



MEIER & FRANK TO DOUBLE PLANT

10-Story Structure, Block Square, Is Plan.

STORE TO BE ENLARGED, TOO

New Building Will Care for Wholesale Department.

SITE BOUGHT AT \$130,000

Retail Establishment Will Have Two Additional Floors and Many New Sales Sections.

Purchase of the block bounded by Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Everett and Flanders streets as the site for a ten-story building to permit an expansion of wholesale and retail facilities of the Meier & Frank company, so that it will surpass any department store west of Chicago, was announced by Julius L. Meier yesterday. The price paid was \$130,000.

Wholesale business of the firm will be concentrated in the proposed structure, which will provide 500,000 feet of floor space.

Plans Near Ready. The date of construction of the new building has not been announced, but it is the intention of the firm to hasten building operations as much as possible.

Local architects, whose names have not yet been disclosed, are at work on the plans and expect to have the elevations ready by the end of this week.

The sale of the up-town property was handled by Henry W. Fries of Wakefield, Fries & Co. The four owners of the property, which was divided into quarter blocks, were F. C. Barnes, M. M. Spaulding, estate, Lyons, Buckley & Fields and Charles Brook.

Consumption of the purchase was determined upon after the return of Abraham Meier, president of Meier & Frank company, from an extended trip through the eastern states.

Portland to Benefit. The announcement is one of the most important of its kind made in recent years in Portland, and establishes Portland as one of the greatest commercial centers in the west for the distribution of merchandise.

Development of a vast wholesale establishment behind the retail departments is what made Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago one of the largest stores in the world.

The effect of the announcement upon Oregon and Pacific coast industries is expected to be particularly encouraging, as it will stimulate production on a much larger scale.

The property has truckage facilities direct from Portland terminals, and railroad spurs will be constructed so that cars may enter the building for loading and unloading.

Announcement of the sale was made to heads of departments in the Meier & Frank store in a brief meeting called by Mr. Meier yesterday afternoon. Spontaneous cheers greeted the news.

New Plans Outlined. While Meier & Frank company has been in the wholesale business in this city for a great many years past, it intends now to enter the field on a broader and larger scale and in the same manner that the larger jobbing houses are operating in the east.

Manufacturing centers of the east," said Julius Meier, who is vice-president and general manager of the firm, yesterday.

The firm will continue as it has in the past to encourage production of Oregon-made products, only on a much larger scale," he went on. "It will be found that the new acquisition in the commercial world of the northwest will act as a very large distributing medium.

The site of the building in contemplation has not definitely been decided, but it very probably will be ten stories high and will embrace every modern facility known to the commercial world. With basement and galleries, the building should have a floor space of approximately 500,000 square feet."

Store to Be Enlarged. Mr. Meier said further that the plans included a considerable extension of the present retail facilities by the addition of two stories to the building at Fifth and Morrison, which, with the transfer of some wholesale departments from that structure, will add about 30,000 square feet to the present selling floor space—in all making a total of 34 selling floors.

There are now 70 or more departments under the roof of the Meier & Frank store, to which Mr. Meier expects to add several new selling sections, the nature of which will be announced later.

The wholesale and retail divisions of the Meier & Frank company will be conducted as two separate units and will in no way conflict with the methods and assortments now shown in the retail section. One of the members of the firm will devote his entire time to the supervision of the wholesale end of the business, but just which member, Mr. Meier declined to say yesterday.

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PRINCE HELPS GIRL TO MAKE EASY DIME

ALL HEIR HAS TO DO IS TO TELL HER WHO HE IS.

Young Woman at Halifax Beach Wins 10 Cents on Royalty When He Is Sure of His Identity.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 18.—During an informal visit ashore yesterday, the Prince of Wales had the pleasure of helping a young woman win a 10-cent wager.

Strutting along the beach at Northwest arm, attired in civilian dress and attended by members of his staff, he watched three young women bathe. One emerged from the shallows and advanced toward him, saying: "Are you the Prince of Wales?"

He replied with a smile that he was, but this did not quite convince his fair interrogator, who followed with: "Are you sure you are?"

When he had solemnly reassured her with a second affirmative she confided to him that she had wagered 10 cents that he was the prince.

After a few moments of pleasant chatting, he made her good-bay and politely expressed the hope that they might meet again, to which came the quick response: "Sure, we'll see you tomorrow."

GRAIN, MULES, COMBINE, GO

Runaway Team of Nine Animals, Over 350 Acres, Thresher Burned.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—A power combine used by Hollis Conover was set on fire Saturday afternoon following a runaway, and the combine, nine mules, 350 acres and 50 acres of grain just threshed on the C. E. Shaffer ranch, were burned. The fire was near Watsburg.

The loss was partly covered by insurance. The grain was going about 15 bushels to the acre.

HOSPITAL WARD IS GIFT

American Red Cross Contributes to Free Poland.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A 100-bed memorial ward has just been presented to the Warsaw university clinic at Chid Jesus hospital in the Polish capital, as a permanent contribution by the American people to the educational and health welfare of free Poland.

This announcement was made today at headquarters of the Red Cross.

AERIAL DERBY IS PLANNED

Planes Will Race From Coast to Coast for \$100,000.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Plans for a transcontinental aerial derby from New York to San Francisco with more than \$100,000 in prizes, including a first prize of \$20,000, were announced today by Captain Charles J. Glidden, chairman of the aerial touring league committee of the Aero Club of America.

No date has been set for the contest.

OREGON TO SAIL MONDAY

Famed Battleship Ready for Service as President's Boat.

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—The battleship Oregon is expected to leave for San Francisco next Monday, according to officers of the 13th naval district here today.

The Oregon has been chosen as the official reviewing vessel for President Wilson when the new Pacific fleet arrives at the Golden Gate.

RADIO SPANS 12,500 MILES

New Station at Bordeaux to Be One of World's Most Powerful.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(Havas.)—The new wireless station to be erected at Croix d'Hins, near Bordeaux, will have a sending radius of 12,500 miles, according to the Excelsior.

It will be one of the most powerful wireless stations in the world, the paper adds, and will have a capacity of 72,000 words daily.

ITALIANS HONOR PERSHING

Highest Military Decoration Given American Commander.

ROME, Aug. 18.—King Victor Emmanuel conferred on General Pershing the grand cross of the military order of Savoy, the highest Italian military honor.

The only other men to receive this decoration have been Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Haig, General Diaz and General Cadorna.

EUROPE HAS HEAVY CROPS

Grain Rots in Austria for Lack of Fuel for Harvesting.

VIENNA, Saturday, Aug. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Banner crops are reported throughout Jugoslavia, the Ukraine, Austria, Bohemia and soviet Russia.

Much grain, however, is rotting in Austria and elsewhere because of lack of coal for harvesting machinery.

HAIRPIN FIRES DYNAMITE

One Hand of Inquisitive 6-Year-Old Lad Is Blown Off.

BRITAIN ON BRINK OF FINANCIAL RUIN

Warning of Disaster Is Sounded by Premier.

TRADE SITUATION ALARMING

Adverse Balance \$4,000,000,000; Debt \$39,000,000,000.

COSTS UP; EARNINGS DOWN

People Consuming More, Producing Less, Says Lloyd George—Cannot Compete With America.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Premier Lloyd George in his speech in the house of commons today on the financial and industrial situation was pessimistic concerning the financial future of the country unless consumption was decreased and production increased. Under present conditions, he said, it was impossible to compete with American imports in England.

In discussing the financial and industrial situation, the premier said that there was an alarming trade balance against the United Kingdom of \$4,000,000,000, which threatened to increase. He announced that import restrictions would be removed September 1.

The British government has accepted the policy of the state purchase of mineral rights in coal. This announcement was made by Premier Lloyd George in the house of commons today. He said the government had accepted in principle Justice Sankey's plan for the unification and reorganization of the coal industry.

\$4,000,000,000 Advanced to World. "We have advanced some 4,000,000,000 to the world from which we are getting something like \$200,000,000 yearly in interest. We have sold \$1,000,000,000 of foreign securities to pay for war material for ourselves and our allies. We have borrowed \$1,500,000,000 from America and Canada for the same purpose. Our allies, including Russia, owe us \$1,800,000,000.

"At the present moment our adverse trade balance is \$200,000,000. "We must bridge that chasm or at the bottom of it is ruin. We are building a temporary bridge by borrowing, not only state borrowing, but traders borrowing for raw material, food and so forth. That will only add to the catastrophe.

"In every direction we are spending more. We are earning less. We are (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

NEW YORK CAR STRIKE ENDS IN COMPROMISE

SERVICE TO RESUME AFTER TWO-DAY TIE-UP.

Stores and Offices Open Late Owing to Paralysis of Lines; Men Get 25 Per Cent Rise.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The strike which has for two days paralyzed the subway and elevated system of the Interborough Rapid Transit company in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, was formally called off tonight by a vote of the strikers to accept a compromise offered them at a conference of city and state officials this afternoon.

Under the terms of the settlement, the men will receive a wage increase of 25 per cent, and it is provided that the question of whether they shall receive the additional 25 per cent awarded by them shall be submitted to arbitration. Resumption of service was ordered to take effect at midnight tonight.

The 25 per cent wage increase was made retroactive to August 1 and, according to Interborough officials, means an annual increase in the payroll of \$5,000,000.

The agreement also provided for reinstatement of all strikers with their old seniority ratings and for arbitration of all other differences which cannot be adjusted by negotiation.

Settlement of the strike came at the end of a chaotic day in which the Interborough's 2,500,000 daily patrons plodded to work in a driving rain through crowded streets, road jammed surface cars, steam trains and steamboats or auto buses.

SYRIANS ALSO DISPLEASED

Son of Hedjas King Leaves for Paris to Represent Arabs.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—Prince Feisal, son of Hussein Ben Ali, king of the Hedjas, will embark at Beirut today to come to Paris and resume his place at the head of the Arab delegation. He is dissatisfied with the settlement of Syrian and Persian questions, according to the French press.

The aspirations of France in Syria are being discussed by French newspapers in connection with the Persia-Anglo understanding which is looked upon as providing for a British protectorate in Persia.

WIFE SUES VANDERBILT

New York Society Matron Asks for Custody of Daughter.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Cathleen (Neilson) Vanderbilt began divorce proceedings against her husband, Reginald C. Vanderbilt of New York today, by having service made on him at his farm at Portsmouth. Mrs. Vanderbilt alleges desertion and will ask for the custody of their only child, a daughter, Cathleen.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt were married 16 years ago. He is the youngest son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt.

WILSON FACES QUIZ ON WORK AT PARIS

Public to Get Every Word of Conference.

SHANTUNG DEAL TO MEAN WAR

Chinese Adviser Says America Must One Day Fight.

JAPAN TO HEED ONLY FORCE

China Said to Have Been Betrayed at Peace Table; Nippon Expected to Challenge U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—At a conference in some respects unparalleled in American history, President Wilson will talk over the peace negotiations and the treaty with the senate foreign relations committee tomorrow at the White House.

By virtue of extraordinary plans to inform the public of every word that is spoken, the meeting will have the aspect of an open forum discussion at which the whole nation can look on.

As head of the American peace delegation and one of the inner circle which formulated the world settlement at Versailles, the president is to be asked the meaning and purpose of provisions of the league of nations covenant, the reasons behind the decision to give Japan control in Shantung province, just what part the United States is to take in reconstruction and many other questions raised in senate consideration of the treaty.

Chance to Be Given to Tell All. Whether Mr. Wilson will answer fully in so public a manner all the questions put to him, or will consider that some of the information he received at the peace table should be held in confidence as a matter of national policy, remains conjectural. But the committee members mean to give him the opportunity, if he chooses, to tell the whole of the inside story behind the treaty.

Today the committee heard its full direct account of the Shantung negotiations from Thomas F. Millard, an American writer, who acted as adviser to the Chinese peace delegation. He said the settlement was reached after the Japanese virtually had threatened to bolt the conference, but he added that President Wilson seemed to be alone in considering the threat more than a "pure bluff."

All the American experts on far eastern affairs at Versailles, Mr. Millard declared, agreed that the settlement was a "pure bluff."

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SCORE OF MEN HELD ENTOMBED IN MINE

EXPLOSION NEAR LAVETA, COLO., CATCHES FORTY.

Half Make Way Out; Rescuers Fail to Reach Others, While Women Weep.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Aug. 18.—Eighteen men are believed dead, buried under the debris from the explosion this morning in the Oakview mine of the Oskdale Coal company near Laveta, Colo. Four bodies were recovered at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Fumes from the gas explosion tonight smothered the mine, and several rescuers were overcome and were revived with difficulty. Owing to the wretched condition of the mine and to the gas fumes, it was considered doubtful whether the full death list could be learned tonight.

Approximately 40 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. Ten escape through the main slope after the explosion and 10 others made their way to the surface through an adjoining mine. William Davis, a miner, one of those overcome, recovered sufficiently to make his way to the surface. None of the others has been heard from.

The explosion occurred about a mile and a half in the workings of the mine. Tonight tearful throngs of women and children relatives of the missing men eagerly waited at the mine for word from the rescue crews. Mine officials said the rescue attempts would be continued all night. Officials say there is slight chance that any of the men still are alive.

WOODEN LEG SCARES THIEF

Night Prowler in Medford Lodging House Drops Loot to Flee.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—A wooden leg left in a pair of trousers saved several occupants in a local lodging house from being robbed early today. The thief had obtained \$27 in cash and several gold watches, but when he came to the pair of trousers with the wooden leg protruding he dropped the loot and made his getaway.

The rifled clothing and wooden leg were found later in an alley in the rear of the lodging house. Nearby were other articles of apparel, which had not been touched. The lodgers on opening had left the doors of their rooms open to benefit by the fresh night air, and the thief had made a circuit of the rooms and carried off all the clothing he could find.

NEBRASKA DRIES TO FIGHT

Court's Blow at Ratification of Amendment Will Be Appealed.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—An appeal to the state supreme court will be taken from the decision of the district court today, holding that the action of the Nebraska legislature in ratifying the federal prohibition amendment is final until it has been approved by the voters of the state at the next general election. This was announced late today at the office of the secretary of state.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The prohibition enforcement bill was presented to the senate today by Senator Sterling of South Dakota, chairman of the judiciary sub-committee, which considered the house measure. There was no indication when the measure would be called up.

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Secretary Baker Refuses to Discuss Situation.

ANOTHER AMERICAN HELD

Porto Rican Doctor Kidnaped in July; Fate Unknown; Robbery by Bandits Reported.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Officials here tonight, after a day during which the Mexican situation was to the fore, awaited news of the release by Mexican bandits of Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, American army aviators.

Prompt measures to obtain the release of the aviators who were captured by the bandits near Candelaria, Mexico, and for whom \$15,000 ransom has been demanded, was expected by state department officials following the forwarding of instructions to the American embassy at Mexico City to call upon the Mexican government for "immediate adequate action."

There were several conferences at the war department at which the situation resulting from the indignities upon American military officers were understood to have been discussed.

Statement Not Yet "Safe." Returning to the department late in the day, Secretary Baker refused to divulge the contents of late department dispatches. He also refused to discuss the situation beyond saying: "As soon as it is safe to do so, I will issue a statement."

The secretary's remark, made as he passed out the door of his office on his way to play tennis, was regarded in some quarters as significant, especially his emphasis on a statement being forthcoming only after it was "safe" to make one.

The attitude displayed by the Mexican government toward the request for immediate action, it was asserted by some officials, would have much to do in determining future relations between Carranza and this government, even though the two aviators should be released through payment today of the demanded ransom.

Vigorous representations were made to the Mexican government today by the state department, concerning the capture and detention of two American army aviators by bandits who demand \$15,000 ransom.

This announcement was made by Secretary Lansing. It also was announced that complete statement, including details of the capture of the two officers and particulars regarding the representations made by the American government, would be given to the public later.

State Department Announcement. The department announcement said: "The department of state has telegraphed instructions to the American embassy at Mexico City to immediately call upon the Mexican government for quick action to effect the release of Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson of the United States army service, captured by Mexican bandits near Candelaria, Mexico, while patrolling the border and threatened with death on failure to pay \$15,000 ransom.

"The instructions pointed out the seriousness with which the United States government views this situation and called for immediate adequate action. The department also directed the American consul at Juarez, Mexico, to take all possible steps with the Mexican authorities to secure release and protection of the officers."

Another case of the kidnaping of Dr. A. Goenaga, American citizen, by Mexican bandits under Valentine Reyes, who demanded ransom was announced today by the state department. He was a Porto Rican doctor, who was taken prisoner July 22. The ransom was to have been paid August 15, but the department has not been advised whether he has been released.

Letter Tells of Kidnaping. The doctor succeeded in getting a letter through to an American friend in Mexico, near where the kidnaping occurred, and the American embassy immediately reported the case to the Mexican government. The department's statement said the Mexican government replied that troops would be dispatched immediately to the scene and that if necessary the government would pay the ransom.

Mexican bandits operating in the vicinity of Jimenez recently attacked a truck train of the Alvarado Mining & Milling company enroute to Parral. Dispatches to the state department today telling of the attack said that Leslie Webb, an American employe of the company, was injured slightly.

Another dispatch reaching the department said that bandits raided the office of the Pennsylvania-Mexico Fuel company, an American corporation, last Thursday and robbed it of 25,000 pesos.

EL PASO, TEXAS, AUG. 18.—Assurances were anxiously awaited along the border tonight of the safety of Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

