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GREAT POWERS NEAR BREAK

ENGLAND AND FRANCE NEAR OPEN BREAK

Two Powers Disagree Over German Reparations Question

CONFERENCE HALTED TO AVERT RUPTURE

Chief Hope of Bringing England and France Together Lies With United States.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Conference of Allied Premiers called to arrange basis for the allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels has broken down and adjournment was taken at 6 o'clock this evening until the second day of January.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Adjournment of the premier's conference tonight for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between England and France over the German reparations question has been virtually decided upon.

The British cabinet rejected measure of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincare insisted. Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Poincare that British public opinion overwhelmingly opposed any military action against Germany. It is hoped some guarantee may be found to satisfy the French and make military action unnecessary.

From authoritative American quarters it was learned the chief hope of bringing British and French together lies with the United States. England is expected to ask the United States if it is willing to cancel the French debt to the United States provided England cancels the French debt to Great Britain and enters definite agreement ultimately to pay the British debt to America. Rumorings may be prevalent that Secretary Hughes has this view.

Secretary Hughes, however, the company to establish a new electric plant for the stretch of track between The Dalles and Umatilla where commercial power is not readily available.

In connection with the power project, McKee said that further developments of hydro-electric power would be made upon the river, particularly on the western end of the transcontinental line. "Within 10 to 15 years the railroad steam locomotives will be thing of the past," said the engineer. "Railroads soon must add electrical operation."

The commission has ordered completion of the installation by December 1, 1924.

McKee left Portland three years ago to become system signal engineer after serving as signal engineer for the O.W. for 16 years.

RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

PUT CREAM IN NOSE AND STOP CATARRH

Tells How To Open Clogged Nostrils and End Head-Colds.

You feel like in a few moments. You could be laid on a cot with the best of air passages of your head will be clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache, no sneezing, sniffling, mucous discharges or dizziness, no more sleep for hours at a time.

Tell your doctor you want a small bottle of "Ely's Cream Salve." Apply little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head, soothe and heal the inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly. It is not what you eat and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stop sniffing and sneezing.

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Grim Winter Settles All Over Northwest

(By Associated Press.)
SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—Clear, cold weather with snow from one-half inch to two feet prevailed over Washington state today, temperature ranging from 13 below zero at Kenai, 27 below zero at Olympia. It is 6 below zero in Spokane, 12 below at Walla Walla, 11 above at Bellingham with 12 inches of snow.

The winter storm which has been slowly but surely gripping Eastern Washington.

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE COMES TO END

Bishop William P. Remington Delivers Address at Methodist Church; Resolution is Presented By Delegates.

Using the text "Go Ye Into All the World and Preach," Bishop William P. Remington, Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oregon, delivered the closing address of the Older Boys conference of Eastern Oregon in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Nearly 600 were in attendance. "Not only does the relationship of the older boy to the world program apply to your home, your town and your state, it applies to the whole world," he stated. "You, the youth of our great nation, will be tomorrow's leaders and you must prepare to shoulder the responsibilities of your burden by getting a broader viewpoint of your duty in life." In speaking of their relationship to the world's program he dwelt upon the necessity of Americanization of foreigners who have come to America, adopting it as their mother country, he spoke of the necessary perpetuation of the ideals of American institutions in detail. He told of a Christmas overseas during the world war when the Christmas tides were brought to the German prisoners just the same as to the Allied forces.

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CONDITIONS ORDERLY IN ASTORIA NOW

(By Associated Press.)
ASTORIA, Dec. 11.—The city's provisional government in charge of the committee of ten, aided by the Red Cross, one hundred blue jackets and volunteer ex-service men, was taking care of the relief and maintaining order today while business men were planning temporary quarters in which to re-open the various business establishments which had been wiped out by the worst fire ever recorded on the Pacific Coast, with the exception of the San Francisco fire.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Portland business men today subscribed \$55,300 for Astoria relief. They adopted a resolution asking \$50,000 to be Portland's contribution. A committee was appointed to cooperate with Astoria committee in regards to relief work.

DEATH CLAIMS WANDY SECREST

Word was received in this city last night of the death of Wandy Secrest at Westwood, California. Mr. Secrest is well known in railroad circles in La Grande having been employed here for many years. He was a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Elks Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Secrest leaves a sister, Mrs. A. K. Gardner of this city, and four children who reside in Walla Walla. The remains will be brought to La Grande for interment.

LAST NIGHT WAS COLD
Last night found the thermometer registering 17 degrees above zero, the third coldest night that La Grande has experienced this winter. Thursday evening, December 7, registered 16 above and November 30, with 15 above, was the coldest.

Conference of Older Boys Very Successful

One of the most successful older boys conferences came to a close Sunday evening with the Right Rev. William P. Remington's address on "The Older Boy and the World Program," at the Methodist church. The attendance was over two hundred and the delegates returned to their respective homes carrying a bigger and brinner feeling of the program ahead of them and feeling that La Grande's hospitality was not a myth but very real and alive.

The conference went through the three days without a hitch and the men in charge, representing the Interstate Oregon and Idaho Y. M. C. A., were well satisfied with the conference.

La Grande and the conference were especially fortunate in having with them J. W. Palmer, enterprising and song leader of Portland, who kept the assemblies pepped up with his inimitable witticisms and his qualities of songleadership.

Many speeches have been made on the Old Oregon trail, some just so, and some mediocre. Walter E. Meacham of Baker, who will speak at the Ad Club luncheon to be held tomorrow noon in the Y. M. C. A., will speak on this subject and his speech may be classed as the first mentioned. Mr. Meacham is an authority on the subject of the trail that the first settlers to the great northwest followed and is reported to have prepared a fine address to be delivered to the La Grande people.

The Baptist ladies will be caterers and A. W. Nelson will serve as chairman.

PROPOSE BIG REDUCTION
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A one-third reduction in freight rates on agricultural products was proposed in a bill today by Senator Gooding, republican, of Idaho.

HIGH LEVEL IS REACHED BY BUSINESS

Conditions in the Financial Markets are Said to Be Satisfactory

TRADE REPORTS SHOW BUSINESS LEVEL HIGH

Steel and Coal Outputs are High; October Rail Earnings Increase; Food Costs Increase.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Reports concerning the fundamental conditions underlying the financial markets continued to be satisfactory the past week. Railroad traffic is holding at an extraordinary high level considering the season. Carloading during the week ended November 25 totaled 935,000 cars, which represent an increase of 282,000 over the corresponding week a year ago.

Although the week's movement was some 14,000 cars smaller than in the preceding seven days' period, this decline is more than accounted for by the loss of traffic resulting from cessation of navigation on the Great Lakes. Loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, were in fact greater.

Steel Output Heaps.
No cessation is apparent, meanwhile in the steel industry's high rate of output, operations still approximating 80 per cent of the war-expanded capacity. Pig iron prices have declined further but trade reports state that both buyers and sellers are now feeling for the bottom of this market.

Steel prices on the other hand, remain firm, and consumers are showing some disposition to carry reasonable stocks.

It appears that bituminous output is continuing at daily rate corresponding to 1,100,000 tons a week.

Food figures for the earnings of class I roads during October show that the total net for the month amounted to \$35,000,000 which, while some \$20,000,000 below the total in the same month a year ago, when earnings were unusually good, is still \$17,000,000 better than the showing in September.

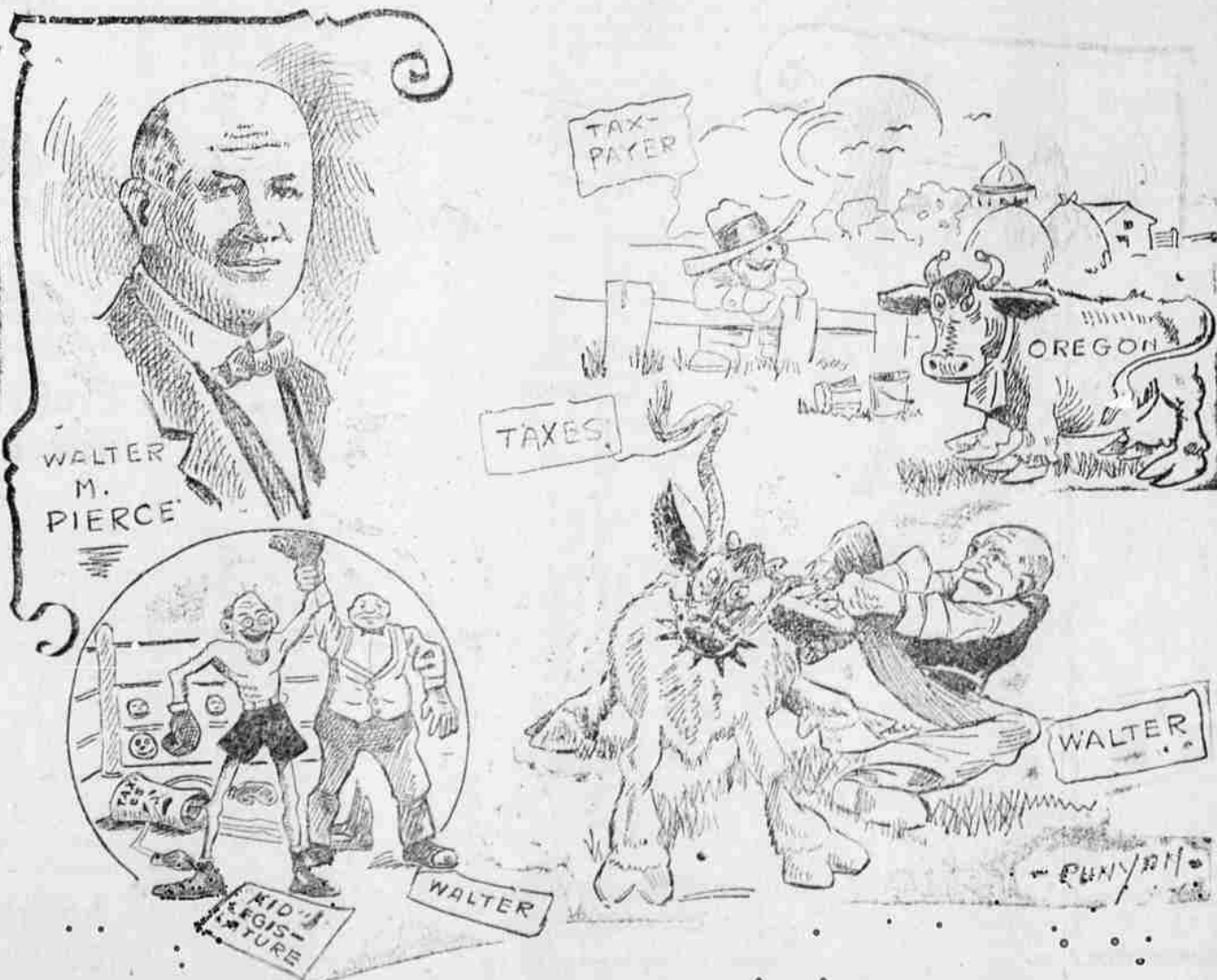
Financial Situation Good.
A recession of about 2 per cent in the ratio of reserve of the combined federal reserve systems brings that figure down to 74.4 per cent. This is slightly lower than any other figure recorded this year, but is still high enough to demonstrate very ample supplies of commercial credit. The decline in ratio is very largely a reflection of a further increase in redemptions, which, in turn, measures the sustained industrial movement and the preparations for the holiday trade. Money rates remain steady and no material disturbance is expected to attend the large government transactions around the tax date.

With report of cessation of activity in foreign textile centers, the price of cotton fell back close to 24 cents. At this level, however, the market appeared well liquidated and prices rallied before the end of the past week to approximately 25 cents.

The grain markets have been rather quiet, partly because of uncertainty regarding foreign developments, but prices have been firm.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Steers full of 75 cents higher today. Cows 25 cents higher. Choice steers selling for \$7.00 to \$7.50. Top hogs \$6.00 a hundred weight and all other hogs were steady. Pigs sold at \$6.95. Sheep steady. Eggs weak and unsettled. Butter was firm with a stronger tone.

WALTER'S TAX FIGHT IS ON



LOOKING TO A LARGE TURNOUT

That the Herbst concert to be given Wednesday evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle by the Neighborhood club is to be very well attended is the indication now. In all societies and clubs discussion is free relative to the appearance of Gottfried Herbst, violinist, and Ira Wright-Herbst, soprano. These finished artists who have spent so much time abroad and made acquired and international standing in world musical circles seldom visit interior cities, and it is considered a privilege for La Grande to secure them for the Wednesday evening concert.

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