

INDEMNITY APPLAUSE DROWNED IN DOUBT

Latest Reparation Project Most Impracticable.

POLITICAL TRICK SCENTED

Agreement at Paris Now Recognized as Means of Giving Temporary Victory to Briand.

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(Copyright 1921 by The Oregonian.) PARIS, Feb. 5.—(Special Cable.)—The storm of applause that greeted the Paris agreement has died out and yielded to skepticism and doubt. Examination of the proposed settlement by economists and hard-headed folk, who deal in securities and merchandise instead of theories and phrases, has brought the conviction that among the reparations projects thus far tentatively adopted the latest is by far the most impracticable.

Indeed, it is recognized now as a typical politician's agreement. Premier Briand, having made all possible concessions, has now adopted the promise of a declaration of his ministerial declaration, had to bring, at all costs, complete accord from this conference. Lloyd George appeared to have allowed him a diplomatic victory, realizing the agreement patterned to be unworkable and always subject to modifications.

One Desperate Hope Held. One desperate hope that the Paris reparations agreement will endure depends entirely upon the chance that America will discount the promissory notes which Germany will be required to issue in anticipation of the 42 annuities. This hope is not taken seriously in financial circles where it is perceived that if America consented to such an arrangement the discount would far exceed the 5 per cent on which the annuities are calculated.

Two definite gains, however, neither of which has been emphasized, have come from the conference. First, Briand has received a lengthened lease of power—one which will probably last until the new American administration is installed. Second, there is the firm resolve to disarm Germany.

Germany's disarmament will remove the principal excuse for maintaining large armies elsewhere and thus will greatly strengthen the hands of those advocating a general reduction of armament.

Briand American Sympathizer. The maintenance in power of the Briand ministry insured France the continuance of a staunchly republican regime, the only regime, it is said, with which America can deal frankly and fruitfully. Briand's personal sympathies are perhaps not so likely pro-American but his political ideas correspond closely to those on which the American government is based, and this cannot be said of any other man in Europe.

The mischief of the reparations settlement is essentially to be its self-contradiction. Financiers and economists are amazed at the suggestion of an export tax, which if not passed on to the consumer and thus converted into an indirect tax on all the allied peoples, thereby maintaining high taxes on the consumer, makes German exports impossible. Its only result would be a paralysis of German industry. It would prevent the payment of reparations and stop the flow of German raw materials and manufactured goods to the stricken nations of central Europe.

Any deliberate effort to prevent the re-building of Europe could hardly be accomplished this result more effectively.

Objections to be Heard. This contradiction arises from the conflicting interests at issue. Added to the popular and political interests in seeing Germany paying heavy indemnities is the interest of these competitors who hope to keep German industry from recovering. Both of these interests cannot be satisfied simultaneously and efforts in this direction would result in unworkable plans.

The new agreement, however, must not be considered as final. Germany's objections, if sanely formulated, will receive a hearing. Meanwhile, criticisms appearing in France, as well as in England, may soon convince the allied premiers that modifications are needed. The discussion in London on February 26 of the near eastern situation appears likely to raise almost insoluble difficulties in the French and British viewpoints and may lead to the reopening of other issues.

It will not be surprising, to see all questions left over from the peace conference adjourned to a date sufficiently after March 4 to admit at least an informal sounding of the coming administration of President-elect Harding.

NEW SHIP DEAL PROPOSED

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storation of the rates to the pre-war proportion of the domestic rates, while the eastern lines object on the grounds that the proposed tariffs would decrease their revenues and divert traffic from the Atlantic to Pacific ports.

At the shipping board meeting it was stated that a large volume of trans-continental traffic is now moving over Canadian lines, not partly to the foreign exchange situation in favor of Canada, and also to the fact that recently the Canadian lines put into effect rates to points east of Chicago which, added to local charges to United States cities, are still under the rates of American roads.

restriction upon that minimum which is proposed by the house joint resolution." Representative Mondell, republican leader, said the message presented no arguments that had not already been before the body and that further discussion was unnecessary. He asked for an immediate vote.

A motion to adjourn was voted down overwhelmingly. All 16 members voting to sustain the president were democrats. They were: Eas, Texas; Bland, Virginia; Campbell, Pennsylvania; Cleary, New York; Coady, Maryland; Eagan, New Jersey; Fisher, Tennessee; Igou, Missouri; McAndrews, Illinois; Minahan, New Jersey; Pell, New York; Raker, California; Sims, Tennessee; Tague, Massachusetts; Weaver, North Carolina; Welling, Utah.

Lee, democrat, Georgia, voted present.

PENROSE IS FOR BONUS

COUNTRY IS VERY HARD UP, SENATOR DECLARES.

Aid for Veterans Indorsed but Little Chance Seen for Legislation at This Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—An American Legion delegation was told by Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee today that he would favor increases in federal taxation if necessary to provide a cash bonus for war veterans. He expressed doubt, however, whether the legislation could be put through in this session.

Senator Penrose and Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, who has charge of the bonus bill, were interviewed by the American Legion representatives, including F. W. Galbraith, national commander. The executive committee of the legion will meet Monday to discuss the situation.

"The opinion that the people favor 'adequate and satisfactory provision for soldiers, their widows and relatives,'" was expressed by Senator Penrose. "I further told the committee," he said, "that the country was in a very bad financial situation and hardly able to meet its requirements and that revenue undoubtedly would fall off to a very marked degree in the next fiscal year."

VETERANS UP FOR POSTS

Oregon ex-Service Men on Senate List for Postmasters.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—A list of ex-service men who have been nominated for postmasters in Oregon was included in a report submitted to the senate today by Postmaster-General Burleson in response to a resolution requesting him to specify what nominations were pending as of world war veterans.

HARRISON TO QUIT JOB

Governor-General of Philippines Cables Resignation.

MANILA, Feb. 5.—Francis Burton Harrison, governor-general of the Philippines, today cabled his resignation to President Wilson, with a request that it be accepted March 4.

OIL STOCK MAY BE BOGUS

Sales of \$50,000,000 Worth of Shares Under U. S. Scrutiny.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Nearly \$50,000,000 worth of oil stock has been sold by a dozen Oklahoma and Texas oil companies whose properties have not produced one drop of oil. United States Attorney Charles Clyne of Chicago said today. His office was here investigating those transactions.

Clyne said he also would investigate several concerns in California selling in the east alkali land in California on the representation that it was good farming property.

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WASHINGTON MEN MEET

Representative John W. Summers Selected as House Member of Unofficial Irrigation Committee.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The first unofficial irrigation committee composed of a senator and a representative from the western reclamation states was taken at a meeting of the Washington delegation held today in the senate marble room. Among the states which will eventually be represented on the committee, aside from Washington, are California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, Texas, Montana and Wyoming.

The proposal as discussed by members from the irrigation states calls for the creation of an additional revolving irrigation fund of \$25,000,000. This in addition to the \$120,000,000 now available for this purpose. This sum is to be expended under the supervision of the reclamation committee on projects in the order of their importance. Aside from the development of a large national policy, it is thought that the unofficial committee will be able to co-ordinate the efforts of the west and southwest in securing irrigation appropriations from congress.

Dr. Summers Selected. By unanimous vote Representative John W. Summers was selected as the house member of the committee from Washington. Dr. Summers has more than a decade of experience in the problems of irrigation and is a member of the house public lands committee.

Senators Jones and Poindexter agreed to co-operate in this movement and decide at a later date which of them would have the most time to serve as a member of the committee. Although the Oregon delegation has not held a meeting yet, informal discussion of the subject indicates that Representative N. J. Sinnott will represent that state on the committee. Oregon probably will not hold any formal meeting until after Senator Stanford takes his seat. In the meantime, it is understood that Mr. Sinnott will look after the interests of Oregon. Senator Gooding, who is now a member of the irrigation committee, will represent Idaho in the senatorial section of the committee and Representative Addison T. Smith the house.

Federal Patronage Discussed. Although the conference of the Washington delegation was called for the ostensible purpose of discussing irrigation, it became known that federal patronage was a live issue during the conversations.

Harry Daugherty, the political ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from President-elect Harding, brought the tip to Washington that presidential postmasters and other large federal appointments would be taken from under the civil service. As a result, the manner as to how these appointments will be handled was discussed. It is understood that it was the sense of the meeting that the matter should be laid over until the new administration has taken charge of affairs.

It has been known for some time that President-elect Harding is fully conversant with the fact that President Wilson, after a great many desiring democrats had been carefully placed in good offices, issued a series of executive orders covering them into the civil service law. Some of the most active supporters of Senator Harding, both before and after the national convention, have been urging him to uncover these deserving democrats and give the republicans

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Forty thousand suits of pajamas made by American women for the boys in France, but sold to the French government after the armistice, are being sold in this country through French and American speculators at \$2.45 a suit. L. E. Bicknell, assistant director of the Red Cross American expeditionary force, declared today before a house war investigating committee.

French speculators obtained them from the French government later and sold them to Americans who stripped them of the Red Cross insignia.

FISH LOADED WITH LEAD Metal Substituted for Entrails in Profiteering Fraud. SACRAMENTO, Cal. Feb. 5.—Charges that fishermen have been making exorbitant profits by loading fish after cleaning with lead or iron, will be investigated at once, according to a letter written today by the state superintendent of weights and measures.

The letter says "It is charged that the fishermen remove the entrails and then load the fish with lead or iron. They find this unique method of fraud lucrative with striped bass at 45 cents a pound."

Squad Goes for Roma. HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 5.—Three officers and five enlisted men of the United States army air service left today for Antwerp en route to Italy to bring back the semi-rigid airship Roma purchased recently by the United States government from Italy. It will be taken to Langley field, near Washington, D. C.

Marriage License Issued. TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Thomas C. Minch, Tacoma, and Edna Baker, Centralia, Wash., procured a marriage license here today.

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—\$175.00 Fireside Chair—arms, wings, sides and back covered with two-tone blue velour, seat and back with tapestry. Now \$87.50
—\$125.00 beautiful blue striped and figured Velour Fireside Chair and Rocker. Your choice of either at \$62.50
—\$110.00 Arm Chair, entirely covered with tapestry. You'd better be early Monday for this one at \$55.00
—\$95.00 Blue Velour Arm Chair with roll top, just high enough to rest your head, now \$49.25
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