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BRITISH ARE TO REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE

Will Assume Responsibility of Drafting Reply to Reparation Offer.

PROPOSAL WILL AIM AT PACIFICATION

Prime Minister Baldwin Makes Statement in House of Commons; U. S. Attitude Unchanged.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 12.—Great Britain has informed France and Italy that she is ready to assume the responsibility of preparing a draft of the reply to the German reparations note. The reply will be submitted to the Allies with the least possible delay in the hope that they will agree to its terms. Prime Minister Baldwin made this announcement today in the House of Commons. He said that the proposal aims solely at pacification of Europe and the recovery of the exhausted world, but did not state what the British proposal will be.

Baldwin said it could not be made too clear that the sole ground of divergence was as to the best effective means of reaching the ends vital to all, the payment of reparations and the recovery of the security of Europe.

To secure these, Baldwin said that the Allies have grudging nothing in the past nor will they grudge anything in the future.

U. S. Attitude Unchanged.
WASHINGTON, July 12.—If President Baldwin decided to suggest American participation in reparations settlement as hinted in dispatches from abroad, neither American officials nor diplomatic circles here have been advised of the decision.

Heretofore, it was pointed out Wednesday, the allied states have not cared to risk the chance of American refusal of an invitation to take part in a conference on the subject. In view of the attitude of the administration it has been expected here all along that the United States would merely be informed as to whatever the British project may be, with the door to American participation left open in case this government itself desires to take the initiative.

So far as revealed here, the American attitude remains just what it was when Secretary Hughes, in a speech at New Haven some months ago, made the suggestion that a commission of economic authorities be appointed to determine Germany's capacity to pay and the methods of payment. Mr. Hughes made no commitment on the part of the United States to official participation in such a proceeding but hinted that private enterprise might find it possible to help.

Officials Silent.
At the state department chief silence has been maintained by officials with respect to all the recent developments which led to Premier Baldwin's determination to set out an independent policy for his government in dealing with the German reparations situation. In the absence from London of Ambassador Harvey, there is little ground to assume that the Washington government has received any detailed advice as to the cabinet discussions there during the past few days.

FINAL DECREE ENTERED TODAY

CHICAGO, July 12.—The final decree making permanent the temporary injunction obtained by the United States government here last October against the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor restraining interference in the shopmen's strike was entered today by Judge Wilkinson.

Founder of Industry Dead.
BIRMINGHAM, Wash., July 12.—Oswald Steel, who canned the first salmon here in the early 30's was buried Tuesday. Though considered the founder of the industry, he met reverses. Death was caused by a cable that struck him while employed as a watchman in a mill.

Weather Forecast



PORTLAND, July 12.—Tonight and Friday, fair.

Counterfeiter Under Arrest

BOISE, Ida., July 12.—An abandoned stage house used in the early sixties along the Idaho City road during the gold rush days, was discovered to be the retreat of John Wainwright, 28, an alleged counterfeiter, by federal officials, who placed him under arrest. It is charged that Wainwright attempted to counterfeit American dollars from pewter. He is an ex-convict, having served two terms in the Idaho state penitentiary for grand larceny.

Authorities have in their possession several pieces of dollars which Wainwright is alleged to have admitted making when he was employed in the powerhouse at Highland, near the great Arrowrock dam. The dollars were made from plaster of paris casts and are extremely crude.

FORMER CHIEF UNDER ARREST

Roy Flexer, Ex-Police Chief of La Grande, Facing a Charge of Violating Mann Act.

PORTLAND, July 12.—Roy Flexer, at one time chief of police in La Grande, was arrested here Tuesday by Deputy United States Marshal Davidson, on the charge of violating the Mann act by transporting Rose Kulkbank, alias Ray Harris, over the Oregon state line. Flexer is on bail pending arraignment.

Flexer admits his charges and states that he left his wife and two children to go about the country with Mrs. Harris on various automobile camping trips. On one trip, he says, he took his seven year old daughter with them. Her statement is included in the documents in the case.

Roy Flexer served here as chief of police for some time, finally resigning his position August 8, for reasons which he did not wish to make public. Since that time Flexer has made his home in this city.

Schooner Rams Fishing Boat; Occupants Killed

ASTORIA, July 12.—Chris Sorenson and his son, Harry, both Astoria fishermen, were drowned early today when their boat was rammed and cut in two by the Steam Schooner Multnomah.

ELKS APPROVE NEW MEMORIAL; CHICAGO

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12.—With the approval of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, contracts for the construction of the proposed memorial headquarters building in Chicago will be let within the next few weeks, according to the report of the commission in charge to the grand lodge meeting here Wednesday.

The building will cost approximately \$3,000,000 and work is expected to be started this year the report said.

Committee reports and other routine business occupied the attention of the grand lodge Wednesday. (The final session to be held Thursday morning will be devoted to the installation of the new grand exalted ruler, James G. MacFarland, of South Dakota and the other new officers. The reunion will close officially with the grand parade tomorrow afternoon.

EXPEND \$9,000.

(By the Associated Press)
SPOKANE, July 12.—Nine thousand dollars is being expended on Spokane school buildings this summer to make them safer in case of fire, F. J. Williamson, superintendent of school buildings, has announced.

Five escapes on all two-story grade school buildings are being remodelled to make them panic-proof. The escapes are being cut lower to the floor levels and doors are being put in the walls of the buildings to open on the outside stairways because, as Superintendent Williamson explains, in most of the schools the children have had to climb through open windows to get to the fire escapes.

Three Die in Wreck

ST. PAUL, July 12.—The engineer and two unidentified transients who were riding on the "blind" were killed when passenger train No. 41, westbound from Billings, Mont., on the Northern Pacific line, ran into an open switch Tuesday near Whitehall, Mont., according to local railroad officials Wednesday. None of the passenger coaches left the main line, and no passenger was injured, officials here said.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

VICTORIA, B. C., July 12.—A severe earthquake, believed 5,000 miles from Victoria under the Pacific Ocean, was recorded on the seismograph here today.

LIQUOR CARS SOLD

BEND, Or., July 12.—The first liquor cars to be disposed of under the new liquor law in Deschutes county were sold by auction by Sheriff S. E. Roberts. One which had belonged to L. Taber when it was seized on April 14, brought \$35; the other, which was taken from Earl Davis on March 19, sold for \$155.

SKAGWAY IS HOST FOR A DAY TO CHIEF

Harding Visits World Famous Gold Rush Camp; Speaks at Hotel; Skagway Gets Great Thrill.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, July 12.—This now small but once world known town lying at the head of Lynn Canal, with the visit of President Harding and the members of his party Wednesday got its greatest thrill since the days of '97 and '98 when hardy and adventurous men by the thousands came here, bound for the Yukon and a fortune. The transport Henderson, bringing the president's Alaska party, arrived here at noon after a short trip from Juneau.

Members of the president's party found Skagway a picturesque little town with a population of 500, nestling against the glacier-crowned mountain peaks, quiet, with only a few reminders of the time when it was known as one of the "wildest" and "grossest" places of the frontier. Here it was that those who had come under the "Spell of the Yukon," outfitted for the tiresome climb over the summit of White Pass, and thence to brave the dangers of Miles Canyon, White Horse Rapids, Five Finger and Rink Rapids and other perils met by those seeking the yellow metal.

Rainfall Ceases.

The rain which marked yesterday's visit to Juneau had ceased and the sun often broke through the clouds revealing the beauties of the bluffs reaching down from the mountains along Lynn Canal. While in Skagway the president went to the hotel kept by Mrs. H. S. Pallen, whose son, Royal, now a colonel in the United States army, was a famous football captain a few years ago at West Point.

At the hotel the president made a brief address in which he spoke of the romance of Skagway's history. Mrs. Harding was presented with several bouquets of flowers. One of them of great dahlias which blooms nearly a foot in diameter.

The Henderson called this afternoon for Seaward, on Resurrection bay.

Recalling a vacation trip in the mountains, spent with the late John Muir, Henry Ford and others, the president directed that the Henderson on the way to Seaward pass by Muir glacier, named for the famous naturalist.

HAINES MULES ARE SHIPPED TO DENVER

HAINES, July 12.—Twenty-eight head of mules were shipped from the Haines stockyard to Denver recently. They were owned by Albert Fisher, one of the successful young ranchers in this locality who have up the cattle business to specialize in mules some time ago.

Fisher has several hundred head of mules on his ranch and the recent shipment is reported by the veterinarian who inspected them as being the finest lot of the animals ever to come under his observation.

Petition For Paving Denied

A petition, presented to the city commissioners last evening, for the improvement of Seventh street from O avenue to M avenue was denied due to the fact that not enough signatures in the district concerned were listed on the petition.

Application for a soft drink license for A. W. Gaiser, 212 Depot street, was allowed.

The librarian monthly report and the city manager's weekly report were read and accepted.

Dr. H. S. Brownson served as president last evening due to the absence of Sherwood Williams.

FIGHT RETURNS HERE TONIGHT

La Grande Evening Observer to Post Bulletins on Willard-Firpo Fight in Local Hotels.

With the realization that citizens of La Grande are especially interested in the heavyweight contest to be fought in Boyle's Thirty Acres tonight, the La Grande Evening Observer has made arrangements whereby fight returns will be posted this evening in the lobbies of the Imperial Billiard parlors, and the Sommer and Foley hotels as they come over the wire.

The Evening Observer, which goes to press at three o'clock, hours too early for receiving the news of the outcome of the fight, will post an "Observer Bulletin" in the lobbies and on this board the wire news will be posted so that the public may read it "hot from the wire" upon its receipt.

Ottomans And Allies Strike Puzzle In the Evacuation Clause

LAUSANNE, July 2.—A hitch in the agreement between the Turks and the allies has arisen over the question of withdrawing the British warships stationed at Constantinople. The clause in the draft treaty concerning evacuation of the allied forces refers only to troops, the Turks apparently having neglected the insertion of a reference to the warships.

Ismet Pasha is demanding that the clause shall be withdrawn at the same time as the troops, namely six weeks after ratification of the treaty by the Turkish national assembly at Angora.

This demand has been submitted to the British government by Sir Horace Rumbold, who now is awaiting the decision from London. It is believed peace can be signed before the end of next week.

General Pierce Dies

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Brigadier-General W. S. Pierce, assistant chief of ordinance of the army, died here Tuesday night after undergoing an operation for a digestive disorder.

FIVE MINERS KILLED WHEN TRAIN WRECKS

Trip Cars, Carrying Forty Miners, Smash Due To Breaking of Coupling; 12 Injured.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 12.—Five miners were killed and twelve were injured when a train of trip cars carrying forty men parted from a broken coupling while descending into an ore mine of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company, near Bessemer, Ala., according to reports.

Prime Selling Contract

PORTLAND, July 12.—A contract covering the marketing of prunes through the proposed Northwestern Co-operative Prune exchange will be permitted to growers for consideration as a result of a meeting here yesterday.

New City Dedicated

LONGVIEW, Wash., July 12.—This city, now in the process of construction, was formally dedicated today. Large crowds were here for the ceremonies. Sports, dancing, barbeque and dinner in the new Hotel Montecito were among the events of the day.

Joyce Is Indicted

NEW YORK, July 12.—Henry L. Joyce, formerly Marine manager of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was indicted by the federal grand jury today for alleged violation of the Clayton act and conspiracy to defraud the government by making false claims for \$2,000,000 for operations during the period of federal control and after the war.

The Market.

PORTLAND, July 12.—Cattle slow and weak, hogs and sheep steady. Eggs firm and butter steady.

PIONEER'S FUNERAL HELD FROM CHAPEL

The final services over the body of I. C. Holmes, La Grande pioneer, who passed away a few days ago, were held this afternoon at the Balmekamp Chapel with Reverend A. H. Ritten presiding and delivering the sermon. The services were held at 2:30 o'clock and a large crowd of friends and relatives were present.

Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

With Mr. Holmes passing on the ranks of Union county pioneers which have been dwindling steadily during past few years, lowers another notch. Mr. Holmes was a resident of the Grande Ronde Valley for 32 years and leaves a host of friends who, here Tuesday night after undergoing an operation for a digestive disorder.

Chicago May Get Meeting

CHICAGO, July 12.—The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago next June if Fred W. Uppman, national treasurer, makes such a request of the national executive committee. J. H. Babler, national committeeman from Missouri, said here today at a conference of national committeemen, state chairman and republican leaders from eight states.

OPPOSES MEET ON AIR CRAFT

Great Britain Believes Present Moment Inappropriate to Initiate Conference.

LONDON, July 12.—It was disclosed in the house of lords Wednesday night the government thinks that the present moment is inappropriate to initiate an international conference on the limitation of air armaments. The house was debating the motion introduced by Lord Gorell, aimed at having Great Britain join with the American government for such a conference.

The debate ranged over the whole question of land, sea and air defense much satisfaction being expressed notably by the speakers for the government, at the ratification of the Washington treaties by France.

Situations Strained.

The Marquis de Salas, lord president of the council, said that the prime minister had already set forth the government's desire to co-operate to the utmost with other nations on the lines of the Washington agreements, but while the situation in Europe was so strained any steps in that direction now would be wholly fruitless and there would be almost a certainty to be misunderstood. When the situation was less strained it might be possible to make a move in the desired direction.

There was more open talk in the course of the debate of the possibility of the danger of war than has been heard in the upper house for a long time, which clearly reflected the anxiety felt on all sides at the critical position developed by Anglo-French relations.

The government's new air policy was generally acquiesced in even by liberal peers, like Grey and Haldane, but at the same time they did not conceal their apprehension at the starting of a new armaments competition.

The advisability of a new naval base at Singapore again provoked much adverse criticism, Lord Haldane asking the pointed question whether it was aimed at Japan or the United States. Most of the speakers ridiculed the idea that it was directed against any individual power and contended that sea power was equally important in the Far East as in home waters.

Shoe Establishment Is Located On Adams Now

J. H. Stuart, shoe salesman, has relocated his establishment on Adams street across the street from Garret's blacksmith shop and has opened the doors of his business concern. He was formerly located on Fir street but felt that it was advisable to make the change.

"I would appreciate all patronage," stated Mr. Stuart today, "and guarantee that all who become my customers will be given the most courteous service."

Borah Urges An Economic Meet In Portland Speech

PORTLAND, July 12.—The enactment by Congress of a uniform national marriage and divorce law was recommended by a resolution adopted today by the National Federation of business and professional women's clubs.

PORTLAND, July 12.—The League of nations and the world court are important in the presence of the Ruhr and the Russian problems and the United States should ask for recognition of the Russian government in dealing with the reparations situation and take affirmative steps looking ultimately to recognition of the Russian government. It was declared by United States Senator William E. Borah, in an address here Wednesday night.

The senator was speaking to the convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

The senator said there could be no peace, no disarmament, no opening of the markets of Europe to the product of American farms without adjustment of the reparations problem and the Russian problem.

U. S. Drifting Down Stream.
"Until these are adjusted," he declared, "we may look for economic disorder and the continued deepening of human suffering. I agree with

WILLARD AND FIRPO FIGHT IS TONIGHT

Two Heavyweight Giants To Fight in Boyle's Thirty Acres This Evening.

90,000 EXPECTED TO SEE BATTLE

New Record in Attendance is Expected to be Set; 50,000 Reserved Seats Already Gone.

NEW YORK, July 12.—An unprecedented demand for tickets for the Willard-Firpo fight is on. Fifty thousand reserved seats are sold, the receipts being over \$325,000 and 30,000 unreserved seats are to go on sale late today. The attendance is expected to exceed 90,000, which would set a new record.

JERSEY CITY, July 12.—A crowd probably exceeding 90,000 is expected for the Willard-Firpo bout tonight.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Fit and ready for their 12-round battle Thursday in the huge bowl of Boyle's 20 Acres, Jersey City, Jess Willard, former champion of the world and Luis Angel Firpo, pride of the Argentine, will be principals in what is expected to be one of the greatest ring dramas this year.

Popular interest in the match, the star attraction of a five-bout heavy-weight card, has broken all records or a contest in which no championship is involved. But while no title hinges on the outcome, the fact that Firpo and Willard, two of the most striking personalities the title game has ever known, will fight for the right to meet Jack Dempsey in a championship struggle has focused unusual attention on the bout.

Willard and Firpo to contracts containing the stipulation that the winner fights Dempsey, and the promoter expects to come to terms with the champion's manager, Jack Keenan, within a few days.

From indications Wednesday, the fight will have a background rivaling (Continued on page 5).

BAND TO PLAY THIS EVENING

Made of a nature that is dear to the hearts of every La Grande citizen will be presented in harmonious quantities at the celebration at the County Club this evening of the wiping away of the individualities of the organization.

The La Grande Municipal Band, directed by Andrew Leamy, Jr., which will play at the Oregon State Fair and at the Bendon Round-Up, will be present and an excellent repertoire has been arranged. The local band was chief band at the Old Oregon Trail pageant held at Meacham July 24.

The dinner at the country club grounds will be held this evening at 6:30 o'clock and a large crowd is expected to be in attendance. The swimming tank will be open which will furnish an additional attraction besides the regular program.