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BRITISH TO IGNORE TALK BY POINCARÉ

Will Proceed with Proposal, According to British Officials.

PREMIER POINCARÉ MAKES STAND CLEAR

"France Stands Unalterably For a Complete Execution of the Versailles Treaty," is Statement.

LONDON, July 15.—Although Premier Poincaré declared Sunday at Senlis that France stands unalterably for a complete execution of the Versailles treaty and full payment by Germany of one hundred and thirty two billion gold marks, the aim fixed at the London conference, and opposition of an international financial commission, British officials indicated today that they would proceed with the work of drafting a note to the Allies and United States just as if Poincaré had not spoken.

Poincaré's Proclamation

SENLS, France, July 15.—Premier Poincaré proclaimed the French government's unalterable decision to stand for the complete execution of the Versailles peace treaty with the German debt at 132,000,000,000 gold marks as agreed upon by the allies at the London conference, and against any international financial commission to replace the reparations commission.

Poincaré said France had finished the making of concessions to Germany; she was tired of them with that country. The premier's strongly worded address will carefully refrain from mentioning the speech of Stanley Baldwin, the British prime minister, in the house of commons last week, was considered as the French government's primary answer to the British position with regard to the occupation of the Ruhr.

M. Poincaré chose for his pronouncement this Sunday at Senlis the farthest advance of the Germans and where the Germans executed their most heinous crimes. He named, Seattle; H. Haza Namba, Baker; Nellie L. Nicholson, Jordan Valley, Ore.; W. A. Stewart and wife, Portland; Miss Helen Dunbar, Ontario; T. C. Larsen, Beaverton; G. G. Womack, Haines; Kenneth Hamilton, Amsterdam, N. Y.; John Ford, Pocatello, Ida.; C. E. Cochran and wife, Portland; Mrs. Wm. Duby, Baker; H. N. Peckham, Goldwell.

County Court Sublets Contracts—The contract was let this week for two miles of the Lantine-Leap Market road. The portion which is the end that connects with the highway, was let at the lowest bid on record for this county. A part of the remainder will be let out on small contracts, and by day work. J. D. Walker will be in charge. The Ant Flat road out of Enterprise was sublet to E. W. Storm of Weiser for \$73,681. The county court had secured the contract for \$77,550.—Wallowa Sun.

Alph Huron in Portland—President Harding made a great speech to the citizens of eastern Oregon. California led the list of the states in amount of individual savings. In mutual savings banks the average balance on June 30, 1922, was \$483 in New England; \$713 in New York; \$670 middle Atlantic states; \$493 Washington; \$978 California and \$590 for the 821 mutual savings banks in the 17 states reported.

In state banks and trust companies the average savings were: New England \$141 in New York; \$352 middle Atlantic states; \$349 Washington; \$549 California and \$802 for all state banks and trust companies reported, which included 28,308 state banks and 1489 trust companies.

In national banks the average savings accounts was \$374 New England; \$26 New York; \$392 middle Atlantic states; \$236 Washington; \$673 California and \$224 for all national banks in the United States.

Seven Injured in Wreck—New York, July 15.—Two wooden coaches of a crowded elevated train telescoped, injured seven passengers, today when a train crashed into the rear of an empty subway train in the Bronx.

Weather Forecast
Portland, July 16.—Unsettled to night and Tuesday.

Mexicali Sees Bloody Battle

MEXICALI, Lower California, —Mayor Juan Leora, of Mexicali, and 14 adherents, all heavily armed, Sunday were barricaded in the city hall, where Saturday night, in what was described as a political quarrel, three were killed and 20 wounded, including the mayor and two councilmen, according to survey by the police.

The barricaded men were reported to have declared they never would surrender. Among them were three wounded, including Alternate Councilman Quirino Luna, who was expected to die.

Troops of Governor Jose Inocencio, of the northern district of Lower California, which surrounded the city hall after Saturday night's shooting, were replaced Sunday by municipal police in the hope the change would induce the mayor's party to surrender.

BOHNENKAMPS ROBBED AGAIN

Guns, Valued Approximately at \$100, Taken from Local Business Concern Saturday Night.

History sometimes repeats itself. When the employees of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company, a prominent business concern of this city, went to work this morning they discovered that the store had again been entered and that this time several articles in their stock had been taken. The store was entered Thursday evening by some one who pilfered the cash register.

A check showed six guns, valued probably at about \$100, missing. One .32-20 Colt, one .380 Remington automatic, two .32 Colt automatic revolvers, one .22 Colt automatic and one 7.65 m. m. Dertigies were taken. Entrance was effected through the business door, the robbers or robber thence entering the upstairs through the furniture department.

The police are investigating the matter and believe that they have clues that will result in an arrest.

Breaks Jail

DALLAS, Ore., July 15.—George McAllister, awaiting the grand jury findings on the charges of stealing auto accessories, escaped prison early today by sawing the bars of his cell door, another bar in the corridor and digging through a brick jail wall.

Parker on Trail—ALBANY, ORE., July 15.—George Parker, accused of killing A. E. Cherry, Dunlap, went on trial today facing a charge of first degree murder. Ruffe Parker, is still at large, having escaped two weeks ago.

EMPLOY OVER 150 ON MCKAY PROJECT

PENDLETON, Ore., July 15.—Work on the camp buildings that will house workmen and equipment for constructing the McKay creek dam by the United States reclamation service has been started here, and within a short time a force of between 150 and 200 men will be employed, according to R. M. Conner, construction engineer. Ralph Lowry is in charge of the engineering work.

The dam will form a reservoir three miles long that will store 73,000 acre feet of water as a supplementary supply for projects now insufficiently supplied in the west end of Umatilla county. The dam will be 2600 feet long, 620 feet wide at the base, 20 feet wide at the top, 140 feet high. It will cost \$2,500,000 and will require a minimum of three years to build.

W. S. Gillogly, for more than four years at King Hill, Idaho, has arrived and will be fiscal and purchasing agent of the job here.

Greenhouse Suffers Loss in Hail Storm
The hail and rain storm that hit La Grande and vicinity today noon, played havoc with the greenhouse of A. E. Cherry, hortist, located on Adams avenue near the Grande Ronde hospital, breaking approximately 200 panes of glass covering the building.

Just how much the damage will amount to is unknown, no estimate having yet been made.

The storm, which began as a rain storm shortly before 12:30 o'clock, later developed into a hail storm, half the size of marbles beating down on the city with much force.

Women in Convention
PORTLAND, July 15.—Problems of every sort are being framed by women teachers in universities and colleges of the country, to come before the convention of the American Association of University Women, opening here today.

Special Meeting Tonight
A special meeting of the La Grande Lodge 41, A. F. and A. M., will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

COUNTY WHEAT FORECAST 5TH IN THE STATE

A terrific hail and rain storm, beginning about noon today and continuing for about fifteen minutes, drenched and battered La Grande and the surrounding vicinity. Some damage of consequence was experienced in the city and it is doubtful if the fall wheat, especially that of a high stand, escaped injury. In all likelihood, although no verification is possible as yet, much of the fall wheat, nearly ready to harvest, was beaten down.

Hyman H. Cohen, commercial editor of the Oregon Journal, of Portland, who recently toured the northwest inspecting the crops, both hay and grain, in an article published yesterday, stated that "Up in Wallowa county, in Eastern Oregon, and through Union county, the wheat is the heaviest known."

The reliability of Mr. Cohen's forecasts, long recognized, gives authority to his predictions which coincide with predictions of local men.

His forecast of the Oregon wheat crop is set at 28,494,000 bushels, which is greater by 4,494,000 bushels than 1922 and greater by 264,000 bushels than in 1921.

The forecast by counties is as follows: Baker, 1,200,000; Central Oregon, 4,200,000; Gilliam, 1,900,000; Klamath, 1,900,000; Morrow, 1,950,000; Sherman, 3,557,000; Umatilla, 5,920,000; Union, 1,400,000; Wasco, 1,237,000; Willamette Valley, 3,000,000; scattered, 3,000,000. Which, considering individual counties, would place Union county fifth among Oregon counties in amount of yield.

Expects Little Damage
In speaking of crop damages, Mr. Cohen states, "Some reports were broadcast to the effect that the crop was damaged because some of the grain began to droop and fall. This is always a true indication of the size of the crop. A small crop never gets heavy enough to droop and fall. Being a record output, it is quite natural that more of the wheat should be down this season than normally. With the machines now being utilized for harvesting, practically all of this grain can be down this season than normally." (Continued on Page 4)

CAR SAID DAMAGED ON HIGHWAY SUNDAY

Several auto accidents, of more or less importance, occurred on the La Grande-Union highway yesterday. No one was injured seriously however.

On Chevrolet car, believed to be owned by J. Marvin, of Island City, wrecked about one-half mile east of Lone Tree, damaging the car considerably. Whether Mr. Marvin was driving or not is unknown as he could not be communicated with today. The car left the road, hit a telephone pole, smashing into a telephone pole, damaging the front part of the car to some extent, according to reports.

Another car lost a wheel between La Grande and Hot Lake yesterday, but did not wreck.

Hatchery Has Albino Trout

Union, July 15.—The state fish hatchery, located at Union, is busy at present shipping young trout to various lakes and streams in Eastern Oregon for planting.

Superintendent R. H. Bonney has a freak bunch of fish in one of his troughs which he states "are worth keeping." The finny members in question are Rainbow trout but are albinos, having the regulation pink eyes and being devoid of the usual coloring. Two or three hundred of the "albinos" are in the trough.

Mr. Bonney states that he will keep the fish at the hatchery until maturity.

WILL CLEAN UP CITY'S PORTION

Charles Bingner and Committee of Fourteen Begins Work Wednesday.

The deficit incurred at the Meacham celebration hangs over Eastern Oregon towns like a large cloud without a silver lining, and in order to dispel that cloud Charles Bingner, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce finance committee and a committee of fourteen will start solicitation Wednesday of this week. La Grande's portion will be thus liquidated and everyone who was asked to put up the one-fourth portion of the original subscription will be called upon to increase the pledge slightly thus obliterating La Grande's part of the debt.

Penitence, Baker and Union will do likewise and it is thought this week will see the end of the obligation which unfortunately occurred, because Mr. Brown, advance man for the Presidential party, possessed an overcharged conscience and would not let an admission fee be charged at the gates.

Hose To Be Standard

SALEM, July 15.—Standardization of all hose couplings used for fire-fighting purposes in the state under a law enacted at the last session of the legislature will be undertaken by Will Moore, state fire marshal, within the next few days.

Figures received by the fire marshal indicate that the expense attached to the work will aggregate several thousand dollars. At this time the law providing for the standardization of the fire hose was introduced in the legislature it was contended that the undertaking could be completed for a few hundred dollars.

When the work is completed fire departments called from one town or city to another in times of conflagration will find their fire hose couplings standard.

Tariff On Ore Cut

BAKER, Ore., July 15.—The Sumpster Valley railroad made effective July 9 reduced tariffs on ore shipments between Baker and Sumpster, according to schedules just announced. The new rate is \$1.00 per net ton of 2000 pounds for values between \$15 and \$35 per ton.

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THE STRONG MAN ACT

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The show is headed by Gary Ray of Dallas, associated by Frank Roach of Pendleton, one of Eastern Oregon's most prominent race horse men and a man who has stood back of the Pendleton Round-Up. Bob Hall of this haggard, scoring Hoskins. The La Grande will direct the arena.

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BAKER COUPLE BADLY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Accident Occurred Near the City Limits of Baker On the Old Oregon Trail Yesterday.

Baker, Ore., July 15.—Special.—With no knowledge of how the accident happened, Miss Marjorie Ross, daughter of H. L. Ross, a mining man of Baker, this afternoon regained consciousness at the hospital, following a complete state of unconsciousness which lasted from yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the Chevrolet car she was driving turned upside down one-half mile north of the city limits of Baker, on the Old Oregon Trail.

Miss Ross was accompanied by William Bith, who suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. He also has been unconscious since the accident. The girl has a broken collarbone and many cuts and bruises. The couple were motoring along the highway and Miss Ross was driving. Apparently she lost control of the machine and the accident followed. The automobile is a total wreck.

BIG CROPS IN IDAHO COUNTRY

According to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry, who yesterday returned from a several hundred mile trip into Idaho, the crops in the Idaho country this year will be tremendous.

Their objective point was Fairfield, the high country where crops have not been certain for several years. "The people up there are happy by this year," said Mr. Cherry. "For they are reasonably sure of from twenty to forty bushels in the Camas prairie country. We noticed that head lettuce growing is being tried up there with quite a little success. On our trip we found it very scarce. The thermometer registered about 106 most of the way. Water in the irrigating ditches looked mighty good, I tell you."

On their road home yesterday afternoon they picked up a young man and a body who were victims of a severe auto accident this side of Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry made the trip in their new Dodge coupe and encountered no car trouble or other mishaps.

Klansmen Picnic

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Judge Upholds Medical Men

CHICAGO, July 15.—Dr. William Allen Pusey, president of the American Medical Association, today announced that the medical profession was endorsed "as absolutely correct" in the recent ruling of Federal Judge Bourquin, at Helena, Montana, holding unconstitutional that portion of the Volstead act limiting the amount of alcoholic liquor a physician may prescribe.

MIGHTY COVE TAKES A FALL

Crews' Men Swab the Decks With Covites, Winning By Two Runs.

P. W. L. Pet. Cove 11 8 3 721
Cove 10 7 3 700
La Grande 11 7 3 700
Union 12 0 12 000

Cove, mighty swastick artist though they be, were trampled in the dust of defeat yesterday by the fighting Pirates—outhit, outfought, and outplayed. The final score was La Grande 5, Cove 3.

La Grande had several heroes yesterday. MaGee started things off when he speared a wonderful catch in rightfield, taking it in one hand while burning up the dust; Clifford and Rosenbaum nailed their share of homers when they busted out a dirt-cult clout. Clifford scoring one man and Rosenbaum doing likewise, and several of the other members of the team did their share. White, although hard hit, ended the game with only four hits registered against him.

Rube Davis, Cove second sacker, made the most sensational catch of the day for his team when he speared a hot one off of Buck Knight's bat that would have been a sure hit nine times out of ten.

Came Through in Pinch.
The real cause of the Pirates win yesterday was that they were coming through in the pinches—getting hits when they meant runs. Six Pirates were left on the bases while on the other hand eight cherry pickers gathered up the sacks after the third out had been made.

Red Alexander, Cove's mainstay for many years long past, worked in the mound for them and was as hard hit as White. Six hits, two of them three base hits, were registered off him and three sacrifice hits were also garnered. Both White and Red walked plenty of men, six getting free transportation off White and five off Red. White walked one fellow across home plate.

La Grande Takes Lead.
La Grande took an early lead when Buck Knight walked in the second inning, went to third on Rube Davis' error and came home on M. Alexander's error.

But in the third Cove came back and scored their only markers on one single, three errors and three walks.

La Grande scored again in the fifth and seventh, tying it up at three runs each.

In the last half of the eighth, Hoskins, first up for La Grande singled, Buck Knight sacrificed him to second, and Clifford smashed out a three bagger, scoring Hoskins. The game was right then but McInnis thought it might as well be won by an extra run so he sacrificed, and Clifford came home.

Rally Falls.
Cove attempted a rally in the ninth but was unsuccessful. M. Alexander started it off with a single. Carter grounded to second base and Skahang, pinch hitting, did the same. With two down and Alexander on third, White walked Conley, take part in the rodeo events. Two Brazile sent the Cove boys bluffing when he popped out to Clifford.

The disagreement between the captains (Continued on Page Two)

STEEL INDUSTRY SLACKENS; RAIL TRAFFIC IS HEAVY

NEW YORK, July 15.—With the steel industry transferring to a moderate slackening pace, carloading has set new records for all time. Some 1,022,000 cars of revenue freight were loaded in the week ended June 30, and this surpasses the performance in the week of October 1920, when the previous record was set. Notwithstanding this heavy traffic, the proportion of had order cars has been reduced to a new low since December, 1920, and the surplus of freight cars in good order has increased to nearly 4,000. These figures were interpreted as indicating ample transportation facilities during the coming fall.

Wheat Attracts Attention.
Considerable attention was attributed by the continued decline in wheat prices to less than \$1 a bushel for leading deliveries at Chicago. Under the circumstances, particular attention attached to the publication of the report on the farm products situation, prepared by a committee of experts at the direction of the department of agriculture. This report took ground that Europe's purchasing power is likely to be smaller. Under the conditions, the committee recommended a reduction in production. That the foreign situation actually has affected the price of wheat is the opinion held in financial circles. It is pointed out that this spring's depreciation of the exchanges, which began in October, 1922, when the market has not only reduced Europe's purchasing power, but has made necessary a readjustment of American prices to those existing in the world market.

Extreme dullness which was attributed to the season and the current uncertainties in the business situation, characterized the chief financial markets of the past week. Trading on the New York stock exchange, lapsed back to the low level for the past year, amounting to only about 400,000 shares a day. At the same time a firmer tone was in evidence, particularly toward the latter part of the week. It was considered that the liquidation, which preceded the end of the half year, had strengthened the speculative position materially and that the prospect of the July 1 settlement had recovered most of the (Continued on Page Six.)

HARDING TO GO FURTHER IN INTERIOR

President Will Go Ninety Miles Beyond Alaskan Railroad by Auto.

IS FARTHEST NORTH OF ANY PRESIDENT

Chief Executive Drives Locomotive for 26 Miles; Rough Driver, Says Steward.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 15.—Before driving the golden spike yesterday, signaling the completion of the government Seward-Fairbanks railroad, President Harding paid tribute to those who pioneered in the railroad construction work in the far north "through an almost impassable land."

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 15.—Having reached the north end of the steel rail transportation, President Harding proposed today to go further into the interior of Alaska by automobile, ninety miles over the Richardson trail to McCarthy, on the Tanana river, the ride to take five hours. From McCarthy he plans to take a river steamer to Nemaun where he will Monday board a train for a 24 hour trip back over the government railroad to Seward.

President Harding has reached a point further north than any other American president and with his arrival in Fairbanks Sunday was within 150 miles of the Arctic circle. His arrival here marked the end of a two and a half day's ride over the government railroad from Seward Monday he begins the trip south over Richardson trail.

The president told members of his party, before his arrival here, that the rail trip had given him a new vision of Alaska and that he had been impressed not only by the majestic scenery, but by the wonderful possibilities of the great valley region, heavily forested and covered with luxuriant vegetation. (Continued on Page Three)

PREPARING FOR ALBANY SHOW

(By Irene Poston Hall.)
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