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FRANCE SEEKS RIGHT TO LIVE

Ideals Declared Counter to Harboring War.

NATION NEARLY CRUSHED

Clemenceau Tells of Hard Struggle After Victory to Prevent Collapse.

COST OF CONFLICT HUGE

Allies Accused of Giving Little Aid When Teuton Menace Still Lurks.

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"FRANCE IS DETERMINED TO SURVIVE"

This article is the fifth of a series written exclusively for the North American Newspaper Alliance by Georges Clemenceau. The series breaks a silence which dates back to the signing of the treaty of Versailles. Not until the present visit has the "Tiger of France" expressed himself upon international affairs in either speech or writing, not even in the pages of his own Journal, Echo National. His words are being read eagerly today in France, England, Holland, Switzerland, Argentina, Japan and many other countries where these articles are being released simultaneously for publication.

BY GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.

At the termination of the most formidable and the most glorious of wars, France did not assemble as trophies in her public places the booty surrendered by the enemy. Piously and with dignity she placed beneath her most celebrated arch of the capital, and under a simple flagstone, the remains of an unknown soldier who died to defend her.

Who does not grasp the significance of that gesture? It was a tender act of homage to all those who had fallen; it also expressed our intention never to forget the horrors of the conflict, and it served to remind us of our promise made to those sleeping in the dust: that we should assure their descendants the benefits of peace, give them justice and prosperity and watch over the maintenance of that pact of reparation and justice signed by 27 states at Versailles.

Criminal Motives Refuted.

Such are the sentiments of France, and yet it is France who is accused of disturbing the peace of the world, who is denounced as a militarist nation; it is France who is suspected of being responsible for the birth and development of all European quarrels! If these calumnies only emanated from our former enemies or from such elements among our allies as are determined to upset the existing order and substitute an "international" more or less communist in character, it would be almost unnecessary to refute them. But when our friends go to the extreme of imputing criminal motives to us, then it is essential that we explain things quite freely at the earliest possible moment and in the common interest.

What does France wish? To live!

Nation's Escape Narrow.

She all but succumbed under the blows of the enemy. Four times she wavered; four times she recovered again; four times, despite all, she managed to resist that "last quarter of an hour" which enabled her to await the help of her allies. In September, 1914, she had thrown herself imprudently forward with insufficient war material. Not enough machine guns; no modern heavy artillery. Our troops, repelled in their arduous retreat back over the Marne, and how diminished in numbers! Then, with a tremendous effort, as if the touch of Paris had galvanized them, they turned round to face the enemy and they hurled him back. Exhausted, the poilus proceeded to dig themselves in, but in French soil. A considerable part of our territory remained occupied for four years. This produced disaster from the industrial viewpoint. Coal production diminished by 74 per cent.

BITTER FIGHT IS ENDED BY NEWPORT ELECTION

DICKINSON, WILCOX, PORT- WOOD COMMISSIONERS.

City Manager to Have Control of Municipal Affairs Is to Be Appointed.

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The bitter fight Newport has experienced in many years resulted in the election yesterday of George R. Dickinson, George H. Wilcox and G. E. Portwood as commissioners to assume the duties of managing the city affairs under the new commission-manager form of charter which was adopted at the November election.

The chamber of commerce and the woman's club entered three candidates for commissioners. The so-called stand-patners soon put out an opposition ticket. Through an oversight in time limit for filing petitions the candidates informed by the civic organizations failed to appear on the official ballot. Then began the task of educating the voters to write in three names for different terms.

Posters, handbills and an extra edition of the local newspaper flooded the town. The progressive ticket elected two of the three nominees, losing the third, by a narrow margin. The new city officials will assume office January 2. To build up the town and make it more attractive to tourists and put Newport in its place as a resort is the task before them.

The commissioners will appoint a city manager to have control of city affairs. Applications for this position are already coming in and it is anticipated that the officials will have a large number from which to select.

PAIR SHOCKED TO DEATH

California Man and Wife Electro- cuted in Garage.

PITTSBURG, Cal., Dec. 6.—George Montgomery, 45, and his wife were shocked to death in their garage here last night when Montgomery turned on an electric light while standing in a pool of water and Mrs. Montgomery attempted to rescue him.

FATAL SHOT DESCRIBED

Witness Tells of Killing of Col- orado Editor.

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles Griffith, a surprise witness testifying for the state today, declared he saw Rod S. Day, editor of the Durango Democrat, fire two revolver shots at William L. Wood, city editor of the Durango Herald, and saw Wood stagger and fall to the sidewalk. Day is on trial here charged with the murder of Wood.

Griffith said that Day's hand holding the revolver was extended outward and upward. The defense has maintained that Day, dazed by a blow from Wood, drew his revolver and fired with his hand well down toward his hip.

TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE

Clyne Rock and George Washing- ton Crash Off Dover.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British steamer Clyne Rock collided with the American steamer George Washington about 10 o'clock tonight off Dover, according to a wireless message from the Clyne Rock to Lloyd's. The stern of the Clyne Rock was badly cracked and the vessel was leaking, but did not want immediate assistance.

PACT SHELVED 18 YEARS

Isle of Pines Treaty Emerges From Retirement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—After an 18 years' sleep in a senate committee room pigeonhole, the Isle of Pines treaty with Cuba, submitted to the senate by ex-President Roosevelt, emerged from retirement today and was reported favorably by the senate foreign relations committee. Action was requested by Secretary Hughes, who said he desired to clear up the old question.

TIGER OF FRANCE CALLS ON WILSON

Ex-President Pleased by Clemenceau Repose

NATION'S SHRINES VISITED

Tribute Is Paid at Tomb of Unknown Soldier.

MOUNT VERNON IS SEEN

War College Forgets Dignity and Gives Cheers While Southern- ers Present Rebel Yell.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—America's war time premier and France's war time premier met here late today for the first time since the signing of the peace treaty at Versailles more than three years ago.

The meeting was at the S street home of Mr. Wilson and lasted just a little more than a quarter of an hour.

M. Clemenceau described his visit as one of the utmost cordiality and affection as between old friends, adding that he and the ex-president had talked a little about old times in Paris and also about "the past and present."

Mr. Wilson made no reference to the purpose of the visit of the ex-premier of France to America or the subject matter of his addresses in this country. M. Clemenceau continued, but smiled and seemed pleased when told that the mention of his name and of the 14 points had elicited more applause from the French statesman's audiences than any other one thing.

Flash Surprises Visitor.

Accompanied only by Colonel Stephen Benson, M. Clemenceau arrived at the Wilson residence soon after midnight. He was applauded by a small crowd that had gathered and was greeted by John Randolph Bolling, secretary to Mr. Wilson. He immediately was taken to the library. As he descended from his automobile, the aged statesman was startled by a flash set off by the photographers who were dispersed by the police before he left the home. The call at the Wilson home was an important incident of a day that proved one of the busiest that M. Clemenceau has had since he landed on American shores three weeks ago.

His activities began with an early morning visit to Arlington national cemetery and ended later tonight with an address to the Southern society in Continental Memorial hall, where a few months ago the treaties negotiated at the armistice conference were signed. Between times he spoke to American army officers, most of them overseas veterans, at the war college.

GERMANS GO TO PRISON

Assaults of Philip Scheidemann Get Ten-Year Terms.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme court of Leipzig today passed sentences of ten years at hard labor on Hans Hueter and Carl Oelschlaeger. The two men were charged with attempting the assassination early in June of Philip Scheidemann, socialist leader and former secretary for foreign affairs.

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YOUNG ROBBER WEEPS BUT GATHERS LOOT

"YOKEL" GETS \$134 FROM EDWARDS TIRE COMPANY.

Robber Was Remorse When Vic- timizes on Wayward- ness and Its Penalties.

Bitter tears of remorse, or attrition, came to the "yokel's" eyes last night as he scooped \$134.70 from the Edwards Tire company till at 84 North Broadway, but they did not cause the cheap pistol to waver its muzzle from the middle of Earl B. Edwards, manager, or deter the yokel from pocketing the crisp green bills.

Edwards was sitting at a desk near the front of the store when the robber entered, leaned over the counter and covered him with a nickel-plated revolver. A tray from the till was on the desk, well filled with the day's receipts. The robber ordered Edwards to take the tray to a back room, where he took all of the cash but two cents. He did not want checks.

The tears came when Edwards, noting that his visitor was about 18, preached him a sermon on the error of his ways.

The robber's hands shook nervously and tears trickled on to his brown overcoat as he informed Edwards that his mother died when he was a little fellow; that he was raised by a stepfather and was educated in reform school.

Just to show his heart was bright the robber wrote a note, shifting the revolver to his left hand and keeping Edwards at its point as he wrote:

"I am taking what money is here and I don't want this man to get in any trouble."

From description the robber was thought by police to be the same "yokel" who on Monday night held up the Blalock clothing store, getting \$120 and \$75 worth of clothing, and on Tuesday night the Economy Clothing company, 82 Sixth street, where he took \$20.

FISHING BOATS MISSING

Coast Guard Cutter to Search for Seattle Schooners.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—The United States coast guard cutter Unalga has been ordered to steam for Hecla strait, southeastern Alaska, the Queen Charlotte island and the Yakutat fishing banks to search for the missing Seattle halibut schooners.

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100,000 PERSONS WILL HEAR SEIDEL

RADIO FANS NEAR AND FAR AWAIT CONCERT TONIGHT.

Francesco Longo, Famous Pian- ist, Will Assist at Dedication of The Oregonian Station.

The entire radio audience of the Pacific northwest and the Pacific coast, as well as other sections, is waiting with intense interest the concert to be broadcast from The Oregonian station (KGW) tonight by Toscha Seidel, famous Russian violinist. Letters and postal cards have been received from California, Washington, British Columbia, Montana, Idaho and North and South Dakota, congratulating The Oregonian on procuring Mr. Seidel for radio and stating that receiving sets would be crowded to capacity with persons keen to hear him play the violin.

If the average broadcasting area is maintained, Mr. Seidel will be heard in at least 25 states, and by no less than 100,000 persons. The average audience, it is estimated conservatively, consists of about 50,000 radio listeners, but the enthusiasm aroused by the announcement that the great master would play has indicated that the number of listeners at least will be doubled.

Local interest increased tremendously last night after the triumph achieved by the artist at the Heiligstein symphony concert. His playing was declared by critics to have been even more entrancing than the most enthusiastic persons had expected. His tones were marvelous; his sympathy, fire and versatility unexcelled, and if the time microphone was used for his playing does justice to his work, as undoubtedly it will, radio listeners will hear the finest music they ever have caught from the ether wave.

Literally hundreds of large parties have been arranged in Portland. Nearly everyone who has a receiving set, whether it be of the small crystal or the magnavox and loud-speaker kind, has arranged to entertain as many persons as possible for the youthful master's playing. Patients confined to their beds in various hospitals have signified their intention to "listen in," and scores of persons who heard Mr. Seidel play at the Heiligstein concert, not only to compare the tone, which everyone who heard will remember, with the radio playing, but to hear again the exquisite playing.

Mr. Seidel will play three violin solos. These are the Schubert "Ave Maria," Paderewski's "Minuet" and "Liebestraus," by Kreisler.

His interest in this unusual concert is not, however, entirely confined to the violin solos. The two piano solos to be played by Francesco Longo have attracted a great deal of attention. The excellent success which the new station of The Oregonian has attained in broadcasting piano music has made the piano one of the most popular kinds of radio entertainment, and listeners are anxious to hear a musician of Mr. Longo's caliber play. He bears the distinction of having played for Madame Tetrazzini when she first introduced radio singing to New York. Like Mr. Seidel, he has played the world over and is an artist of high standing. The programme will begin

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RAILWAY RIVALRY HELD STATE NEED

Big Area Awaits Devel- opment, Says Witness.

OREGON MEN PRESS CLAIM

California Favored, Testi- fies F. G. Donaldson.

UNMERGER PLEA IS MADE

Lumbermen, Bankers and Traffic Experts Questioned Before Interstate Commission.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Oregon witnesses favoring the dismemberment of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads occupied a good part of the time in the hearing on the unmerger question today before the interstate commerce commission.

F. G. Donaldson of Portland, who described himself as an independent traffic man; C. F. Swigert, ex-chairman of the Port of Portland commission; F. M. Bramwell of Medford, who said he represented nobody but himself; Fred C. Knapp, Portland lumber man; J. H. Lathrop, traffic service free lance, of Portland; and W. B. Riddle, orchardist and former railroad executive, of Medford, gave their reasons for supporting the separation of the two railroad systems. C. F. Vandewater, district freight and passenger agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company at Walla Walla, Wash., also testified on the same side.

Railroad Attacks Witnesses.

Mr. Donaldson said he appeared for certain Portland shippers who had intervened in the proceeding against the Southern Pacific application; also for the Western Pine Manufacturers' association and three mills west of the Cascades, and for the East Side Business Men's club of Portland.

In taking up the direct examination of Mr. Donaldson Attorney William H. Calkins, of the Portland law firm of Calkins, Calkins & Calkins, began a line of questioning to discredit certain important witnesses from western Oregon who had testified early in the proceeding in favor of the Southern Pacific. These witnesses were W. L. Thompson of Portland, W. W. Calkins of Eugene, E. A. Welch of Medford and O. Blanchard of Grants Pass.

Testimony Is Assailed.

On the assumption that the witnesses mentioned had testified they represented the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, Mr. Donaldson said that during a long connection with the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, which terminated last April he had never heard of any of the witnesses as lumbermen. This testimony was attacked in the cross-examination by Ben Day, attorney of the Southern Pacific, who cites the record of the hearing to show that none of the witnesses in question had pretended to represent the lumber association.

The witness said that what Oregon needed was railroad competition which he said was responsible for the much further advanced development of the lumber industry in Washington notwithstanding the fact that Oregon has more standing timber. He said that unless Oregon were given increased railroad facilities, such as he declared the unmerger offers, the state will not share in the great lumber business which will eventually result when all the rest of the country must look to the three states of Washington, Oregon and California for their lumber.

California Declared Favored.

On the basis of its relative timber resources Oregon, he said, should receive 41 per cent of all the lumber orders coming to the three states, but that cannot hope to do so well with its present transportation facilities. He said that during the most disastrous car shortage in 1920 and on other occasions when the lumber industry in western Oregon was stranded for lack of cars reports showed that lumbermen in California received 100 per cent of their demands. During the present year he said Oregon lumbermen had saved well in the receipt of cars but hinted that this improved service was because the Southern Pacific sought to bolster its own cause in the dismemberment fight.

Mr. Donaldson Questioned.

Attorney Day drew from the witness the fact that the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, which he represented, had no mills west of the Cascades and none on the lines of the Southern Pacific railroad; also an admission that the three western Oregon mills he said he represented were on the line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and not on the Southern Pacific. The witness having said he represented the East Side Business Men's club of Portland, Attorney Day inquired: "and you don't know

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STILL IS REVEALED BY TALKATIVE CHILD

FAMILY SECRET BETRAYED AND FATHER FINED \$250.

Little Girl, Eager to Please Vis- itors to Home, Shows Of- ficers Hiding Place.

A talkative little girl—the typical child who betrays family secrets—cost her daddy, C. M. Townsend, just \$250 in the federal court, yesterday. Townsend lived at Tilton. He was buying a home on the installment plan, being temporarily out of work he sought to increase the family revenue by the manufacture of moonshine. Then he obtained a job, dismantled his still and hid it beneath the waters of a small creek which flows across his home.

Last summer a detail of prohibition agents raided the house. They hunted high and low, but could find no evidence of a still. Then the little girl came into the case—the typical little girl who wanted to be nice to the nice men who were visiting her home.

"You want to know where my daddy keeps his copper pot?" she blazed. "Come along, I'll show you." The child led them. By the aid of poles, the agents fished, the still from the bottom of the creek. Townsend was arrested for violating the prohibition law.

His attorney appeared before Federal Judge Wolverton, yesterday to enter a plea of guilty. In the rear of the courtroom was the mother and the six-year-old informer, all dressed up in her Red Riding Hood coat and immensely pleased with the proceedings. Townsend, it was explained, was in poor financial circumstances, he was buying the home and was out of work, attempting to make enough to keep the roof over the family's head.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was the penalty that the father must pay for the child's loose tongue, but in view of the circumstances, Judge Wolverton ordered that it be paid on the installment plan—\$50 a month for five months.

PRINCE ANDREW IN ROME

Greek Banished From Athens Is Received by Pope.

ROME, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prince Andrew of Greece, banished by the revolutionary government in Athens for his part in the Greek military disaster in Asia Minor, arrived here today, accompanied by his wife, Princess Alice, and their four daughters.

They went to the Vatican, where they were received by Pope Pius.

HEMPER LOSES \$25,000

Operative Star's Apartment Looted of Jewels and Furs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Frieda Hempel, operative star, returned today to her apartment on Central Park West after a concert tour, was notified that the suite was robbed yesterday.

Jewels, furs and apparel composed the greater part of the loot, estimated to be worth between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

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4 CHILDREN DIE IN EUGENE FIRE

One Woman Is Injured, Probably Fatally.

Home Destroyed by Using Gasoline in Stove.

EXPLOSION IS CAUSE

Bodies of Victims Removed to Morgue; Flames Make Rapid Headway.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Four children were burned to death, one woman injured, probably fatally, and three other children and a man and his wife seriously injured by fire which followed a gasoline can explosion, which set fire to a two-family home in the west part of Eugene about 7:30 tonight.

Dead.

Orville Church, aged 5; Ida Church, aged 3; William Church, aged 6; Marvel Johnson, aged 4.

Perhaps Fatally Burned.

Mrs. Ivor Johnson.

Severely Burned.

Leroy Johnson, aged 2; Clifford Johnson, aged 1; Hazel Church, aged 4; Mr. and Mrs. James Church.

Two Families Occupy Home.

The home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Johnson and their three children and by Mr. and Mrs. James Church and their six children. Mrs. Church is Mr. Johnson's sister.

From incoherent stories of the parents of the victims it was learned that the explosion was caused by pouring gasoline from a large can into a stove to start a fire. The flames spread so rapidly that before the frantic parents realized it, they were sweeping through the house.

Bodies Sent to Morgue.

The charred bodies of the four children, a girl and three boys, were taken to the morgue, beyond recognition. Three of them were found on a bed and one beneath the bed. When the firemen reached the scene, the grown persons were running about screaming. Neighbors who heard the explosion said that the entire house was in flames in a twinkling.

The firemen at once called physicians and a number of automobiles were requisitioned to take the injured to the hospital. Physicians said that Mrs. Johnson would live but a short time. Her husband did not seem to be in such bad condition.

Johnson is foreman of a county rock crushing crew. Church and his family recently came here from Saskatchewan, Canada.

This was the worst fire in the history of Eugene as far as the number of deaths was concerned. Coroner Branstetter said tonight that a complete investigation would be made.

KLAN INQUIRY WANTED

House Committee Proposes Dis- ciplinary Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Investigation of the Ku Klux Klan activities by a house committee, which would be directed by the reconstruction committee, was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Ryan, republican of New York. The resolution also called for an examination of the financial condition of the organization.

It was declared in the resolution that the Klan was un-American, that it "had expended large sums for the building of palaces" and had issued "propaganda of religious bigotry and racial hatred."

AUTOIST GETS 6 MONTHS

Man Who Ran Into Safety Zone Sign Is Sentenced.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 6.—Walter White, a Sacramento resident, was sentenced today to serve six months in the county jail upon conviction of having run his automobile into a safety zone standard here last Saturday night.

He was arrested by a deputy sheriff who said he saw White pilot his car against the sign.

Fraud Probe Kept Quiet.

Although no information leaked out of the United States grand jury room, where the probe of the state soldier bonus frauds of central Oregon is being staged, it was determined yesterday that the investigation is proceeding. A number of witnesses, who had appeared before the body, received vouchers for witness fees and mileage, yesterday and were excused and permitted to return to Bend. Robert F. Maguire and Wilbur Henderson, local attorneys, who conducted the investigation for the state bonus commission, together with several men prominent in veteran affairs, were about the federal building, where the hearing is being conducted, for the greater part of the day.

