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GERMANY HAS REFUSED TO PAY HER DEBT

IN REPLY TO ULTIMATUM OF ALLIES, STARTS A DISPUTE.

GERMANY CLAIMS TWENTY BILLION MARKS ARE PAID

Allied Representatives State the Greatest Sum They Can Account For, Could Hardly Reach Eight Billion Marks By May First.

PARIS, Mar. 23.—Germany, in replying to the recent ultimatum of the allied reparations commission, refused to pay the billion gold marks today, and disputes the commission's figures showing the balance of twelve billion marks due on May 1. The German note maintains that the twenty billion marks which the treaty provided should be handed over by May 1, is more than paid.

Germany's refusal to pay is deemed a violation of the treaty. The allies will determine what measures are to be taken.

The allied representatives stated that the greatest sum they could compute as having been paid by Germany against this account could hardly reach 8,000,000,000 marks by May 1. It is, therefore, the initial payment of 1,000,000,000 marks and a balance of at least 11,000,000,000 marks that the allies are demanding.

CONTRACTORS ORGANIZE

NEW CONSTRUCTION FIRM IS FORMED HERE

Organization Expected to Play Important Part in Future Building Operations Here.

The La Grande Construction company was formed here yesterday afternoon, the members of the company all being experienced builders of Union county who have done much work in the county. Those composing the company are L. D. Neash, James O'Hara and E. Burns.

The company was organized in order that the members will be better prepared for the large volume of work that is expected to be started this spring.

The men composing the company form such a strong organization that the organization is considered one of the strongest in eastern Oregon.

While no definite announcements have been made regarding the contracts, the new company expects to be engaged on this spring it is understood that several large projects will probably be turned over to the new firm for construction.

CARDINAL SINKS FAST

BALTIMORE, Mar. 23.—Cardinal Gibbons, who suffered a relapse Sunday, was reported to be in a critical condition and hope for his recovery has been abandoned by the members of his household.

APPEAL TO BE HEARD ON NEXT SATURDAY

Judge J. W. Knowles fixed Saturday, March 26, as the date on which the appeal in the case of City of La Grande vs. Dr. C. S. Moore will be heard. Dr. Moore was found guilty of fast driving when tried before Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen recently.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GIBBLAN

U. S. WILL EARLY CONSIDER RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SOVIET RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—An early consideration is to be given the relations between the United States and Soviet Russia, the state department has indicated.

Certain modifications of Wilson's administration or rulings are already considered, or have been made.

In event of an agreement by the United States to trade with the Soviets, it was indicated that no technical bars would be placed against the entry into the United States of the delegation which the Moscow wireless dispatch to London said the Bolsheviks proposed sending here to negotiate trade agreements.

It also has developed that a slightly broader view has been taken by the state department regarding passports. The official confirmation of the declaration by Lenin of his renunciation of the many principles of Bolshevism, which he said had proved failures, will be one of

the bases on which the American officials will base their study of the Russian question.

Is to Interest of U. S.

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The Russian soviet government has appealed to President Harding and the American government to resume trade relations with Russia, says a wireless message from Moscow.

The soviet government proposes to send a delegation to the United States to negotiate a trade agreement, the message says.

The appeal, made by the all-Russia central executive committee, declares it is to the interests of both nations to remove the wall which separates the two countries.

When many other states have concluded treaties with Russia, absence of normal relations with the United States, the appeal says, appears as a "strange phenomenon."

Senator McNary Will Ask Hops Be Added to the Tariff List For Protection of Oregonians

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Senator McNary, who more than any other western senator was responsible for the passage of the emergency tariff bill at the last session of congress, will attempt to have included in the new emergency tariff law hops, which are raised largely in Oregon, California and Washington, and which are in great need of protection.

Senator McNary has been closely in touch with the leaders in charge of tariff legislation and was in conference with Senator Penrose before the conference with Chairman Fordney of

the ways and means committee. When advised that President Harding would not use war powers to invoke an embargo to protect agricultural staples, Senator McNary renewed his efforts to get an emergency tariff which would aid the farmers and livestock interests while the permanent tariff law was being enacted.

He is now confident that whatever benefit can be given these producers by an emergency measure is in sight, and that the law will be effective shortly after the opening of the extra session of congress.

CHIN BILL GETS YEAR SENTENCE

MUST ALSO PAY A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Nine of Jurors Ask Judge, Knowles to Impose Minimum Sentence on Manslaughter Charge.

Chin Bill will serve one year in the state penitentiary at Salem and pay a fine of \$1000, according to the sentence pronounced by Judge J. W. Knowles in circuit court this morning. Chin was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury Saturday morning. He was charged with first degree murder on an indictment returned by the grand jury last month. Mrs. Charlie Jones, white wife of a Portland Chinaman, being a co-defendant in the case. She was acquitted.

The crime for which Chin was given a sentence was the slaying of Jen Shen, last December. Following the death of Shen by being shot in Chin Bill's room at 414 Jefferson avenue, he and Mrs. Jones were arrested, indictment by the grand jury following about six weeks later.

Nine of the 12 jurors requested Judge Knowles to give Chin the minimum sentence provided by law. Their petition to Judge Knowles follows:

To the Honorable J. W. Knowles: We the undersigned jurors in the case of State of Oregon vs. Chin Bill and Mrs. Charlie Jones, respectfully ask the court, in sentencing the defendant Chin Bill, to give him the minimum sentence provided by the statute.

The communication was signed by the following jurors: G. Klopfenstein, J. A. McKenna, J. H. DeHalla, F. E. Greiner, J. A. Gaskill, W. C. Hansen, C. H. Blystone, J. D. Owen, and C. J. Eaton.

TWO SOVIET ARMIES DESERT

LONDON, Mar. 23.—Riga reports say that two soviet armies near Pskov are in disorder and deserting in crowds.

J. A. STILLMAN BRINGS CHARGE AGAINST WIFE

PRELIMINARY ARGUMENTS FOR SUIT HEARD IN COURT.

Mrs. Stillman's Counsel Replies that Charges Against Mrs. Stillman Will Be Proven False.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Mar. 23.—A definite charge that Mrs. Anna U. Stillman, wife of James A. Stillman, bank president, was the mother of a child by an Indian guide, were made in the Supreme Court today by Stillman's counsel, during the preliminary arguments in the divorce suit which Stillman brought. Delancey Nicol, attorney for Stillman, said that Stillman must either acknowledge the child as a member of the family, or repudiate it as illegitimate, and felt that it was his duty to his family and children, to press the matter to a conclusion.

Mrs. Stillman's counsel replied that when the case is tried, "she will prove her denial of all of the allegations of infidelity, as made by Stillman."

WILL ENFORCE ORDINANCE

CHICKENS MUST BE KEPT CONFINED.

Police Announce That All Complaints Against Trespassing Hens Will Be Investigated.

Beginning tomorrow, every owner of chickens or rabbits who allows them to roam at will, trespassing on other people's lots and living on neighbors' gardens, will be subject to arrest under the city ordinance providing that all chickens, rabbits, etc., be confined where they will be harmless.

During the past few weeks the police department has been busy receiving complaints about chickens and rabbits running loose to the detriment of people trying to make gardens, but the department has been too busy to look into every complaint.

The matter has, however, been given serious attention and plans have been worked out which will make it possible for every complaint to be handled, and no mercy will be shown those disregarding the law.

LARGE LIBEL SUIT QUASHED BY COURT

PORTLAND, Mar. 23.—A motion quashing a \$100,000 libel suit between Clement Scott, a former Vancouver, Wn., mayoralty candidate, against the Portland News, was granted by the United States district court of Tacoma, according to an announcement by the defendant paper.

TWO DETECTIVES SENTENCED TO PRISON FOLLOWING TESTIMONY OF DRAFT EVADER

HUN COMMUNISTS TAKE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

BERLIN, Mar. 23.—The communists today seized the administration buildings and Blohm and Voss shipyards in Hamburg, and hoisted the red flag, say dispatches. Workers in the other shipyards quit work. Organized demonstrations were held. In Leipzig, Dresden, Rostow and other cities in central Germany, the communists directed their efforts against the court houses, city halls, public banks and police headquarters. A bomb exploded in Leipzig court house today, blew off the roof and broke all the windows, and wrecked the lobby. In Rostow, the city hall was wrecked by a bomb. The city administration buildings in Auerbach, Freiburg and Dresden were also damaged by dynamite.

CARL NUEF AND FRANZ ZIMMER MUST SERVE PRISON SENTENCE.

GROVER C. BERGDOLL SAYS NIEF FIRED SHOTS

Four Germans Who Were Tried As Accomplices, Got From Five to Eleven Months Each—American Legion Takes Action For Release.

MOSBACH, Baden, Mar. 23.—Carl Nuef and Franz Zimmer, American detectives, were sentenced to prison for "illegal assumption of power," in attempting the arrest and abduction of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the American draft evader, in Eberbach last January.

Nuef, who was charged with wounding a young woman by firing a revolver during the attempted abduction, was sentenced to 15 months, and Zimmer to six months. The four Germans who were tried as accomplices, got from five to eleven months.

Bergdoll testified yesterday in the trial of Nuef and Zimmer. He said that Zimmer pointed a revolver at him Nuef, he said, fired, the first bullet hitting a young woman and the second entering a tire of Bergdoll's automobile.

Zimmer denied having drawn a weapon.

Nuef, in detailing his activities as a detective for the American military forces at Coblenz, asserted he had succeeded, with the aid of the German authorities, in apprehending numerous American deserters in Germany. He had been on Bergdoll's trail for a long time and he said he had sought a German police vice for his American passport to avoid complications at Eberbach. He had sought to kidnap the American slacker to forestall escape at Stuttgart.

Two German police officials from Coblenz testified that the authorities were frequently called on to co-operate with the American military authorities and that Nuef had often made trips into Germany with their knowledge and consent to seize American fugitives.

Six representatives of the American forces in Coblenz attended the trial.

"Bergdoll Case is Disgrace," Request that the war department take prompt and decisive steps to obtain the return from Germany of Grover C. Bergdoll, wealthy draft evader, was made by the American Legion's national legislative committee in a letter to Secretary Weeks, made public by the committee. The letter, sent at the direction of National Commander Galbraith and the legion's executive committee, also requests the new administration to secure the release from a German jail of two American army sergeants, Zimmer and Nuef, arrested when they attempted to capture Bergdoll.

"The Bergdoll case as it stands," the letter said, "is a disgrace to the government of the United States and a cruel and undeserved insult to the world war. While Bergdoll, army deserter and criminal refugee, speeds at will over the roads of Germany in a high-powered automobile, two young American boys are on trial before a German court because, single-handed, they attempted to bring Bergdoll to the justice he so richly deserves."

THEY BLUSH AT SEEING THEIR NAMES IN PRINT

William K. Cate and Leona March wanted to get married. But evidently they are bashful, so when they appeared before County Clerk Kenneth McCormick this morning they asked him not to give the newspapers the information that he had issued a license to them.

Kenneth is an obliging young man and promised to do what he could. But the law doesn't allow him to conceal public records, so when a reporter happened along he did his official duty and let the records be inspected. That is the reason his promise couldn't be kept as well as would have liked.

NEW HOTEL AT UNION TO OPEN ABOUT MAY FIRST

The magnificent new hotel in Union is going to be opened about May 1st and on that particular occasion there will be no restrictions on the fun to be had in the sister city.

It is believed the lid will come off and songs will be sung with possibly entertainment of the nature to please the great crowd which is going to gather in Union to celebrate not only the opening of the most modern hotel between Portland and Salt Lake, but to congratulate the people of Union upon their most excellent nerve in standing firm and putting over

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AD CLUB TO MEET TOMORROW

REAL ESTATE WILL BE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION.

Two Noted Speakers and Outside Musical Talent Scheduled For Program.

The weekly luncheon of the Ad Club will be held tomorrow noon at the Foley hotel, having been postponed from Tuesday as one of the speakers, H. S. Hudson, of Portland, could come only on Thursday. The program will be in charge of Sherwood Williams and bids well to be one of the most interesting programs given this year.

Mr. Hudson is reputed to be a very clever speaker and has addressed the Portland realty board numerous times on matters pertaining to real estate. He is at the head of an organization controlling several million dollars' worth of real estate and is considered an authority on real estate. He will especially stress the investment phase of real estate and his talk will be such as to be of interest to every member of the Ad Club, and Mr. Williams expects to see many faces at the luncheon tomorrow that are not seen as regularly as the directors wish.

Following Mr. Hudson, Mr. Lachner, of Baker, will talk along some phase of the real estate question. The quarter from the Whitman college glee club, which is scheduled to appear here tomorrow night, will also render several selections.

END OF DRIVE COMES TONIGHT

OVER FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS PLEDGED.

Y. M. C. A. Teams Enthusiastic Over Campaign For Funds—Total to Last Night, \$4120.

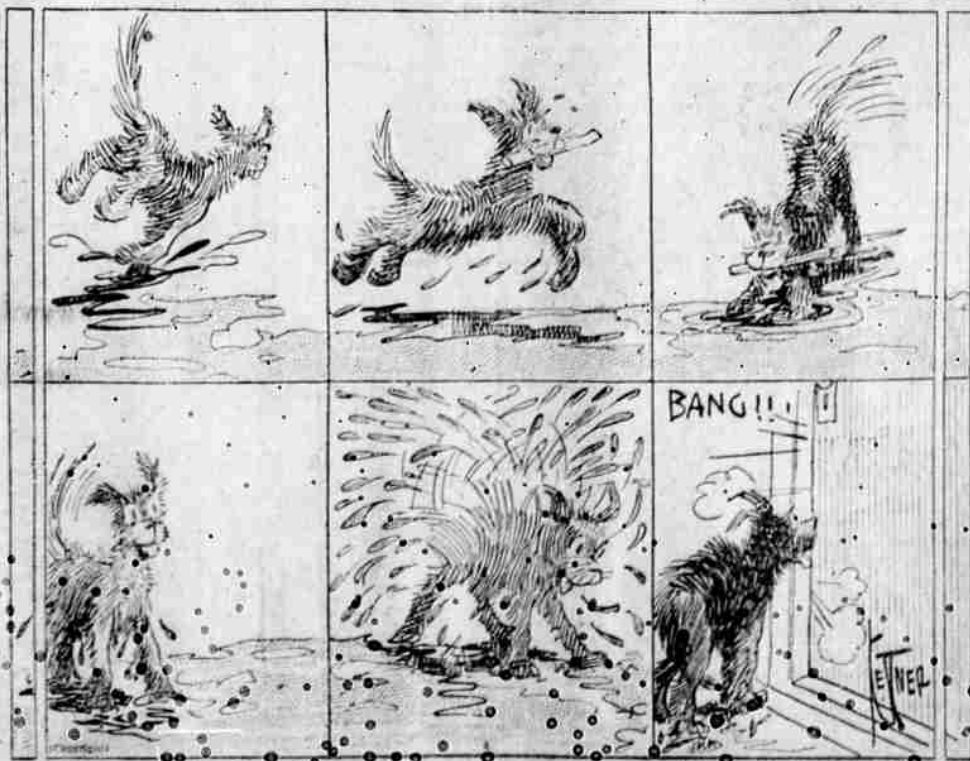
The Y. M. C. A. campaign for \$5000, is expected to go over the minimum asked, judging from the results of the first two days' campaign. The total up to last night was \$4120, sixty-three new subscribers being added to the list yesterday, a total of \$4120 being collected during the day.

The members of the eight teams that are canvassing the city again met at dinner last evening and their reports for the day were made at that time. All were enthusiastic over the way things were going and made plans to finish the campaign today in such a manner that there will be sufficient over the minimum amount asked to provide funds to meet the expense of the campaign.

The men on the teams will meet again this evening at dinner at the Foley when the final reports will be made. The subscribers yesterday include the following:

Brace Dennis, Ed. Meyersick, C. B. Miller, P. S. Robinson, Mrs. Marie Lewis, P. J. Lilly, Wong Sing, Mrs. Lou Given, G. M. Richey, W. W. Barry, Grande Ronde Meat Co., Geo. C. Hopkins, Newlin Book and Stationery Co., A. Lester Stoddard, Edward D. Deringer, H. F. Grove, J. R. Oliver, Chas. O. Murchison, W. S. Allison, Anderson Bros., O. E. Silverthorn, F. McManus, W. J. Church, Verne Johnson, Ray F. Murphy, H. E. Landis, Lynn C. Wright, Ed. Hearn, S. C. Harpsett, C. D. Enshelter, E. J. Doucette, John L. Stoddard, J. W. Knowles, H. R. Hanna, Rebt. Pattison, O. J. Brant, Homer Lettich, H. M. Van Dorge, J. J. Conley, A. H. Hermann, Fred D. Gaskill, Fred B. Reed, Chas. W. Moore, Oregon Hdw. & Imp. Co., Geo. T. Cochran, C. C. Penington, F. B. Ware, Chas. K. Montague, F. G. Walling, R. F. Wyde, A. L. Richardson, O. E. Halverson, F. A. Eames, C. K. McCormick, L. J. French, Chris Lund, Mrs. E. M. Anderson, Emma M. Foyler, J. L. McPherson, Merchants Restaurant, J. L. Tangle, H. E. Coolidge, C. R. Eberhard.

The End of a Perfect Day



STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—The packers and union representatives have signed an agreement settling the wage controversy.

Attackers are Unsuccessful. DUBLIN, Mar. 23.—A police inspector and eight men were ambushed by a gang of three men, the gang being last seen at three o'clock. The fight ended dismally for the attacking party, eight of whom were killed and two wounded. Three of the police were slightly wounded.