

VIVIANI WILL PROBE PARIS NEWS SOURCE

Ex-Premier Criticizes Cablegrams to America.

TRIP HERE IS RECALLED

Joy at German Proposal to Repair Northern Ruins Is Expressed by French Politician.

BY RENE VIVIANI.

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PARIS, April 30.—(By Special Cable.)—And now I am again in Paris. It seems that during my absence the international air has cleared, and victorious France's great cry for justice, after echoing around the world, has been heard even in Germany.

Tomorrow, May 1, starts the terrible hour when the conquered, drenched in innocent blood, must begin to pay for their wrongs to men and things. Germany's lies have availed her naught. In her sinister comedy of power, the world refused to believe. Secretary Hughes' abrupt and loyal answer showed her that a weary world, having fixed responsibility for the war on Germany, would not accept from her an uncertain and unstable peace.

Germany proposes to repair the northern ruins with her own materials. We see no objection to this, provided the offer is serious and effective. May peace at last come to an enlightened world! Our sons fell for the sake of that dawn which our heirs may see. At all events, it is America's attitude which has precipitated this promised return to good sense, conscience and labors of peace. Your great people deserve once more the thanks of the world and its admiration.

Proposals Called Tardy.

While awaiting Germany's final proposals let us bear in mind that even if serious, they are tardy. For two years the conquerors have waited, and it is only on the eve of the day when France, in conformity with the treaty, prepares to act, that Germany suddenly renounces her delay. If the new offer should prove another trick, another lie, the world must not be astonished if we maintain our stand and refuse to be duped. In dealing with Germany one is never paid until he actually receives that which is due.

On leaving America I spoke a parting word to your journalists, but I did not say good-bye, for one who knows America loves her and desires to return. I merely expressed thanks which a repetition cannot strengthen. Everybody recognizes that my deep gratitude and the affection which this last journey renewed was not lost overboard during the ocean passage home.

Press Service Criticized.

Among various things I noticed in America was one which particularly interests American newspaper men. I hope they will accept this for what it is worth, and not imagine I think myself capable of reforming the most powerful press in the world. But I speak in the interest of the American press as well as the interest of my own country.

In my farewell communication to America I mentioned how dangerous silence is for even the best friend. But I noticed another evil, which the press could readily cure. I mean that half silence, worse than silence itself, proceeding from the mediocrity of the news service from France to America. What astonished me most in America was the paucity of French news. Most of the printed cablegrams seemed to deal with events of slight importance, disproportionately emphasized or badly interpreted.

Answer to Be Sought.

Whose fault is this? Obviously the answer must be sought at Paris, the source of all French news. I am going to try to discover the answer, for I know of nothing more dangerous than this kind of neglect of political intelligence. It can only injure the interests of good feelings between the countries. I have just had another opportunity to see how these cordial feelings shine out under your bright sun. It was a delightful experience. I cannot tell how pleased I was with the conversations with your statesmen, your great lawyers, your soldiers, and I will endeavor to make my country profit by what they told me.

My thoughts go back to those kindly, generous throngs, acclaiming the name of France, associated with that of America, while flags of the same battles and torn by the same shells were draped overhead. I see again the magnificent meeting in Carnegie hall, New York, noble passions graven on noble faces, and expressing such affection for my country. I could not keep back the tears as I left to bring this loving testimony home.

HOSPITAL TO BE RUSHED

Government Will Spend Large Sum at Fort Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—The government will spend between \$400,000 and \$500,000 altering the present buildings and erecting new ones at Fort Walla Walla, in order to turn it into a hospital for ex-service men, according to a message received today from Representative Summers, who stated that the plans would go to the contractors with rush orders as soon as the specifications could be written. The message stated that "numerous obstacles that have caused delays and threatened the consummation of our hospital during the last six weeks are now overcome."

VACCINATION EDICT OUT

Oregon City Health Officer Issues Order to School With Smallpox.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Under orders from the city health officer, pupils of the city schools will have to undergo vaccination or be barred from attendance at school unless they have been vaccinated within the last seven years. Two cases of smallpox have appeared in the school. After receiving the instructions from the health department Friday afternoon, the school board held a special meeting and adopted a resolution authorizing the action.

TEACHER PAY LIFT DENIED

Salem School Board Decides Increases Can't Be Granted.

SALEM, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—There will be no increase in the sal-

aries of schoolteachers employed in the Salem district during the coming year. This was made plain at a meeting of the board last night when it was found that any advance in the compensation for teachers would border on violation of the 6 per cent tax limitation law.

GRADING RULES ADOPTED

COAST LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION ADJOURNS.

Provision Made for More Grades of Product Than Have Been Recognized Heretofore.

After adopting new grading rules for lumber and providing for more grades than heretofore, the West Coast Lumbermen's association, meeting at the Multnomah hotel, adjourned yesterday afternoon. Several addresses on technical subjects were delivered in the forenoon. C. E. Watsek, president of the Crowell-Weston Lumber company of Wauna, Or., and trustee of the Columbia river district of the organization, presided at the session yesterday.

The association adopted new grading rules for Douglas fir, spruce, cedar, western hemlock and Port Orford cedar, with the reservation that the members may each possess a copy of the classifications, numbering more grades than have ever been recognized before, and that each may have the privilege of submitting suggestions for modifications. These, it was agreed, should receive the consideration of the trustees and if found practicable will be incorporated into the grading code.

This is the first time in the history of the association that Port Orford cedar has been graded. The grading rules were submitted by S. W. Johnson of the Seattle Cedar & Fir Products company, chairman of a special committee which had been named to frame this feature.

As a whole, the members, numbering 150 present, were optimistic. While rail shipments are far below the average, slight improvement was reported and cargo shipments have been and continue good.

NAVY TUG IS MISSING

CONESTOGA LEAVES FOR GUAM AND DISAPPEARS.

Four Officers and 26 Enlisted Men Are Not Heard From for Month, Says Report.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 30.—A report that the United States fleet tug Conestoga, bound from San Diego to Guam by way of Mare Island and Pearl Harbor, has been missing for more than a month and that grave fears were entertained for the safety of the craft was received here today. The word came to the 11th naval district headquarters at North Island in a cablegram from Honolulu. The Conestoga left this port early in March for Mare Island and left the northern navy yard for Pearl harbor, Hawaii, March 27. According to word received here, the vessel has not been sighted or heard of since that day.

Officers of the tug include Lieutenant E. L. Jones, commanding; Boatswain R. E. Hoffee; Boatswain H. L. Reinhold and Machinist L. A. Liscomb. There were 26 enlisted men aboard when the tug left San Diego.

The Conestoga was built at the Maryland Steel company's plant at Sparrows Point, Md., and was commissioned in 1917. The contract price was \$215,000.

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NEIGHBORS SEE TRAGEDY

Lewiston Resident Kills Spouse After She Refuses to Swear Out Warrant for Arrest.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—Joe Hart, who operated a freight boat line on the upper Snake river, early this morning killed his wife and a neighbor, Mrs. Charles Wilmarth, with a shotgun. Immediately afterward he shot and killed himself in the yard back of the Wilmarth home. The triple tragedy was witnessed by the Hart and Wilmarth children, and by Marie Walker, a neighbor. Domestic troubles between the Harts and Mrs. Wilmarth's friendship for Mrs. Hart, are thought to have caused the tragedy.

Yesterday Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Wilmarth visited Chief of Police Gasser, asking protection from Hart. Mrs. Hart refused to swear out a warrant for her husband's arrest, as she feared this might interfere with divorce proceedings which were pending.

Last night the two women attended a dance. Mrs. Hart slept at the Wilmarth home, two doors from the Hart place.

About 7 o'clock this morning Hart's stepsons, Ira and Herman Rhodes, heard him go to the rear door and admit Mrs. Hart. There followed some words between the couple, and Hart pulled the shotgun from under the bed. Muttering something, he took aim and shot Mrs. Hart through the wrist, and abdomen, again firing as she stepped on the front porch. The latter charge penetrated her back between the shoulder blades.

Mrs. Hart fell dead on the porch. Hart then went to the Wilmarth home, where he entered the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Wilmarth and her son, Charles, aged 13.

Mrs. Wilmarth was dressing, sitting on the edge of her bed. "Oh my God," she cried, as she saw Hart.

He shot three times, causing gaping wounds in her chest and abdomen, which resulted in instant death.

Marie Walker, aged 15, a neighbor, testified before the coroner's jury that she saw Hart go from the Wilmarth porch to the back yard, where he peered down the gun barrel, pulled the trigger and fell over backwards. Dr. J. N. Alley, county physician, testified that although the top of Hart's head was blown off, he lived for about 40 minutes.

Right to Operate Here Asked.

SALEM, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The Sweet Sixteen company, organized under the laws of California, has filed application with the state corporation commissioner to operate in Oregon. The corporation has a capital stock of \$200,000. Oregon headquarters will be in Portland. The Yellow Fir Lumber company, with headquarters at Tillamook City, has been incorporated by W. M. Thomas, A. G. Beah and George P. Winslow. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Officials Visit Vancouver, Wash.

SALEM, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, and Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, passed today at Vancouver, Wash., making an inspection of the Washington school for the blind. The state board of control contemplates a number of improvements to the Oregon school for the blind, and is now conducting a quiet investigation as to how similar institutions in other states are conducted.

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