

GERMANY DESIRES U. S. COMMISSION

Plea Made for Body to Decide Reparations.

BUSINESS NEEDS CITED

Head of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Makes Request Public and Submits Response.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Further aspects of the move for an American commission to inquire into Germany's capacity to pay reparations...

The request was transmitted through the German Industrie und Handelslag, a national organization representing German business interests.

The correspondence as made public contains no reference to previous discussion of the project, though it is known that a less formal way the American commission plan has been under consideration in Germany.

State department officials, who have been unwilling to discuss in any way the commission proposal since it first was disclosed in a recent Associated Press dispatch from London, continued silent tonight regarding the whole project.

The correspondence between the German and American business organizations was made public in a statement by Julius E. Barnes, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, saying that chamber officials had no comment to make at this time.

VOTERS' PAMPHLET HIT

ABOLITION TO BE PROPOSED TO LEGISLATURE.

Committee of Oregon State Editorial Association Wants Notices in Papers.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Abolition of the voters' pamphlet will be proposed in a bill to be submitted to the state legislature at its coming session, it was decided at a meeting here today of the legislative committee of the Oregon State Editorial Association.

The meeting was attended by Elbert Bede, president of the association, of Cottage Grove, and C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis; E. A. Koen, Dallas, and Hal Hess, secretary of the association, Oregon City.

The voters' pamphlet costs the state \$10,000, according to information on which the committee's conclusions were based. The editorial association contends that this method of extending information concerning the various measures is not as effective as published notices would be.

Sworn statements of circulation of the press of the state are to be compiled by the committee in order to present to the legislature the exact distribution which the new plan would bring. They contended that only the measures should be printed and that no argument should accompany the text of the measures.

Before the bill is presented to the legislature it is probable that the committee will meet again to consider it.

BOMBING REWARD IS UP

Seattle Police Trace Clues in Wrecking of Automobile.

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Advertisement for Lipman Wolfe & Co. featuring suits and overcoats. Text includes 'Charge Purchases Payable February 1', 'Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only', 'Men, Think!', 'Think What It Means to You to Have the Unrestricted Choice of All Suits and Overcoats in Lipman, Wolfe's Stocks (Anglotex Line Excepted)', and a large price tag '\$36'. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for January Clearance of Men's Hose. Text includes 'January Clearance of Men's Hose', 'Three Lots—Three Greatly Reduced Prices', and lists prices for Wool Hose (25c), Fiber Hose (35c), and Clocked Hose (50c). Includes an illustration of a man's legs in hose.

Advertisement for Clearance of Boys' 'Sampeck' Suits. Text includes 'Clearance of Boys' "Sampeck" Suits', 'Entire Stock Without Reservation at Great Reductions', and lists prices for suits and trousers: \$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits—Clearance—\$12.50, \$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits—Clearance—\$15.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00 Suits—Clearance—\$18.00.

Advertisement for the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian. Text includes 'CAUTION', 'Wrappers of the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian issued MONDAY, JAN. 1, will bear this label:', 'NEW YEAR'S EDITION', 'Morning Oregonian', 'Portland, Oregon', and 'Price will be 5 cents a copy; postage, 6 cents in the United States and possessions. All other foreign postage will be 12 cents.'

Advertisement for Ladd & Tilton Bank. Text includes 'Open your account today in this strong bank.', 'LADD & TILTON BANK', 'Oldest in the Northwest', 'WASHINGTON AT THIRD', and 'DEPARTMENTS SAVINGS CHECKING EXCHANGE BOND SAFE DEPOSIT'.