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Rumored Break Between France, Germany Soon

Tension Increased in Official Circles As Reply Awaited.

ALL FRANCE MAY BE OCCUPIED.

VICHY, France. — Tension noticeably increased in official circles last night as the government awaited, amid rumors of ruptured negotiations, Adolf Hitler's reply to the proposals of Chief of State Petain for limited French-German collaboration. (A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from Lisbon to London said negotiations between the two countries had been broken off, but this dispatch was not confirmed from other sources.)

The government met all reports with silence, and at Marshall Henri Philippe Petain's New Year's reception of foreign diplomats there was no indication of new friction in the negotiations. But Petain did tell those assembled:

"I am certain my country will resume its place among nations. Negotiations between Petain's government and Germany have been at a standstill since Naval Minister Jean Darlan took the old marshal's latest proposals to Hitler somewhere in occupied France on Christmas day.

A reply was not expected before January 3, and the subsequent dead silence from the north-east has caused a flood of rumors in Vichy.

Oregon Sawmills Hitting New Peak

Final statistics of lumber production in 1939, just issued by U. S. Census Bureau, reveal that Oregon's lumber production last year was within a few thousand feet of reaching the 1929 peak year of the industry in this state. Preliminary reports for 1940 indicate that the 1929 peak will be passed, and that the year will go down in history as Oregon's biggest lumber year. It will be the biggest year in lumber wages paid, as well as in volume, but it will not be a big year in profits. Owners of sawmills and of timber are operating today to salvage what they can. They find it cheaper to operate than to close down, and some vestiges of hope remain that from the net earnings standpoint the industry will somehow get on its feet again.

Ponderosa pine industry attained a new production peak in 1939, as is revealed in the U. S. Census report of production by species. Douglas fir is a long ways behind the 1929 high. In Oregon, however, Douglas fir is hitting a new high. Production in Washington has fallen far behind what it was in the spite of the establishment of the big mills at Longview. Oregon passed Washington in lumber production volume in 1938, and now is far ahead. The lumber industry's future will be mainly in Oregon for the next twenty or thirty years, and Portland will be the center, with the principal volume of Washington production being along the Columbia river. It is time the West Coast Lumber association management moved back to Oregon; it moved away when Washington was going strong and Oregon fortunately was lagging. Now Washington is cut down so low in virgin timber, and has so little prospect from reforestation yield for a whole generation, that Oregon and that part of Washington along the Columbia will be the region of main lumber activity for many years to come.

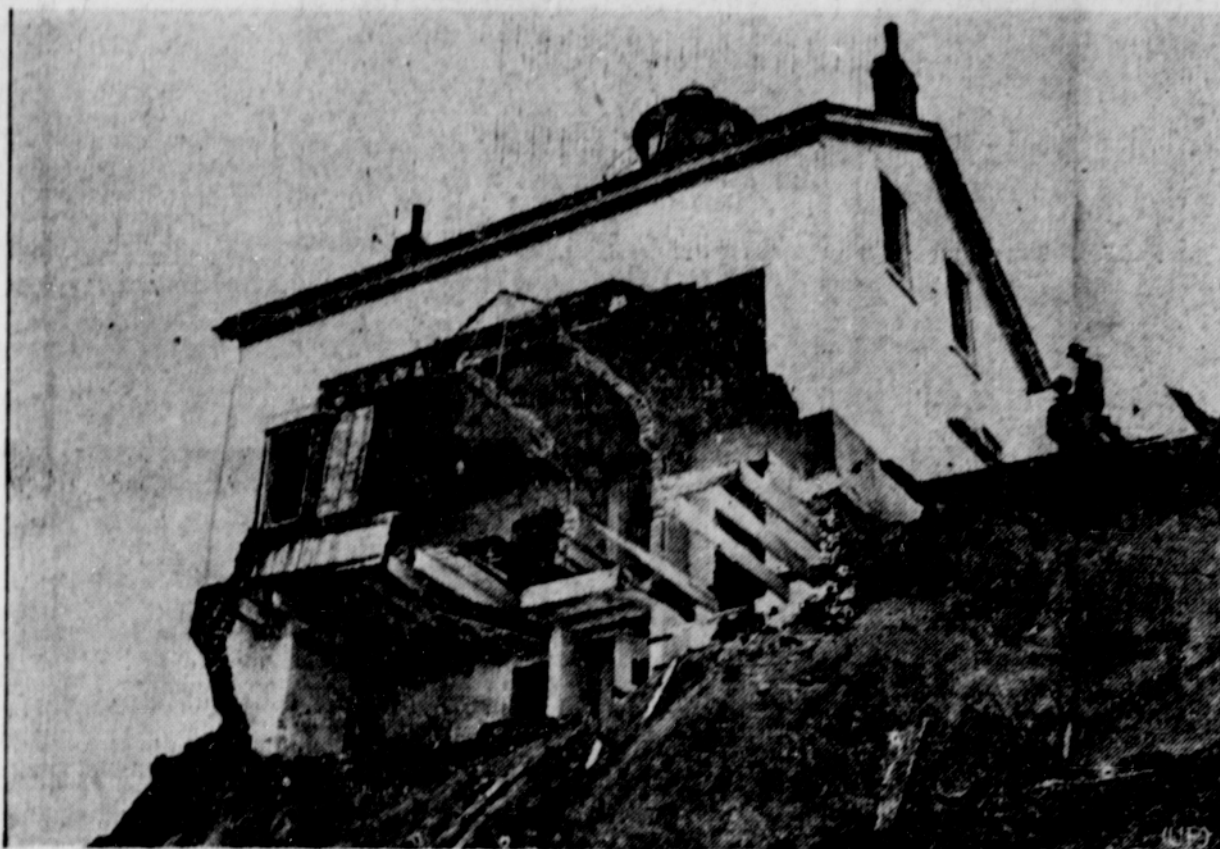
Tax conditions are slightly more favorable in Oregon; Oregon population is more stable; Oregon shows few symptoms of the craziness which has beset Washington for many years; leadership in other industries is seeing the light; those who felt they had to locate north of the river are wishing they could have located south of the state boundary so as to avoid what they are up against in Washington; it is about time the headquarters of the big industry returned home where it belongs.—Oregon Voter.

TOTAL U. S. POPULATION NOW 150,439,069.

WASHINGTON.—Final returns from the 1940 census Tuesday put the total population of the United States and all its territories and possessions at 150,439,069, an increase of 8.8 per cent over the 138,439,069 counted in 1930.

The 1940 final figure for the continental United States was 131,669,275, or 7.2 per cent more than the 122,775,046 of 1930.

After 82 Years, Storms Conquer Lighthouse



Although it resisted howling winds and pounding surfs for 82 years, recent storms finally vanquished North Cove Lighthouse near Aberdeen, Wash., shown after its collapse. Coast Guardsmen removed machinery, set up temporary beacon to guide mariners on hazardous coast.

School Census Shows Gain of 74 Over Last Year

Cottage Grove school district 45 school census will show a substantial gain over the corresponding period of last year, Worth Harney, school clerk announced this morning. According to a final check made at the office of L. C. Moffitt, county superintendent, the total census of the district is 971 pupils with 461 boys and 510 girls. This figure represents a gain of seventy-four pupils over last year when the final figures were announced as 897 including 417 boys and 480 girls.

The local district is the only district among the larger ones to show a gain over last year. These figures do not include the census of pupils in the union high districts.

New Office Hours For FSA Today

EUGENE, Oregon, Dec. 27.—New office hours for the Farm Security Administration will be in effect after the first of the year, according to Dale R. Winn, county Supervisor, in charge of the Eugene office.

Effective today, January 2, 1941, the office hours will be 9:00 to 12:00 a. m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m. on Saturdays. The supervisors will be in their offices for interviews on Monday from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p. m., and Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m. Appointments may be scheduled any time during the week if it is not possible to come in to the office on the days the supervisors are in.

"We still work the same hours that we used to," states Mr. Winn. "We believe that by organizing our work on a definite schedule of office days and hours we will be better able to assist a greater number of people. The FSA is primarily an agency to help low-income farm families establish themselves on family-sized units. A definite schedule will save the farmer time and money in making a trip into Eugene on the supervisor's 'day out,' and we will be able to make our work count for more because it has been planned in advance."

Snow at Bohemia Over the Week End

Snow in the Bohemias, just what the Bohemia Ski club has been looking for, is a reality according to reports from that section Tuesday. Snow ranging in depth from twenty inches at the Champion boarding house Monday evening and about four inches additional Monday night.

Skiing conditions were good over most of the bowls over the state. Two feet of snow was reported over the McKenzie pass Monday and a foot on the Willamette pass.

1940 TAX COLLECTIONS HIGH.

The 1940 tax collections were high for the city of Cottage Grove according to the tax turnovers as reported by Grace Schiska, county treasurer. The 1940 collections amounted to 112.7 percent as compared with 115.4 percent collected in 1939.

Alta King Appointed Local Justice of Peace

Alta King, local attorney, has received notice of his appointment as justice of the peace of this district and has already assumed the duties of this office, succeeding the late J. E. Young. Mr. King has arranged to occupy the office adjoining his law office over the Kelly Drug Store. The new office quarters have recently been redecorated and renovated.

Appointment of Mr. King was made by Governor Sprague, December 27th.

Rodman Reports Real Estate Activities Up

Sales of real estate continue active, James A. Rodman, local realtor, declared yesterday. While there was a lessening demand during the holidays, the market is beginning to look up again as prospective buyers search for both business locations and homes. Better business conditions generally are ascribed as reasons for renewed interest in home building and buying, Mr. Rodman said.

Mr. Rodman also stated that in the past four months his office has sold real estate valued at approximately \$36,000.

A. Lomax to Address Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Jan. 7

Arrangements have been completed for holding the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday the 7th, L. C. Schroeder, president, announced this morning. The meeting starts with a dinner at 6:30 at the Cottage Grove hotel coffee shop.

Prof. A. L. Lomax, professor of business administration of the University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker. Installation of officers is the principle item of business to be transacted. All members are urged to attend.

SILK CREEK SCHOOL TO OPEN

The Silk Creek school will open January 6th after a two week's vacation.

Roy Church spent Christmas with relatives in Springfield.

Cottage Grove May Lose South Lane Health Office Unless More Interest Is Shown in Christmas Seal Sale

The contents of the letter below are self-explanatory. We were a bit hesitant with regard to publishing the letter in full, but believe it tells the story better than we could. Here it is:

Eugene, Oregon, Dec. 24, 1940.

W. C. Martin, Editor Cottage Grove Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Martin:

A couple of weeks ago I was in your city and lunched with the Lions club, and had hoped to talk to you after the luncheon, but you were called away before I had that opportunity.

The purpose of my visit at that time was to call on Mrs. Kem and other women in the city, who were interested in the annual seal sale campaign. I was attempting to encourage them to intensify their efforts relative to this year's sale, in the hopes that the quota in Cottage Grove might be considerably increased.

You see, for the last few years Cottage Grove has only turned in somewhere between 150 and 175 dollars, whereas, the Health Association of Lane county has been spending in and directly for the unit in Cottage Grove somewhere near four and five hundred dol-

December Coldest In 2 Year Period

December, 1940, was the coldest last month in the past two years, but the amount of moisture was not up to December, 1939, according to the records of C. E. Stewart, weather observer.

The maximum temperature for the month occurred on the 21st with a mercury reading of 66. The minimum was 11 on the 14th. The precipitation was 5.80 inches. Number of clear days was 6, number of part cloudy 6 and number of cloudy days 19. In December 1939, the precipitation was 8.53 inches. The average December precipitation is 6.63 inches.

The highest level of the Coast Fork was reached on the 2nd with a reading of approximately 7 feet. High waters washed out a temporary bridge over the Coast Fork and the Cottage Grove dam and threatened the diversion dam.

January 2nd Deadline Obtaining 1941 Plates

January second, which is today, is the deadline for obtaining 1941 auto plates without a penalty. According to news dispatches from Salem, auto owners driving 1940 plates will be subject to arrest after that date.

Woodson Motors, local deputy collectors, have been busy the past few days issuing applications and remained open yesterday for the accommodation of the motorists. About 600 applications have been filed through that office today.

CHORAL GROUP TO RE-ORGANIZE.

The men's and women's choral group will hold its first meeting of 1941 on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian church.

Many people have the idea that a special invitation is needed to join the Carols and Balladeers. This is not so. Anyone who can sing and likes to sing is cordially welcomed. We would like to have a big turnout at the first meeting. The new people that have moved into this community are especially invited to come.

MISS M. LEUM.

Cottage Grove Is One Safest Cities

Cottage Grove, Portland, Marshfield and Ontario continued to be the safest cities in Oregon through the month of November, as shown by the standings in the 1940 Cities Traffic Safety contest. It was revealed today at the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state and sponsor of the contest.

Portland led cities in the first division with Salem taking second place away from Astoria which dropped to fifth place. Klamath Falls was in third place with Medford fourth and Eugene sixth. Marshfield held first place in the second division for the fourth consecutive month while Corvallis was second for the second consecutive month. LaGrande was third; Bend, fourth; Pendleton, fifth; Baker, sixth; Albany, seventh; Oregon City, eighth; The Dalles, ninth.

In the third division, Cottage Grove was first with Newberg second and Coquille third, moving up from sixth place in October. Other cities in this division were in the following order: McMinnville, North Bend, Hood River, Dallas, Tillamook, Roseburg, Prineville, Toledo, Hillsboro, Silverton, St. Helens, Grants Pass, Ashland and Springfield.

Ontario led cities in the fourth division with Union second and Reedsport third.

In the contest, each city is competing against its own record, Snell explained. The accident experience for the past three years is used as a basic normal and the experience for the current year is compared to that basis. Standings depend on the percentage of improvement or lack of improvement made by each city.

At the end of the year, when final accident reports are in, cities will be ranked and the winning city in each division will receive a set of highway plaques, suitable for display at city entrances.

Woodworking Course To Start January 4th

A course in woodworking, consisting of the practical phases of carpentry, for young men out of school between the ages of 17 and 25 will start Saturday, January 4 at 2 p. m. at the vocational building of the Cottage Grove union high school, Leroy Beghtol, industrial arts teacher, will direct the course as offered by the Federal Government and the State Vocational Education department as a part of the defense program.

It is urged by H. B. Ferrin, superintendent of schools, that all young men interested in wood working, auto mechanics or forgery and sheetmetal work arrange to attend the meeting on Saturday afternoon. If there is sufficient demand for classes other than woodworking it is thought that they can be arranged. The purpose of these classes is for vocational training with the hope that the trainees can be placed in industry.

It is necessary to enroll at least ten in each class. The classes will meet fifteen hours a week from eight to twelve weeks. After the first meeting the woodworking class will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and all day Saturday. No charge will be made for the course as all the expense is born by the Federal Government. The local high school desires to arrange classes to meet the demands of all young men of the vicinity.

MOST ECONOMICAL SPEED.

The most economical speed to drive a car is 25 miles per hour, according to exhaustive tests conducted by Pontiac at General Motors Proving Ground.

County Club Leaders To Meet Tues. Eugene

The Lane County 4-H Club Leaders association will meet on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. at the club house on the fairgrounds in Eugene. There will be presentation of medals and awards won by club members during 1940, as well as presentation of leadership pins to club leaders who have completed their first, fifth or tenth year of leadership.

Annual reports of the activities will be made by County Agent R. C. Kuehner; President Jeanne Morton; and Secretary Clifford Morningstar. Annual election of officers will be held at this meeting. All leaders are urged to be present, this being the most important meeting of the year.

4,700,000 Aliens Register in U. S

WASHINGTON. — The first alien population count in this nation's long history as a world "melting pot" ended at midnight Friday with a declaration by Registration Director Earl C. Harrison that there are about 5,000,000 non-citizens living in the country.

A few hours before the midnight deadline, Director Harrison, noting a "tremendous final rush of aliens" to the government's registration places, said that over 4,700,000 persons had signed and been fingerprinted in all parts of the nation.

The national total, he said, was "almost sure" to reach the 5,000,000 mark, which is 1,400,000 greater than the number of aliens estimated, at beginning of registration on August 27, to be in this country. There were 100 days allowed for registrations.

At the final deadline Thursday for registration of aliens in Lane county all first class offices were crowded with a number of last minute applicants and here the demand was so heavy the office ran out of blanks as did the Springfield office. Total registration in the county reached 975 with 86 registered here, 796 in Eugene, 43 in Springfield and 50 in Junction city.

Nine Major Efforts Of Local C. of C. Are Listed for 1940

Nine major efforts of the Chamber of Commerce are listed by E. R. Lemley, manager, in his annual report to the membership of this organization. Briefly the major undertakings for 1940 are described as:

Airport, trips made to try and have same retained.

Highway through town, effort made to have dead end streets eliminated.

Ski Bowl at Bohemia, support given Ski club and contacts made to have road improved.

Two trips made to Washington in effort to secure additional business from manufacturing concerns.

South Lane Fair.

Pet Parade.

Trips made to Ashland relative to Highway 99.

Street decorations.

Mailed over 1000 pieces of literature describing Cottage Grove and surrounding country.

BEG PARDON.

The Sentinel erred last week in the statement that a Christmas dinner was served the H. and H. Mine employees by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartels. Fact is the dinner was served by the H. and H. Mines and prepared by the cook. Wishing to give credit where credit is due, which in this case was the cook or chef, we hasten to make the correction.

In Hot Spot



His nation entirely surrounded by warring or conquered countries, Switzerland's Dr. Ernest Wetter, 1941 President, faces a tough year. Already Switzerland has felt bombs, even though it is at peace.

Few Changes in County and City Offices Made

Police Force Here May Be Placed on Merit Basis.

Basin.

CHANGES TO OCCUR FORM PART OF JANUARY.

Few changes will be made in the forthcoming first meeting of county and city officers, scheduled for Monday, January 6th. New officers of the city including William Haldeman, Mayor, and N. E. Compton, councilman from ward 3, will be sworn in at the first council meeting Monday evening.

Rumored resignation of one of the night officers will bring about a change in the lineup of officers. However, there is nothing official to the rumors. Also according to tentative plans, all officers including the chief of police and the two night men will be placed on the merit basis with examinations for places, William Haldeman, the incoming mayor, are said to favor installing a system for placing appointive officers on a merit basis, although it may be some weeks before such a system can be placed in operation.

Among the county and district officers there will be two new faces, Allen Wheeler as county commissioner, and William Bartle as district attorney. Appointive officers, including road supervisors will be announced soon.

County Meetings On Farm Outlook Defense Billed

A state-wide series of meetings reaching all counties in Oregon on the general subject of "The Agricultural Outlook and Its Relationship to National Preparedness" has just been announced by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college. The new series, as was the case with former outlook conferences held periodically since 1924, will be under the general direction of the extension service of which Schoenfeld is director and William L. Teutsch is assistant director.

"It has always been the policy of the extension service to carry information relating to changing national and world conditions which affect market outlets for Oregon commodities," said Teutsch in explaining the plans and purposes of the meetings. "Always a desirable procedure, this is particularly important under present conditions of world war and America's preparation for defense."

This new series of meetings which will start in January and continue through March 1, will serve as a follow-up to the 1939 economic outlook conference in which a general conference organization committee was set up with four sub-committees. These sub-committees dealt with land, farm crops, livestock, and farm home and rural life.

The plan is to bring the members of the general committee and these four sub-committees together in each county rather than to hold large mass meetings. These committee members together with the representatives of 4-H clubs, AAA committees, soil conservation district supervisors and so forth, will devote themselves to the following three subjects:

1. To study past recommendations in the light of changing world conditions.

2. To recommend such further adjustments in the county's agriculture and in conditions affecting farm home and rural life as seem desirable.

3. To consider the contribution which rural people can make toward national preparedness.

A trial program of this nature has already been held in Deschutes county where 30 farm and home leaders considered these questions and arrived at recommendations on the best agricultural adjustments in view of present world affairs, and on proposed steps to reduce to a minimum the problems of readjustments to follow the present war.

The plan is to hold an opening all-day meeting of the general group in each county to hear reports on progress since 1938, and an outline of present conditions and outlook. Plans will be considered there for meetings to be held by the separate committees, and for getting final recommendations to the public, possibly through community meetings.

The schedule for Lane county calls for the first meeting to be held January 29 with O. T. McWhorter assisting the local extension staff and the county farm and home leaders.