

GERMANY IS UNABLE TO PAY OBLIGATIONS

Official Notification Given Reparations Commission.

MORATORIUM IS ASKED

If That Is Not Granted Nation Says She Will Be Forced to Operation of Credit.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany will not be able to meet in full her reparations payments of 1,000,000,000 gold marks falling due January 15 and February 15, and has so informed the allied reparations commission.

A moratorium is not asked for by Germany in its note, which merely says Germany's financial situation before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the installments, each of 500,000,000 gold marks. Neither is any release from the obligations requested by Germany, which apparently has left the matter entirely in the hands of the commission.

The commission probably will meet immediately to consider the note, which will be referred to the allied governments.

The note is said to have declared Germany has succeeded in raising "certain portions" of the funds necessary to meet the payments but is unable to obtain the balance.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German government, it was announced today, has informed the committee of guaranties that it is impossible for Germany to pay the sum due in reparations January 15, and that she consequently asks a moratorium.

If the moratorium is not granted, the German government, it states, will be compelled to have recourse to a credit operation in order to procure the necessary funds by means of loans.

INDEMNITY CHANGE FORECAST

Officials Have Predicted Germany's Inability to Pay Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Announcement of Germany's inability to meet in full the reparation payments due in January and February was received today by government officials without surprise.

While officials were not inclined to comment on the situation taking the position that it was a matter which did not directly concern this country, government economists have advanced the view for some time that Germany would be unable to do more than meet the next two reparation payments under present indemnity terms. Officials in close touch with European developments maintain that some rearrangement of the reparations plan is necessary.

BARONESS HURRIES EAST

Japanese Envoy's Wife Anxious to Reach Sick Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Anxious to reach the bedside of her husband, who has been ill for some time, Baroness Masako Shidehara, wife of Kei Shidehara, Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived yesterday from Japan on the liner Siberia Maru. She was accompanied by her son, Michitaro Shidehara.

The baggage of Baroness Shidehara and her son was hastened through customs in order to permit her departure for Washington last night.

The baroness has been visiting relatives and friends in Japan for the last seven months. She was one of the most popular women on the vessel, and is also a favorite in Washington's diplomatic society.

Word via wireless received by Baroness Shidehara said that her husband was now well on the road to recovery, she said.

END OF FUNDS IS SEEN

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mission decided that since the 5 1/2 per cent bonds had been advertised, they would have to receive bids on that basis. The high premium offered by the dealers shows a big advance in the bond market in the past few months.

Wasco county asked that the commission adopt the Eight-Mile creek route between Denton and Dufur as the location of The Dufur-California highway. This route, according to the report of the division engineer, is four miles longer than another location having a 6 per cent grade. The county court favored the Eight-Mile creek route, with its grade less than 2 per cent, even though it is longer and will cost \$5,000 more to grade and macadamize. The 6 per cent grade route had no friends among the Wasco delegation. The commission announced no decision.

Benton County Request Denied.

Request from Benton county that the commission take over as a state highway the county road connecting the paved highways at Corvallis and Albany, was not granted. The commission said that if made a state highway people would immediately demand the paving of the ten miles, which would cost \$300,000. The delegation offered to launch a bond issue to co-operate in building the connection as a state road. It now costs about \$10,000 a year to maintain with a macadam surface. Practically all north-and-south bound traffic on the Pacific highway uses this connection.

Lane county is not in position to finance a bridge at Harrisburg on the Pacific highway and the highway location via Coburg would cost the county less, explained a delegation. The highway commission believes that it should pave to Harrisburg, but the best arrangement for the state would be to make the connection at Junction City. After watching the river conditions there for the past three winters, the connection at Junction City does not look favorable. Lane county also took up with the commission the charges which the commission has made against the county with a view to eliminating some of the items.

Linn county was offered \$100,000 by the commission to be used for co-operation anywhere that the county desired. A proposal was submitted by a Linn delegation for the creation of a road improvement district to the end that a good macadam road be provided from Albany to Cascade and thence on to the proposed skyline highway. Details of this project are to be worked out by the people of the county.

Grant county filed a request for building the John Day highway between Prairie City and Unity. The

county has \$150,000 bonds available to use for co-operation. The commission suggested that the first consideration is to open up the road between Prairie City and the Dayville end and is willing to place the state's money on the Prairie City-Unity end when the Dayville region is taken care of.

Lincoln county lost four bridges on its market roads in the recent freshets and, being financially hard hit, solicited the commission to replace the structures. The commission has the matter under advisement.

Bids Are Received.
Following is the list of low bids received yesterday:

Cook county—Myrtle Point-Bridge section of Roseburg-Cook Bay highway, 10 miles grading, Warren Construction company, \$129,150. Referred to engineer.

Douglas county—Myrtle creek section of Pacific highway, 0.27 mile grading, H. J. Hildeburn, \$2425. Bid referred to engineer until funds available from town of Myrtle Creek.

Jackson county—Medford-Agate section of Crater Lake road, 3.3 miles grading and gravel surface, W. C. Stone, \$22,957. Pending adjustment with county bid referred to engineer with power to act.

Union county—Bland City, Elgin section of La Grande-Enterprise highway, 18.1 miles grading, county court, \$67,600, with concrete pipe. Awarded.

RELIEF BILL TAKEN UP

Passage of Appropriation for Aid of Russia Predicted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Under a rule limiting debate to two hours, the house late today took up the bill to appropriate \$20,000,000 for the purchase of grain and other food supplies for distribution in the famine-stricken districts of Russia.

After brief discussion, however, further consideration went over until tomorrow.

Opposition to the bill developed at the outset when 44 representatives voted against taking up the measure.

The vote of 237 to 44 in favor of taking up the measure under limited debate indicated, however, its proponents said, passage by a safe margin.

FARM HAND THRIFTY ONE

Worker With \$51 Income Supports Family on \$1 Day.

FRANKLIN, Ky., Dec. 15.—James Poteet of Simpson county, Ky., is a dollar-a-day farm hand. He has paid \$51 for several years ago now is yielding oil that brings him his daily income to what it takes him 50 days to earn on a farm.

But Poteet keeps on working for \$1 a day, board and lodging. He deposits the royalty checks and lives on the dollar he earns. He is married and has two children.

SHOPLIFTERS ARE ACTIVE

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statement in which he advised persons who might think of taking up shoplifting as a financial aid to Santa Claus to make a sudden change of heart, as the management of the department stores have advised the police that they are going to prosecute every shoplifting charge with vigor. He likewise points out that the police and private store detectives have met with no little success in the arrest of shoplifters, and the person who thinks he might be able to "out smart" the officers is likely to find himself in a lot of trouble around about Christmas eve.

Highway Opened to Autos.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Columbia river highway was opened between here and Mosier today for passenger cars. Harry Furtow, engineer of the highway department, however, states that the cuts through ice and snow drifts are too narrow to permit passage of trucks. W. D. Trotter, here from Wreth, reports the highway open west from there to Cascade Locks. The only barrier on the highway in Hood River county, Mr. Trotter says, is at Shell Rock mountain, where crews will have to clear ice drifts with pick and shovel.

Woman Hurt by Auto.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. R. H. Waugh, wife of an east side orchardist, suffered a lacerated scalp and face and bruised arm today when struck by an automobile driven by C. E. Housnell, Odell orchardist. Mrs. Waugh, alighting from a truck, apparently became confused as the automobile came up suddenly from the rear. She was knocked down and it is thought that the wheels of the light car passed over her.

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Boys' Silk Blouses—With military collars and French cuffs. Of fine silk and linen, in white and tan. Sizes 8 to 14 years—\$3.

Boys' Wool Sweaters—With large shawl roll collars. Slip-on style, school colors. Sizes 28 to 36—\$5.00 and \$7.50.

Boys' Blanket Bathrobes—A variety of color combinations. Beautiful patterns, cords at waist and neck. Sizes 6 to 18. Priced \$3.95.

Boys' Silk Knit Ties—In beautiful plain and broad stripe patterns. Boys will like them because they are so attractive—65c to \$1.00.

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Things to Comfort—Things to Adorn

Miss Spokane Rompers—With snap fasteners; they open flat and are easily ironed. In colored crepe and in gingham. Sizes 1 and 2. Priced \$1.95 and \$3.50.

"Pidgie Pantie" Frocks—Dress and bloomers in one piece. Of silks, jersey, saten, crepe and percale. Sizes 2 to 6—\$1.50 to \$14.

Ribbon Novelties—Bonnet rosettes, armlets, carriage bows and straps, hair bands, coat hangers, beauty pins and garters—50c-\$2.95.

Felt Shoes—Comfy little soft white shoes, with hand embroidery in colors—\$1.50 pair.

Silk Booties—Hand embroidered. They are pink, blue and black, with embroidery in contrasting colors. Priced \$3.95 pair.

Pillow Covers—Of batiste and nainsook, hand-embroidered and hand-scalloped edges. Beautiful eyelet and French embroidery designs. Priced \$1.95 to \$6.75.

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You Hit Two Birds With One Stone--- That Is What You Do When You Buy Apparel for Gifts to the Children

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—Girls of 8 to 16 years like these picturesque frocks for the special, gay occasions which so delight their hearts—dresses of taffeta, crepe de chine, tulle and chiffon, and in delicately tinted tones of orchid, mauve, pink, turquoise, light blue and green, as well as white. Priced \$10, \$13.50, \$15, \$18.50 and to \$45.

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Girls' Hand-Emb'd Nightgowns

—For girls 8 to 16 years—these gowns just like mother's—of fine lingerie cloth with the daintiest of hand-embroidered designs and scalloped edge. Priced specially \$3.25, \$3.50 and to \$3.95.

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—Daintily hand-scalloped edges have these garments with band finish at waist. For girls 6 to 10 years. Priced at \$1.00.

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The Gift Gloves for Children

—From the smallest infants' size to 15-year-old sizes, we have them of glace and mocha, in brown, tan, beaver and gray. P. K. and overscams and corded backs. Prices are \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Street Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Party Slippers for Girls

—Dainty white kid end silver cloth slippers to match the frocks for evening wear. They are one-strap models with Baby Louis heels and medium wide toes—just what are being worn. And they are so nice for dancing, for they have turned soles. Sizes 3 to 8, in AAA to B widths. Priced \$11 and \$12.50.

Second Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

The Hair Bows for Girls

—The little girl will always want more hair ribbons, no matter how many she already has. At least one to match each frock, anyway. These are plain and more taffeta ribbons of fine heavy weight, in all colors.

Street Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Mercerized Hose for Girls

—Misses' fine mercerized ribbed hose, full length, with reinforced toe and heel and elastic top. Of extra fine quality yarns and medium weight. These stockings wear well, too. Black only. Sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 at 55c, and sizes 8 to 10 at 65c.

Street Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Bathrobes for the Girls

—The best versions of the newest in blanket bathrobes of light, soft wool, and also some handsome corduroy models. They are all made pretty with satin and self-trimmings. Some have collars, others are collarless. In navy, brown, gray, blue and rose, with trimming and patterns of contrasting colors. They are for girls 6 to 16, and are priced \$3.50, \$3.95, \$4.95 and to \$7.00.

Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Velvet Dresses for Girls

—For afternoon wear, for school wear, for so many different occasions—can these velvet dresses be worn. Some beautifully embroidered, others tailored or jumper styles. They come in the darker shades, of course—brown, navy and black. Sizes 8 to 16 years. Specially priced \$12.95, \$17.50, \$20 and to \$37.50.

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Serge Dresses for Girls

—Smart dresses of that always popular material, fine serge which looks so well and wears equally well. These dresses feature the popular straight lines and waisted models. They are tastefully trimmed with braid and ribbon and some with colored pipings. In navy and brown. Sizes 14 to 16 years. Priced \$16.50.

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Jersey Jackets for Girls

—For school and sport wear, to be worn with separate skirts, these jersey jackets in tuxedo style with plain or pinched pockets and belts. In warm tones of red, brown, green and navy. Sizes 8 to 16 years. They are priced at \$5.00 and \$5.95.

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Raincoats for the Girls

—Protect the school girl from winter rains. These rubberized sateen rain coats with patent hoods will be just the thing. They are in navy and red, at \$3.95. Also silk lined capes with elastic hoods, at \$2.75.

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Flannel and Serge Middies

—These are regulation style with yoke, emblems and braid trimmings. Your choice of navy, red, tan, gray and green. Sizes 6 to 44 bust. Priced \$5.95, \$6.50, \$7.50 and to \$9.50.

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—They are brown with fancy cuff top. Made of fine quality yarns, and imported. These particular hose are very difficult to get, and many mothers will rejoice to hear that we now have them. They're three-fourths length. Priced at \$1.25 pair.

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