

GERMANY YIELDS IN ADJUSTMENT OF FRYE CLAIMS

DISPUTE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BERLIN WILL GO TO THE HAGUE.

SHIPS LOADED WITH CONDITIONAL CONTRABAND WILL BE SPARED

Right Reserved to Destroy Carriers of Absolute Contraband When Permissible Under Declaration of London.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—In a note on the case of the ship William P. Frye, Germany has given the United States formal assurance that American vessels carrying conditional contraband will under no circumstances be destroyed, even though deemed lawful prizes.

The right to destroy American merchantmen if carrying absolute contraband is reserved, but the promise is given that this will be done only in case of extreme necessity, as provided by the declaration of London.

These assurances, together with the acceptance by Germany of the two proposals of the United States—the one to name a joint commission of experts to fix the indemnity for the loss of the Frye, and the other to submit to The Hague the dispute which the case produced over the meaning of the treaty of 1823—produced a favorable effect in official quarters.

Just what the practical operation of the new assurances will be officials were keenly interested to learn, for under the lists of contraband proclaimed by Germany in retaliation for acts of Great Britain, nearly every thing previously known as conditional contraband has now been made absolute.

LINNHAVEN ORCHARDS COMPANY IS SUED

ST. PAUL RESIDENTS CLAIM THEY SANK \$39,700 IN VALLEY PROPERTY.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—Charge was made today by a group of residents in the Willamette valley orchard lands sold to them by the Linnhaven Orchards company, under contract to set out trees and tend the tract for five years, W. I. Howard and 24 other residents of St. Paul, Minn., brought suit against the company this morning in the federal court.

They ask that a receiver be appointed for the Linnhaven Orchards company, the affairs of the concern be wound up, and they be paid the amount of their investment, plus six per cent interest.

The defendants in the case are the Linnhaven Orchards company, E. D. Cusick, trustee; Anna and Catherine Althouse, First Savings Bank of Albany, the Oregon Tittle & Trust Co., Mary L. Green, Emily E. Sloan, H. H. Hewitt, trustee; M. Green, A. W. Smith, Sam McKee, H. M. Hawkins, Harry H. Hawkins, Charles Leonard, Walter Dresser, R. R. Bonney, and R. F. Raines.

With the exception of the Orchards company the other defendants are mortgagors of the concern. The complainants allege that nine of them have entered suits for foreclosure in the state courts and that the Orchards company, which had practically given up all hope of regaining solvency, is allowing them to collect exorbitant amount without resistance.

According to the complaint the lands of the Linnhaven tracts embrace 2500 acres and are worth \$75,000. The mortgages amount to \$58,110. Of this \$14,610 is in the nature of liens.

OUTLOOK FOR CATTLE RAISERS IS NOT ROSY

MOST RECEIPTS IN PORTLAND YARDS CONTRACTED TO UNION MEAT CO.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Portland, Sept. 29.—While receipts were fairly heavy this morning, none of the livestock was offered in the open market, as all of it was contracted to the Union Meat company. This firm guarantees 6 1/2 cents to shippers of hogs for today and tomorrow, and paid this for top quality stuff. The market in the yards of \$6.45 top is unchanged. The action of the Union Meat company merely means the market in the yards will probably be lower after they have been stocked up. The outlook for the raisers is not rosy.

Receipts were 27 cattle, 572 hogs and 1342 sheep, a total of 13 cars. Sales this morning were as follows:

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Table with 2 columns: Sheep (Choice spring lambs, Common spring lambs, Choice yearlings, Good yearlings) and Hogs (Prime light, Choice medium, Pigs, Rough).

NEW CHAMPIONS ARE MADE AT CLOSING OF PENDLETON ROUND-UP

LEE CALDWELL CROWNED KING OF BRONCHO BUSTERS AFTER WILD RIDE.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 25.—New world's champions were made at the Roundup park this afternoon, and Pendleton's sixth nationally famed frontier exhibition came to a close with a fitting climax just as dusk dropped its curtain over the big arena when Lee Caldwell, of Pendleton, was crowned king of all broncho busters.

Caldwell had to ride in the finals three of the worst bucking horses ever saddled for such an exhibition to prove his supremacy over Yakima Canutt, of Pomeroy, Wash., and Jackson Sundown, of the Nez Perce Indian reservation, and he did it in a fashion to prove his title indisputably.

FULL CAR OF CALVES RECEIVED AT YARDS

VOLUME OF TRADE SMALL BUT PRICES HOLD UP WELL AT PORTLAND MARKETS.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Sept. 23.—Possibly the feature of the morning was the receipt of one car of calves, totaling 62 head, the first complete car of this stuff to come in here in months. None of them were sold during the forenoon.

The volume of trade was far from heavy, but prices held steady throughout.

Receipts were 32 cattle, 62 calves, 552 hogs and 224 sheep, a total of 7 cars.

Official livestock quotations in effect this morning were as follows:

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Other lines steady in Portland yards—14 cars are received.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Portland, Sept. 28.—Hogs were weaker again today, dropping 10 cents, placing the top at \$6.45, and it probably will go lower. Other lines were reported as steady.

Receipts were 33 cattle, 656 hogs and 71 sheep—at total of 14 cars.

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UNION STOCK YARDS, Sept. 24.—The feature of the livestock market today was the 50-cent advance scored in ewe prices. One lot of choice light ewes, advanced 113 pounds in weight, sold at \$5.50, the best price paid here in a long time.

Other lines were steady. Receipts consisted of 70 cattle, 4 calves, 840 hogs and 411 sheep—a total of 13 cars.

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ROCKEFELLER HAS SERIOUS PURPOSE IN TRIP TO WEST

LABOR CONDITIONS IN COLORADO ARE STUDIED WITH VIEW OF BETTERMENT.

MEETINGS WITH MEN FEATURES OF TRIPS INTO MANY CAMPS

Varied Experiences Reveal Undercurrent of Determination to Formulate Policy Based on Personal Investigation.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., tonight completed the first week of his inspection of Colorado properties of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company.

Since Mr. Rockefeller reached Trinidad last Monday he was driven hundreds of miles over mountains and plains in motor cars, dug coal in the Frederick mine and descended a 400-foot shaft at Coal Creek; eaten beef-steak and beans at miners' boarding-houses and danced with miners' daughters in a little schoolhouse after an amateur entertainment.

Beneath the surface of these performances, which fairly took miners' and officials' breath away, there was a steady undercurrent of serious investigation. Mr. Rockefeller came to Colorado with the avowed intention of studying at first hand labor conditions following the tragic strike of 1913-14.

Mr. Rockefeller at each camp has sought out the miners' grievance representatives and talked with them directly about the practical working out of the plan.

As the week passed by Mr. Rockefeller displayed a decreasing reluctance to discuss unionism. At Rouseau on Thursday he declared flatly that the company did not care whether its miners belonged to the United Mine Workers' union or not. At Rockvale today he held a conference with a grievance representative who advised himself a former striker and present member of the union.

MANY COUNTIES TO EXHIBIT PRODUCE

SPACE IS RESERVED BY 18 AT PORTLAND LAND SHOW—CLACKAMAS INCLUDED.

REPEAL OF CLOSING LAW IS NOT FOUND

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 24.—To look up old statutes pertaining to the Sunday closing law, Attorney Foster, representing the city of Eugene, was at the state house yesterday pursuing the old session laws to see if the law has been repealed. Mr. Foster came to the conclusion that the statute still stands.

Since the supreme court lately gave down an opinion to the effect that stores can be closed by law on Sunday in Oregon towns, with the exception of certain businesses that are exempt, several Oregon towns besides Eugene are attempting to enforce the law. Roseburg is one of the latest to make the attempt. Some attorneys claim the law has been repealed.

SPEAKER CLARK CHECKS WILD MOB BENT ON LYNCHING

The eloquence of Speaker Champ Clark and his Pike county (Mo.) prestige are attributed to the fact that Harrison Rose, negro slayer of Bud Davidson, a white farmer of Clarksville, escaped death at the hands of a band of lynchers. The speaker was aroused from his bed by the chugging of six automobiles loaded with farmers from Clarksville, who were bent upon avenging Davidson's death. They made their way to the Pike county jail and were demanding the negro when Mr. Clark, who had followed the crowd, mounted the prison steps and exhorted the members of the mob to let the law take its course. His word prevailed, and the would-be lynchers dispersed.

4000 AT SALEM ON FIRST DAY OF FAIR

SUN COMES OUT TO GREET BIG CROWD—CHILDREN PRINCIPAL VISITORS OF DAY

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 27.—Gates of the Oregon State fair swung wide today for the 54th annual week's exhibition, and 4000 persons, by estimate, poured into the grounds. Cloud-flecked skies, reminders of Sunday's showers, marked the opening hours, but as the day advanced a beneficent sun swept them clear.

With the first day given over to the children, the youngsters flocked to the grounds by hundreds and formed the greater portion of those in attendance.

Officials were kept busy herding the stray youths back of the fence that lines the course. No accidents were reported.

ADMITS ARSON CHARGE. WATSONVILLE, Cal., Sept. 24.—James McGill, who says he is an I. W., confessed here today to burning a big hay barn at Lodi.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH SURPRISES MEN IN THE FIELD



SIR JOHN FRENCH

The only man of the hundreds of thousands of the British front who wears the crossed batons of a marshal on his shoulders appeared in the shrubbery which bordered the field where a machine gun battery of the new army was waiting for orders to move, says a correspondent at the front in France. None of the men in the battery had any idea that he was coming. They were lounging and chatting as they waited. In a glance every one identified the figure with its square chin and the white drooping moustache with the pictures they had seen in the papers. There was no need for a call to attention. The effect was like an electric shock which sent every man to his place and made his backbone a steel rod.

"Does Sir John French often slip up on you that way?" gasped one of the battery lieutenants, who was all of nineteen years old. The battery had just come out from England. It took the commander in chief about five minutes to form his judgment of the results on their nine months' preparatory drill. He asked a few questions as he looked over each gun and its crew. "Very good!" he said, and returned to his car, which was waiting for him to inspect some other formation. "Any idea that the commander in chief spends all his time over a map with a telephone at his elbow," as the staff officer explained "is quite erroneous. He is always on the go."

MICKLE FINDS STATE HAS BUTTER TRUST

DAIRY COMMISSIONER SAYS THE PRICE PAID CREAMERIES CONTROLLED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—Charge that there is a butter trust in Portland was made by J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, in an address before a meeting of the Linn county grange, from which he has just returned.

"I am firmly convinced there is a butter trust in the city of Portland," he said. "It controls the price paid for butter fat. It controls the price paid to country creameries for whatever butter they try to market in Portland. These interests are the sole judges as to the quality of butter produced by country creameries, and instead of returns being made upon the actual quality, returns are made upon the standards established by the trust."

"On account of lack of organization on the part of country creameries they are wholly at the mercy of the trust."

"The small circle that controls the situation as accepted as authority for price quotations, and country creameries must meet these quotations or find it impossible to buy butter fat. In other words the country creameryman must accept for his butter fat whatever the trust wants to pay, but he must buy butter fat at prices established by the trust. As the conditions exist today the producer or dairyman is not affected, but in the end when the country creamery is eliminated then the trust will dictate the prices paid to the farmers."

A committee was appointed by the grange of Linn county to investigate the situation and report to the legislative committee of the state grange.

OREGON LOSES, 16 TO 7.

EUGENE, Sept. 25.—It was the same old story on Kincaid field this afternoon when Hugo Besdek's colorless net and gave battle to the Multnomah club team, of Portland. Experience, weight and strength proved too much for the varsity lads, and when hostilities were declared at an end the score stood 16 to 7 in the visitors' favor, with the lemon-yellow on the short end.

FIRE WALLS IN CAPITOL DOME

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 24.—An appropriation of \$2915 made by the last legislature for making improvements at the state house is now being applied under the supervision of the board of control in the attic of the big building, where four tiled walls are being built and a wood floor laid for protection of the building in case of fire. The walls are designed as "fire walls." They are being built from the dome to each inside corner of the building where the wings meet the "L's" at right angles. Throughout the entire attic a floor of inch boards is being placed.

Hood River harvesting second crop of strawberries.

LOAN TO ALLIES OF HALF BILLION NOW COMPLETED

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF TERMS MADE; SMALL BONDS WILL BE ISSUED.

PUBLIC WILL GET ISSUE AT 98, AND UNDERWRITERS AT 96

Chicago Receives News With Cheers and Explanation is Made That Credit Will Have Beneficial Effect on Trade.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Anglo-French financial commission announced tonight that the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France would be \$500,000,000 and would be issued on joint Anglo-French five-year 5 per cent bonds, offered to the public at 98 and to the syndicate of underwriters at 96.

It also was announced that the bonds would be issued in denominations as low as \$100, and that subscribers might pay for them by installments. The agreement between the Anglo-French financial commission and the American bankers with whom they have been conferring over the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France has resulted in the formation of a definite plan. It was announced officially here tonight, for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 loan issue on a 5 per cent five-year joint British and French bonds, payable jointly and severally by the two nations upon which the big loan will be a first lien.

"The bonds will be issued to the public at 98, thus yielding approximately 5 1/2 per cent to the investor, and to the nation-wide syndicate of bankers which will subscribe to the loan at 96. Formation of the syndicate has been left to J. P. Morgan & Co. and a large group of American bankers and financial houses." The bonds will be issued in denominations as low as \$100 and subscribers there to may pay for them by installments.

At maturity these bonds will be repayable in cash or convertible into 3 1/2 per cent joint Anglo-French bonds, redeemable from 10 to 20 years thereafter by the two governments jointly and severally.

31 KILLED WHEN CAR OF GASOLINE EXPLODES

ARDMORE, OKLA., SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION AS IF BY EARTHQUAKE—200 INJURED.

ARDMORE, Okla., Sept. 27.—At least 31 persons were killed and it is estimated, 200 others were injured dangerously here this afternoon when a 250-barrel tank car of gasoline standing near the Santa Fe freight office, in the business district, exploded. The force of the explosion shook down many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. A few minutes later Ardmore was at a mercy of scores of fires.

At 8 o'clock tonight the fires were under control and the city was under normal law. Private homes injured were thrown open to the injured and scores of men were working tonight in the smoldering ruins along Main street in search for additional victims.

LIST INCLUDES CLACKAMAS.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 24.—Secretary W. A. Jones of the state fair board estimates that the total number of livestock on exhibition at the fair, opening next Monday, will be from 1600 to 1800. Mr. Jones is now sure that sixteen counties of the state will have exhibits and says there is a possibility that others will come in before the end of the week.

The counties that have already installed their exhibits or given notice that they may be expected to do so are Tillamook, Multnomah, Marion, Clackamas, Washington, Umatilla, Jackson, Lane, Benton, Polk, Union, Wallowa, Morrow, Linn, Gilliam, Columbia and Clatsop.

OAKLAND COUPLE CONFESS ARSON SAY THE POLICE



CAPT. EBERLE

Radical changes in the organization of the Naval academy at Annapolis are contemplated as a result of the "rouging" scandal which recently resulted in the dismissal of two midshipmen, the disciplining of a dozen others and the removal of the superintendent, Rear Admiral Pullum. Secretary Daniels said he was having a thorough study made of the defects in the old system which underlay the disgraces of the last year. Private institutions, including many prominent colleges and universities, have been asked to submit detailed outlines of their examination systems for the guidance of the navy department, and an effort will be made to bring the academy into line with the best systems in use among American collegiate institutions. Captain Eberle has been picked to succeed Rear Admiral Pullum as the Naval academy head.

SUIT WILL SETTLE ROAD TAX PROBLEM

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVANS OF MULTNOMAH WOULD END CONFLICTING LEGISLATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 28.—To reconcile conflicting legislation adopted by the last legislature relative to road districts in counties, a friendly mandamus suit will be started next week by District Attorney Evans, as an officer of the state of Oregon, against the board of commissioners for Multnomah county.

The trouble arises through conflict between house bill 91 and senate bill 198, the former of which passed both houses just a few hours prior to the latter.

The house bill provides that "every incorporated city and town shall constitute a separate road district, and the county court shall not have authority to divide such territory or include any of it in any other road district," while the senate bill provides for redistricting annually at the option of the courts, but does not require that incorporated cities and towns be made separate districts.

Mr. Covert contends that the senate bill, the last expression of the legislature on the subject, undoubtedly will be held to prevail, and in this order to eliminate the possibility of illegal action on the part of the county board in road expenditures it is necessary to have an expression of the courts.

When considered in conjunction with the fact that the law also requires 70 per cent of the road money raised in a district to be expended within that district, the embarrassing nature of the bill as far as Multnomah county is concerned becomes apparent.

INJURED MAN GOES UNAIDED TO PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29.—Dominick McIntire, a laborer, 60 years old, who has been digging a well at Highland, Clackamas county, was Wednesday taken by the police from the Home Hotel, Second and Alder streets to the Emergency hospital, and a deep gash in his head sewed, seven stitches being necessary to close the wound.

McIntire was in the well and a large and heavy bucket, used to haul up the dirt, fell, when the rope broke, from a distance of 35 feet and hit him on the head. He came unaided to Portland some time Tuesday, and when taken from the Home Hotel was in a dazed condition. He is not seriously injured.

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PLOT IS SAID TO EXTEND OVER THREE STATES AND MORE ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

MR. AND MRS. BURRIGHT GET "THIRD DEGREE" IN OAKLAND

"Trust" Said to Have Had Agents in Every Important City on Pacific Coast—Long Silence is Broken.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 25.—Admission forced from Charles L. Burright and his wife, Joan Burright, held by the Oakland police on charges of arson, probably will result in arrests here and in other cities of the Pacific coast states, according to Captain of Detectives Petersen.

For two days detectives have been sweating the prisoners and have broken through their silence. The confessions are said by Petersen to connect the Burrights with an alleged arson gang that has operated for years in California, Washington and Oregon.

Petersen, however, will not give a detailed account of the story told by the prisoners, saying it would spoil his chances of making arrests and getting in touch with persons mentioned by them.

The alleged "arson trust," it is indicated, consisted of more than half a dozen persons and it had agents in every city of importance on the coast.

Petersen says that statements made by Burright bear out the contention of the Portland police that Sanford W. Currier is head of a gang.

All day the police have been interviewing persons from Contra Costa county who they think may throw light on the case.

Attorney E. J. Wildgrube, counsel for the Burrights, tried to see his clients last night but was prevented by the police. Accompanying Wildgrube was James Barnaman, of Richmond, father of Mrs. Burright. He, also, was not allowed to see the prisoners. Suits for damages against the police were threatened by them.

LINE OF GERMANS IS NOT YET BROKEN

MAIN PURPOSE OF ALLIES IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED—DOMINATING CRESTS TAKEN.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—In Champagne the German lines of trenches and are making further progress, but seemingly the allies' offensive movement is not being carried on with the same impetuosity which characterized the first two days of the operations.

The successes won are recognized as important, but the main object, which is to break through the German lines, has not been accomplished. Both the British and French have improved their positions greatly, and hold crests from which they can dominate the German lines of communications.

PORTLAND WOMAN JUMPS OFF BUILDING

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—"Oh, if I had only quit my foolishness and married."

After scribbling these words at the end of her statement, Miss Edna Turner, dressmaker, 427 Flindner building, opened the window and eloped to the ground 50 feet below. Her body struck a wire clothes line with such force that it jarred the house and pulled the line to the ground. But that the wire broke her fall, she would have been killed instantly. Her arm was broken and she sustained internal injuries.

The attempt at suicide was made this morning, after Miss Turner had made her bed and put her apartments in order.

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