the direction of some titled personage. Now it is admitted the appointment of Mr. Healy would be singularly appropriate.

Irish Stand Supported.

In the first place, Mr. Healy throughout his political career has been one of the strongest opponents of British connection and there-

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$1,700,000 SOUGHT FOR CHANNEL TO SEA

CONGRESS ASKED TO ASSIST PORTLAND HARBOR WORK.

Chief of Army Engineers Reports Funds Necessary to Improve Other Northwest Rivers.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—In setting forth the amounts necessary to be appropriated for the continued improvement of rivers and harbors in the Pacific Northwest, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, the chief of engineers of the United States army, in his report to congress today, calls for $1,700,000 for the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland and Vancouver. Other sums which can be expended profitably during the year under authorizations already made by congress, according to the engineer's estimates, include the following:

Coos Bay, $1,210,000; Coos river, $300; Yaquina river, $139,000; Nehalem bay, $352,000; Umpqua river, $276,000; Columbia river and tributaries, above Celilo falls to mouth of Snake river, $13,500; Snake river (Washington and Idaho), $26,500; Willamette slough (Multnomah channel), $23,350; Clatskanie river, $9120; Willamette, above Portland, and Yamhill river, $29,600; Lewis river (Washington), $12,400; Cowlitz river (Washington), $6000; Skamokawa creek (Washington), $2000; Grays river (Washington), $78,850; Willapa river and harbor (Washington), $20,000; Grays Harbor and bar entrance (Washington), $60,000; Hoquiam river (Washington) $260,000.

River and harbor needs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, are covered in today's budget estimates as submitted to congress in a lump sum of $27,625,670. As it is likely that congress will make a lump sum appropriation for this purpose, there will be no hearings before the committees of house and senate on individual projects, Representative Hawley said.

This will save Oregon projects from the necessity, he said, of sending representatives here to make presentations before the committees.

Amounts mentioned are those indicated in the authorization bill passed previously and which carried no appropriations. In the $1,700,000 for the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland and Vancouver is comprised estimates for carrying on diking, the construction of another dredge and a fleet of steel fuel barges to supply the dredge fleet. Funds for channel maintenance and the diking project already under way were provided in the regular bill this year.

OREGON PROJECTS BENEFIT

Federal Budget Liberal Toward Irrigation in State.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Oregon irrigation projects fared well in the estimates of the budget director for the next fiscal year, submitted to congress today by the president. The Baker project, which is the newest irrigation project in the west, under the estimate would receive $500,000, as against $400,000 this year. The

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OREGON IS SECOND IN LITERACY GRADE

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY GIVES STATE HIGH PLACE.

Pacific Slope Is Among Lowest of All Districts in Matter of Unlettered Persons.

Oregon ranks second only to Iowa among the American states in the low percentage of illiteracy among its inhabitants. Only 1.8 per cent of the Oregon population can neither read nor write, according to statistics received by President Scholz of Reed college from the National Education association in the interests of education week, which began Sunday.

The survey of the National Education association reveals that the Pacific states, with an illiteracy average of 3.1 per cent, rate among the lowest of all districts of the United States. This figure is half the percentage of illiterates in the country as a whole, and less than the average of France.

The United States harbors a greater proportion of illiterates than any nation of Europe. This is revealed glaringly by the statistics. The 1920 census showed 5,000,000 persons unable to read and write, a decrease of only 500,000 in the preceding decade. Compared with western European countries this country rivals only France in this respect.

Germany and Denmark have least illiteracy, with two-tenths of 1 per cent. Switzerland is five-tenths of 1 per cent and Sweden 1 per cent. The French population is 4.9 per cent illiterate, and that of the United States 6 per cent.

It is notable that the percentage of illiteracy was much higher in the army draft examination, the average being 24.9 per cent. In this case, however, actual tests were made, whereas in the census persons only were asked to state their capacity.

DRY AGENTS SENTENCED

Officers' Pay Dearly for Violating Prohibition Law.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Seven men, including two former prohibition enforcement agents, convicted last week of substituting 160 barrels of ginger ale for Canadian whisky while the shipment was being moved from a New York railroad station last April, today were sentenced by Federal Judge Mack to two years each in Atlanta penitentiary.

The enforcement men, Harry Meade and William Walsh, also were fined $2000 each.

POSTAL FORCES BENEFIT

Saturday Half-Holiday Ordered During Entire Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Postmaster-General Work today authorized postmasters throughout the United States to grant Saturday half-holidays to postal employes during the entire year, whenever possible without injury to the service.

This privilege will be granted wherever the employe, by his own efforts, or through a situation that may exist on Saturday, can finish his work earlier than the required time.

THIS PROMISES TO BE AS HOT A SESSION OF CONGRESS AS THE LAST ONE.

ABDUCTION STORY IS TOLD BY NOTE

Wife's Farewell Lays Flight to Threat.

CRUMPLED PLEA IS FOUND

Husband of Slayer of Moonshiner Comes to Defense.

FEDERAL MEN ON TRIAL

Warrant Reported Out for Greer on White Slavery Charge Some Time Before Shooting.

BEND, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—"I am leaving, not of my own free will, but at the point of a gun."

This was the farewell written to her husband by Mrs. I. A. Nichols, held in connection with the Robert Greer killing, when she left Ellensburg with Greer some six weeks ago. It was the last Nichols could learn of his wife, despite the fact that Pinkerton and department of justice men were on the trail, until he was advised by telegraph Saturday night that Mrs. Nichols had shot the man she considers as her virtual abductor.

Two notes were left by Mrs. Nichols when she fled with Greer, Nichols said when he arrived in Bend today ready to assist in his wife's defense should she face a criminal charge. Both had apparently been dictated by Greer.

Note Found Crumpled.

Then she had apparently started a third note, writing the single sentence, when she had evidently been interrupted, the note taken from her, crumpled and thrown into the stove in the Nichols home in Ellensburg. The paper had failed to burn, however, was recovered by Nichols, and is now in the hands of department of justice officers in Seattle.

Corroborating Nichols' statement, Sheriff Roberts today received a telegram from the United States department of justice in Seattle stating that a warrant for Greer had previously been issued charging him with white slavery, specifically charging taking Mrs. Nichols from Washington into Oregon and abducting her at the point of a gun. In leaving Ellensburg Greer had jumped a $500 bail on a moonshine charge. He had been moonshining at the Summit stage station when the quarrel occurred which ended in Mrs. Nichols shooting him to death.

Wife Is Visited.

Nichols visited his wife at the Mountain View hospital this morning, then retired, having had no sleep since Saturday night. Greer's body was taken to Crescent this afternoon for the inquest, which will be conducted by Coroner Whitlock of Klamath county. Witnesses will be picked up at La Pine.

With a warrant waiting for her in Klamath Falls, and the grand jury there waiting to take up investigation of her case, Mrs. Nichols in custody of Sheriff Roberts and accompanied by her husband and by her attorney, W. P. Myers, will leave by automobile early tomorrow morning for Klamath Falls, starting from the hospital here, where Mrs. Nichols has been a patient since her nervous breakdown Saturday.

The four will go as far as Crescent, attending the inquest for Greer to be held tomorrow. Mrs. Nichols will be turned over to the Klamath county sheriff, and with her husband and lawyer will continue her trip to Klamath Falls.

BROTHER LEAVES FOR BODY

J. M. Greer to Arrange for Funeral of Shooting Victim.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—J. M. Greer, brother of Robert Greer, shot to death Saturday near Bend, Or., by Mrs. Mabel Nichols, both of Ellensburg, left this morning for Bend to arrange for burial of the slain man in Bend. I. Nichols, husband of the woman held in custody for the killing, has gone to Bend to be with his wife.

Greer, 45, and Mrs. Nichols, who is but 23, left Ellensburg together after Mrs. Nichols had left a note indicating that she had left to commit suicide. Instructions were left to have her sister in Seattle care for their 5-year-old child. Officers searched several days for her body before it was discovered that she and Greer had left the city together.

Greer previously had been convicted in justice court of violation of the prohibition law and appealed the case a few days before his disappearance with Mrs. Nichols. He was again arrested on a similar charge, but was at liberty pending the fixing of his bonds.

Kittitas county authorities telegraphed throughout the northwest for information regarding the whereabouts of the couple without success. Greer leaves a widow and six children in this city, one of whom is married. The $500 cash bond posted by Greer when he ap-

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CLOTHING SALESMAN JOLTED BY "YOKEL"

SIMPLE-MINDED ONE GETS AWAY WITH LOOT.

Supposed Bumpkin Flashes Revolver and Escapes With Lot of Clothing and $120.

A "yokel" bought $65 worth of clothing and a suitcase from Max Zuckerman, clerk in the Bialkin clothing store at Sixth and Oak streets last night and paid the bill by sparing Zuckerman's life, Zuckerman told the police.

Zuckerman said that when the fellow entered the store he thought he was a "yokel," but when the customer departed with the bill of goods and $120 from the cash register the clerk changed his opinion. The change came when the customer, taking advantage of a moment when no one but the two were in the store, poked a revolver in front of Zuckerman, forced him to open the cash register, backed him down the cellar and then locked him in.

The holdup was not particularly well dressed. When he entered the store he asked first for a suit.

"Oh, something for $45, $50 or $60," he drawled, indifferent to petty sums.

"I thought he was a yokel. I told him not to talk like that in stores or someone might take advantage of him," said Zuckerman. "I sold him a $30 suit. He bought a suitcase and I put the suit into it. Then he bought shirts, socks, collars, shoes, etc., and I put them into the suitcase. I had sold him a pair of dress shoes and he said he wanted a pair of work shoes. When we were back in the shoe department he pointed the revolver at me and told me not to say a word. He backed me down cellar. Then he made me come out and open the cash register. Then he backed me down again and locked the door. I guess I was down there five minutes before I could make anyone hear me."

E. W. Fehlberg of the Montana hotel was walking along the sidewalk over the basement when he heard Zuckerman's shouts. He unlocked the door and Zuckerman rushed to a telephone to call the police. The customer, Zuckerman said, was quite fastidious. An hour of patient salesmanship was consumed in making the "sales."

SHOE STYLES WASTEFUL

Million and Half Varieties Worn by American Women.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 4.—Women of the United States wear more than 1,600,000 different styles of shoes, William A. Durgin, chief of the division of simplified practice of the department of commerce, declared in an address here today before the annual convention of the Shippers' Warehouse and Distributing association.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars would be saved, he said, if the sizes and types of containers used in packing shoes should be reduced to as few as possible.

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Rail Divorce Held Key to State Development.

MORE CONSTRUCTION ASKED

H. H. Corey Pleads for Open Competition in State.

NEEDED LINKS ARE CITED

J. E. Shelton, Eugene, Questioned at Hearing on Newspaper's Attitude on Separation.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Several Oregon witnesses were heard today in favor of the dismemberment of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads in the unmerger hearings before the interstate commerce commission.

H. H. Corey, members of the Oregon public service commission; J. S. Magladry, lumberman; Bruce B. Brundage, banker; J. E. Shelton, business manager and part owner of the Eugene Guard, and E. C. Simmons, Ford dealer, the last four of Eugene; William Pollman, banker and stock man of Baker, and J. H. Beckley, stock man of Chiloquin, gave testimony favoring dismemberment.

The appearance of Mr. Shelton on the witness stand caused the attorney for the Southern Pacific, Fred H. Wood, to renew his attack started earlier in the day, on the method of campaign conducted by the Union Pacific railroad for the separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific lines.

Mr. Shelton Questioned.

Attorney Wood sought to show by questions directed at Mr. Shelton that the Eugene Guard had changed its editorial policy on the dismemberment controversy almost concurrent with the publication of a two-page advertisement inserted in that paper by Arthur C. Spencer, general counsel for the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific.

Mr. Shelton said frankly that he had become active in circulating petitions in Eugene in favor of the dismemberment in September and admitted that he had talked the matter over with the editor of the Guard, Charles H. Fisher, after the latter had run editorials favorable to the retention of the present relationship between the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific. The Southern Pacific attorney, it was obvious, was undertaking to show that the Guard's policy was altered by pressure from the business office, which received valuable advertising patronage from the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Shelton and other Eugene witnesses were examined on their direct testimony by Charles A. Hardy, Eugene lawyer.

On direct examination Mr. Shelton said his object, like that of other business men of Eugene, had been to set up competition through the dismemberment of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific and to bring about the building of the lines in central Oregon essential to the state's development.

Union Pacific Buys Space.

Several witnesses for dismemberment admitted during the morning that the Union Pacific Railroad company had paid for large display advertisements inserted in newspapers along the lines of the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific, which purported to be the voluntary petitions of local committees for a separation of the two roads.

Mr. Corey, testifying for the public service commission, said the commission's position was that it desired the dismemberment of the Southern and Central Pacific as the best means of securing long-needed railroad development in eastern Oregon to include the Natron cut-off, to be constructed by the Central Pacific and to be operated as a common user between Klamath Falls and Eugene to give eastern Oregon a connection with the Willamette valley. The direct examination of Mr. Corey was conducted by J. M. Devers, assistant attorney-general of Oregon.

Development Requires Links.

Mr. Corey told of the enormous timber resources of Oregon and how, in the opinion of the commission, their development depended upon the completion of several missing lines of railroad in eastern Oregon. The lines necessary to be constructed he said included: Central Pacific from Kirk to Oakridge (Natron cut-off); a line from Crane to Odell on the Natron cut-off; a line from Bend to Odell and another line from Lakeview to Klamath Falls. In connection with this testimony a resolution of the Oregon state chamber of commerce indorsing the position of the state public service commission was placed in the record.

Open Competition Desired.

"In the judgment and opinion of the public service commission," Mr. Corey said, "the interests and wel-

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