

## NOTES MUST END, IRISH ARE TOLD

### Premier Replies to Rejection of Offer.

## MEETING AGAIN ADVISED

### Prolonged Negotiations Declared Dangerous to Future Peace.

## PROPOSAL IS HELD LIBERAL

### Lloyd-George Says Rights Under Plan Exceed Those of American States.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—David Lloyd George, British prime minister, today sent a prompt rejoinder to the letter of Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," which rejected the British government's terms for peace in Ireland.

The premier's note constituted a firm reiteration of the government's previous standpoint, that Ireland could not be permitted to withdraw from the empire. He said he thought he had made it clear in conversations and previous communications that the government "can discuss no settlement which involves a refusal on the part of Ireland to accept a free, equal and loyal partnership in the British commonwealth under one sovereign."

### Negotiations Way Clear.

Mr. Lloyd George in concluding his note still held open the door for further negotiations with Mr. De Valera and his colleagues if they are prepared to examine how far the government's consideration "can be reconciled with the aspirations you represent."

He declared, however, that the government "could not prolong a mere exchange of notes."

In his communication Mr. Lloyd George preserved the same friendly tone that characterized his previous letters to Mr. De Valera.

### Irish Patriots Quoted.

Today he buttressed the government's standpoint by quotations from Irish patriots and Abraham Lincoln. He warned Mr. De Valera that a needless prolongation of the negotiations would serve to play into the hands of extremists, who, he declared, were anxious only to wreck the negotiations and terminate the truce.

A hopeful aspect of the situation as it is viewed in London political circles is that neither Mr. De Valera nor Mr. Lloyd George has yet closed the door on the negotiations.

Mr. Lloyd George argued that the states of the American union enjoy no such range of rights as is offered Ireland in the government's proposals, which, he said, "we can consider to fulfill your wish that the principle of government by the consent of the governed should be the guiding principle."

### Text of Note Made Public.

The text of the reply of Premier Lloyd George to Eamonn de Valera was as follows:

"Sir—The British government is profoundly disappointed by your letter of August 24. You write of the conditions of the meeting between us as though no meeting had ever taken place.

"I must remind you, therefore, that when I asked you to meet me six weeks ago I made no preliminary conditions of any sort. You came to London on that invitation and exchanged views with me at three meetings of considerable length. The proposals I made to you after those meetings were based upon full and sympathetic consideration of the views which you expressed.

### Haggling Spirit Denied.

"They were not made in any haggling spirit. On the contrary, my colleagues and I went to the very limit of our powers in endeavoring to reconcile British and Irish interests. Our proposals have gone far beyond all precedent and have been approved as liberal by the whole of the civilized world. Even in quarters

## NO TRACE IS FOUND OF HELPLESS VESSEL

### STEAMER MANUKAI CAN'T LOCATE CANADIAN IMPORTER.

### Search Is Given Up After Cruise Close to Reported Position of Disabled Freighter.

NORTH HEAD, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—A wireless message, received here late today from the steamer Manukai, was to the effect that after reconnoitering close to the reported position of the crippled steamer Canadiana importer, no trace of the vessel had been found. The Manukai wireless that it had given up the search and was proceeding on its way to Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The following message from the steamer Manukai was poked up at 4:45 P. M. by the naval radio service: "Proceeding on our course for Honolulu; position noon, latitude 29.07 north; longitude 156.20 west; Canadiana importer proceeding to Canadiana importer's assistance; expected to arrive at supported position at daylight Saturday. We cruised around all morning trying to locate her, but unsighted. Spoke to the bark Belfast, but it had no information concerning her. No passengers aboard, it was reported. A small boat with the second and third officers and nine men of the crew of the Canadiana importer left her, but we have learned nothing as to the whereabouts of the small boat."

The Canadian mercantile marine steamer Canadiana importer, carrying a number of large pumps and other supplies, was proceeding today to the point where the importer was believed to be drifting helplessly. In order to salvage the importer, if possible, the importer will be pumped out and towed by the Observer into Vancouver.

The Observer left at 9 o'clock last night.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 26.—Officials of the Canadian government's merchant marine here tonight were inclined to believe the freighter Canadiana importer, crippled west of the Oregon coast, was still afloat and in no immediate danger, despite reports that the liner Manukai had been unable to find the helpless vessel at her reported position. No further information had been received, and anxiety was felt, principally over the missing lifeboat.

The steamer Canadiana importer, bound from Australia, speeding to the Canadian importer's assistance, is expected to arrive at Vancouver at a longitude described some time tomorrow.

PUREKA, Cal., Aug. 26.—The steamer Manukai looked for the Canadian importer all morning, but although nine miles south of the importer's given position at 9 o'clock nothing was seen of her, according to a wireless message from the Manukai picked up by the Table Bluff radio station.

Three steamers, the Canadiana importer, the Observer and the Alzette, were on their way to the disabled vessel, according to a message sent by the steamer Cordova.

## CALIFORNIA FAIR PINCHED

### Directors Declare Gambling Commissions Must Be Allowed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Revelations regarding the actual cost of conducting the California state fair were made here tonight in announcements by directors of the fair that concessions must be given operators of games of chance in order that enough money may be made to meet expenses. It was declared that the fair was the only profitable year in the history of California state fairs.

Every member of the board of directors was known to oppose games of chance on the fair grounds, but they all have taken the position that without them the exposition will result in a failure financially. It was understood the directors have been informed by the state board of control that the fair must be self-supporting and that they would be charged with a felony if they contracted debts that would fall upon the state.

## MEAT DEALERS ATTACKED

### Livestock and Wool Men Protest Alleged Excessive Prices.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 26.—Attacks on retail butchers who were accused of charging excessive prices marked the joint meeting of the American National Livestock association and the National Wool Growers' association here today. Fred H. Bixby of Lone Beach, Cal., said that California livestock growers were considering the proposal of selling meat direct to consumers through a cooperative agency.

## McNARY FORFEITS BAIL

### Senator Fails to Answer to Traffic Violation Charge.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Senator McNary of Oregon forfeited \$5 bail today, when he failed to appear in police court to answer the charge of violating a District of Columbia traffic regulation in operating an automobile past a traffic signal.

The Oregon senator and a guest, George F. Rodgers, a shipbuilder, were arrested last night by a traffic officer and forced to ride to a precinct station house in a police automobile patrol.

## 32-DAY HEARING ON PHONES ENDED

### Portland Gets Month to Prepare Brief.

## COMPANY TO FILE LATER

### Costs of Rate Argument Also to Be Listed.

## \$40,000 IS ESTIMATE

### Commissioners Say Early Action Will Be Taken, but Refuse to Fix Tentative Date.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—After sessions covering 32 days, the hearing of the so-called Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company rate case reached a conclusion here at 7 o'clock tonight. Upon stipulation of the opposing attorneys, Portland received 30 days in which to prepare its brief, after which the telephone company will have 25 days to file a reply brief. Portland then will require ten days in which to prepare and submit its reply brief.

In addressing the attorneys at the conclusion of the hearing, Fred G. Buechel, member of the public service commission, indicated that it was the desire of the commission to start work on the order as quickly as possible. He would not give any intimation, however, as to the length of time that would be required to prepare the final order after the briefs have been placed in the offices of the commission.

### Figures to Be Submitted.

At the time of filing the briefs Portland and the telephone company will submit to the commission figures showing the actual expenses incurred in the hearing. In the absence of definite figures tonight, persons close in touch with the case estimated that the cost would aggregate \$40,000.

Of this sum the telephone company's expense was estimated at \$20,000, city of Portland \$10,000 and the public service commission \$5,000. Other expenses will include representatives of the farmers' federation and the various municipalities and organizations. The latter expenses were estimated at \$5,000.

### License Fee Is Opposed.

Elimination of what is known as the 55-cent license fee now being paid to the American Telephone & Telegraph company under an order of the Oregon public service commission, improved plant facilities as they affect the cost of operation, re-portionment of rates with relation to the various classes of service and

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## WORK ON CARLINES OR FARE-CUT ASKED

### CITY COUNCIL PETITIONS COMMISSION TO ACT.

### Company Is Alleged to Have Failed to Carry Out Obligations Under Rate Increase to 8 Cents.

The city council, through City Attorney Grant, yesterday presented a petition to the public service commission urging that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company be required either to perform certain maintenance and construction work on street railway lines in Portland or to reduce the fares on such lines.

The city in its petition maintained that the traction company has failed entirely to date to do extra maintenance work, and has also failed to do a large part of reconstruction work, all of which was set up by the company as one of the reasons necessary for an increased fare granted on June 20, 1920, by the public service commission.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company, issued a statement late yesterday, in which he denied the allegations made by the city fathers, and asserted that the company carried out its obligations, but in addition is the only employer of large numbers of men in the state of Oregon that has a greater force at work than shown in the records of one year ago.

In its petition to the public service commission the city contended that when the traction company made its request for a 8-cent fare in lieu of 6 cents, a representation was made that the additional revenue was required to perform a large amount of reconstruction work estimated to cost \$555,900.

The city also pointed out that the company informed the commission that for a period of 12 months following the allowance for adequate fare, it would be necessary to spend \$10,000 a month for maintenance work which had been deferred because of lack of funds.

The petition charges that the company has failed to perform the extra maintenance work and had also failed, neglected and refused to do a large part of the reconstruction work, and as a result the lines of the company and the streets occupied by them are in an unsatisfactory and unsafe condition for both street-car and vehicular traffic.

"I have not yet seen the petition filed by the city with the public service commission," said President Griffith, "and would prefer not to comment in detail upon the allegations thereof until I have examined it. During the period July 1, 1920, to July 31, 1921, we actually expended on maintenance and reconstruction of our street railway system a total of \$869,289.04.

"At present there are a number of reconstruction jobs under way which will require an additional \$197,782 to complete. This is exclusive of the increased maintenance programme.

"It is true that prior to the inauguration of the 8-cent fare the street railway was unable to expend the sums of money necessary for proper and complete maintenance. The 8-cent fare materially helped the situation, but the 8-cent fare was calculated to provide a sufficient

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## FIRE FORCES PATRONS OF HOTEL TO FLEE

### KITCHEN BLAZE AT OREGON IS SPECTACULAR AFFAIR.

### Dense Smoke Fills Structure. Lights Extinguished—Damage Estimated at \$5000.

Fire starting in the basement of the Oregon hotel just before 7 o'clock last night filled the lower floors of the building with heavy smoke and drove many of the occupants and diners outside for an hour, while the firemen extinguished the blaze and the smoke was expelled from the building.

The blaze originated in the kitchen ventilating system which is located in the central part of the building and operated by means of a high-powered suction fan. It is thought that grease collecting in the air shaft leading from the kitchen ranges to the fan and thence to a main ventilating shaft caught fire first. The fan, operating at high speed, caused the fire to burn fiercely and make much headway before it was discovered.

The ventilating pipes from the kitchen are laid beneath a four-inch concrete floor. The roaring and crackling of the blaze was discovered by Engineer Kennedy and Jack Lee, head chef, simultaneously. The concrete floor had already become unbearably hot, and the smoke and flames were shooting up the ventilator shaft and out at the roof opening, creating the impression that the fire was burning all the way to the roof.

The engineer and chef notified Manager Meyers, who telephoned the fire department, hurriedly describing the location and nature of the blaze. His presence of mind saved much time and aided the firemen to a considerable extent, for the apparatus was directed to the Park-street entrance and hose lines were lowered into the basement without the usual delay caused when it is necessary first to locate the source of the fire.

The firemen worked under great difficulties. Most of the air ducts in the hotel's ventilating system are laid beneath the basement floor and were not easily accessible. Cellar nozzles had to be attached, and these were lowered into the ducts, with one or two firemen to direct the water flow.

Dense smoke poured out of the openings and filled the basement, making it necessary for the firemen to work in relays of about five minutes and then go outside for air. No one was overcome. In addition to the smoke, the men were further hampered by lack of light, the fire having burned through a conduit and put out all lights in the part of the basement where they were most needed.

"It required the better part of an hour to extinguish the fire. Acting Battalion Chief Haines was in charge and directed that the whole ventilating system be flooded in order to be sure that it would not catch fire a second time.

"As soon as the fire department had been notified the house alarm in the hotel was rung and many patrons on the upper floors began to gather together their belongings preparatory to making an escape. The smoke seeped up through air shafts and through doors and the corridors of the guest floors soon became clouded.

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## ERZBERGER SLAIN WALKING IN WOODS

### German ex-Vice-Premier Instantly Killed.

## REICHSTAG DEPUTY WOUNDED

### Two Youths Separate Victims and Empty Revolvers.

## WAR POLICY RESENTED

### Ex-Official's Peace Proposal Is Blamed for Moral Collapse of Teuton People.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Matthias Erzberger, former vice-premier and minister of finance, was murdered today.

Herr Erzberger was assassinated near Offenburg, Baden, where he was sojourning with his family. There were 12 bullet wounds in his body.

Herr Erzberger had left Had Griesbach, where he was taking the cure, in company with the reichstag deputy, Dix, for a foot tour of the Black forest. An hour later both men were confronted by two youths who separated them and then emptied revolvers at Herr Erzberger, who was killed instantly by shots in the head. Deputy Dix also was wounded.

A judicial commission, accompanied by police dogs, proceeded to the spot on receipt of news of the attack, which occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. It has been ascertained definitely that the attack was not for the purpose of robbery.

For a long time pan-German circles had pursued a violent campaign against Herr Erzberger, accusing him of being the author of the present chancellor's policy and of desiring to return to public life.

## ERZBERGER WOUNDED IN 1920

## Ex-Vice-President Blamed for Moral Collapse of Germans in War

Matthias Erzberger, German ex-vice-premier and minister of finance, was shot and wounded on January 25, 1920, as he was leaving the criminal court building in Berlin after attending a hearing in a libel suit he had brought against Dr. Karl Helfferich, the former chief of the German army. His assailant gave his name as Othwig Von Hirschfeld, a former adjutant officer, 20 years old, a student, and son of a Berlin bank official. Von Hirschfeld was arrested and was quoted as saying he considered Erzberger dangerous to the empire. The assailant fired two shots at Erzberger as the minister was entering his automobile. One bullet glanced off the minister's watch chain and another entered his shoulder.

Erzberger roused a storm in Germany in July, 1917, more than a year before the armistice, by proposing a resolution in the German reichstag in favor of peace without annexations and for parliamentary reform. Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg declared this formula was unacceptable and Dr. Helfferich subsequently blamed Erzberger's peace proposal for the moral collapse of the German people. The former vice-chancellor accused Erzberger of high treason, denounced him as "a menace to the purity of our public life" and invited him to bring suit for libel. He declared the Erzberger must be removed from public office "if our political life is again to become healthy and normal." He asserted also that Erzberger's fortune had been made during the war by utilizing his political and parliamentary position.

Erzberger accepted the challenge and instituted suit for libel. The hearing was acrimonious and assumed much political importance. Dr. Helfferich delivered a demagogic and vigorous defense of himself and his action in seeking peace in 1917.

Herr Erzberger was for many years leader of the German center party and one of the leading figures in German public life after Germany's defeat in the war. His peace move of 1917 had made him the stern center of attack by reactionaries, but when Germany's military power collapsed he was made minister without portfolio in the cabinet of Prince Maximilian.

As a member of the German armistice delegation he conducted negotiations with Marshal Foch and later headed the majority socialists in a movement to form a new ministry and sign the peace treaty. His attitude throughout the armistice negotiations aroused against him the indignation of the military and political authorities and in June, 1919, it was reported that his residence had been fired upon by a Berlin mob. A plot said to have been formed by members of the officers' corps at Potsdam to assassinate him was revealed in September following.

Born in Buttenhausen, September 20, 1875, Erzberger was the son of a poor tailor. He became a schoolmaster, obtained a university education, studied international law and political economy, wrote several books on political and economic subjects

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## WOMAN AT TACOMA CONFESSES MURDER

### WORLD-WIDE SEARCH FOR SLAYER IS ENDED.

### Mrs. Helen Stubbs Finally Admits She Is Wanted for Killing Knoxville Auto Dealer.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Helen Stubbs, wife of the proprietor of a Tacoma hotel, is the Miss Maude Moore who almost two years ago shot on the day shot and killed Leroy Harth, wealthy automobile dealer of Knoxville, Tenn.

The identification not only was made by Robert E. Boring and Edward McNew, two Knoxville men who arrived here last night to identify the woman, but by Mrs. Stubbs herself, who, after facing the men and denying her identity, sent for John Strickland, captain of detectives, at an early hour this morning and confessed that she was Maude Moore.

"I admit I am Maude Moore," Captain Strickland says she told him. "I will go back."

She added that she had been told by members of the bondsmen who professed to be her friends, that they were willing she should flee.

She then called the bondsmen by their first names and chatted freely about Knoxville.

Miss Moore's escape from Knoxville two years ago, after being convicted of Harth's murder, has resulted in not only a nation-wide search for her, but has been extended into Canada, Mexico, South America and the islands of the Pacific.

Had she not been found by September 1, McNew and Boring stood to forfeit the \$10,000 they had gone on her bond, while she was awaiting a new trial.

## COLLECTOR QUILTS POST

## Roseco Drumheller Resigns Job in Seattle Customs House.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Roseco Drumheller, collector of customs, today announced that he had forwarded his resignation to George B. Christian, secretary to the president. Mr. Drumheller, who is a democrat, was appointed to the office by President Wilson in the spring of 1914, his second appointment from the democratic president coming April, 1920. The term of the commission normally would extend four years, but as Drumheller has already held office seven years, pressure was brought to bear upon the incoming republican administration to secure his resignation.

## WATER GETS \$40,000

## Raymond Sweet Quits Job as Soon as He Receives News.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 26.—Raymond Sweet, a waiter in a local restaurant, pulled off his white coat and resigned his job immediately upon receipt of word today that he had fallen heir to an estate valued at \$40,000.

He received a letter stating that his father-in-law had died in Detroit, Mich., two months ago, and had left all his property to him. Sweet's wife has been dead for some time.

## Tribute Paid to Soldier.

## SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The body of Alexander Greene, organizer and commander of the 91st division, who died at Oakland Friday, August 19, was borne through the streets to the city hall today for interment.

An army and air escort accompanied the body from the ferry building to its temporary resting place, the airplane dropping flowers.

Services will take place tomorrow from General Greene's home in Berkeley.

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## RETAIL BUSINESS SHOWS INCREASE

### Sales Exceed Those of Wholesale Houses.

## LUMBERMEN ARE HOPEFUL

### Canners of Fruit and Salmon Say Mart Is Better.

## WHEAT EXPORTS GROW

### Shipments Are Reported to Be 30 Per Cent Larger Than Those of Last Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The amount of goods sold by retailers in the 12th federal reserve district during July exceeded those sold by wholesalers, reports to the federal reserve board have indicated. A digest of the board's summary of conditions follows.

Retail sales of department stores were 12.9 per cent less in dollar value during the month than for July, 1920, and the value of sales for the year to August 1 was 7.2 per cent less than for the same period of last year. Retailers reported they obtained 20 per cent less for goods sold this year and moved a smaller volume.

Canners of fruit and salmon reported a stronger demand for their products within the last few weeks, and prices on certain varieties of fruit have been raised, while other varieties have been sold out.

Some Raw Products Move Fast. Marketing of some raw products was said to be proceeding rapidly and in others sluggish. Exports of wheat were 30 per cent larger than last year, and of the 115,000,000 bushels in the district, 130 per cent more has been marketed than in 1920. There has been a noticeable decline in the marketing of sheep this year.

In the northwest, where lumber production is 65 per cent of normal, operators are hopeful because of expected labor saving by railroads, increased demand from Australia and the far east and enlarged purchasing power in rural districts as a result of marketing of crops. Only small stocks of lumber, sawlogs, and other raw materials and retailers' hands throughout the country.

## Building Permits Gain.

Building permits in July outnumbered by 25 per cent those of July, 1920, with dwellings and apartment houses predominating. Permits in 29 principal cities of the district during July were 7925, with an estimated valuation of \$15,298,658, compared with 6343 permits issued in July last year, with a valuation of \$12,923,054.

Unemployment during July was approximately the same as in June. Increased demands from agricultural areas for labor were largely offset by reduced employment in lumber, mining, fishing and shipbuilding. With the exception of San Francisco, where there is a building trades strike, employment conditions have been slightly improved in the larger cities.

Marketing of this year's grain crop is proceeding rapidly, and many farmers are selling their grain immediately after threshing, in contrast with the tendency last year to hold for higher prices.

## DOUGLAS FIR EXPORTS BIG

### 1,000,000 Feet Shipped Daily From Three States.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—That 1,000,000 feet of Douglas fir have been shipped daily during the last few months from Oregon, Washington and California, lumbermen here are saying.

Commencing tomorrow the Oregonian will publish a series of fashion articles from the pen of Mademoiselle Marceline d'Alroy, a clever Frenchwoman who is thoroughly familiar with the modern modes and with the Parisian fashions. The daintiest, the most lovely and most becoming gowns, frocks, coats and suits will be discussed, and women of various types will be told how to enhance their good looks by the proper gowning.

No need to go broad, or to New York for style, said Mile. d'Alroy. She will point to the elaborate, the beautiful gowns and suits to be found right here in Portland and will tell Portland femininity how to wear these smart togs with distinction and to the enhancement of their personal charm.

