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FRANCE WILL ACCEPT THE HUGHES PLAN

Ambassador Is Notified By Briand that French Have Changed Ideas.

RATIO BASIS HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED

Opposition on Ratio Basis Change is Expected to be Solid from all Other Delegates.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 19.—France will accept the original naval ratio laid down by Secretary Hughes at the Washington conference, Premier Briand informed American Ambassador Harvey here.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Hughes today received a cablegram from Ambassador Harvey stating that France was expected to accept the American proposal for limitation of capital ships, allowing 175,000 tons for France and Italy. The French acceptance is on the tonnage, not on the ratio basis.

The impression gained among other delegations, was that if France insisted on the 5-5-3 ratio comprised in the proposal put forward Thursday, she would find a solid opposition. Neither from a standpoint of national security nor from that of "present status" on which the scheme of limitations is built, it was declared, could the French delegation defend the claim to such a standing in the world's delimited naval concert.

France's action is believed to make the proposal a five-power treaty to limit naval armament. It is expected to clear the way for consideration of details of the naval program and perhaps for early conclusion of the whole conference.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 19.—Deputy sheriff Lewis R. Jones and Hesser Kaled, a packing house strike sympathizer were killed in a gunfight early today.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Wheat was \$1.02 to \$1.09 today.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Cattle were steady today, hogs 25 to 40 cents higher, prime lights being \$8.50 to \$8.65, sheep steady and eggs had a firmer undertone while butter was steady.

(By Associated Press) OMAHA, Dec. 19.—Hurders in which several were hurt marked the opening of the third week of the packinghouse strike here today.

Union School Teacher Passed On Today

Miss Hannah Reeves, a niece of Mrs. Sarah Zuber of this city, passed away this morning following an illness of about a week's duration. Miss Reeves was for several years a teacher in the primary schools of Union. Funeral services will probably be held there.

Telephone Company's New Exchange Is in Operation

Sunday morning at 5:30 the Home Independent Telephone company moved into the new plant across from the postoffice building. The change took but a very few minutes, the wire being snipped at the old office as they were adjusted at the new plant. The service was practically continuous and in fact the change went through without a hitch.

A new semi-automatic switchboard is installed at the new office which has all the good features of the manual and automatic switchboards and practically none of the bad points. It is one of the most modern switchboards in the country and the purchase of it entailed the expenditure of \$15,000.

TERRIFIC GALE STRUCK NEW YORK SUNDAY

Ninety-five Mile an Hour Wind Kills Several and Does Heavy Damage in Several Cities.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Winds of cyclonic character, accompanied by heavy rains, visited New York Sunday, caused slight damage in lower Manhattan, then jumped to the Bronx and wrought destruction over a wide area in the union port section. An unidentified man was killed.

(By Associated Press) BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A 95-mile-an-hour gale swept this city Sunday, uprooting trees, tearing down chimneys, smashing plate glass windows and piling up the water in the harbor to an unprecedented stage. One man was killed.

The damage throughout the city was great, but heaviest losses occurred along the waterfront where a 300-foot wireless tower was demolished, boat houses and small docks were swept away and several hundred pleasure craft were smashed or carried down the river.

The property loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

GRANGE OPPOSES MORE TAXATION

Wolf Creek Grange Passes Resolution Against Bonding or Other Schemes for Portland's Fair.

Wolf Creek Grange of North Powder unanimously adopted resolutions at their meeting Saturday, Dec. 17, opposing the raising of funds for the 1925 fair by bonds or other form of taxes and also asked the legislative committee of the state grange to keep them posted as to the stand taken by the senators and representatives of this district in regard to the fair at the special session of the legislature.

Resolutions were also adopted favoring the extending of an invitation to the farmers union and the farm bureau to unite with the grange in the holding of a county fair next year and of continuing the grange fairs as community fairs in the various subordinate granges, the speakers hoping that in this way more farmers could be reached and that it would be of a greater benefit to the county.

Wolf Creek grange also held their election of officers and also cast their votes for state officers. C. E. Spence, master; C. D. Huffman, overseer; Minnie E. Bond, lecturer; Bertha J. Beck, secretary and B. G. Leedy for the executive committee received big majorities for the state officers while the following were elected for Wolf Creek grange for the ensuing year: C. A. Gillespie, master; Harry Nice, overseer; Doris Standley, lecturer; Wm. Keator, steward; Arthur Gorman, assistant steward; Mrs. Mable Smith, chaplain; Homer Carson, treasurer; J. A. Nice, secretary; M. Gillespie, gate keeper; Mrs. Arthur Gorman, Ceres; Mrs. J. A. Nice, Pomeona; Miss Alice Johnson, Flora; Margarette Gillespie, lady assistant steward.

The next meeting of the Wolf Creek grange will be the first Tuesday in January and D. H. Snider, master of Telecast grange, will install the new officers. The men will have charge of the meeting at this time and promise a good time and lots of new winners and savor kraut for refreshments. W. R. Geckler, state deputy master, attended the meeting and assisted the grange in outlining some of their work for next year.

Well, Country Girls, what Say You To This



City girls are prettier than country girls—at least, they think so in England. A London paper conducted a contest to determine whether city or country girls are more beautiful and the readers chose the two above. Miss Violet Hunter, left, of Lancaster, won first prize, while Miss A. L. Pardon, of Aberdeen, took second prize.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS DELIVERED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Gov. Ben W. Olcott, in his message to the special session of the legislature today, laid before the members the matter of presenting to the people at the regular primary election, May 19, 1922, a proposal for a \$3,000,000 tax against the people of the state at large, including Multnomah county, to complete the financing of the Portland fair of 1925 in connection with a \$2,000,000 tax voted by the people of Portland and \$1,000,000 to be raised by subscription. The governor did not suggest to the legislature what form the tax should take.

The greater part of the brief message was devoted to the question of road protection, and the governor laid emphasis on the fact that legislation for protection now would mean a great saving to the state. Saving one mile of highway he said would pay the expense of the extra session.

Roads for Farmer. The message referred to the work of the special committee appointed by Gov. Olcott to obtain data on which legislation may be framed for the regulation of speed and weight of motor trucks and for the regulation of passenger vehicles using the highway. The executive cautioned the legislature, however, to remember that the roads were built primarily for the benefit of farmers, and that this should be kept in mind.

In conclusion the governor stated that the legislature speedily dispatch its business. The message in part follows:

"The legislature has been called to special session to consider matters which I deem of such serious urgency and importance as to warrant your most careful and undivided attention. I will endeavor to outline them briefly for your consideration so I may cause you no unnecessary delay in turning to other work.

"As you know, the people of Portland, representing one-third of the population and taxable wealth of the state, voted by an overwhelming majority to tax themselves in the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of maintaining in financing an international exposition to be held in Oregon in 1925. As I understand it, it is the desire of those interested that an additional \$4,000,000 be raised for this purpose, of which \$1,000,000 is to be raised by private subscription and the balance by a tax against the people of the state at large, including Multnomah county.

"It is necessary to submit a question involving such an amount of revenue to the people, for them to determine by their ballots whether they desire to share in bearing the burden of financing such an exposition through revenue derived from taxation.

Preservation of Highways. "I turn to a matter which I deem of paramount importance to the welfare of the state. That is the necessity for additional legislation to preserve our highways from destruction. The weight of loads and speed of motor trucks have been giving grave concern to every person who has been interested in the highway situation.

Anti-Trust Suit Is Won by Government

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The government today won the suit to compel the members of the American hardwood manufacturers' association to terminate their co-operative selling methods and agreements alleged to have been adopted for the purpose of eliminating competition and to maintain prices.

CUNARD LINE VIOLATED LAW AND IS FINED

Secretary Davis Ordered Heavy Penalty Because of Alleged Flagrant Law-Breaking.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Davis has ordered fines to the limit assessed against the British Cunard steamship line and has asked the state department to make diplomatic representations to England for what he officially classed "as a bold and I believe a knowing attempt on the part of the company to violate the immigration laws either because of the paltry profits to be gained or to discredit our immigration policy."

The circumstance complained of arises out of the arrival on December 10 at New York of the liner Aquitania with 509 Hungarian immigrants. Despite that on December 1, the immigration bureau had announced that the Hungarian quota entitled to enter the United States up to July 1, 1922, was exhausted. Mr. Davis has likewise addressed a letter to Attorney General Daugherty asking for legal opinion as to what action can be taken in "an appalling situation which has arisen by the reckless disregard of the law by the steamship company."

"Since enforcement of the immigration act, the immigration authorities have been practically in constant controversy with steamship lines which they have charged with deliberate intent to break the law.

Annual Vension Feed Will Be Next Week

The annual vension feed of the Wm. Fin and Fleetfoot club will be held on Wednesday evening, December 22, at the Foley hotel. The dinner will be of special interest this year to sportsmen because of the promise of the members of the fish and game commission of the state to be here at that time.

The club has a supply of dressed vension in cold storage that will be used for the piece de resistance of the feed.

GRANGE ORGANIZER LEAVES. Roy Geckler, state grange organizer, left for North Powder Saturday to attend a Wolf Creek grange election and annual meeting.

TO GET REDUCTION ON TIRES. The Union county farm bureau has completed arrangements for purchasing tires from a local dealer at a discount of twenty per cent under the regular price.

VISION OF MILLIONS TO HOLD FAIR VANISHING AS LEGISLATORS GET BUSY

(By Bruce Dennis.) SALEM, Dec. 19.—The exposition tax is having hard sledding in the special session of the legislature. Before the governor had completed reading his message, the majority of the house members had signed an agreement not to submit anything to the voters carrying a property tax.

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT IRISH TREATY

Dail Eireann Expected to Be Taken up With Speech Making Two Days Before Vote is Taken.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—Arthur Griffith, foreign minister in the Dail Eireann cabinet, moved today to adopt the Anglo-Irish treaty when the Dail met this morning. Commander McKee, of county Langford, Irish republican army leader, seconded the motion, saying "The Irish people want substance, not shadow."

President DeValera moved rejection of the treaty, declaring that it would not end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland. Speech making on the motion is expected to continue throughout tomorrow.

G. A. R. Holds Its Annual Election

Saturday afternoon the Grand Army of the Republic held their annual election. The following officers were elected: L. W. Faulk, commander; William Thompson, senior vice commander; Geo. Allen, junior vice commander; J. W. Oliver, adjutant.

With the election of L. W. Faulk as commander it makes the nineteenth year that he has served consecutively and makes the twenty-second year he has held the office. This is believed to be the best record of its kind in the state.

SANTA CLAUS AT AD CLUB

Santa Claus is all rigged up for an official visit to the Ad club tomorrow noon. The Foley club has imbibed the spirit and has put on some extra frills for the occasion and when Chairman Walter Reuter calls to order there will be a poppy program ready to unveil.

The regular weekly "Home Industry advertising" feature will focus on the lumber business and Norman Frense will be the speaker.

Mr. Reuter has made all arrangements for Santa Claus, and the latter has announced three presents for everybody at the table. Several important business matters are to come up, but it is Christmas week and it is not proposed that anything should interfere with his lordship's entertainment.

Bishop Black Promoted By L. D. S. Conference

At the quarterly conference of Union stakes of the L. D. S. church, held in the tabernacle in this city Saturday and Sunday, several important changes in church officials were made.

Charles C. J. Black was promoted to first counselor to the president of the stake, William D. Hanks, succeeding Louis M. Jensen, who was honorably released at his own request on account of his health and assignment to other duties. David I. Stoddard, who has been actively interested in church affairs for a number of years, was promoted to the office of bishop for La Grande ward.

Mr. Jensen was recently assigned to the presidency of the Union stake mission, which was recently organized and the duty of which is to assist in acquainting non-members of the church with the teachings, practices and doctrines of the church. He will continue to reside in the church in this city.



Tonight and Tuesday probably