

## 2 POWERS AGREE ON REPARATION METHOD

Procedure Is Outlined by France and Britain.

### ALLIED ENVOYS TO MEET

Conference at Geneva to Be Held After Plebiscite Is Taken in Upper Silesia.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—A definite agreement concerning the procedure to be followed with regard to the reparations due from Germany has been reached between the French and British governments.

M. Leygues, French premier, in a note to the British ambassador, the Earl of Derby, notified the ambassador of the definite agreement between France and Britain based on the four points previously arrived at. The note showed that the Geneva conference of the allies' ministers will be held after a plebiscite has been taken in the upper Silesia or at the latest in the first fortnight of February. It also indicated that the fourth stage of the meeting of the premiers will discuss the plebiscite and sanctions and that steps will be taken to obtain the consent of other interested states to the procedure arranged.

**Text of Note Given Out.**  
Following is the text of the note sent by M. Leygues on November 11 to the British ambassador in Paris ratifying the agreement reached between France and Great Britain upon the procedure to be followed on the reparations question:

"The French premier highly appreciates the spirit of cordiality with which the British government has agreed in a general way to the procedure proposed by the French government and the examination into the reparations questions will be as follows:

"First—A meeting at Brussels of technical experts of the allies with German experts. The experts afterward will report to their respective governments the minutes of the proceedings, which will be communicated to the reparations commission.

**Conference to Be Held.**  
"Second—A conference of allied ministers will meet at Geneva after the plebiscite in upper Silesia, but not later than the second week in February, in order to discuss the reparations question as a whole, the total amount of the debt, and to examine into Germany's capacity for payment.

Representatives of the German government will participate in this conference in a consultative capacity, as at Spa. The members of the Geneva conference will report to their respective governments, after which each government shall inform its representatives on the reparations commission the conclusions it has reached concerning the report of its representatives at the Geneva conference.

"Third—The reparations commission will then proceed in conformity with the terms of the Versailles treaty to fix the total amount and the method of payment of sums due by Germany, reporting to the allied powers its decision upon Germany's capacity for payment.

"Fourth—A meeting of the supreme council to examine into other measures to be taken, including pledges and securities.

"Fifth—Negotiations will be opened with other interested powers to obtain their consent to this mode of procedure."

## GOLD PRODUCTION TOPIC

### STATUS OF OREGON INDUSTRY TO BE MADE CLEAR.

Henry M. Parks, Director of State Bureau of Mines and Geology, to Attend Convention.

Gold production in Oregon, which has fallen over more than 50 per cent in the last five years, will be the topic discussed with the principal mining men of the country by Henry M. Parks, director of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology, who left last evening for Denver to attend the annual convention in that city of the American mining congress.

According to records compiled by the bureau of mines and geology, \$2,000,000 worth of gold was mined in this state in 1915, but the output this year will be less than \$1,000,000. This decrease in production, Mr. Parks says, is due not to any material lessening of the available gold remaining to be mined, but to the fact that the gold mining industry has suffered more heavily than any other from the general increase in commodity costs in recent years.

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## WAR DEAD SLANDERED

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of the adjutant-general's office, were caused by the enlistment of men in the army after they had been registered in the draft. When their names were called they were away with their units and were posted as deserters, being removed from the desertion list as rapidly as their presence in the service was located. Most of the 15 names on the final slacker list were detected by county officials, co-operating with the office here, since the state's present records are not complete.

Arrangements whereby a detailed record of service of every soldier, sailor and marine from Oregon will be on file in the state's records here have been completed with the war department.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

## LUMBER SALES SKIDDING

### DECLINE IN EASTERN SHIPMENTS CUT DOWN VOLUME.

Rise in Railroad Rates Hampers Expansion Beyond Mississippi River, Says Review.

Volume of sales in the lumber business continues to be under normal as the result of the continued inability of Pacific coast manufacturers to compete in the territory east of the Mississippi river since the rise in railroad rates, according to the weekly lumber review issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Largely liquidating stocks at less than cost, association mills sold 54,619,409 feet of lumber the week ending November 5.

Railroad purchasing, which has been active since the decline in prices, represented 25 per cent of the week's sales.

California continued fairly active in both water and rail business, with indications, however, that California requirements will soon be satisfied.

The unshipped balance of orders for rail delivery including railroad business, is now down to 3931 carloads.

In the domestic cargo trade, the unshipped balance is 115,110,051 feet; in export, 22,022,944 feet.

Production at 66,829,593 feet was approximately 20 per cent below normal.

With the output of lumber exceeding both sales and shipments, stocks

## are accumulating, notwithstanding mill efforts to liquidate. This accumulation largely consists of side cut developed in filling railroad specifications.

Shippers for the week under review amounted to 50,388,719 feet, including both rail and water movement.

### Bread Drops Cent a Loaf.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special).—The price of bread in Vancouver will drop one cent a loaf, beginning next Monday, according to V. G. Leitch, manager of a baking company here. While flour has dropped some Mr. Leitch today said that the present cost of operation does not warrant the cut, but it is being made by the Master Bakers' association to make good a promise made during the war.

### Road Contract Awarded.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special).—O. D. Wolfe of Washougal was awarded the contract for the extension of the North Bank highway to the Skamania county line, the bid being \$6207. The distance is 3000 feet

and the grade is not to exceed 5 per cent though the old grade is 20 per cent in some places. The county of Skamania last year built the road to the line at a cost of \$15,000.

### Southern Pacific Manager Coming.

J. H. Dyer, general manager of the Southern Pacific system, with headquarters in San Francisco, is scheduled to reach Portland today. Just what his programme is has not been made public.

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The reason for the shortage of telephone equipment is simple. During the war period we were unable to maintain our reserve or stock plant as the same materials we use were required and taken for government purposes and for industries properly favored by the government. Since the war, with the unexpectedly prolonged problems of reconstruction, production and delivery of materials needed to meet even current demands have been delayed. Every business concern is having similar experiences. The manufacturers of telephone equipment have been bending every effort to fill our orders, but they, in turn, are meeting the same difficulties in securing rubber, paper, silk, glass, porcelain, tin, thread, shellac, metal parts and other articles not generally associated in the public mind with telephone service.

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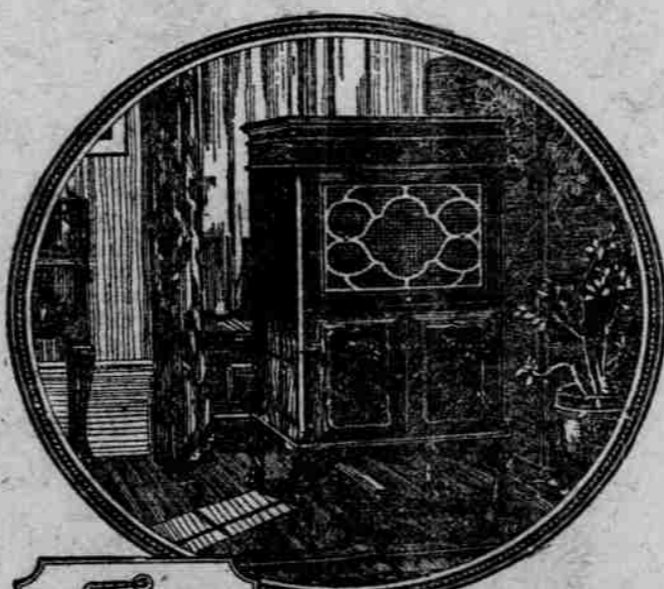
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