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## FRENCH ARE ALARMED OVER LATEST MOVE

Reports Indicate That France's Enemy and Russia Are Plotting

### TREATY REVISION SAID TO BE AIM

Soviet Representatives Are Confering With German Government on Means to Achieve End.

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 25.—The French government is concerned over information from Berlin of the possibility of an agreement between Germany and the Russian governments with the view of foreign consideration of a revision of peace treaties at the Genoa conference, the foreign office indicated today. Berlin advices said that several soviet representatives are now confering with the government.

## BOOZE IS FULL OF FUSEL OIL

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Asserting that only 2 per cent of the "vile stuff" being seized by prohibition agents is found to be free from poisonous fusel oil, Roy A. Haynes, national prohibition director, in an address here, said he was "not surprised" at the number of post-holiday alcoholics under treatment here.

## Wrestling Matches To Be Held Here on February 1

A wrestling match will be held in Rex hall on February 1, according to announcement made today. The principals are Ad Gustavo and Young Hackensmith and O. D. Scott and Bull Chess, better known as Alaskan Bulldog. The matches are expected to be among the best ever seen here. They are under the management of George Clay.

## Poultry Raisers to Meet Tomorrow at the Y. M. C. A.

Plans to Be Laid for Protecting Consumers Against Outside Eggs, is Announcement.

The Eastern Oregon Poultry Producers association will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. The purpose in calling the meeting is to discuss means of overcoming the damage done by the frost, thousands of laying hens having had their combs frosted and stopped laying.

It is also expected that plans for marketing eggs so that local consumers know they are getting home raised eggs will be developed. At present consumers do not have any way of knowing whether the eggs they buy are fresh Grande Ronde valley eggs or imported and of uncertain age, it was declared by an officer of the association in making the announcement of the meeting. County Agent Harry G. Avery will be present at the meeting.

## Railroad Shop Rules Are Ordered Rejected

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Rejection of all railroad shop rules, recently promulgated by the railroad labor board, which cut time and one-half pay for extra work from the shopmen's wages, was ordered Tuesday by the committee of 10, acting for the railroad shopmen.  
The board issued to the 50,000 shop workers the committee ordered the board to be null and void, and the railroad managements immediately overruled the board, and failing an agreement, the disputes were ordered to go to the labor board.  
Of the seven rejected rules, the greatest dissatisfaction centered on rule 6, providing for night time for extra work on Sundays and holidays. The rule provided that

## First Significant Event in Irish Free State



The first event of importance to follow the signing of the treaty that made Ireland a free state was the military evacuation of Dublin. This is the first picture of it. British soldiers rolled up large wire entanglements that protected Dublin Castle, City Hall of Dublin and other public buildings and prepared to leave the "battle front" while the crowd looked on.

## AUTHOR DIES FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT

A. Barton Hepburn Succumbs to Injuries Received When Struck by Bus

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A. Barton Hepburn, financier, author and economist, died today following injuries suffered Friday when he was hit by an auto bus.

Born in Colton, N. Y., July 24, 1846, he was graduated from Middlebury college. He began his career as instructor of mathematics at St. Lawrence Academy and soon became principal of the Ogdensburg Educational Institute which he left after a short time to practice law in Colton, the place of his birth.

In 1875 he was elected to the state assembly where he served until 1880. Later he became superintendent of the banking department of New York state, state bank examiner and state comptroller of currency.

Mr. Hepburn was a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and a member of the New York City chamber of commerce, the Pilgrims, the Academy of Political Science, the Japan Society, National Geographic Society, Metropolitan Museum of Art and a member of the Museum Natural History.

He always maintained an active interest in international affairs.

## BULLETINS

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Dunmy Asher, of Oakland, California, colored bantam, won a ten-round decision last night over Babe Asher of Chicago.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Consent would have to be given by the Chinese government for the creation of wireless stations in China under a resolution presented to the far eastern committee by Ethel Root today. The resolution after discussion was referred to the drafting committee for consolidation with other agreements on the wireless situation.

## Wide Range Used in Assessing Farm Lands

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Discussion of valuations placed by county boards of equalization occupied the state tax commission this morning. In N. Day chairman, presented figures showing valuations of tillable land ranged from \$9.42 per acre in Curry county to \$162.57 in Multnomah county. Six counties listed as tillable and non-tillable lands together. A wide range of valuations in timber lands and livestock lands was also shown by Walter Pierce of La Grande, who acted as chairman. He stated to the commission that he has come to believe that all necessary state revenues cannot be derived from an income tax.

J. W. Morrow, general tax agent of the O. W. R. & N., cited Union county as an example where he declared farm land was taxed on a valuation of 55 per cent, whereas railroads paid taxes on a valuation of 80 per cent on their property.

There were many bills between Pierce and Morrow. While they disputed, point after point, they referred to each other as "Walter" and "Billy." The battles ended when Morrow declared, "Walter, I am going to say open and above board that the farmer has not had a fair deal."

## AGREEMENT REACHED

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The government's signatories to the four-power Pacific treaty have agreed upon the exchange of notes defining the treaty as not applicable to the mainland of Japan.

## FUNERAL OF BENEDICT THURSDAY

(By Associated Press)

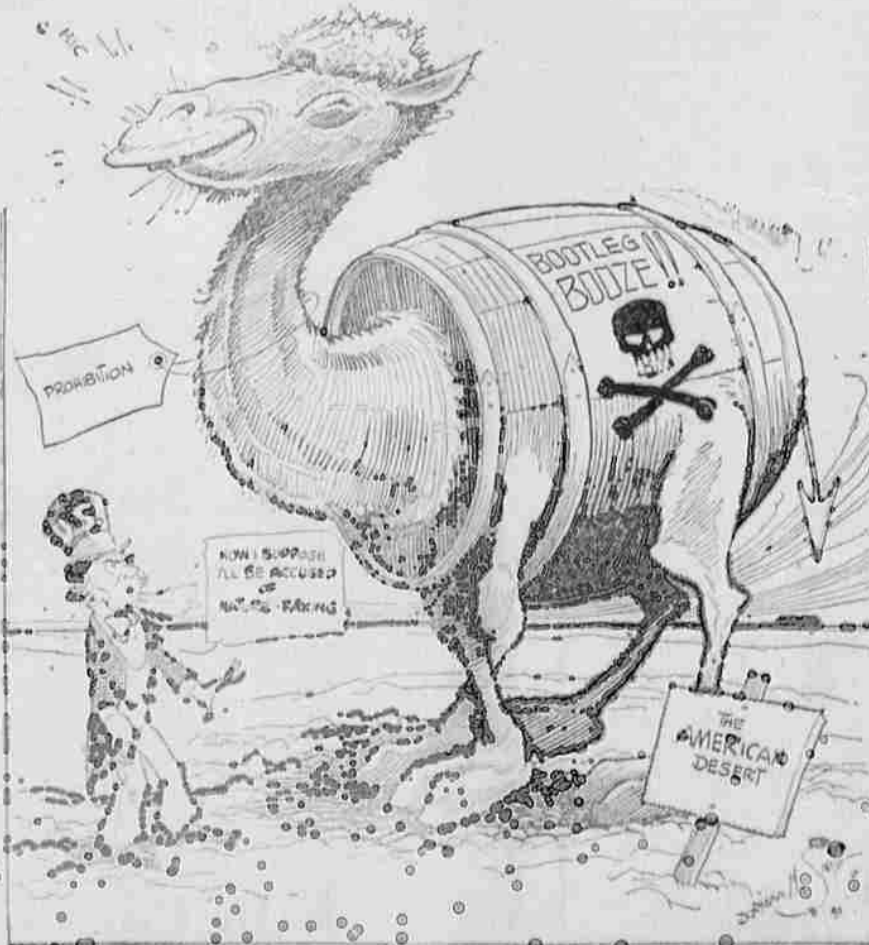
ROME, Jan. 25.—Pilgrims continue to arrive from all parts of Italy, camping in the open before St. Peter's in the hope of getting a glimpse of the Pope's body. Over half a million had passed the catafalque in two days. The funeral will be Thursday at three o'clock.  
Benedict's tomb will face that in which Pope Pius VI lies. It adjoins that of Queen Christina of Sweden, who, having abdicated the throne in 1654, settled in Rome, where she died in 1689.

## German Synthetic Gold Is a Fraud

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Search of Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale university for "moonshine" gold ended abruptly Tuesday when he was informed by a scientist that the German who had claimed the discovery of a synthetic gold process was a fraud and had a prison record.

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## CONFERENCE ON FARMING CONTINUING

Committees Appointed and Put to Work at Session Yesterday Afternoon

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Recommendation for repeal of the guaranty clause of the transportation act and return to the state railroad commissions of control over state rates was voted today by the sub-committee on railway transportation of the national agricultural conference.  
(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The national agricultural conference, opened Monday with an address by President Harding, got down to work on details Tuesday afternoon when committees held their first meetings. The morning was given over to an open session marked by addresses by Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation; G. F. Warren, of Ithaca, N. Y., who has just completed a study of European conditions; W. C. Mitchell, of New York, economist, and Herbert Myrick, of Springfield, Mass., editor of Farm and Home.

Some signs of differences in the conference appeared after the defeat Tuesday of a motion by J. S. Wann, maker of South Carolina for appointment of committee on resolutions. This motion was defeated on the ground that the committees already appointed were expected to consider resolutions.

Financing Commodities.  
One question in which the delegates as a whole are interested is that of commodity financing. One member of the committee on agricultural credit and insurance, which has this subject under consideration, suggested that a plan probably would be worked out to provide for commodity loans running from six months to three years. His proposition would provide for the warehousing, grading and inspection of commodities, indorsement by their local banks of commodity paper presented by farmers and the handling of this paper through the federal farm loan bank system which would either

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## MRS. ROE HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. L. J. Roe, prominent Estero resident, passed on at her home Saturday evening. She had been ill but a short time and had summoned her bedside. Her daughter arrived at the University of Oregon, to her bedside. Her daughter arrived Saturday morning and was with her mother at the end. She is survived by her daughter and husband and is mourned by a host of friends. Mrs. Roe was quite well known in La Grande.

## Jury Fails to Agree on Case

Former School Superintendent May Not Be Tried Again

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—The jury trying John W. Todd, former superintendent of schools of Salem, on a charge of fraudulent use of the mails in connection with a timber land scheme, disagreed at the second trial today and was dismissed. Court attaches predicted no third trial. The first jury also disagreed.

## Highway May Be Closed Until Next August

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—The hard pack of frozen snow and sleet on the Columbia river highway will remain until next August unless it is removed by steam shovels or other means. Samuel Lancaster, who engineered the building of the highway, predicted in a talk today before the Portland Realty Board.  
The board decided that clearing work should start at once and appointed a committee to seek means to raise the \$20,000 necessary.  
The board also appointed a committee to raise funds for the purchase of about 100 acres of watershed land back of Multnomah Falls, to insure against a removal of the timber which might cause a lesser volume of water in the falls.

## ADVENTISTS TO MEET IN MAY

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—One hundred and ten states and nations of the world are expected to be represented at the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists to be held here from May 11 to 30.  
Practically every leader of the church will be present, as this will be the quadrennial session of the governing body of the denomination. Between 6,000 and 7,000 delegates, in all, are looked for.

## Mrs. Lane's Funeral To Be Held Thursday

The funeral of Mrs. William W. Lane will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the home on 202 Fourth street on the corner of B. The interment will take place at the Makolei cemetery.

Miss Eliza Wonnack was born in Putnam County, Illinois, on August 16, 1842. She was married to William W. Lane on September 11, 1859, and the couple crossed the plains and settled in La Grande in 1864.

She was a member of the Baptist church having been baptized on February 12, 1888, and was the mother of six children of whom five are now living. They are Mrs. Oscar Hopper, Mrs. Dan Ackley and Wallace W. Lane of La Grande; Mrs. Bert White of Buhl, Idaho; and Mrs. Carrie Gardner of Boise, Idaho.

In addition to her surviving relatives she leaves a host of friends who mourn her passing. Her life was one of service and she endeavored to brighten the way of all as she went along life's journey.

## Oppose Use of the Parcel Post System

(By Associated Press)

RENO, Nev., Jan. 25.—Residents of Eureka, Nev., must use the express instead of parcel post if they want daily service, according to an advertisement published in a Eureka newspaper and signed by John E. Sexton, general manager of the Eureka Nevada railway. If the people continue to use the parcel post, the train service will be maintained but three days a week.  
The Eureka Nevada railway operates between Palisade, Nev., and Eureka, a distance of 85 miles, and is a narrow gauge railroad. At Palisade connection is made with the Southern Pacific line.

## Union Said to Agree to New Shipping Wage Scale

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Reductions in wage scales of officers and men on shipping board vessels of over 15 per cent, effective February 6, were announced today by the board.  
The new scale, which will run until next June 30, reduces deck officers, radio men and engineers 25 per cent and the unlicensed personnel, including stowmen and deck hands 25 per cent. Heads of the unions affected are said by board officials to have accepted the new wage scale.

## PERMANENT TARIFF BILL TO BE PASSED

Senate Expects to Finish Important Legislation Next Month

## SOLDIER BONUS IS SOMEWHAT NEARER

House Will Have the First Chance of Presenting Bonus Legislation Agreed on in Conference.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Assurance that a permanent tariff bill will be reported to the senate early in February and passed before the close of the present session was given Republican leaders in the house by the senate Republican leaders today at a conference.

Agreement was reached at the conference that the soldiers' bonus bill should originate in the house. House leaders said that the measure would be drafted immediately by the ways and means committee and probably reported to the house in two weeks.

## Father of Local Woman Passes On

Philip Walter passed on in Tecumseh, Nebraska, on January 7, after an illness from which he failed to rally. He is the father of Mrs. Harvey W. Smith of this city, and has spent several summers in La Grande. His many friends in this city will hear with regret of his death.

Harvey W. Smith's mother died but a short time before in Massillon, O.

## License Law Running Smoothly in County

The new law in regard to obtaining temporary licenses is running smoothly in Union county. Car owners have been prompt in obtaining their licenses and the only ones at present are those whose applications have been held up in the general rush of issuing licenses.

Sheriff Warnick reports that only three temporary licenses have been issued, these being obtained by men who have purchased cars since January 1.

## DR. BOUVY HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM RIOTING

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Friends of Dr. Harry Bouvy who went to Europe last October to do additional post graduate work, have been worrying for fear he had been injured in the Vienna riots. They were afraid he would try to save the former Austrian empress, who sought to regain her throne, but a letter received this morning by a former buddy sets these fears to naught.

Dr. Bouvy, La-Grande specialist, succeeded Dr. Ralph A. Fenton as owner, care and throat department head in base hospital No. 45, when Fenton was given charge of the eye work in the army schools' area at Langres. Here followed Bouvy's letter, dated Hotel Chateau, Paris, January 2:  
"W. (Mrs. Bouvy accompanies the doctor) were in Vienna during the recent riots and fortunately were not molested. Expect to finish my work here this month and return to New York about February.  
"Went over much of the old ground which you and I traversed during the war, but it looks so different. Hope to see you some time in March."

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