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FRANCO-GERMAN PACT IS SEEN

BIRKENHEAD IS LABELED AS IMPUDENT

Former Assistant Secretary of War Scores Viscount's References. ASKS BAR TO STOP COMING ADDRESS

Viscount Birkenhead's Address at Williamstown, Mass., Referring to Woodrow Wilson, Creates Furor.

NEW YORK (AP)—Characterizing reference to Woodrow Wilson by Viscount Birkenhead, in an address last night, as "impudent," Henry Breckenridge, Assistant Secretary of War under Wilson, today protested to John P. Davis, president of the American Bar Association, against the Viscount being permitted to address the annual convention.

"Self Interest Along." WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP)—Appealing to America to join the Allies in winning peace, Viscount Birkenhead, speaking here last night, said that self interest alone should determine this country's course. He asserted that the world was not yet ready for Wilson's idealism, and that Woodrow Wilson, through an error in judging his countrymen, had become an agent of all past war developments from which his altruistic mind would have recoiled.

18th Cable Being Laid. NEW YORK (AP)—The huge drums at Far Rockaway workshops of the Commercial Cable company today began unrolling the 18th cable across the Atlantic ocean.

"Anti-Narcotic" Week is Proclaimed. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mayor Baker today proclaimed the week beginning September 1 as "anti-narcotic week" in Portland.

Liberty Bonds Stolen. KANSAS CITY, Mo. (A. P.)—Twenty thousand dollars in Liberty bonds was among the loot obtained by the bandits who held up and robbed a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train of registered mail near Okfus, Okla., Monday night. It was announced by Postoffice Inspector L. A. Johnson here Friday.

"I Have No Hat," Says Newton Baker

NEW YORK (AP)—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Woodrow Wilson, before sailing today to enter his daughter in school at Louisiana, announced that he would go before the democratic convention and advocate the league of nations and the world court.

When asked if this meant that he might be a candidate for president and whether his hat was in the ring, Baker replied: "I have no hat."

Baker said that Wilson is bald and strong, lame but vigorous. He states that his brain is as alert as ever. When asked if he thought that Wilson might be a candidate for president, Baker replied, "I know nothing of such matters."

VISCOUNT UCHIDA IS NEW JAPAN PREMIER

TOKYO (AP)—Viscount Yasuhiro Uchida, minister of foreign affairs, has been appointed premier of Japan, and will serve until a new cabinet is formed.

Viscount Uchida has long been one of the notable men of Japan. He was born in 1869 and was an attaché of the Japanese legation at Washington in 1887. In 1899, he became the personal secretary to Count Motono, minister of agriculture and commerce, and later held a similar post at the foreign office.

In 1902, he was made secretary to the legation in London and served in a similar post at Peking from 1902 to 1905. He was promoted to the directorship of the political bureau and then made vice minister of foreign affairs.

He was nominated to be ambassador to Vienna in 1907 and made ambassador to the United States in 1909. He was made minister of foreign affairs in 1912 and in the World War, in 1915, served as ambassador and minister to Petrograd.

Weather Forecast
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Fair tonight and Sunday.

AMERICAN BOAT IS ATTACKED

ATHENA. (AP)—A telegram from the Island of Imbros reports that a naphtha launch flying the American flag, and carrying ten refugees, was fired upon by Turkish soldiers at Gallipoli. One man was reported killed and a woman badly injured.

BOOSTER TRIP ITINERARY OUT

Chamber of Commerce Journey Over La Grande-Wallowa Lake Highway Plans Complete.

According to an announcement by Earl C. Reynolds, Union County Chamber of Commerce secretary, made late today, already 25 members of the organization have made reservations for the booster trip over the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway, with stops at towns and cities along the road to be made Tuesday and Wednesday.

Already plans for the two-day Chamber of Commerce booster trip through Union and Wallowa counties over the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway are nearly complete. The success of the trip is now assured with over a score stating that they will accompany the boosters. All who have not made reservations yet are urged to do so before Sunday although a limited number can be accommodated after that date.

Chamber Quartette Going. The Chamber quartette, composed of Elmer Stoddard, G. S. Birnie, Sherwood Williams and G. L. Dutson will accompany the boosters and will entertain during the luncheon and dinner at various points.

Itinerary Arranged. The itinerary for the two-day trip is as follows: Tuesday, Aug. 28—Leave La Grande National Bank corner at about nine o'clock, arrive at Island City about 9:15 o'clock, arrive atlander at 10:00 o'clock, arrive at Elletts at 11:15 o'clock where luncheon will be had with the Elletts business men; arrive at Minam at 2:15 o'clock, arrive at Wallowa at 2:00 o'clock; arrive at Enterprise at 3:20 o'clock; arrive at Enterprise at four o'clock where dinner will be had with Enterprise business men. The Chamber boosters will remain in Enterprise overnight.

Wednesday, Aug. 29.—Arrive at Joseph at 10:00 o'clock, arrive at Wallowa Lake at noon; arrive at Lostine at 2:30 o'clock and arrive at Wallowa at 3:15 o'clock. Luncheon will be had at Joseph and dinner at Wallowa.

Altoona Builds Fast Speedway. ALTOONA, Pa. (AP)—Altoona's new speedway will be the fastest track in the world and new world's records for racing motor cars are likely when the first event is held on Labor Day, in the opinion of Jack Prince, the builder, and O. H. Halbe, veteran driver. Both men predict a speed of 124 miles an hour when 15 noted drivers meet in opening race.

Postpone Arctic Aerial Hunt. WASHINGTON (AP)—The proposed aerial hunting expedition to the Arctic circle which a number of Detroit and New York men planned to make this month, has been postponed until next year.

SITUATION IN GERMANY HELD ALARMING ONE

Crash in Central Europe is Viewed as Inevitable; Coolidge to Follow Harding Policy.

WASHINGTON (A. P.)—The internal situation in Germany, notwithstanding recent indications of some improvement, is regarded in Washington with grave apprehension.

Most American officials, for obvious reasons, have refrained from discussing the question publicly but many members of the house and senate and others who have studied European conditions at first hand this summer, agree privately that the outlook is disquieting. In broadly representative diplomatic circles, too, there is a pronounced and almost universal note of discouragement. Some representatives of countries not concerned directly with German reparations regard a crash in central Europe as inevitable.

In diplomatic circles a relaxation of the pressure in the Ruhr is not expected because of what is regarded as an inflexible public opinion in France and even in Germany, said to preclude any marked change of policy on outstanding questions at issue. Any such change was held to be impossible long before Premier Baldwin made his initial statement on reparations in the commons, in what has been regarded as an effort to have central Europe from disaster.

Policy Regarded Wise. In these circumstances, it has been made clear since President Coolidge assumed office that there appears no course open to the Washington government. (Continued on page 5)

U.S. Stands Behind Wood

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington government will stand squarely behind Governor General Leonard Wood in his administration of affairs in the Philippine Islands.

In making this announcement Friday a spokesman for President Coolidge said the administration would continue to support Governor Wood as its authorized representative in the Philippines and should it be found advisable, would go so far as to help him in the adjustment of difficulties that have arisen.

It is not to be assumed, it was added, that any controversy would arise to involve Washington's action of a sort that would be injurious to the Filipinos or be found lacking in fairness to them.

BAND FUND REACHES \$348.50; CONCERT GIVEN LAST NIGHT

The appreciation fund for the La Grande Municipal Band was at the \$348.50 mark at one o'clock today, but \$251.50 short of the \$600 needed to cover the expenses of the band on their trip to Salem to play at the Oregon State Fair to be held there in September. Since one o'clock yesterday a total of \$82.50 has been given in free-will donations to the fund, which was started by the Evening Observer three days ago.

Band in Concert Last Night. The La Grande Municipal Band appeared in concert last evening at the pavilion at Washington and Third streets with one of the most popular programs yet offered to the public this season. The program consisted of classical pieces and selections, interspersed with popular concert numbers and popular encores.

The program, excluding encores which were numerous, is as follows: 1. Coronation March, Meyerbeer; 2. "Danhammer," H. Wagner; 3. "Concert Fox Trot," "Saw Mill River Road," H. Tierney; 4. "Dance of the Hours," from "La Gioconda," Puccini; 5. Chinese Patrol, Plegel; 6. "Three O'clock in the Morning," Robledo; 7. Fox Trot "Gried Over You," Fred-Arnhelm-Lyman; 8. Overture "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," Suppe.

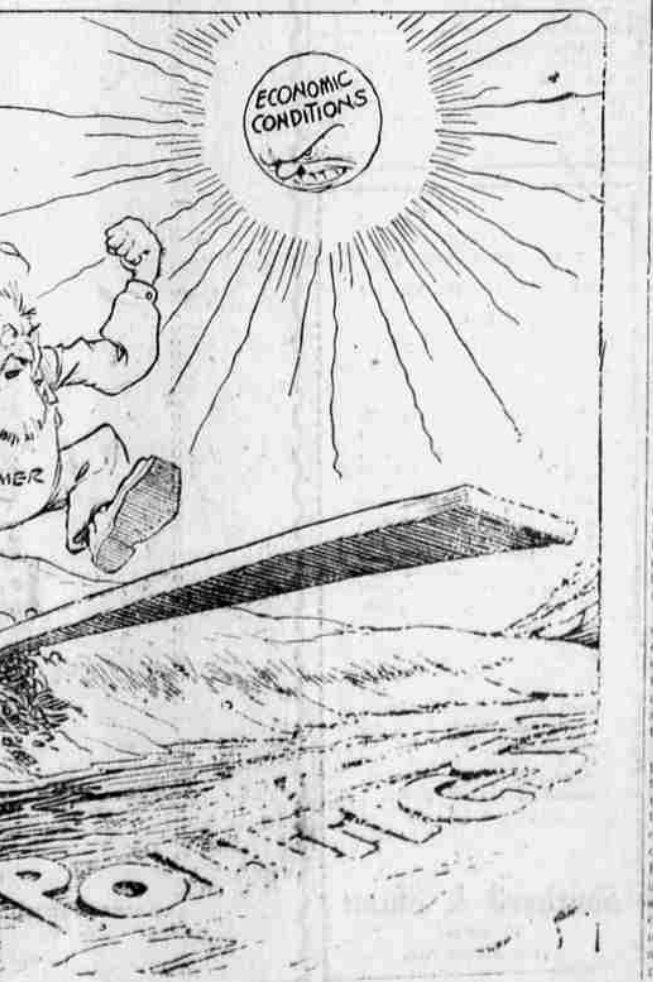
Personal donations received for the band appreciation fund prior to one o'clock today are as follows: John Neldner, \$2; Floyd McKennon, \$5; Miss Nowlin \$1; E. Marks \$5; P. E. Stevens \$1; Rube Zweifel \$1.50; Russ Bairie \$1; H. Knapp \$1; Nolan Skiff, Jr. \$2; J. E. Stearns \$1; Owen Brandt \$1; B. A. Benham \$2; W. S. Murker \$1; Herman Kowich \$5; Fred Schliker \$1; R. H. Huron \$5; Dr. Harry Bouvy \$5; J. G. Snodgrass \$5.

Business Donations. Donations received from business concerns in La Grande prior to one o'clock today are as follows: French & Greene \$5; Sawyer-Holmes \$5; Crescent Meat company \$5; Nelson Printing company \$2.50; Higovestel Grocery \$5; Dr. A. L. Richardson \$10; Smith's Garage \$4; Blue Mountain Creamery \$5; N. K. West Co., inc. \$10; Home Independent Telephone Co. \$10; Shannon (Continued on page 5)

GIRLS HAVE LITTLE CHANCE

STONEBROOK, N. Y.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst, of London suffragist and evangelist, declared Friday she did not see how young girls of today have the slightest chance to preserve purity "because of the immorality in the fiction of our day."

DRIVING HIM IN



U. S. MAIL FLYER



Here is C. Eugene Johnson, filer of the first relay of the transcontinental mail (11 g. h.), photographed as he prepared to hop off.

Last Mail Arrives. HEMPSTEAD, N. Y. (AP)—The last eastbound transcontinental mail relay test was completed today with a record of 26 hours and 17 minutes. This was three minutes behind the record established yesterday.

TWO QUIT JOB ON COMMISSION

J. C. McLeod and C. H. Whitmore Resign from Highway Commission; Accept Positions in California.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—J. C. McLeod, division engineer, and C. H. Whitmore, market road engineer of the state highway commission resigned today to accept positions with the California highway commission.

J. S. Sawyer, resident engineer at Springfield, succeeded McLeod. J. S. Scott succeeds Whitmore.

Miss Mashburn Closes Successful Week With Electric Range Exhibit

Miss Evelyn Mashburn, representing the Edison Electric Appliances company, closed a very successful demonstration week last evening and left for her home in Portland. She specialized while here with the Hughes Hotpoint electric range which is being featured by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company and her demonstrations were so successful that La Grande ladies were convinced of the merit of this cooking device.

Miss Mashburn, while a young lady, proved to her audience that she is a past master in things electrical and her convincing manner won for many personal friends here as well as assisted greatly in advancing the merit of the Hughes Hotpoint range.

Stalin Door Handle Pierce Owners Lang

HUNTINGTON, N. Y. (A. P.)—Charles Roman was killed Friday when the door of his sedan, on the running board of which he was riding, swung suddenly and the handle pierced his left lung.

STRESEMAN GIVES REPARATION STAND

BERLIN (AP)—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new chancellor, Friday delivered at a luncheon tendered him by industrial, financial and commercial leaders, his first official declaration of his government's stand in the reparations controversy.

ENGLAND MAY BE GERMAN'S FUTURE FOE

German Leaders See Arch Enemy as Ally, Says Prominent Writer.

NEXT WAR MAY BE FOUGHT IN AIR

S. D. Weyer Secures Important Interviews on Foreign Situation; Franco-Belgian Pact Feared.

BY S. D. WEYER, International News Service Staff Correspondent. (Copyright, 1923, by International News Service.)

BERLIN.—Germany—France's ally in a war with England! Stranger things than that have happened in the unusual course of history. At any rate:

While the German nation as a whole is clutching its fists and chanting hymns of hate and vengeance against France, some of its keener military minds are devoting serious thought and disquieting discussion to the question whether it will not be the logical and advantageous thing for Germany to side with France in the next European war. That such a war will come, by itself, a foregone conclusion and, being practical soldiers, they have cast every sentimental consideration aside and are concentrating their thought solely upon the question:

"How can Germany have herself from complete destruction in that war?"

Arnold Heebberg, intimate friend and adviser of three of the foremost German military chiefs—Landwehr, Hoffmann and von Kueck—outlined, in an exclusive interview with the International News Service correspondent, the basic thoughts that have led him to the conviction that sometime within the next few years Germany will fight side by side with her "arch-enemy" against England, the country upon which just at present many Germans pin ardent hopes as the "rescuer from the clutches of French militarism."

Heebberg would neither confirm nor deny that Landwehr shares his views in this particular respect, but he asserted positively that the two other of the trio of famous generals—Hoffmann, who is recognized as one of the ablest of German strategists. (Continued on Page 2)

Gompers Hits Injunctions In Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Samuel Gompers, who recently declared the federal injunction here against Union organizers soliciting non-union dress makers was an invasion of constitutional rights, and also declared in Milwaukee that judges issuing such injunctions should be impeached.

He today named a committee of fifteen labor leaders to investigate the "uses and abuses of federal injunctions."

Viewed as Temperate

This speech in its entirety is viewed here as a temperate and conciliatory statement by the government. Political leaders see it as a material contribution to an attempt to create an atmosphere which will enable an early resumption of formal negotiations between Germany and the entente powers.

Among the luncheon guests were Rudolph Bilschlag, minister of finance; Hans von Hammer, minister of commerce; Doctor Ruescher, president of the League of German Industrialists; Doctor Sorge, head of the Krupp directorate, and representatives of the Berlin chamber of commerce. (Continued on page 3)