

346 DEAD IN WESTERN KOREA

Ruhr Seizure Defended by Poincare

PREMIER HAS ANSWER FOR LORD CURZON

Address at Charlesville Refutes Arguments of Note of August 11.

FRANCE IS FACING NEW PROBLEMS NOW

Stocks of Coal and Coke in Ruhr Nearing Exhaustion; Production Is at a Standstill.

CHARLESVILLE, France, Aug. 20.—Premier Poincare, speaking Sunday within the shadow of the building which was the seat of the German military headquarters during the war, delivered an address virtually devoted to refuting the arguments advanced in the August 11 note of Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary. The premier made little reference to the declarations of Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new German chancellor, in the reichstag last week.

M. Poincare quoted the Versailles treaty in authority for the legality of the occupation of the Ruhr, cited figures to show that unemployment in England had decreased and that railroad traffic and shipping had increased since the French entered the Ruhr, and reiterated the French government's earnest desire to come to an agreement with the British government on questions in dispute.

After recalling the hardships suffered by the population of Charlesville during German occupation, M. Poincare related the various phases of the military operations for the relief of the city and culminated the part played in them by the American soldiers under General Pershing and the close cooperation of (Continued on Page Five)

Propose Two Conventions With Mexico

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Commissioners Warren and Payne reported to President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes today the result of the three months' negotiations in Mexico City. They proposed, among other things, that two conventions be held for settlement of claims as a basis for the recognition of the Mexican government.

KIDNAPING PLOT BARED BY CONFESSIONS, WORD

HEIDELBERG, Germany (By the Associated Press).—The Zeitung of Southern Germany says that Robert Sperber, who was wounded in an alleged attempt to kidnap Grover Bergdoll, the American draft evader, last week, has made a confession. According to the newspaper, it is complete in every detail, going back for months to Paris, where it is alleged the plot was hatched. Sperber is credited by the newspaper with the statement that he and Carl Schmidt, who was killed in last

BAKER IS WINNER IN TITULAR GAME

FIVE MEET DEATH IN SEAPLANE FALL

PENSACOLA, Fla., (AP)—Four men and one woman were killed Sunday when a commercial seaplane piloted by Albert J. Whitted of St. Petersburg, Fla., crashed into Santa Rosa sound, near Santa Walton, 40 miles from Pensacola.

TRADE OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL

Steel Production Shows Signs of Slackening—Pig Iron Steady; Wheat Values Are Gaining.

NEW YORK, (AP)—An appreciable more optimistic view of the business outlook was apparent in financial and commercial circles during the past week. This growth of confidence was due partly to reassurance in the matter of the new administration, partly to firmness in wheat and cotton prices and partly to suggestions that a turn may be at hand in the forward buying of the more important industrial products. Under these circumstances the security markets were firm, short covering disclosing a meager supply of stocks and some new commission houses buying being attracted. The effect was to lift the stock market out of the extreme dullness into which it had fallen, and to produce a more convincing rally than had been during the summer. Industrially, considerable emphasis was given to a steady in the pig iron market. For the first time in weeks the Iron Age index of pig iron prices failed to show a recession. This steady followed more active buying of this commodity, and a number of trade observers pointed out that the circumstances are similar to those which usually attend a turn in this market. As furnishing additional basis for this point of view, a firming up in the prices of coal, coke and scrap iron was noted.

Steel production meanwhile shows signs of a slight further slackening, but is still within 15 or 20 per cent of the peak reached in the spring. Much attention is being given to the effects of the introduction of the eight-hour day. The change in working hours is still too partial to admit of precise judgments, but the general effect will be to adjust output to the increased demand to support the existing level of prices. Little actual change is shown in the forward buying situation. (Continued on Page Five)

PREMIER KATO IS IN ILL HEALTH

TOKIO (AP)—It is believed here that the resignation of Baron Kato as premier of Japan is imminent. While his condition is not dangerous, he is a very ill man and it is believed to be probable that he can bear the burden of office much longer.

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Colts Take Pirates' Measure 5 to 2 in Baseball Game Played in Drizzle

(By Observer Sports Editor.) Drizzling rain, absolutely fitting for such a funeral service, marked the burying of La Grande's hopes for the Intermountain Baseball League championship for 1923 at Baker yesterday afternoon. The final score was Baker 5, La Grande 2. An error, another error, two fielder's choices, and two hits in the fifth inning, with the score then even, resulting in four tallies by the Colts, officially pulled down the shades of chances. Although the game was not finished, it might as well have been—because the Pirates could do during the remainder of the contest was bring in one lone run, three short of the number necessary to even things up. That little rally by Baker in the fifth stanza of a gloomy championship game as has ever been played in Eastern Oregon put things on ice for them—and let the Pirates down graciously.

Baker did not win a clear title to the Intermountain League flag by beating La Grande Sunday, but she did eliminate La Grande from the race and Cove is now facing the alternative of playing Baker for the pennant or forfeiting the championship to the Colts by not playing them.

There were no outstanding exhibitions of brilliance for the several hundred spectators, half the amount of people that should have been in attendance, to witness, but at that, considering the fact the game was played at Baker, La Grande fans were present in a proportionately larger crowd than Baker. Probable the nearest display of excellence came in the sixth and seventh innings when Charles Bench, pitching for La Grande, struck out five Baker men in succession.

Bench Whiffed Many. Bench, an Emmett, Idaho, player, allowed Baker but four hits and pitched what would have ordinarily been a winning game. But his support was rotten at times when it counted and a pitcher cannot win any game all by himself. Even though the scorekeeper necessarily must charge the defeat to him—the fault was not on the mound.

Bench may not have won but he clearly excelled Foshury. Fifteen strike-outs are listed to his credit and he walked not a man. Three of his four hits were of the "scratch" variety. The first two, coming in the opening inning, hugging the foul line and, after curving outside while in flight, reentered back into fair territory by inches before striking the ground.

La Grande Hit Hardest. Foshury was hit much harder than Bench. Six times the Pirates connected with his offerings for hits, five clean strokes and one three-bag. (Continued on Page 3)

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Bandits Rob Card Players Of \$10,000

(By Associated Press) VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 20.—Two armed masked bandits entered the Seventh Battalion club at Granville street here today, held up a score of card players, and forty-five minutes later escaped with over \$10,000.

MRS. SAM BAER DIES IN BAKER

Word was received in La Grande by the Evening Observer today that Mrs. Sam Baer, of Baker, died at her home in that city this forenoon. She was the wife of Sam Baer, for years one of the leading merchants of that city. At a very early date in Eastern Oregon history he was a resident of La Grande and conducted a store in Old Town. Mrs. Baer had been ill of typhoid fever for a few days, according to reports, but her relatives did not think she was in danger. Death came to her quite suddenly today.

FREIGHTER ASHORE; NINE ARE INJURED

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—The freighter Dakotan is ashore near San Lauro, on the west coast of Mexico, according to wireless. Nine persons are said injured. The tanker Charles Pratt is speeding to the vessel and is expected to pull her off.

Hand-Made Cigarettes Costly for French

(By I. N. S.) PARIS, Aug. 20.—Two thousand men roll cigarettes by hand in French State-owned tobacco factories. Their total salaries approximate \$1,000,000 yearly. The most skilled workers turn out only 1,500 cigarettes a day, sold by the Government for \$5. Side by side with the hand workers cigarette rolling machines, operated by only one man, turn out from 2,000 to 3,000 worth of cigarettes daily. The figures are found in the Government's yearly report of the administration of the State tobacco monopoly.

PEARL FAGIN FOUND GUILTY BOOTLEGGING

Municipal Judge Fines Colored Lady \$300 This Morning in City Tribunal

Pearl Fagin, colored, a resident of 1208 Monroe street, La Grande, was found guilty of selling intoxicating liquors and was fined \$300 by Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen today in the city court. E. B. Rizzo represented the defendant and Henry Hess was appeal or not is arrested Saturday evening by the city police, following complaints received from residents of this city. She was lodged in the county. (Continued on Page Five)

Natron Cutoff To Go Ahead

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Central Pacific railroad company was authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission today to proceed with the construction of the Natron cutoff.

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The Central Pacific's request to retain their excess earnings as a part of its program for financing the construction was denied. Action on the petition had been held up several months by litigation over the Southern Pacific's control of the Central Pacific.

A belt about 46 miles wide will be served by 118 mile line between Oakridge and Kirk, the commission found. Stations will be established at McCredie Hot Springs, Odell and Crescent. The estimated cost of construction is \$16,000,000. Annual gross revenues for the first five years is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 thereafter.

When He Laughs



This unusual photograph of President Coolidge was taken as his features broke in a wide smile at his first conference with Washington newspaper correspondents.

East Oregon Deer Season Opens Today

With the coming of daylight this morning, the 1923 deer season opened in Union county and many local sportsmen hied themselves to their favorite hunting grounds to try their luck against the wily denizens of the hills. Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by local hunters regarding the early opening of the season, but nevertheless, they feel that with the season open, it is up to them to get out in the hills and see if they can secure a buck or two. Deer killed at this time of the year must be taken care of immediately or the meat will be spoiled but, with any number of hunters in the hills, the sportsmen who wait until the colder weather will find the game exceptionally wild. Two buck deers are allowed by the law to one hunter and these must be tagged with tags that come supplied with each hunting license. Oregon's deer hunting season is said to be the longest of any state in the nation.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DAMAGING

Residence of Irvin McKenzie Catches Fire From Red Hot Cook Stove; Damage About \$600.

An early morning blaze at the residence of Irvin McKenzie, 3411 8th avenue, resulted in about \$600 to \$600 damage to his home, according to an estimate by the fire chief today. The alarm was sounded about five o'clock and the fire department rushed to the scene to find the interior of the home and the roof on fire. Prompt action extinguished the blaze before it could spread to other portions of the house or do further damage.

According to reports one of the occupants of the house had got out of bed, built a fire in the cook stove and then again retired, to await the stove's heating. Apparently the fire heated the stove to a red hot point and the heat ignited the wallpaper. The interior decorations and a portion of the roof above the stove was burned. The loss was well covered by insurance.

Living Cost 61.9 Higher Than In 1914

NEW YORK, (AP)—The cost of living in the United States on July 15, 1923, was 61.9 per cent higher than in July, 1914, according to statistics compiled by the national industrial conference board. Between June 15 and July of this year there was an increase of 1.8 points of 1.1 per cent brought about by continued advances in the cost of food and clothing and further increases in rates, the board reports.

Between July 1, 1922, when the peak of the rise in the cost of living since 1914 was reached and July, 1923, the cost of living dropped 42.4 points, or 20.8 per cent. Within this three-year period a number of shifts in costs occurred. Food and clothing prices and the average cost of all sundries combined were lower in 1923 than in 1922. Rents on the other hand in 1923, were at the highest average yet reached for the country as a whole.

Million British Phones; Wrong Numbers Secured

(By I. N. S.) LONDON, Aug. 20.—England now has over a million telephones, the post office announces. The Star comments: "If many more are installed it is feared that there will not be enough wrong numbers to go round."

WIVES HELPED TO PROSECUTE HUBBIES

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Louise Groody McGee and Florence Elyfalter, Broadway musical comedy stars, were revealed by United States Attorney Hayward today as his active agents in developing evidence against their husbands, Edward M. Fuller and W. Frank McGee, in the prosecution following the collapse of bucketshops with six million dollars losses to four thousand investors. Mrs. McGee said the published stories about her being a "million dollar bride" were absurd. Newspapers had told of the trousseau, including priceless jewels, a splendid wardrobe, automobile bearing the crest of foreign makers, a mansion for two and other gifts.

World's Largest Airplane Engine Nearly Complete

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The British Air Ministry experts are at work perfecting an airplane engine capable of developing 1,500 horsepower, which will be the largest known. Two trial engines are nearing completion and will soon be tested. The new giant of the air will have six cylinders, each developing 250 horsepower. If the present experiments are successful the experts will begin work on a 12 cylinder engine to have more than 3,000 horsepower. Airplanes fitted with three such engines will be capable of developing upwards of 9,000 horsepower, and will carry 120 passengers at 100 miles an hour.

Weather Forecast

Portland, Aug. 20.—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.