

FRANCE INCREASES LIMIT OF WAR LOAN

Finance Minister Says Gold Comes Not From Large Cash Boxes, but Pocketbooks.

EXPENSES ON INCREASE

Expedition to Dardanelles Costly but Necessary—German System Ironically Called "Changing Paper for Paper."

PARIS, March 18.—In a speech in the Chamber of Deputies today on the proposed to authorize the government to raise the limit for the issue of treasury bonds from 5,500,000,000 francs to 4,500,000,000 francs. Alexandre Ribot, Minister of Finance, said:

"The way in which the people of France have taken these bonds surpasses expectations. Great difficulties faced the treasury at the beginning of the war. The treasury is conquering them. Toward the end of last year the monthly expenses were 1,100,000,000 francs. The expenditures during the first months of 1915 have been from 1,250,000,000 francs to 1,300,000,000 francs—rather nearer the latter figure. Expenditures are increasing owing to fresh necessities—for example, the military expedition to the Dardanelles, for which no one would reproach us. We shall have to manufacture increased quantities of war munitions, buy material and necessary provisions, and, lastly, our expenses certainly will be augmented on the day we retake possession of the invaded departments."

German Finance Ridiculed. M. Ribot attacked the methods of German finance, which, he said, consisted of "an exchange of paper for paper—a process encouraged by recourse to the penal code. —If it is possible to administer wisely the finances of the country," said the Finance Minister, "the merit is that of the entire people. It is the little savings in the written stockings which have come to the aid of the country; the gold has come in the beginning, not from the large cash boxes, but from pocketbooks."

"Those whom I have wanted to attract to the treasury have come to us. The river is composed of little brooks. In the name of the country and of the chamber I address my thanks to all the citizens."

M. Ribot remarked that France had not needed to employ the deception to which the governments of the enemies of France had had recourse to raise money "because there is confidence that what we say is the truth."

Stricken Patriots to Be Aided. "We brush aside with disdain the maneuvers and artifices to which our adversaries have had to resort," he added. "We will use our financial standing to its last limit. That which the Bank of France has begun, the people of the country will carry on. We cannot refuse help to those of our fellow countrymen whose homes have been destroyed."

"Fortunately, alongside the prospect of larger expenditures, there are indications of a restoration of the business of the country. The increases in direct taxation have been paid cheerfully by those able to do so, the revenues from indirect taxation are increasing, while the customs deficits are diminishing and we are able to hope that on the day of peace there will be an exposition of activity in the development of the riches of our country which will permit us to overcome all difficulties."

Financial Operations Analyzed. M. Ribot, in analyzing the treasury's operations in 1914, said the government had asked for 2,500,000,000 francs (\$720,000,000) from the public and 1,200,000,000 francs (\$340,000,000) by public subscription, while in 1915 the Bank of France had supplied about 1,000,000,000 francs (\$280,000,000) and the country had furnished 2,500,000,000 francs (\$700,000,000).

The national defense bonds, the Finance Minister said, had yielded up to March 12, 2,852,000,000 francs (\$772,400,000).

M. Ribot concluded his speech in the midst of an outburst of applause. The Chamber unanimously passed the bill increasing the limit of defense bonds.

W. T. HUME IS ACCUSED

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE PROSECUTIVE WITNESS IS CHARGED.

Multnomah County ex-Prosecuting Attorney Denies Truth of Affidavit of ex-Postmaster of Nome.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Startling charges were made today against Attorney W. T. Hume, formerly District Attorney of Multnomah County, Or., and now living in Portland, widely known along the entire Pacific Coast, in an affidavit filed in the Superior Court here in the case of Mrs. Ella Heim, who is suing for a \$6,000,000 grab-stake share in the claims in the rich Ophir gold mines of Alaska.

Joseph Wright, ex-postmaster at Nome, is Hume's accuser. In his sensational deposition he asserts that Hume, who is counsel for Mrs. Heim, offered him a percentage of the final fruits of the suit if he would testify for their side, and also tried to coerce him into giving false testimony.

Mrs. Heim recently obtained an order for an accounting of the properties, which consist of the Ophir mines in Alaska, and other properties. Mrs. Heim's suit, which has been pending some time, is based on her contention that she grabbed the share in the mines and her wife in Alaska prospecting which resulted in the location of the Ophir mines. Others associated with the Wilsons were made parties to the suit. The defense contended that the money advanced was a loan.

CHARGE FALSE, SAYS MR. HUME. Accuser Once Indicted on Government Charge, Says Attorney.

"The charges are absolutely false," said Mr. Hume yesterday. "I asked Wright to testify in that case as the best condition of the mine service in Alaska about 1900. I asked him to be-

come a witness, but I did not offer him anything.

He declined to testify because he was afraid his own record would be brought out on cross-examination. He was indicted in Nome on a charge of embezzling Government funds, and I appeared for him at his preliminary hearing.

"I have a counter affidavit on file in San Francisco. In this I deny all the assertions made by Wright. It justifies me, this should have been included in the San Francisco dispatch. Wright evidently has come under the influence of the opposing lawyers. I believe he filed the affidavit in the belief that I never would know anything about it, since I had left the city."

Mr. Hume yesterday exhibited what he said was a copy of the affidavit filed by Wright in San Francisco. It reads as follows:

"I came to me in San Francisco in 1914. He said: 'Look here, Joe, we want you to become one of us in this suit and be the same as we are. We want you to be with us and for us. We will give you such a percentage of whatever the plaintiff receives in the action as will be satisfactory to you.'"

STEEL EARNINGS DROP

FEWER MEN EMPLOYED BUT AVERAGE WAGE IS HIGHER.

Number of Employees Among Shareholders Exceeds 40,700, But Annual Privilege Is Withdrawn.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The annual statement of the United States Steel Corporation for 1914, issued today, offers proofs of the depression in the steel industry during that year. Earnings of \$31,746,518 show a decrease of \$65,421,000, compared with 1913, while the net income or \$46,520,408 is a decrease of \$8,800,284.

In 1914 the corporation mined only 17,034,981 tons of iron ore, against 23,738,451 tons in 1913, and its total production of rolled and other finished steel products for sale fell off 2,369,326 tons to 9,014,512 tons.

The average number of employees in the service during 1914 was 179,552, against 228,906 in 1913, and the payroll decreased from \$207,266,176 to \$162,379,907. Average salaries of employees at the mills were slightly higher, however, the increase being from \$2.82 a day to \$2.88. In the administrative and selling departments average salaries increased from \$2.82 to \$2.97 per day.

Chairman Gary said that because of the uncertain conditions in the trade and for the additional reason that a large number of employees had been laid off, the corporation decided not to offer employees the usual annual privilege of subscribing for stock under the plan observed during the preceding years. About 40,700 employees are among the corporation's shareholders at this time.

TRAPPED FOES BURNED

GERMANS FIRE FORESTS WHERE RUSSIANS SEEK REFUGE.

Holes Made in Land Over Which Army Passes, Canal Locks Opened and Force in East Prussia Dies.

LONDON, March 18.—How the Germans employed both fire and water to destroy the Russians in the campaign in the Mazurian Lake district of East Prussia is related in a communication from the Westminister Gazette from Gothenburg.

"German strategy counted not only on water and mire, but even fire," the correspondent at Gothenburg declares. "These engineers have for many years been equipped with a peculiar kind of anger for excavating the trunks of soft trees, such as the Mazurian fir. When the Russian army first advanced into East Prussia, German engineers hastily excavated numbers of trees. When Russian troops reached the Mazurian district, German engineers at once opened the canal locks, drowning the invading troops."

"Some Russians reached the forests, but of course they had no idea that many trees had been charred with gasoline. It was an easy task for the German artillery to set a match to this bonfire and burn the Russian remnants they had entrapped."

UNIONS QUESTION PLAN

WOMAN MOBILIZATION PROPOSAL DISTURBS BRITISH LABOR.

League Contends 40,000 Idle Members Should Be Provided With Jobs Before Influx of Untrained Begins.

LONDON, March 18.—The novel and rather revolutionary plan of the government to utilize women to replace men needed for war service, although only tentatively outlined by the Board of Trade, has aroused wide discussion in England, especially in organized labor circles, which are disturbed at the prospect of the influx of thousands of untrained, nonunion women into the spheres of various activities.

Miss Mary MacArthur, secretary of the Women's Trade Union League, an organization with a membership of 40,000, says there are at least 40,000 union women at present without employment and she feels it is incumbent on the government to give them first consideration.

Miss MacArthur said today: "Trade unions, even if convinced of the necessity of this innovation, will require satisfactory guarantees as to the conditions under which these women are to be substituted for men. Are they to receive the same wages for the same work?"

SWISS SUFFER HEAVILY

Nation Hardest Hit of All Neutrals on Account of War.

GENEVA, March 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In proportion to her position, population and resources, Switzerland is suffering financially perhaps more than any other neutral nation. She has spent more than \$50,000,000 on her army, she has lost several millions on her exports and as much in decrease of production, by reason of her industries closed for lack of raw material.

From August 1 to the end of December the hotels in the Bernese Oberland alone had a deficit of \$5,000,000, owing to the loss of American and English patrons.

Debtor Sues County for \$13,421. ASTORIA, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—A suit was filed in the Circuit Court today by Robert D. Searcy, assignee of Edward Killfeather, an insolvent debtor, against Clatsop County to recover \$13,421.70. The action grows out of a contract for the construction of the County Hospital at the poor farm. The complaint recites that the original contract for the building was \$15,000 and the sum of \$1527.50 is still due.

WASHINGTON SENDS PROTEST TO VILLA

Objection Made to Levy of Million Pesos on Monterey, Affecting Foreigners.

BRITISH EMBASSY ACTS

Situation Called to Attention of State Department—Forces Under Villa General Attacking at Point Near Tampico.

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STUDY AND EXERCISE

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Overstudy and lack of exercise make thin, bloodless children. It is a combination that provokes St. Vitus' dance. If your child is thin and pale, listless, inattentive, has a fickle appetite and is unable to stand still or sit still, you must remember that health is even more important than education.

See to it at once that the patient does not overstudy, gets at least two hours of out-of-door exercise every day, sleeps ten hours out of every twenty-four and takes a non-alcoholic tonic like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until the color returns to cheeks and lips and the appetite becomes normal.

For growing children who become pale and thin, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not only safe but in the great majority of cases they are the very best tonic that can be taken. They build up the blood and strengthen the nerves and assist nature in keeping pace with rapid growth.

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., will send you two books on the blood and nerves if you mention this paper. If your child is very young ask for the booklet "The Care of the Baby." Your own druggist sells Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Hog and Chicken Feed

Large lot of hog and chicken feed, principally wheat, whole or cracked corn for sale cheap in lots to suit.

Thomas Mokko came to a sudden end in the Circuit Court today when the court directed a verdict for the defendant, saying the plaintiff had not made out a case sufficient to go before the jury. Notice of appeal was given. This is the action brought to recover \$10,000 damages for alienating the affections of the plaintiff's wife.

COFFIN CONCEALS METAL

High Price of Metal in Germany Tempts Swiss Speculators.

GENEVA, March 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The high price of \$1000 a ton for copper delivered on the frontier is offered by the German government, while the cost at Marseilles or Genoa is from \$350 to \$400 a ton. The opportunity has tempted many speculators.

At Chiasso lately barrels of wine ticketed for Frankfurt were found to be a quarter filled with copper. At Singen on the Swiss-German frontier, near Lake Constance, the Swiss authorities became suspicious of the extraordinary number of funerals crossing the frontier and finally ordered one of the coffins to be opened. It was full of copper.

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Easter is not complete without a new garment. Be dressed in the height of style, the right style, the only style for young fellows. Come in today and choose your Easter suit.

\$10 to \$30

—Second Floor

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

—Surrendered by his bondsmen early Tuesday, Gun Ambrose, who recently was convicted on a charge of non-support, was sentenced by Judge Hamilton to three months in the County Jail. Sentence was suspended upon the promise of the defendant to contribute \$15 toward the support of his wife and six children. On account of the many complaints of non-support here of late, the grand jury, at its last session recommended the establishment of a rockpile on which to work the delinquents.

It is said that T. H. Mendenhall's memory was so retentive that, after reading a book once, he could give all the salient points of it, and recite many long passages of it verbatim.

Extra! Extra!! Here's News of a Real Sale

The Toggery, 384 Washington St. After Six Years in Business

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The Selling Out of This Great Stock to the Public Starts at 9 A. M. Today

The closing of this store and the sale of the stock will come as a great surprise to Portland people. Its friends are legion, as no store in the City of Portland has ever carried more worthy merchandise. At the low prices at which the stock is to be sold it will go like wildfire, and it is but a matter of days until the Toggery passes into history.

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NECKWEAR Regular 50c 29c

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