

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 came to light tonight when the chamber of commerce of the United States made public a definite request from German business men that such a commission be appointed.

The request was transmitted through the German Industrie und Handelslag, a national organization representing German business interests. In reply the chamber of commerce expressed gratification at the confidence shown in American business leadership, but deferred a definite decision pending discussion of the reparations question by the council of allied premiers at their meeting January 2.

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, the United States and other countries for several weeks. Only one allusion is made to the fact that the plan has been discussed also with officials of the interested government, the cablegram of the German Industrie und Handelslag saying merely that "the German government will be pleased to welcome such a commission and open to it all sources of information."

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, and White House officials would not reveal whether the move was one of the things President Harding had in mind when he wrote to Senator Lodge today regarding the efforts now being made to be helpful in solving the European economic problem.

The correspondence between the German and American business organizations was made public in a statement by Julius B. 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. Substitution of notices in all of the papers in the state outlining proposed measures is to be asked. The change, the committee declares, would result in a saving of \$25,000 to the state each biennium.

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 \$50,000, according to the 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. The cost of publishing notices in all of the papers in the state would approximate \$25,000 and result in a consequent saving, they declared.

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. Any arguments for or against proposed measures will be handled through the same system as "candidates' material" is at present.

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

The change in the state administrative system is believed to be one of the most important proposed by the State Editorial association, which was active in obtaining newspaper legislation at the session two years ago.

BOMBING REWARD IS UP

Seattle Police Trace Clues in Wrecking of Automobile.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—John Danz, motion picture theater owner, whose automobile was wrecked by a bomb while it stood in front of his home last night, tonight offered a reward of \$500 for apprehension of those causing the explosion.

Police today were running down a number of leads. The explosion occurred in front of the Danz home, in an exclusive residential district, and while pieces of the automobile were thrown for nearly a block in every direction, no one was injured. The Danz family had left the car half an hour before the explosion.

A description of two men seen near the Danz home just after the family had left the automobile, was given officers by a young woman whose name was withheld. Mr. Danz attributed the explosion to labor disputes in which he was involved recently.

Denial that union workmen were behind the bombing of the Danz home was made by a young woman who said she had seen the Danz family at the Danz home just after the explosion.

WILSON HONORED ON 66TH BIRTHDAY

Senate Resolution Voices Joy at Recovery.

DAY IS PASSED QUIETLY

Friends Carry Word to ex-President That \$1,000,000 Fund Is Now Assured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Friends of Woodrow Wilson who raised a \$1,000,000 fund for the perpetuation of his ideals celebrated his 66th birthday today by sending him word, through a delegation which called at his 8 street home, that the success of the movement was assured.

The ex-president passed his birthday quietly. For an hour or more a group of men and women stood in the rain in front of his home, hoping that he might appear to greet them, but all they saw of the war-time president was a glimpse of him as he drove off in his limousine late in the day for his daily ride.

Friends Extend Greetings. During the day messages of felicitation came to Mr. Wilson from all parts of the world. A few close friends called to extend greetings, the delegation representing the Woodrow Wilson foundation arriving at 3 o'clock for a 40-minute visit. In the group were Hamilton Holt and Mrs. Charles E. Simonsen of New York city, Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes of Boston and Miss Carolyn Reutz-Rees of Greenwich, Conn., all members of the foundation's executive committee.

The delegation told Mr. Wilson that contributions to the fund already had passed \$1,000,000, probably now approximated \$900,000, and would in the near future undoubtedly reach the \$1,000,000 goal. The former president was reported to have expressed satisfaction over the success of the movement and its purposes.

Conversation Not Revealed. Those in the delegation declined to disclose the nature of their conversation with Mr. Wilson aside from saying that they had chatted informally on a number of topics. He was in excellent spirits, they said, and apparently was in better health than at any time since he was stricken with illness. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson, the ex-president's daughter, joined him in receiving the visitors in the library.

An engrossed copy of the resolution adopted by the senate was sent to Mr. Wilson by Vice-President Coolidge with the following letter of felicitation: "My dear Mr. Wilson: "It gives me great pleasure to be

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAYS WORK.

Senate. Resolution congratulating Woodrow Wilson on his restoration to health is unanimously adopted. The Senate economic conference amendment is debated at length, further changes being proposed by various senators. Letter from President Harding is read, expressing his opposition to the Bonus bill. Bill is offered by Hall, republican, Delaware, requiring all drivers of automobiles in District of Columbia to give a \$3000 indemnifying bond. House. Debate on interior department appropriation bill is continued. Report of postoffice bill received from the appropriations committee is introduced by Representative Jones, democrat, Texas, asking president to submit to the legislature about status of the United States sugar equalization board. Representative Hill, republican, Maryland, announces he will offer resolution asking for investigation of charges by Representative Upshaw, democrat, Georgia, that officials are drinking liquor behind the scenes while urging law enforcement.

UNIVERSITY NEEDS TOLD

Legislators Confer With College Heads on Plans.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—President Campbell and Senate Byrd met with the trustees of Oregon yesterday met informally with the members of the Lane county delegation in the state legislature to discuss legislation affecting the institution that may come up before the lawmakers next month.

Nothing was discussed concerning any contemplated action that may be taken when the lawmakers meet. Information in regard to present enrollment and the needs of the institution was desired in addition to other data concerning the possible needs in the way of increased facilities to take care of the present registration of students.

Professor Brown and others in the department of horticulture and in horticultural experiment work are credited with having done much towards the advancement of the horticultural industry in Oregon. While in the east Dr. Weniger will stop at Washington, D. C., with a view to consulting government officials in regard to obtaining engineering equipment for the college laboratories—equipment used at army camps at the time of the world war.

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NEW MAN ADMIRES THE WRONG GIRL

"Hello, Lillie! I have been dying to talk to you all day. Tell me about your party last night. You were raving about that new man who is here visiting Dick. Did you meet him, and do you still have the awful crush on him?"

"Oh, Jane, no. You will die when I tell you the joke. It's on me, too, but I'll tell it. That man danced with me twice or so, but—"

"Aha! So he did fall for you! I'll bet you are floating around on clouds today."

"Nothing's nothing! Wait till I tell you. The man was very nice and all that, but he had eyes for no one but Lillie. He confided, brother like, in me that she was the prettiest girl he ever did see."

"Ye gods! Lillie pretty! Why, who ever heard of such a thing?"

"Well, for a fact, Jane, she did look pretty last night. She had on one of those new long draped party dresses, and she looked quite stunning. The man surely was keen about her and couldn't talk about anything else. I encouraged him and told him Lillie was peach and all."

"Well, you are a real sport. Your heart breaking and all?"

"Don't worry about my heart. But I was going to tell you that I talked with Lillie in the dressing room. She was so pleased about her new dress and looking well and all that. Told me she got her dress at Cherry's. On credit, too. Six months to pay if she wanted that long. They are at 249 Morrison st., 2d floor. Take elevator.—Adv."

PARTY TO HAVE BANQUET

REPUBLICANS TO CELEBRATE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

PERJURY CASE NEAR END

Deputy Prosecutor Begins Argument to Jury.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Lincoln's birthday is to be celebrated by the republican state central committee of Oregon with a large banquet in Portland, to which republicans from all parts of the state will be invited, according to a statement issued here today by Walter L. Tooz Jr., republican state chairman. Arrangements will be made to obtain a speaker of national prominence, and the occasion will be devoted to a serious effort to reunite the various factions within the party.

"We have long contemplated the proper celebration of Lincoln's birthday," said Chairman Tooz, "and that it may be the success we hope to make it, the active participation of every republican club and organization in the state will be requested. It is planned to have a committee on arrangements to be composed of representatives from each of these republican organizations, so that the gathering may be truly representative of real republican spirit. It is fortunate that the legislature will be in session, and a point will be made to have the republican members thereof attend."

"Reverses suffered by the party in the recent election, though very disappointing, are not wholly discouraging, nor were they unexpected, particularly so far as Oregon is concerned. A religious controversy developing in the primaries, which was carried on into the general election, and which became very bitter; the fact that in the primaries Governor Olcott had as his opponents five able men, all of whom were of some prominence; the fact that the party had not been able to secure a record and urged lower taxes, thus sowing the seed which Mr. Pierce was to reap the advantage of; the situation of high taxes in this state throughout the country, due to the inability of the people thoroughly to appreciate the grave problems faced by the national administration; and the impossibility of solving them all within the short space of time occupied in that work; the situation of high taxes in this state particularly, even though largely due to the action of the people themselves, creating a feeling upon the part of the voters that a change might help, and in any event could not make matters worse; the effects of an insidious propaganda that has been going on for some time undermining the faith of the people in congress, and an actual lack of the leadership in congress which formerly existed; all of these things combined made defeat of the republican party almost a foregone conclusion."

"However, the republican party has done much for America, and will continue to do more. There never was a time in the history of the nation when the existence of two strong political organizations was more needed than now, and the republican party, even though there be a complete realignment of political parties, as seems probable, will continue to represent the great conservative element of America, the element that stood for nationalism in the early days of the republic against the onslaughts of such leaders as Jefferson Madison and others, that prevented secession and that saved our country from internationalism following the world war. We continue to have faith in this truly representative political organization.

Lincoln's birthday offers a most

LAD CONFESSES HOLDUP

NERVE FAILED AT CRUCIAL MOMENT, SAYS YOUTH.

14-Year-Old Boy Who Tried to Rob Reclus on Parole From Reform School.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—William Pearson, 14-year-old Battle Ground youth, has confessed to attention to hold up J. B. Hayward, aged rancher, several days ago, Sheriff William Thompson announced tonight. The lad was arrested in connection with the recovery of a stolen car, which was found near Battle Ground.

The hold-up took place at about 3:30 in the afternoon of December 19. Mr. Hayward was sitting in the door of his small house when Pearson appeared and, pointing a .45 caliber revolver at the rancher, told him to throw up his hands. Instead of complying Hayward told the youth to "point that gun in some other direction before you shoot yourself."

Pearson's nerve failed him at this point, he told Sheriff Thompson. He had come to the house with the full expectation that Hayward would immediately hand over his personal belongings at sight of the gun, he said.

The youth lives near Battle Ground with his mother on a 30-acre place. His mother and father have separated. The lad had been in the state training school at Chehalis. He had been paroled to his mother by Judge George B. Simpson upon condition that he attend school regularly. An investigation showed that he had gone to school only seven days last month. Whether or not the hold-up charges will be pressed has not been determined.

TAX RELIEF BODY FORMED

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Clatsop County Tax Relief Association were filed in the county clerk's office today.

The new organization was formed to unite the taxpayers into a center of force for promoting the general welfare of Clatsop county and the city of Astoria, to place the administration of the county and city affairs on a business basis, to maintain and enforce laws and to reduce the expense of administering the affairs of city and county.

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MRS. X. LIQUOR FERRET

MYSTERIOUS FEDERAL AGENT WINS FIRST CONVICTION.

WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND WAS RUINED BY MOONSHINE SWARS VENDETTA AGAINST TRAFFIC.

In the fashion of fictionists, local federal authorities call her "Mrs. X." Her true name, age, her occupation—any facts that might be used in identifying her—are kept a governmental secret.

Moonshine has made a tramp out of her husband, and she has sworn a vendetta against liquor and its sellers. She drew first blood yesterday morning in the federal court when Myrtle York, 80 North Second street, was fined \$150 because she sold the mysterious Mrs. X a pint bottle of moonshine.

Officials are willing to give little information regarding this volunteer prohibition worker. It is known that she approached prohibition officials several weeks ago, laid

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