

IRISH ARE READY TO GO TO PARLEY

Demand for Surrender Only Possible Bar.

TELEGRAM SENT TO PREMIER

Intent to Impose Conditions Denied by Valera.

TREATY IS ADVOCATED

Unreasonableness of Formal Recognition of Erin as Free State Is Admitted.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Eamon de Valera, Irish republican leader, sent another telegram to Premier Lloyd George, in which, after declaring that the Sinn Fein had no thought of asking acceptance of any conditions precedent to a conference, he requested the premier to say whether his letter of September 7 was intended to be a demand for surrender or an invitation to a conference "free on both sides and without prejudice should an agreement not be reached."

More Telegrams Necessary. The nature of the message from Mr. de Valera necessitated a further exchange of telegrams, unless some sort of an ultimatum is forthcoming.

Many London papers have commented upon the danger of the "open diplomacy" involved in this public exchange of messages, which they point out, makes it difficult for either side to recede from the position adopted.

The Irish republican leader expressed the belief that a "treaty of accommodation and association," properly considered, between Great Britain and Ireland and between Ireland and the states making up the British commonwealth, would end the dispute forever, enabling both British and Irish to settle down in peace and work together in friendly co-operation in "affairs of agreed common concern."

Nothing Held Conditional. Mr. de Valera's telegram follows: "Sir: We have had no thought of asking you to accept any conditions precedent to a conference. We would have thought it is as unreasonable to expect you, as a preliminary, to recognize the Irish republic formally or informally, to surrender our national position. It is precisely because neither side accepts the position of the other that there is a dispute and that a dispute is necessary to search for and discuss such adjustments as might compose it.

"A treaty of accommodation and association properly concluded between the people of these two islands and between Ireland and the states in the British commonwealth, would, we believe, end the dispute forever and enable the two nations to settle down in peace, each pursuing its own individual development and contributing its own quota to civilization, but working together in free and friendly co-operation in affairs of agreed common concern.

Meeting Held Necessary. "To negotiate such a treaty the respective representatives of the two nations must meet, but if you seek to impose preliminary conditions which we must regard as involving the surrender of our whole position, they cannot meet.

"Your last telegram makes it clear that misunderstandings are more likely to increase than diminish and the cause of peace is more likely to be retarded than advanced by the continuance of the present correspondence.

"We request you, therefore, to state whether your letter of September 7 is intended to be a demand for surrender on our part or an invitation to a conference free on both sides and without prejudice should an agreement not be reached.

Definite Reply Is Asked. "If the latter, we readily confirm our acceptance of the invitation and our appointed delegates will meet your government's representatives at any time in the immediate future that you may designate."

Premier Lloyd George's letter of September 7 was the one in which he asked Mr. de Valera for a definite reply as to whether "he was prepared to enter a conference to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations." To this Mr. de Valera replied in the affirmative, but added to his reply the paragraph now in dispute.

Offer Is Admitted. Papers friendly to the Irish cause, like the Westminster Gazette and the Manchester Guardian, admit that the premier's last invitation to Mr. de Valera as the "chosen spokesman" of his people, was a fair offer, which Mr. de Valera would be wise to accept without more ado. They also

HOME BREW OF ALL KINDS HELD ILLEGAL

MAKING OF WINE IN HOME IS NOT TO BE PERMITTED.

Dry Law Commissioner Says Only Non-Intoxicating Fruit Juices May Be Manufactured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Warning that the making of intoxicating "home brew" is illegal was issued today by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

Numerous inquiries have been received, he said, concerning home manufacture of fruit juices growing out of reports that a head of a household was entitled to make 200 gallons of wine a year upon permit.

The prohibition unit's attitude on the home-brew question was defined by Mr. Haynes as follows: "Non-intoxicating fruit juice can be made in the home. Intoxicating wine, home brew and distilled spirits may not."

"Two hundred gallons of non-intoxicating fruit juice may be manufactured tax free by the head of a family registering with a collector of internal revenue.

"This tax-exemption provision has been the source of confusion. The effect of this is not to allow the manufacture of 200 gallons of intoxicating wine free from restrictions of the national prohibition act, but merely to allow the manufacture of 200 gallons of non-intoxicating juices free of tax."

NEW PROFESSION APPEARS

Expert Enologist, Otherwise Winemaker, Offers Services.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—A new profession has appeared in San Francisco. An "expert enologist" advertised his services today in a local paper for the benefit of heads of families who are entitled under the law to manufacture a maximum of 200 gallons of non-intoxicating wine. An "enologist" is defined as a person thoroughly experienced in the making of wine. His advertisement reads:

"Since the law allows you to make 200 gallons of grapejuice for your own family's use, let an expert enologist make it for you at your own expense, avoiding poor results and waste of money. Start now before grapes go too high."

FOOD PRICES WORKING UP

Figures for August Show Material Advance Over July.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Wholesale prices increased 2.75 per cent in August over July levels, wholesale food prices leading in the advance with an increase of 13.5 per cent, according to figures made public today by the department of labor.

Farm products, including many food articles, were 2.5 per cent higher in August than in July, the statement said, adding that there were decided advances in butter, cheese, milk, eggs, meat, sugar, fruits and potatoes. Meat animals, including cattle and hogs, also averaged higher in August than in July. In all other commodity groups, except clothing, which was unchanged, the statement said, there were decreases in prices.

LAD OF 11 ELECTROCUTED

Boy Playing in Tree Comes in Contact With Wire.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Sept. 19.—(Special)—As the result of touching a high-power line of the Ridgefield Light & Power company near Sara, seven miles south of here, while playing in the top of a fir tree with his companions, Earl A. Salsman, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Salsman of Sara, was electrocuted today while his playmates looked on.

The high-power line carries 11,000 volts to Ridgefield. The accident occurred near the John Eaton farm on the Ridgefield-Sara-Vancouver road. Besides his parents, two brothers, M. E. Salsman and Harvey Salsman, and a sister, Thelma Salsman, survive.

D. W. CHURCH GETS POST

Pocatello Man Chosen Idaho Commissioner of Investments.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 18.—The appointment of D. W. Church of Pocatello to be commissioner of public investments in the cabinet of Governor Davis was announced today by the governor.

Since the sudden death last February of Charles Elmer, who had been commissioner of public investments since the reorganization of the state departments in 1919, the office has been vacant with Alfred Hogen, chief clerk of the department, acting as commissioner. Mr. Church has been for the last 29 months manager of the state insurance fund under the workmen's compensation law.

SPOKANE MILK 10 CENTS

Sale of More Than 3000 Quarts Over Average Day Reported.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 19.—(Special)—The Producers' Distributing company, by decreasing the retail price of milk to 10 cents a quart, increased its business today by more than 3000 quarts, according to William Baker, manager.

We are putting out milk at 10 cents a quart," Mr. Baker declared. "Business is rushing. We're getting hundreds of new customers. We put out more than 3000 quarts today over our regular business of 8000 quarts."

38 TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEM OF IDLE

Harding's Call to Conference Is Accepted.

SESSIONS TO OPEN MONDAY

Other Names to Be Announced by Hoover Later.

W. B. AYER WILL ATTEND

Action Toward Relief of Unemployment Is Expected This Winter as Result of Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Announcement of the names of 35 men and three women who have accepted President Harding's invitation to participate in a national unemployment conference here beginning next Monday was made tonight by Secretary Hoover. Other names will be announced later, he said, when all replies are received.

The list includes Secretaries Hoover and Davis; Julius Barnes of Duluth, Minn.; Samuel Gomper, Charles M. Schwab and John L. Lewis of the Mine Workers. The women are Ida Tarbell of New York, Mary Van Hook of New York, connected with the Russell Sage foundation, and Elizabeth Christman of Chicago, an officer of the National Woman's Trade Union league.

Mr. Hoover has been appointed chairman of the conference, which, it was said, would discuss itself at once into special committees for the formulation of plans. These committees, he asserted, no doubt would seek co-operation from other representatives of labor, employers and civic bodies.

It was considered probable that President Harding would open the conference with an address outlining the administration's desire to remedy unemployment.

Many Elements Represented. "In naming members of the conference," Mr. Hoover said, "it has been the desire of the president to secure geographic representation and have regard to the different elements who are interested and can be helpful in the problem without attempt at professional numbers or particular groups. Those of experience in those industries where there is the largest degree of unemployment have been called on in larger proportion than from trades where there is less unemployment. It was impossible to include representation of the whole of some of 50 trade groups in the conference and hold its size within workable limits."

An economic advisory committee of 20 was appointed and, Mr. Hoover stated, has been at work on the preparation of data and a working program. Secretary Davis also has been co-operating in formulating

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DRENCHING PROVES VALUABLE TO STATE

RAINS ARE REPORTED IN ALL SECTIONS OF OREGON.

No Damage Is Done to Prunes, but Winter Wheat Land Will Be in Excellent Condition.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—Three-quarters of an inch rain fell here yesterday and today. The moisture was expected to put the wheat lands of this section in excellent condition for autumn plowing. The rain was the first in several weeks. Dust was laid on the streets and the country roads, putting them in condition for travel during Round-up week.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—Rain falling during the past 24 hours will benefit greatly the winter wheat growers, many of whom are seeding now. Spring wheat, much of which is still unharvested, probably will be damaged to some extent but the benefit to the winter wheat land will far offset the damage to the spring wheat.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—The rains of the last two days have not resulted in any harm to the prunes in the Willamette valley, according to reports received at the offices of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, with headquarters in this city. Picking is now well under way, and practically every drier in this district is being operated to capacity.

Louis Lachmund, one of the best-known hop dealers in Oregon, said today that practically 90 per cent of the hops had been harvested, and that the product now on the vines would be saved unless the rains continued unabated for several days. Practically all of the hops produced here this year have been contracted to English syndicates for export trade.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—A total of 1.69 inches of rain fell in Eugene Saturday night and Sunday. Prunes are cracking to some extent, said J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, and damage will be severe, he said, if the rainfall continues. The ground was moistened to a sufficient extent as to permit of early fall plowing.

BEND, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—A heavy rain, general throughout central Oregon during Sunday and today, has greatly benefited roads in this section. A total precipitation of 3-10 of an inch was recorded here.

CARLTON, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—A heavy rain started falling here Saturday night and continued through the night and most of Sunday. Prune harvest has just started, and should the rain continue there will be heavy damage to the crop as it will cause the prunes to split, and make picking disagreeable, if not impossible. The crop is spotted in this section and only one-half crop is expected.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Sept. 19.—(Special)—Sunday, the first rain since April 25, fell. The dust was laid and though too late to affect the fruit, it washed off the leaves and apples. The unprecedented early frost of September 11 killed many of the gardens.

Jefferson Welcomes Rain. JEFFERSON, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—A heavy rain throughout this section last night and today is welcomed by all but the prune growers, who fear damage if it continues.

LEAGUE THINKS TIME TO DISARM ISN'T RIPE

MANIKIND HELD STILL TOO FAR FROM PEACE IDEALS.

Council's Commission Declares Washington Conference Can Handle Situation Better.

GENEVA, Sept. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The commission on disarmament of the league of nations council, in its report issued today, finds that the Washington conference can better deal with the question of naval disarmament than the league, and that it can be more effectively secured by common agreement among the great powers.

In his opinion the commission thus far is in line with this conclusion, involving a slow but sure policy. With regard to land armaments also it appears that the same policy has the upper hand.

"Mankind is still too far removed from the ideals of peace to make possible at present the solution of the question of disarmament," is the final conclusion of the commission.

Replies to the assembly's request that the governments limit expenditures for armaments for two years to the amount of this year's budget are quoted in support of the commission's contention.

Of the 27 replies received, 17 were classed as favorable, seven as unfavorable, and three as vague. Absence of the United States, Germany and Russia, from the league constitutes a great obstacle, in the opinion of the commission, which adds that the difference of opinion arises from the policies of the different countries, varying circumstances and changing conditions.

EIGHT BALLOONS LAND

Two Americans Not Yet Reported in Bennett Trophy Race.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—But one of the three balloons piloted by American aviators, which left Sunday in competition for the James Gordon Bennett trophy, has been heard from up to shortly before midnight tonight. Eight of the 14 starters had been accounted for.

The English entrant, Banabee, landed near Carmarthen, Wales; the Crombe, French, at Brighton, England; the Valle, Italy, at Abreraon, Wales; the Belgica VII, Belgium, piloted by Lieutenant de Muvster, at Powerstock, England; and the Barbant, Italian, near Swansea, Wales.

Wade T. Van Orman, an American aviator, landed 6 miles northwest of Exeter, England; the Spanish contestant, Magdalena, at Treherbert, 25 miles from Cardiff, Wales, and the gas bag piloted by the Englishman Spencer at Fishguard, Wales.

MELLON'S ESTIMATE RIGHT

September Income and Excess Profits Tax \$525,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—In complete treasury report of collections of September 15 installments of income and excess profits taxes indicate a practical certainty that Secretary Mellon's estimate of \$525,000,000 will be realized, officials said today.

Collections so far, officials said, showed \$425,000,000 in the federal reserve banks with reports from various outlying districts to be received.

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SUIT FOR DIVORCE LOST BY STOKES

Court in Same Decision Gives Decree to Wife.

INFIDELITY PROOF LACKING

Parentage of Children Is Allowed to Go Unquestioned.

WOMAN'S HYPOCRISY SEEN

Justice Cites Fact Defendant Testified Mate Was Cruel When She Wrote Endearingly.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(Special)—W. E. D. Stokes today lost the action for divorce, which he brought against his second wife, Helen Etwood Stokes of Colorado. The decision was by Supreme Court Justice Finch.

By the same decision Mrs. Stokes won her case, tried jointly with her husband's action, and was awarded a decree of separation.

In his decision, Justice Finch held that no finding of infidelity could stand upon the testimony adduced, "since the plaintiff has not overcome the burden of the proof cast upon him." Continuing his decision, Justice Finch said:

"To give the plaintiff a divorce, which would practically also question the parentage of the children, although in fairness to the plaintiff it should be said that no attempt has been made to prove their illegitimacy, there must be offered proof of exact times and places and if upon the times and places, as testified to by the witnesses for the plaintiff, it has not been proved that the offenses took place, the decree cannot be awarded."

Mrs. Stokes Exaggerated. In reference to these dates, Justice Finch maintained that the statements of Mr. Stokes' lawyers that the testimony on the part of the plaintiff generally and without regard to particular dates, and also that the witnesses had mistaken the dates, are not sufficient. He added that "if the witnesses did not intend the dates as given, the able and painstaking counsel for the plaintiff would not have let the mistakes occur."

Reviewing the counterclaim of Mrs. Stokes, Justice Finch held that a great deal of what she testified to had been exaggerated. If, indeed, some of it really happened at all, the court maintained that this was shown by the fact that the occurrences were not entered in the body of the diary upon which she frequently relied to refresh her memory as to the alleged activities of her husband, and was placed at all of the book and only referred to by asterisks placed in the regular portion of the diary.

Hypocrisy Pointed Out. Justice Finch called attention to the fact that while Mrs. Stokes was suffering from a "nervous condition," she was at the same time writing her husband most endearing and affectionate letters.

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MAYOR OF JOSEPH, OR., REPORTED AS MISSING

TIL H. MORELOCK DECLARED FINANCIALLY INVOLVED.

Prominent Citizen and Business Man of Many Years Is Gone After Losing Fortune.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special)—Til H. Morelock, mayor of Joseph, in Walla Walla county, president of the commercial club there and one of the most highly respected citizens of the town for years, has disappeared and left a trail of debts running into many thousands of dollars, according to an announcement received here today.

Mr. Morelock has not been in Joseph for about a month. He left just after he had sold a shipment of lambs for cash, came to La Grande, where he cashed a check for \$1500, and went to Baker, where he cashed another check. Since then no trace has been found of him.

So great was the confidence in Mr. Morelock in his home town that it was not until the end of last week that an investigation was begun. Then it developed that the man who was reputed to be worth about \$100,000 had left many debts behind him.

Among the heaviest creditors are the Western Bond and Mortgage company of Portland and the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company of Portland, the First National Bank of Joseph and W. B. Fordice of Lost Prairie, his partner in a large stock ranch acquired two years ago.

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MAN, 90, TAKES 7TH WIFE
Oldtime Hack Driver Weds All Daughters in One Family.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Sept. 19.—(Special)—F. J. Harris, 90 years old, has just married his seventh wife. All his wives were daughters of Peter Yost, who lived in Milwaukee and sailed a freighter on the Great Lakes in the '60s.

Harris began by marrying the oldest daughter of Yost and has gone right down the line. The last five were widows. Mrs. Gustave Edelmann is the last bride and she is now 78 years old. She has been married twice before.

Harris, who was a hack driver and later driver of a horse car in Chicago after the great fire, recently bought a small fruit farm here on which to pass his remaining years.

SHIP BOARD UNION TALKED

Combination of Three Offices Discussed With Harding.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Combination of the three present offices of treasurer, controller and auditor of the shipping board under one head, to be known as the financial vice-president of the board, was discussed with President Harding today by Chairman Dummest.

The new office would consolidate the duties of the present separate offices, Chairman Lester said, adding that he was looking for "a big financial man" to take the place.

WOMAN LEAPS INTO FALLS

Plunge Over Niagara Taken Near Goat Island Bridge.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 19.—An unidentified woman was borne through the upper rapids and over the American falls today after she was seen to jump into the river near Goat Island bridge.

The name, Mrs. Wyan, Buffalo, scribbled on a piece of paper tucked into a purse, was found on the shore.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Highest temperature, 64 degrees; lowest, 27; cloud, 10. TODAY'S—Rain, westerly wind.

AUDITORIUM USE AS CLUB SHOWN

Film Rent Kept Up, Says Movie Men.

Contract for Hall Wielded to Make Good Deal.

COUNCIL HEARING IS HELD

Decision Will Be Made as to Whether or Not City Will Lease Building to M. G. Winstock.

CHARGES THAT THE PUBLIC AUDITORIUM IS BEING USED BY OUTSIDE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCERS AS A "CLUB" TO FORCE THE JENSEN & VON HERBIG INTERESTS IN PORTLAND TO PAY EXCESSIVE PRICES FOR MOTION PICTURE RELEASES WERE SUBSTANTIATED YESTERDAY BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL BY TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS SENT IN AUGUST FROM NEW YORK TO CARL STERN, NORTHWEST MANAGER OF THE METRO CORPORATION.

A hearing to determine if the public auditorium would be leased for showing of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" was postponed until 11 o'clock this morning at the suggestion of Acting Mayor Bigelow, who demanded that additional telegrams be produced before the council by Mr. Stern.

Members of the city council learned that after Melvin G. Winstock, a representative of the Metro corporation, had entered into a contract with the city for the showing of this picture, he had subsequently negotiated with C. S. Jensen for the booking of the picture at the Peoples theater.

Three-Hour Hearing Is Held. A three-hour hearing is held, showing that Mr. Winstock had called on Mr. Jensen the day following the signing of the auditorium contract, and told him that the picture was still open for the Jensen house, Dan J. Maloney, attorney for Jensen & Co., however, asked Mr. Winstock why he had attempted to enter into negotiations with Mr. Jensen if it was not to show the picture.

Whole Business Held "Bull." "I was just 'bulling' Mr. Jensen," answered Winstock. "You know in the motion picture business, Mr. Jensen and I had a deal. The whole business is bull from one end to the other."

"Why did you make an appointment to see him and then break it?" asked Attorney Maloney. "Well, I didn't want to do business with him on account of the booking in the auditorium," he answered. "But you did call at his office at 9 o'clock in the evening, after calling his secretary and telling her that you would be there at that time, did you not?"

"Yes," he answered, "but I knew that he was out on the Columbia highway at that time."

Note Is Produced. "But how about this note here?" said Attorney Maloney, as he produced a note dated September 9 and signed by Winstock. "This note says that you will be at the Benson until your train leaves for Seattle."

"Well, I was only at the Benson hotel part of the time," answered Winstock. "But what if Jensen had connected with you at the Benson hotel, what then?" Attorney Maloney asked. "Oh, I would have bullied him some more, that's all," was Mr. Winstock's explanation.

Manager White told the city council that last spring he had entered into a contract for the showing of "Kismet" for ten days. Just before the time to show the picture in the auditorium arrived, Mr. White declared that the picture was canceled and the city was left to "hold the sack" with ten open dates valued at from \$200 to \$400 a night.

Negotiations Are Lengthy. It was only after lengthy negotiations that a contract was entered into with Mr. Winstock for the showing of the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" at the auditorium, he said. "It was demanding that the top price for the picture be \$1, while the producers held out for \$1.50 top price. However, after the contract had been signed and he considered that it was final, he received reports from representatives of the Jensen & Von Herbig interests that Winstock was negotiating with them for the sale of the picture. It was then that he wrote to Mr. Winstock demanding that he appear before the city council and prove that such assertions were not true, or at least a cancellation of the dates as an alternative.

In opening the hearing, Acting Mayor Bigelow took exception to charges that the public auditorium is being used by outside motion picture producers as a "club" to force the Jensen & Von Herbig interests in Portland to pay excessive prices for motion picture releases were substantiated yesterday before the city council by telegraphic instructions sent in August from New York to Carl Stern, northwest manager of the Metro corporation.

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