

HUGHES GIVES U. S. POLICIES

EXPERTS TO FIND STATUS OF GERMANY

Action by Reparations Commission May Pave Way to U. S. Participation

FRENCH YIELD ON SCOPE LIMITATIONS

Concessions Made on Both Sides; U. S. Participation Held to Be Essential.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The American government is still unwilling to participate in a restricted inquiry into the German finances and has so informed James A. Logan, American observer with the reparations commission in Paris.

PARIS, (AP)—An invitation to the United States to appoint members to each of two committees which are to investigate the German finances are being forwarded to Washington by Colonel James A. Logan, on behalf of the reparations commission.

PARIS, (AP)—Allied circles believe the reparations commission, by its action Friday, paved the way for the United States to participate in an expert examination of Germany's post-war export committees, one to examine means of balancing Germany's budget and stabilizing her finances and the other to look into the questions of the capital exported from Germany and devise ways of getting it back.

The resolution appointing the committees mentions no limitations to the scope of their inquiry (other than to state that it will be held under the terms of article 234 of the treaty of

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SIX MEN FOUND GUILTY FRIDAY

Three Others Arrested on Liquor Violation Charges Over Night.

Erick Erickson, Frank Finley, Charles Williams, Joe Davis and Peter Kelly were all found guilty of drunkenness in the city court late yesterday by Judge R. J. Kitchen. Erickson and Finley were fined \$10 each and the other three men were fined \$15.

Frank Henry, facing two charges, one of drunkenness and one of possession of liquor on his person, was found guilty on both counts. He was fined \$10 on the drunk charge and \$75 on the possession charge.

Three others were arrested by the police over night on similar charges. A man by the name of Wilton was found drunk on Chestnut street. Cleave Marshall is out of jail under \$50 bonds on a charge of having liquor on his person, and Tom Howe is out under \$25 bonds on a charge of being drunk.

The trials will be held late today. It is expected.

Warning Given Not To Cut U. S. Army Budget

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An urgent warning "against the slightest cutting of the budget" for the Army is contained in Secretary Weeks' annual report to Congress.

The Army not only is "cut below our vital needs," the Secretary said, but increased appropriations for national defense soon would be necessary due to the consumption of war stocks. "We are not able even now to make the program which is necessary to insure the fulfillment of the purposes of national defense," the report continued. "Since 1921, the total number of individuals under military training or in military organizations, has decreased from 519,041 to 504,010. This does not spell progress, but rather, reaction. "I am convinced that our people as a whole are in accord with the conservative policy under which we are endeavoring to operate. I believe that they will deeply approve the constructive statesmanship which demands that this policy be fulfilled even

Star



Lona Schmidt, well-known German actress, has arrived in this country to play on Broadway.

OPERETTA TO BE NEXT WEEK

"The Gypsy Rover" to Be Presented by La Grande High School Glee Club.

"The Gypsy Rover," a romantic musical comedy, chosen by the glee club for their annual high school opera, will be presented Friday and Saturday evening, December 7-8, in the high school auditorium. The opera is in three acts and those who have witnessed rehearsals state that it is not only very amusing and entertaining, but also one of the best operas ever presented by the local high school for production.

The cast, under the tutelage of Miss Isabel Miller, has been steadily rehearsing during the past few weeks and will have their final rehearsal next week with dress rehearsal probably Thursday evening.

Reserved tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at eight o'clock at Glass Drugs, Inc.

Cast Given: The cast follows: Miss — Okella Gray; Marie — Vincent McElwain; Stella — James Coker; Vera — Wilma Smith; Bob — Joe Pank; Lord Craven — Benjamin Durand; Constance — LuNeta Gaskill; Nina — Boss Goble; Sir George Martindale — Sheldon Brown; Captain Gerome — Lawrence Kerr; Sir Toby — Tom Hart; Sir Francis — Harold Schroeder; Lucky — Jack Dennis; Special chorus—friends of Constance; Mildred Fox, Isabel Miller, Ruth Brownell, Daley Hobbs, Elinor Giese, Dorothy Pank, Myrtle Wilcox, Vera Daulty, Lucille Black, Regular Chorus—mixed voices.

Miss Miller is very well pleased with the progress so far and feels that she has a cast that will be able to more than do justice to the splendid operetta chosen.

Italians May Recognize Russian Soviet Power

ROME, (AP)—Speaking in the chamber of deputies Friday night Premier Mussolini said the Italian government would raise no difficulty with regard to giving de jure recognition to the soviet government of Russia.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, (AP)—Wheat quotations on yesterday's market were: Western Red 1.97; Hard White 1.86.

REPUBLICANS NAME PARTY HEAD TODAY

Senator Lodge Re-Elected to Post at Republican Senate Conference

PROGRESSIVE BLOC ABSENT AT CAUCUS

Demands Made by Progressives Sharp; Include Tax Reduction, Bonus and Other Measures.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—All members of the Senate progressive bloc absented themselves today from the Republican Senate conference at which party organization was speedily effected with the re-election of Senator Lodge as leader.

The election of the president of the Senate did not come before the conference, which adhered to the plan to proceed on the assumption that Senator Cushman's relation to the office as president pro tempore without formal election.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—On the eve of the formal conference of house and senate Republicans, members of the house Progressive bloc took a firm stand Friday for congressmen with an open threat of blocking organization unless a compromise is reached. The Progressive bloc of the senate failed to hold a meeting, and its attitude as to an organization fight in the senate still is undetermined.

After an all-day conference house Progressives issued a formal statement embodying their demands, both as to modification of house rules and legislation.

Outline of Legislative Program: Their legislative program was outlined as follows: Elimination of taxes by a reduction of 25 per cent in tax on earned income; reduction of present annual tax of 4 per cent to 2 per cent and a normal tax of 5 per cent to 4 per cent; maintenance of the

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AL WATKINS TRIAL SET FOR TONIGHT

Trial of Al Watkins, colored, who was arrested some time ago alleged to have been maintaining a common nuisance at his place at 1428 E. avenue, will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the city building with Judge R. J. Kitchen presiding.

OUT OF THE WEST



Deny Charges Made Against Brotherhood

DES MOINES, Ia. (AP)—Allegations against the officers and directors of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, contained in a petition filed yesterday by six insurance policy holders of the society were declared base and characterized as "just little mean-spirited" in a statement made today by George N. Fink, president.

NO RAISE TO MEET TAXATION

Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co. to Accept the Edict of State Tax Commission.

Notice of re-hearing of the 1914 valuation of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, only as it affects certain questions of valuation and deductions (or depreciation), and not as to any question of rates, has been filed with the Baker and La Grande city governments and the Baker and Union county courts by Oregon State Public Service commission.

That the re-hearing is an appeal from certain portions of the 1914 decision, but that it in no way affects rates for service, nor has it any connection with the recent valuation of the State Tax commission, is the statement made.

In spite of a 25 per cent increase in tax valuation for 1924 determined by the State Tax commission, the company is going to try to absorb this extra cost without an increase in rates to its consumers. While it has been published that some utilities were immediately going to file for increased rates due to the great increase in taxes, the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company has no intention of doing so without first endeavoring to absorb the increased taxes, it was stated today by the management.

Estimated total taxes for 1924 for the local company amount to \$44,500 or about 1 1/2 cents per dollar of gross income.

"This re-hearing is only the result of a long-continued appeal from the 1914 case. As far as certain abatements are concerned and have no question involved. We feel that certain deductions for depreciation in the 1914 decision should be reconsidered and that some abatements were extremely low.

"We do not want our customers to think that this re-hearing of an old case has anything to do with the recent decision of the Tax commission, because it comes about the same time. In fact, preparations for this re-hearing began over a year ago.

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Even in Society



Yes, even society folk learn the gentle art of self-protection. Donald McLean Wylie, son of Edward A. Gill Wylie of Lawrence, L. I., is shown throwing his instructor Carl B. Temple in an exhibition wrestling match.

FARMERS DAY ON TUESDAY

Next Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Will Be Devoted to Agriculturalists' Problems.

Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, to be held at 12:30 P. M. in the I. O. O. F. hall, will be observed as "farmers' day" with Floyd McKennon chairman. A special program has been prepared and all farmers are urged and invited to be guests of the chamber on Tuesday.

Karl Staehel will speak on "Profitable Marketing," and will cite several examples of same by residents of Cass. Robert Whitsom, of the Union Experiment station, will speak on "Profitable Feeding," and Frank McKennon will address the chamber on "Greater Profits from Cattle, Pigs, Poultry."

Neighborhood Club To Present "Ambush"

The Neighborhood club will present "Ambush," (by Arthur Richmond) in the high school auditorium Tuesday, December 11, played by the Morton Olsen Players, according to announcement today. The play is a comedy and is reported to have been a "hit" in other portions of the country this season.

Hood River Section Has First Snowfall of Year

HOOD RIVER, (AP)—The season's first snow on surrounding range top and in the upper valley orchard section was seen yesterday. The day was clear and crisp.

C. L. Hawley Dead at Home in Portland

PORTLAND, (AP)—State Senator and Hood River resident C. L. Hawley died late Friday at his home here after a week's serious illness.

BULLETINS

Seek Aviator. SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Six army airplanes left here today and two left Reno searching for Chas. K. Vance, air mail service pilot who left here yesterday and failed to reach Reno, where he was due at 4:15 o'clock yesterday.

PORTLAND FROST

PORTLAND, (AP)—The first heavy frost of the winter struck Portland last night, ten days later than the average date. The weather forecast is not quite so cold tonight, Eugene last night reported 27 degrees above zero, Salem 29 and Portland 32.

MARKET STEADY

PORTLAND, (AP)—Livestock and butter were steady on today's market. Eggs were weak.

TWO ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL TRAPPING

Two men were arrested yesterday and are today awaiting arraignment on the charge of trespassing on closed lands. Arraignment will be held in the justice of peace court.

Two men, Fred White and another man, also named White, are alleged to have been trapping on the land in violation of the act. The arrest was made by sheriff's officers. The first name of the latter White could not be learned early today.

Yeomen Officers Held Guilty of Irregularity

DES MOINES, Iowa, (AP)—The managing officers of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen which has its national headquarters here, are charged with irregularities in the management of the order's business affairs in a petition filed in the district court late Friday by attorneys for a group of members of the organization.

PROBE COMMITTEE INVITES FALLOUT ANSWER INQUIRIES

WASHINGTON, (AP)—After Carl C. Maguire, New Mexico editor, testified under the questioning of Senator Vohs, Democrat of Montana, regarding the personal financial status of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, the Senate Public Land committee, dedicated late Friday to the fall to appear before it in its inquiry into the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval reserve to the Big game interests.

New Battleship Is Commissioned Today

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States navy gains one of the proudest ships afloat today with the commissioning at the Norfolk navy yard of the battleship West Virginia.

Late News Flashes

Nell Austin Improving Slightly. VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—A slight approach to clarity of mind by Nell Austin, Seattle school teacher who vanished Sunday and was found here unconscious Wednesday, was reported today by her physicians. The improvement is not sufficient for her to tell of her experiences.

Liquor Trial at Roseburg Today Startling. ROSEBURG, (AP)—B. O. Roberts, of Reedsport, witness today in the trial of Jack Connelly, for months acted as a retailer for a rum ring, which he said consisted of six persons organized to control liquor sales in the Reedsport country.

The moonshiners are said to have received \$10 per gallon for delivery of their product to alleged retailers who in turn paid \$5 additional per gallon to John S. Connelly and Fred C. Schultz, deputy sheriff and constable, who pledged to exterminate all competitors and protect the organization.

The alleged "double cross" by Connelly caused Roberts to give information which caused the indictment of Connelly and Schultz.

U. S. POLICY IN FOREIGN LANDS AIRED

Secretary of State Declares American Foreign Policy in Address.

COINCIDES WITH MONROE DOCTRINE

Explains Attitude Toward Europe; the Far East; and Gives Nine Policies.

PHILADELPHIA, (By the Associated Press)—American foreign policy today, whether relating to conditions in Europe, Latin-America or the Pacific, square consistently with the Monroe Doctrine, Secretary Hughes said in an address here Friday night before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, gathered in celebration of the centenary of the doctrine.

With that declaration as his text the secretary delivered a comparative restatement of the position of the United States toward the European tangle, the Far East and Latin-America. He said the American nation would rather bear such ill as might result from its present policy toward Europe than "suffer the great evils which would follow the sacrifice of our independent position" re-asserted the adherence of this government to the principles of peace in the peace laid down by the aristocratic conference and set forth nine propositions which, he said, should govern relations with the sister republics of the western hemisphere.

All of these policies, Mr. Hughes asserted, accord entirely with the Monroe Doctrine which "remains an essential policy to be applied whenever any exigency may arise requiring its application."

"It would not be entirely correct," he continued, "to say that the doctrine is merely negative. * * * The doctrine is a principle of exclusion. Both with reference to the declaration as to non-intervention and to that as to extension of territorial control, it aims directly at the exclusion of intervention by non-American powers. * * * The principle of exclusion embodies a policy of self-defense on the part of the United States; it is a

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ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

Annual Exercises to Be Tomorrow Afternoon at 2:30 O'clock at Elks' Temple.

La Grande Lodge No. 433, I. O. O. F., Elks, will hold its annual Memorial Exercises tomorrow afternoon, December 2nd, at two-thirty o'clock. Judge H. H. Butler of The Dalles will deliver the principle address of the afternoon, and a very fine musical program, in addition to the usual patriotic services by officers of the lodge, has been prepared. The public is invited to these exercises, which are to be held in the lodge room of the Elks temple.