

000,000). It is also understood that it was decided Germany would be permitted to issue bonds covering her indebtedness to the Allies, payable in annual installments. Such action, it is pointed out, would enable France to discount a part of her claim on Germany and permit her to settle her debts to the United States and her allies. A special conference of the Allies will be held at Ostend to consider financial questions. This meeting will be independent of the League of Nations conference at Brussels. American bankers will be asked by France within the next few days to discount France's portion of the German war indemnity.

While Denmark in 1917 exported about 620,000 firkins of butter to England, of value of 128,000,000 kroner, she exported in 1918 only 80,000 firkins, valued at some 14,000,000 kroner. The countries that have reached the market in England are the United States, which in 1918 sent butter to this market to the value of 40,000,000 kroner, Argentina, 74,000,000 kroner and New Zealand 83,000,000 kroner.

IN THE UNITED STATES

Educators Meet.—Ten thousand class-room teachers, school superintendents and school board members, as well as school patrons, will gather at Salt Lake City on July 4 to spend six days looking at the schools of the nation from a national viewpoint. Ten thousand educators will take a retrospective inventory of the nation's greatest institution, the public school, and 10,000 educators will take part in the far-reaching program which has been prepared by the president for the National Education Association in Salt Lake City, July 4-10. This meeting will bring educators from all of the states of the nation together. Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, state superintendent of public instruction of Washington, and president of the National Education Association, has announced the program for the educational convention. The general theme is "Education in the making of a Greater America." Civic education, industrial education, health education, and the National Congress of School Boards, Superintendents and Classroom Teachers are the topics for four different days of the program. On Sunday, July 4, the opening day of the convention, Salt Lake City will give a large musical festival. On Friday, July 9, following the business session, the educators will enjoy a gala day. Salt Lake will become a veritable Mardi Gras for the entertainment of the teachers. On Saturday the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce will take the educators for a trip to the copper mines. All railroad lines will grant rates of one and one-third fare to those attending the convention.

President Wilson has announced that the United States would act as arbitrator in fixing the boundaries of Armenia.

Thirty-five states will elect governors this fall.

Work on the \$5,250,000 improvement planned for the Kennewick unit of the Yakima project, which contemplates the development of approximately 35,000 acres of land in the lower valley at a construction price of approximately \$150 an acre is assured by means of the contract recently signed between the state reclamation service and the directors of the Kennewick irrigation district. The Kennewick unit is the first in Yakima to apply for such a contract.

In less than eighteen months Seattle's overseas commerce has engaged the immediate attention of no fewer than twenty-three new steamship lines and services, and in the handling of the waterborne freights in and out of this port to the lands bordering on

the seven seas, these lines operate over 200 steamships, motorships and sailing vessels. Most of these are additional to old established services which have made this port a terminus many years.

On the 18th instant President Wilson appointed John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, as director-general of the railroad administration to succeed Walker D. Hines, whose resignation became effective May 15. Mr. Hines will sail for Europe early next month, having been selected by President Wilson as arbitrator of questions of navigation on central European rivers. The selection was made by the president at the request of the allied governments.

The Standard Oil company is rationing gasoline in California. Only three gallons is permitted at one time to passenger cars, and motorists having more than five gallons not supplied. The order does not effect cars in business use.

Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad is quoted as saying that five-dollar wheat may be expected before the crop of 1921 is harvested.

A loan of at least \$125,000,000 out of the \$200,000,000 revolving fund to enable railroads to purchase equipment required to meet transportation needs of the public was approved on the 21st instant by the interstate commerce commission.

The commission in a few hours took three other important steps toward breaking the freight congestion. These were orders for:

Forwarding of traffic without reference to previous routing; abrogation of all railroad rules governing car service; transfer of 32,000 coal cars from west to east, and of 20,000 box cars from east to grain fields of the west.

American Consular officers in all foreign countries were instructed by the State Department on the 16th to take active steps toward the formation of American chambers of commerce in their respective localities. With the removal of war restrictions and a general resumption of trade, the American State Department believes the organization of commercial representative of all countries into chambers of commerce will be beneficial to American exporters and be a valuable aid to the Consular Corps in providing a direct means of communication and discussion of commercial opportunities and problems. Permanent organizations are now in operation at Buenos Ayres, Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo, Brazil; Barranquilla, Colombia; Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking, China; Havana, Valparaiso, London, Paris, Milan, Naples, Italy; Mexico City, Tampico and Monterey, Mexico; Barcelona, Constantinople, Brussels, La Paz and Bolivia and Chambers are now being organized at Antofagasta, Chili; Guatemala City, Harbin, Manchuria; Kobe, Japan; Havre, Gothenburg and Stockholm, Sweden, and in Copenhagen and Hong Kong.

With a shortage of farm labor threatening to be as acute as in 1918, Secretary of Agriculture Meredith has issued an appeal to city men, college students and others who can do so to spend their vacations working on farms, particularly as helpers in the harvest fields. Reports to the Department from practically every State indicate that the supply of hired farm labor is only about 72 per cent of normal, compared with 84 percent normal a year ago. Secretary Meredith feels that the situation must be relieved if food production is to be brought to near normal.

The first automatic telephone exchange in Norway has been installed at Skien.

It is reported from Rome that Dr. Pasticci, a noted chemist, has discovered a method of cheaply producing liquid hydrogen. It may be used in driving automobiles, one gallon being sufficient for 250 miles. It also may be utilized in railway locomotives and in the engines of ocean steamers, the inventor declares and the world will await further news of the alleged discovery with great interest.

Virker som et mirakel. "Jeg har lidt af reumatisme, lige siden jeg var en dreng," skriver Hr. O. S. Bombena

fra Elyria, Ohio. "Ingen behandling syntes at have nogen virkning paa min sygdom; med hver forandring i veiret kom den tilbage igjen. Efter at have brugt seks flasker af Dr. Peters Kuriko er jeg ikke længere plaget af reumatisme; det er ikke for megen ros, at sige om dette middel, at det virker som et mirakel." Tusinder af lidende mænd og kvinder har fundet sundhed og styrke i dette gamle, tidsprøvede urtemiddel. Det er ikke at faa paa apotekerne, men bliver leveret af specielle agenter, som modtager medicinen direkte fra Dr. Peter Fahrney & Sons Co.s Laboratorium, Chicago, Ill.



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