FOREIGN LOAN TO BE MUCH REDUCED

Half Billion Contemplated by Americans May Fall Under $150,000,000.

SPEEDY ACTION DESIRED

New York Financiers Keep Wires and Cables Busy in Effort to Adjust Exchanges and Facilitate Settlements.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A reduction in the proposed foreign loan to be floated from the $500,000,000 first suggested to $100,000,000 or $150,000,000 seemed probable tonight as the result of all-day conferences of international financiers here and by cable between this city and London.

While it was generally thought that this amount would be utterly inadequate to meet the volume of bills which are coming due rapidly against foreign buyers of American supplies, it was felt the sum would be sufficient to right the foreign exchange markets temporarily, at least, and restore to normal value the foreign moneys now at low levels of depreciation.

The chief reason for the contemplated reduction in the size of the loan, however, was understood to be the belief that a large loan, such as was first projected, could not be readily placed here.

Wires to England vibrated all day with questions and answers, proposals and suggestions, between bankers in this city and financiers in London, to whom the present depression in exchange markets has been a source of keen apprehension for several days past. At the close of the day negotiations had not assumed concrete form.

100 TEACHERS HEAR TALK

Philosophy Is Explained at Clackamas Training School.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—"Every man is either a fool or a philosopher," Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the First Baptist Church, told 100 teachers at the Clackamas County Teachers' Training School today. His talk was one of a series arranged by County Superintendent Calavan.

Rev. Mr. Milliken argued that every normal man is a philosopher, for as soon as he begins to reason into the cause of things he enters the realm of philosophy. He divided his subject of philosophy into four classifications: psychology, epistemology, metaphysics and normative philosophy. He is completing the outline for a graduate course in philosophy for the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Chicago.

WATER IS EXPECTED SOON

Oregon City System Needs Only Six More Miles of Pipe.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Within six weeks at the most water from the south fork of the Clackamas, 25 miles from Oregon City, will be flowing in Oregon City and West Linn water mains, according to the cheerful prediction made by south fork engineers today, after receiving reports from all parts of the line.

Only six miles of pipe are yet to be laid, and all the preliminary work has been completed. Roads into the canyon of the Clackamas River have been opened up, the tunnels and trench work finished long ago and all is ready for the rapid laying of pipe. A large gang under Foreman Jenks is now at work.

BOY DROWNS FROM LAUNCH

Five-Year-Old Topples Into River When Wind Blows Door Open.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—A five-year-old boy, a brother-in-law of Edward Ballard, of St. Helens, Or., was drowned in the Columbia River today between the recently built jetty and the Government dredge Oregon.

The fish launch, Grace, was anchored there. The boy's mother and sister, Mrs Ballard, were eating dinner at 1:30 o'clock, when the heavy wind blew the door open, causing the boy to be thrown overboard.

F. W. Eck, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., of this city responded in a short time with a pulmotor, but the body was not recovered.

FIRE USED TO CLEAR LAND

Coquille Valley Property Will Be Cut Into Farm Tracts.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—One hundred and eighty acres of land in the Coquille Valley were cleared by fire in a few days following Sunday, August 13. The big fire was started on a permit from the Coos County Fire Patrol Association.

The land adjoins the Coquille River, which overflows in freshet seasons. The owners, the Russ estate, of California, have prepared plans for dyking the entire area to prevent flooding in high-water seasons. They propose to sell the lands to gardeners and intensive farmers in tracts of from five to 20 acres.

HORSE PREMIUMS OFFERED

Shire Society Takes Interest in Oregon State Fair.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—W. Al Jones, secretary of the State Fair, announced today that the Shire Horse Society of Great Britain and Ireland had offered special premiums at the coming fair for the best shire stallion and mare, registered or eligible for registration in the English, American or Canadian shire horse stud book. The directors have offered 49 premiums, with a total cash prize of $449, four diplomas and two banners for registered gaited horses.

Clarke Equalization Hearings Today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Timber owners in Clarke County will have an opportunity to be heard before the County Board of Equalization tomorrow morning at the Court House. Two timber cruisers, Mr. Gremer and Mr. Gleen, of the Pacific Timber Cruising Co., will be present.

WIDOW OF MILLIONAIRE SINGLE TAX CHAMPION VISITS PORTLAND, CONTINUING HIS WORK.

MRS. JOSEPH FELS GREETING W. S. U'REN. INSERT, SNAPSHOT OF MRS. FELS.

MRS. FELS IN CITY

Widow of Late Single Tax Advocate to Give Lectures.

HUSBAND'S WORK KEPT UP

Realization of Movement in Europe Will Be Greatly Hastened by Hostilities Now Under Way, Is Woman's Opinion.

Delighting in and glorified by the feeling that she is carrying out the ambitions and hopes of her late husband, Mrs. Joseph Fels, widow of the late champion of single tax, is in Portland.

"It is a joy to me to feel that I am carrying forward the great work that my husband was so thoroughly wrapped up in," she said yesterday at the Portland Hotel. "I almost feel as though he is still with me, helping me carry on the propaganda in which we worked together in his lifetime."

Ordinarily one would not look on her as the typical reform propagandist Mrs. Fels is a slight woman, with a soft, cultivated voice and a quiet manner. Back of this, however, one encounters an abiding enthusiasm.

Move Declared Practical.

"I do not like to refer to myself by any classification that has an 'ism' or an 'ist' attached to it," she said. "The theory, the 'ism,' so seldom has in it the combined elements of the ideal and the practical application of it. But when you speak of one as a single taxer, it embodies the practical measures which lead directly to the realization of the ideal.

"That is the reason, perhaps, why my husband could become so strongly enlisted in the single-tax movement, for he was intensely practical."

A mere single-tax legislation she did not characterize as the ultimate results toward which the movement is aiming, nor, beyond that, simply abolition of private property and Government ownership of the land.

Mrs. Fels transferred her activities to the United States exclusively with the outbreak of the war in Europe. She does not think the war will stop the movement of the single-tax propaganda in Europe.

"I think it will hasten it," she said.

Address to Be Made.

As to the proposed movements in the single-tax campaign in Oregon, she invariably referred one to W. S. U'Ren.

All yesterday Mrs. Fels and her party were informal hosts to visiting friends and admirers.

This afternoon Mrs. Fels will be guest of honor at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Swett, under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women. In the evening she will address a general meeting at the Public Library Hall at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow afternoon she will address the woman's clubs at the library at 2 o'clock, and she will speak before the Federation of Labor at the library in the evening at 8 o'clock. She will leave for San Francisco Saturday.

With the party of Mrs. Fels are: Daniel Kiefer, chairman of the Joseph Fels fund; Dr. John W. Slaughter, of London, lecturer and economist, and Miss Gertrude Huebechen, of New York.

PICNIC TRAIN IS ARRANGED

Oddfellows to Leave Vancouver at 9 Saturday Morning.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has made arrangements to handle 500 persons on the annual picnic of Clarke County Oddfellows to Battle Ground Lake, Saturday, August 21.

The train will leave Vancouver at 9 o'clock in the morning. The train will arrive at Crawford, near Battle Ground Lake at 10 A. M., and returning will leave there at 5 P. M., arriving here at 6 and Ridgefield at 6:30 P. M.

OREGON EXHIBIT LAUDED

Mr. Mosessohn Returns From San Francisco Enthusiastic.

"The Oregon Commissioners at the Panama-Pacific Exposition have done wonderfully well. They could not have prepared a more unique nor a more creditable exhibit if they had twice the amount of money to spend as was spent in preparing and arranging the display of Oregon's resources."

This is the statement of M. Mosessohn, ex-assistant secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who has just returned from the exposition. Mr. Mosessohn declared that Oregon has the only individual state display on the grounds and that, even though the state building names were interchanged, every one would be able to single out the Oregon building because of its wonderful display.

"Among all the foreign and state buildings there is none that attracts the attention the Oregon building does. It is unique. Its exhibits are wonderful. The innovations that the Commissioners have introduced have put our state building in a class by itself. Every one wants to find out about the resources of Oregon and you see countless numbers of visitors to the exposition carrying the literature distributed by the officials of the Oregon building.

"As residents of Oregon and Portland we should be proud of men who are so public-spirited as to devote so much time and energy to the arrangement of an exhibit that has resulted in international advertisement for our state and city."

NOVEL SMOKER PLANNED

PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS MEN TO FROLIC ON ROOF GARDEN.

Stage Set on Nortonia Hotel, Where Professional and Amateur Entertainers Will Perform.

Tonight is the night.

The Progressive Business Men's Club has set aside this evening from 8:30 o'clock until the early hours of tomorrow morning for a smoker on the roof garden of the Nortonia Hotel.

A whirlwind entertainment has been planned and a mammoth stage has been constructed by a member of the club, A. W. Kutsche, which in itself is a novelty, as being probably one of the highest-in-the-air stages ever built here. On this stage will appear attractions from all the vaudeville and several movie houses now playing here, as well as much Portland talent.

Miss Dorothy Davenport, singer, will be heard, and Harriet Moore and Babe Freeman will be heard and seen in song and dance. Evelyn Wilbur is a contralto worth hearing, and the Globe Tabloid Musical Comedy company will play a big role in the night's enjoyment.

Miss Leroy will pose, but all facts have not been revealed in regard to this act, except that some classic poses may be expected.

Carrigan and Lax, athletic comedians, have a stunt, all their own, which will prove a surprise.

Come early and stay late, is the invitation to all members of the Progressive Business Men's Club, and bring one man friend each.

REDMEN GATHER TONIGHT

Great Incohonee to Address Joint Council Meeting.

A joint tribal council of Redmen in Portland and vicinity will be held in the wigwam of Lelu Tribe, No. 62, and Chinook Tribe, No. 5, at 281½ East Morrison street, tonight.

Frederick O. Downes, great incohonee of the Great Council of the United States, will address the gathering. Officers of the Great Council of Oregon and the representatives to the council now in session at Tillamook will attend.

The following will conduct the council:

T. C. Reichle, of Willamette Tribe, sachem; M. O. Johnson, of Chinook Tribe, senior sagamore; L. E. Williams, of Lelu Tribe, junior sagamore; L. Carlenson, of Minnehaha Tribe, prophet; John Matson, of Minnehaha Tribe, first sanap; P. P. Fisher, of Minnehaha Tribe, second sanap; G. A. Willey, of Chief Multnomah Tribe, chief of records; F. Koenig, of Wachena Tribe, Oregon City, keeper of wampum; J. T. Parmelee, of Lelu Tribe, guard of the wigwam; L. H. Moore, of Chinook Tribe, guard of the forest.

RAILROAD MAN IS KILLED

Dead Brakeman Had Just Rented House and Expected Wife.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Passenger Brakeman W. Q. Anderson, running out of this terminal, was accidentally killed in the vicinity of tunnel No. 9, south of Dunsmuir, today on train No. 16. He was leaning from the steps of a coach inspecting wheels, and was hit by cattleguard obstructions.

His wife has been living in Portland and was to have arrived here today, her husband having rented housekeeping quarters only yesterday.

SETTLER IS BLOCKED

Forest Service Blames Speculators in Lands.

TIMBER TRACTS CLOSED

Contention Is Made That Agricultural Development Would Not Follow Opening to Entry Under Homestead Law.

During the last decade the Forest Service has classified as agricultural and opened to public entry more than 15,500 individual scattered tracts of land in the National forests, comprising more than 1,700,000 acres, says an article by the Chief Forester, published in the Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture, just issued. Within the last two years, in addition, several large blocks have been eliminated aggregating more than 2,800,000 acres, while nearly 2,000,000 acres more are now under consideration for elimination.

All the remaining agricultural land in the National forests is confined chiefly in isolated scattered tracts, to restricted areas requiring irrigation, where water cannot be obtained; and to certain river bottoms and benches which are not covered with heavy and valuable timber.

Speculators Prevent Farming.

Constant pressure is being brought to bear on the Government by private individuals who want to acquire possession of these heavily timbered agricultural lands, single quarter sections of which often have a value as high as $20,000 for the timber alone. In spite of the fact that some of these lands have soil suitable for agriculture, the Service contends that to throw them open as homesteads would not result in farm development. This has been proved over and over again, it is declared, where lands of this kind, acquired under the homestead law, are today held not by homesteaders but by lumber companies, who promptly purchased them from the settlers as soon as the title passed from the Government—a speculative process which effectively prevents one of small means from acquiring land and establishing homes.

The Government is withholding from agricultural entry all such heavily timbered land until after the timber is cut off. As soon as this is done the land will be opened to entry and settlers will be able to acquire directly from the Government, without cost, instead of having to pay from $40 to $60 an acre to land speculators.

10,000 Acres to Be Available.

For example, on the Kaniksu National Forest in Idaho and Washington, the Government's timber sales have been made to include much of the remaining timbered agricultural land. Within eight years fully 10,000 acres will be made available for settlement. Permanent homes may be established by the settlers, and there will be available for the use of communities approximately $225,000 for roads and schools, their legal share of the proceeds from the timber sales. Private ownership of heavily timbered agricultural land blocks farming development, says the article; Government ownership insures such development under conditions that give opportunities to the small settler whose only capital is his strength and courageous perseverance.

One of the most serious agricultural problems of the Northwest today is the development of the logged-off lands in private ownership. In Oregon and Washington alone more than three million acres of such logged-off lands are lying idle, although much of this area has fine agricultural soil and a climate that insures abundant crops and the development of thriving communities. Yet in this same region hundreds of settlers are seeking to find places in the National forests, usually remote from transportation, high in the mountains, where the climate is harsh and the soil relatively poor, simply because the good lands at lower levels outside the forests are held by the speculators at prohibitive prices. The Service's solution of the problem of agriculture in such sections is to develop the rich logged-off private lands that lie outside the forests, and not to throw open the nonagricultural lands within the forests.

LOW WOODPILES LIKELY

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION.

Idea Is to Permit Persons on Side to Obtain View of Street Before Venturing to Walk Across.

The elimination of woodpiles from city streets within 15 hours after the wood is delivered at a residence will not be advocated by the public safety commission in its recommendations to the City Commissioners with regard to this accident hazard, but instead the reduction of the height of woodpiles to four feet. Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the commission, said yesterday the report would be made soon.

This solution appears to the commission to be the most practicable.

"If wood is piled only four feet high," said Mr. Coffin yesterday, "pedestrians can see approaching automobiles or streetcars."

The agitation with regard to the woodpile hazard is the sequence of investigation of the accident of last Saturday night that cost J. P. Gates his life. This man darted from behind a woodpile at East Twenty-eighth street and Sandy boulevard, in front of an automobile driven by Mrs. W. T. Turner. Neither could see the other in time to avoid the accident.

GOVERNOR TO GO TO BANKS

Speech to Be Made at High School Rally and Picnic.

BANKS, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe will be the principal speaker at a high school rally and picnic to be held at Banks, August 28. This will be the first public appearance of the Governor in his home county of Washington since he took office, and the people of the northwestern end of the county are preparing to make it a gala occasion.

Eleven school districts will participate in the event, which has for its object the creating of enthusiasm and interest in the proposal to establish a union high school at Banks.

Besides Governor Withycombe, County Superintendent of Schools Barnes and Assistant State Superintendent Welles will appear.

CLOSED TIGHT
Preparing for our Annual Factory Shoe Sale; will open Friday, Aug. 20.
WRIGHT'S
COR. FOURTH AND ALDER STS.

It took the combined efforts of Mrs. Morgan with a large iron pipe, and the hired man with a pitchfork to drive the bull from Mr. Morgan. Dr. Hickman was called and the injured man was taken to the Salem Sanitarium. Mr. Morgan is about 60 years of age.

Bull Injures Gervais Farmer.

GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—D. Morgan, a farmer living three miles south of here, while leading a large bull out to water last evening was suddenly attacked by the animal and pinioned against a tree. His leg was broken below the knee in two places.

Gas Left Burning; Home Set Afire.

Mrs. J. Yorker left a gas plate burning in her kitchen yesterday noon while she made a trip to a grocery. When she returned the firemen were just turning water no her home at 805 Fourth street. The fire was extinguished with about $250 damage. H. Goldstein is the owner of the building.

Gaston $10,000 School Contract Let.

GASTON, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The contract for the new $10,000 schoolhouse at Gaston has been awarded to J. W. Loynes, of Forest Grove. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, though it is not expected the school will be ready until the last of November.

The supposition that father is happy when the children are happy was invented by mother.

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