FRENCH CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE GROWING

Crops Unusually Good and Rehabilitation Rapid.

COAL SUPPLY PLENTIFUL

Conflict With Turk Nationalists and What Is to Be Done as to Reparations Troublesome.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—While the French people have their worries, yet they will begin the new year immensely more confident than they began 1920 because of the extraordinarily good crops, progress in restoring the ruined departments of the north, a plentiful supply of coal and the prospect a year hence of having the period of military service reduced from three years to 18 months.

Two foreign questions are likely to give constant concern to the government throughout the coming year. They are the payment of reparations by Germany, and the war with Turkish nationalists over the Syrian and Cilician mandates. Then, also, there are the large general questions of the future of the Versailles peace treaty, the league of nations and the many issues growing out of the peace conference, in all of which France has a very deep concern in what the coming year may bring forth.

Reparations Pact Expected.

The German attitude at the Brussels conference which will be resumed January 10, gives rise to the expectation that an agreement on reparations is possible early, in the spring, fixing the total sum and the manner of payment.

There will be a period of anxiety after the decision until it can be seen whether Germany will pay the installments agreed upon. It probably will take a year or more to determine this; consequently the French army will be maintained near its present strength of $40,000, of whom 700,000 are whites and the others colonials.

France's Turkish mandates will be discussed by the French, British and Italian prime ministers as a part of the whole near-east question at a meeting early in January. France now has about 70,000 troops in Turkey.

Optimism Declared Greater.

The advance France has made in reconstruction, her wheat crop, which reduces buying abroad by 2,000,000,000 francs, and the continued confidence of French investors, as shown by the unprecedented success of the last loan, are considered as justifying a greater optimism concerning the financial and economic situation than is held at present.

The struggle over the high cost of living receives a large share of public attention. Resistance of merchants and manufacturers to consumers' demands for lower prices has resulted in something like a deadlock. The buyers abstain from making purchases because they feel that war prices should no longer be asked.

The merchants, habituated to large profits, refuse to reduce them. Consequently prices remain high and buyers are scarce. Meantime the banks are impatient under repeated demands from large holders of merchandise for renewals of their securities.

Unemployment on Increase.

The new year opens with unemployment increasing daily. It has been causing much concern since October and now has reached a volume which officials agree calls for immediate effective measures. Three hundred thousands workers now are idle in France, nearly 100,000 of whom are in Paris, according to figures announced by the minister of public works.

The metal industries, the leather trade, manufacture of textiles and clothing and automobiles were the first to suffer in northern France, the Loire valley and Paris and vicinity. Recently the silk industry became affected and there are 8000 workers idle at Lyons alone, while the perfumery distilleries around Paris are working three days a week.

Some of the large department stores in Paris have asked for extended credits. The industry suffering most is the leather trade, nearly half the hands ordinarily employed being out of work. Eight thousand shoemakers at Limoges alone are idle.

The question of unemployment is being considered by the cabinet and will be debated in the chamber of deputies.

SECRETARY OFFER DENIED

Dr. Roberg Says State Board of Health Has Taken No Action.

Denial that the Oregon state board of health had offered the job of secretary to anyone was made last night by Dr. F. M. Brooks, one of the members of the board. Dr. Brooks further declared that, despite reports to the contrary, no effort would be made to select a secretary until the new members of the board had been appointed by Governor Olcott.

"It is true that we have sounded out a number of doctors whom we thought eligible for the position," said Dr. Brooks, "but we have not offered the place to anyone, and, for my part, I positively will oppose any attempt to do so without a full board. And I feel sure that my colleagues agree with me fully."

ELKS ANNOUNCE SMOKER

Final Amusement Affair of Year to Take Place Tonight.

The final affair of the year given by the entertainment committee of Portland Elks' lodge for its members will be held tonight, following the regular lodge meeting, according to announcement by Joseph F. Riesch, chairman of the entertainment committee. The event will be a smoker and in addition to some lively boxing matches the committee has arranged for several snappy vaudeville acts and refreshments.

The committee in charge of the affair includes Joseph F. Riesch, Charles Alphonse, John Alphonse, Joseph Brennfleck, William Hahn, Broderick O'Farrell and Al Price.

DAWES ALMOST CERTAIN

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made a remarkable record. One of the stories told of him is that on one occasion when he felt the public welfare required him to say something to Lloyd George he insisted on the interview with such energy that he was described as having "kicked Lloyd George's door in."

Logic has always pointed unmistakably to Dawes and appearances now bear out the logic. Of course, if what is here said is correct it will cause Harding a good deal of pain not to give ex-Senator Weeks an appointment, which he is believed to want and for which he has extraordinary fitness.

Weeks, when he was in the senate, showed that he knew the theory and practice of banking better than any other man in public life. He was almost as responsible as Wilson was for the passage of the federal reserve act, and he was even more responsible for the enormous amount of care and hard work that went into the perfecting of it.

Chance Is Still Seen.

In a way, it is Weeks' misfortune in this connection that he is equally well fitted for one or two other cabinet posts.

It can be predicted with great confidence that Weeks will be in the cabinet. It seems likely that Harding will eventually select his secretary of state and his secretary of treasury in advance of the other offices. Probably they will be chosen before he leaves for his Florida trip two or three weeks from now.

It has been urged upon Harding that the next secretary of state should have a considerable time in which to familiarize himself with our present complex foreign situation before he takes up his duties. The same necessity lies in the new secretary of the treasury to familiarize himself with our revenue problems.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

The senate was not in session yesterday.

The Calder committee investigating excessive prices and profiteering in coal examined former District Attorneys Sims of Indianapolis regarding his differences with Attorney-General Palmer because of the fuel situation.

The house celebrated "Uncle Joe" Cannon's feat in establishing a new long-service record.

The house census committee heard negroes who complained about suppression of negro voters in the south.

The house appropriations committee reported bills carrying appropriations for the post-office department and general branches of the government.

RELIEF FUND INCREASES

STATE DRIVE FOR EUROPEAN SUPPORTERS PROGRESSING.

Pilot Rock and Dillard Go Over Top With Bound, While Women of Portland Get Results.

From all sections of the state come reports that solicitors for funds for European relief are meeting with more than gratifying success, according to F. I. Gollehur, state manager of the European Relief council. In many parts of Oregon, both city and county quotas have passed the figures assigned.

One report is typical of many which came to headquarters yesterday. This was from E. B. Casteel, Pilot Rock, Or. He and C. W. Paulus, W. M. Royer and Charles Miller, took subscriptions amounting to $602 in a two-hour canvass of a town of 200 population. This is an average per capita donation of $3. Another report, from R. A. Hercher of Dillard, Or., says: "We are over the top with more than 60 per cent to spare."

The firemen of Portland have decided to help the woman's committee in their efforts to raise a substantial fund and have started neighborhood campaigns. The Elks will assist New Year's eve. The Portland Wool Warehouse company has donated 15 pairs of high grade blankets to be sold for the fund.

A woman who refused to have her name used gave $2500, and promised that if the women raise $10,000 this week she will double her subscription.

JAMES LYNCH GETS LIFT

Bond Sales Manager Vice-President of Lumbermen's Trust.

James H. Lynch, for the last several years sales manager of the bond department of the Lumbermen's Trust company, has just been elected a vice-president of the bank, according to an announcement made by President John A. Keating.

Mr. Lynch will receive supervision of the Washington and California bond branches of the bank, and will devote his entire time to the department. The buying department will remain under the direction of Vice-President Carl S. Kelty.

Mr. Lynch has resided in Portland for 16 years, coming here to accept an executive position with one of the railroads. He resigned as assistant superintendent of the Northern Pacific Terminal company several years ago to enter the bond business.

When the third and fourth liberty bond selling campaigns were on he won high commendation for his work as assistant state manager of the drives. Upon the completion of the fourth liberty drive he resigned and entered the army.

U. S. TO TAKE CITY LEPER

Louie Poy, Chinese, Soon to Be Housed in Louisiana.

Portland will be relieved of the care of Louie Poy, the Chinese leper, within the near future, according to word received yesterday by City Health Officer Parrish from H. C. Cummings, surgeon-general. According to information furnished by the surgeon-general to United States Senator Chamberlain and transmitted by his secretary to Dr. Parrish, the government has purchased the state leprosarium at Carville, La.

The deal will be closed soon, it was stated, and the government expects to be able to relieve Portland, as well as other cities and states of what Surgeon-General Cummings admits is an "unjust burden."

Portland has been endeavoring to induce the government to care for Louis Poy for months.

JUDGES OF DEBATE NAMED

Referees for Princeton-Oregon Contest Are Selected.

H. H. Herdman, Norman F. Coleman and J. B. Kerr were selected yesterday as judges for the University of Oregon-Princeton debate to be held in the auditorium of the Lincoln high school Saturday night. The names were chosen from a list submitted by Princeton.

The question for debate will be: "Resolved, That congress should pass a law prohibiting strikes in essential industries, constitutionally conceded." Oregon will be represented by Carl Meyers, Remey Cox and John J. Canoles.

This is the first time for many years that Oregon has met an eastern team in debate.

CONTROLLER HELD IN BOND DEAL PROBE

New York Controller-Elect Also Is Indicted.

STATE HELD DEFRAUDED

Grand Jury Charges Bonds Purchased Above Market Value and $1,000,000 Made on Deal..

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Indictments were returned today against Eugene M. Travis, state comptroller, James A. Wendell, comptroller-elect, and Albert L. Judson, wealthy dealer in securities, charging them with grand larceny and fraudulently auditing the comptroller's books. It was charged that securities were bought for the state above their market value and that Judson's profits approximated $1,000,000.

In returning the indictments, the grand jury declared it deemed it "to be our duty, through the court, to call the attention of the state legislature and the governor to the "extreme laxity of the methods" by which some $31,000,000 of the state's money was invested.

Safeguards Held Lacking.

"These methods, in our opinion," the jury said, "do not properly safeguard the interests of the people. We recommend that the legislature devote serious effort to the correcion, by suitable legislation, of the abuses which under lax methods have characterized the investment of these public funds."

During the Travis administration vrtually all of $31,000,000 worth of municipal bonds have been purchased from a small group of New York bond brokers, at times for prices in excess of other brokers' quotations, Assistant District-Attorney Pecora charged during the inquiry into the controller's office.

Among the bond dealers mentioned were William S. Fanshawe, George Gibbons, Colonel Fairservice and Judson.

Above Par Paid for Bonds.

One of the transactions brought out in the investigation was that known as "the moral obligation purchase" in which $2,013,000 worth of New York city bonds were bought from Fanshawe & Co. at 7 points above the market price, with an alleged resultant loss to the state of $150,000.

Another transaction stressed by Pecora was the purchase of $3,250,000 worth of bonds through the Metropolitan Trust company, which were said to have been bought by Judson with state funds and then transferred to the state at an advance in price.

In connection with the latter deal, a letter "authorizing" Judson and the Metropolitan to enter into the transaction was read into the record. The letter bore the alleged signature of Wendell and was written on official stationery. Both Travis and Wendell denied the authorship and characterized it as "a mistake."

Motorist Repents After He Copies Law Thrice.

Driver Is Arrested for Parking While Attending School.

R. SINNER repented for his past in muincipal court yesterday, but it was not a heavy fine or jail sentence that brought him to a full realization of his misdeeds. Rather he was a victim of Judge Rossman's newly-devised system of making errant motorists familiar with traffic laws by starting them out with paper and pencil and a copy of Portland traffic regulations.

Three times Sinner laboriously copied the regulations in regard to headlights, but not until the last time did he appear familiar with the rules after closing the book and handing in his scroll. The third time he answered the judge's questions readily.

"I'll venture he is cured," remarked the judge after Sinner had gone his way.

Misfortune compounded seemed to stalk in the wake of Harley Blade, arrested Tuesday afternoon on a charge of reckless operation of an automobile. When Blade faced Judge Rossman his testimony brought out that he had no driver's license. He was fined $15 on the first charge and $5 on the second. Blade told the judge that he had been operating an automobile only two weeks.

"Are you familiar with the traffic laws?" asked the judge.

"Never saw 'em," said Blade, and straightway he was enrolled in the school.

Blade was an apt pupil. The judge failed to puzzle him on a single question after he had once covered the text.

"You did fine," said the judge. "It's too bad you didn't have a copy before you started driving." And Blade, minus $20 for his lesson, blushed red with the praise and left the courtroom.

A few minutes later there was a timid knock at the judge's door.

"I'm pinched again," said Blade, redder than before. For while he had labored over the traffic rules in the courtroom a watchful "cop" slipped an overtime parking card into his car.

"We'll cancel this one," remarked Judge Rossman, and Blade hurried back to his car.

PLANT TO BE ENLARGED

King's Food Products Company Is to Seek Foreign Trade.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The King's Food Products company, coincident with filing articles of incorporation here yesterday increasing its capital stock from $3,000,000 to $10,000,000, announced plans for enlarging the facilities of its dehydrating plant and making other equally as important improvements.

Enlargement of the plant will mean that the annual output will be trebled, while the facilities will be sufficient to meet the demands of the concern for several years in the future. The improvements, for which plans already have been prepared, include the construction of a new unit to the main plant, cold storage facilities and a warehouse for the storage of non-perishable products.

Immediately upon the enlargement of the plant an extensive advertising campaign will be started with a view to introducing the concern's products into many foreign countries.

38 BANKS IN CITY AREA

State Superintendent's Headquarters May Be Moved Here.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Reports reaching the state capitol during the last few days indicate that an effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to move the headquarters of the state superintendent of banks to Portland. Figures and other data obtained by legislators interested in the proposal show that 38 banks under the jurisdiction of the state banking superintendent are located in what is known as the Portland territory and that the resources of these institutions exceed half the total resources of all banks in Oregon.

It is argued that by moving the banking department to Portland it would be more accessible to eastern Oregon and Columbia river points than at the present time. It was said here today that the bill providing for the removal of the state superintendent of banks to Portland was being drafted and would be ready to submit for the consideration of the legislature early in the 1921 session.

CLASSICAL UNIT ELECTS

PROFESSOR AXTELL OF IDAHO IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

Northern Section of Pacific States Association Holds Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Professor Harold L. Axtell of the faculty of the University of Idaho, was elected president of the northern section of the classical association of the Pacific states at the tenth annual meeting of the organization yesterday at Lincoln high school.

Other officers chosen were: Professor George W. Payne, McMinnville college, vice-president; Miss Julianne A. Roller, Franklin high school, Portland, secretary-treasurer; W. L. Verry, Portland; Miss Ethel K. Hummel, Salem; Professor Sereno B. Clark, University of Washington, and Miss Mary S. Evans, Spokane, members of the executive committee.

The programme included: "Two Experiments in the Direct Teaching of Latin," Professor C. T. Whittlesey, Philomath college; "Latin as a Fundamental Necessity for Good English," J. C. Ryan, Tualatin, Or.; "The Traveling Man Eneas," I. C. Libby, Spokane; "The Value of Greek and Latin to the Student of Science," J. C. Nelson, principal, Salem; "Memory Verses in Elementary Latin," Professor T. K. Sidey, University of Washington; "The Conspiracy of Orgetorix," a short Latin play by the students of Franklin high school, Portland; "Prayers in the Eneid," Miss Alice Hughes, Portland; "Our Bartered Birthright," Professor Michael Oswald, Columbia university; "Naples' Four Patron Saints," Professor F. S. Dunn, University of Oregon.

The retiring president, Professor W. E. Kirk of Willamette university, was toastmaster at the luncheon at the Seward hotel at noon.

BIG PROJECT PROPOSED

Two Applications for Power Permits in Oregon Are Filed.

Two applications for permits to develop water power in the state aggregating 385,000 horse power have been filed with the federal power commission at Washington, D. C., according to advices received by Harry E. Laughlin, chief of the Portland field division of the general land office.

The commission reported that on December 18, of this year 129 applications for permits under the federal water power act were on file. More than twelve million horse power will be developed if the plans of the promotors in each case are carried into operation.

The projects now under application range all the way from a small ten-horse power plant for a colony of summer cottages in the Wyoming mountains to the tremendous project under consideration on the Colorado river in Utah and Arizona which involves the storage of the waters of the upper Colorado and its tributaries in a huge reservoir and the ultimate development of more than three million horse power by using these waters through a total drop of 2650 feet.

CITY ASKED TO BUILD

Poultry Men Want Concrete Market to Eliminate Smells on Street.

Construction by the city of a modern concrete poultry and dressed beef market on Front street, as the first unit of the proposed waterfront development plan, advanced some months ago by City Engineer Laurgaard, will be urged by poultry dealers of Front street at a conference to be held next Monday afternoon, with City Commissioner Mann and city health bureau officials.

The plan is offered as a solution for the present trouble between the dealers and the health bureau because of the unhealthy stench which results from the slaughtering of poultry on Front street. The cost of the project, it is said, would be recovered by the city through the collection of rents from the dealers who would utilize the plant.

AD CLUB MUTE ON TENURE

Resolution Indorsing Changes in Law Tabled.

The Portland Ad club declined for the second time yesterday to take action on a resolution indorsing the proposed changes in the teachers' tenure law, the resolution being tabled after a warm debate at the luncheon at the Benson hotel yesterday. This followed the tabling of the resolution at the luncheon of the club a week previous.

The action yesterday came after the proposed changes had been debated by two members of the board, Frank L. Shull upholding the new tenure law to be submitted at the coming session of the legislature and William F. Woodward holding out for the present law.

The resolution which was laid on the table was the same which was adopted by the presidents' council.

Mr. Churchill Goes to Conference.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, left here last night for San Francisco where he will attend a meeting of all state superintendents west of the Rocky mountains, with relation to a continuance of the thrift campaign introduced in the schools two years ago. Mr. Churchill, who has been active in the campaign for thrift, will deliver an address at the conference.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Development of a "chemical dye" through which rays of ordinarily invisible light could be seen and which the discoverer said would prove of great help in warfare was explained tonight by Professor Robert W. Wood of Johns Hopkins university in an address before the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Wood demonstrated a machine of his own invention which produced ultra violet rays invisible to the naked eye. His audience then viewed the rays through a wide-angle telescope device which caused them to become visible and to take on a phosphorescent appearance.

These rays and the detecting device were the result of the war, Professor Wood said, the government asking a group of scientists to produce a light which would be visible to those who knew of it but would be invisible to the enemy. The discovery was made shortly after the armistice, the speaker said, explaining that it would be used primarily in signaling but probably could be developed into many other uses.

Planes Could Use Device.

Either airplane, battleships or land forces could use it for signaling, he said. Also it could be used on aviation fields for night landing of airplanes. It would point out the landing field, but would be visible only to the planes equipped with the detector.

Its uses are virtually unlimited in war, for, by protecting the detector, the enemy could not possibly see the signals and consequently could not in any way decode them.

Results of the first successful experiments on an astronomical device at the Mount Wilson, Cal., observatory revealing that certain remote stars in the firmament are many thousand times larger in size than astronomers had ever surmissed, was discussed today by Professor A. A. Michelson, noted scientist of the University of Chicago, who perfected the device.

Under the direction of Professor Michelson, astronomical experts have just computed the diameter of Alpha Orionus, one of the stars in the constellation of Orion.

The orb is found to be 300,000,000 miles in diameter, approximately 300 times the sun's diameter. Its volume is 27,000,000 times as great as the sun. The sun being almost a million times as large as the earth, this planet seems most insignificant in comparison with alpha Orionus.

Nobel Prize Is Held.

Professor Michelson received the Noble prize in physics 13 years ago. His device used in calculating the diameter of Alpha Orionus is briefly described as follows:

The mirror of an eight-foot reflecting telescope is obscured by an opaque cap with two slits adjustable in width and distance apart. When the instrument is focused on a star, instead of an image of a star there appears a series of interference bands arranged at equal distances apart and parallel to the two slits. When the slits are properly adjusted a distance is finally attained between them at which the fringes disappear.

The angle of the subtended star is obtained by a simple formula and when the angle and the distance of the star from the earth are known the diameter of the star can be easily determined.

The device was perfected last summer and taken to California by Professor Michelson and its secret was carefully guarded until today. On Tuesday the success of the device was telegraphed to the professor. The device is accurate to within .0001 of a second of longitude, or apuroximately the angle subtended by the head of a pin, at a distance of 1000 miles.

Ice Age Again Possible.

A succession of such eruptions as that of the oMunt Katmai volcanic eruption in Alaska in June, 1912, would plunge the earth into another ice age by reducing the sun's temperature to a low degree on earth, Dr. Robert F. Griggs declared last night. Dr. Griggs headed the National Geographic society's expedition to Mount Katmai.

Bolton Hall, a New York lawyer, told the economics section today that regulation and control of business would never end high prices "until monopolistic control of land or of public rights" was taken from its hands.

"There is no such thing as a perfect climate," Professor Robert Ward of Harvard university told the meteprological section. "A climate which encourages people to spend the maximum amount of time outdoors, other things being equal, is the best," he said.

Telephone Rate Hearing Set.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—January 8 has been set by the Oregon public service commission as the date for hearing the application of the Aurora Mutual Telephone company for an increase in rates. The hearing will be held at Aurora. The proposed increase averages about 10 per cent above the present charges and applies to all classes of service.

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