FRANCE UNCERTAIN ABOUT TEUTON CASH

Only Half of War Damage Said to Be Laid on Germany.

U. S. NEWS IS PLEASING

Friendship Between Two Countries Must Be Intensified by Informing Each Other, Says Tardieu.

BY ANDRE TARDIEU.
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PARIS, May 14.—(Special Cable.)—The days just passed have been full of uncertainty for France. For days it was not known what reply Germany would make to the ultimatum of the allies, nor was it known what reply would best serve the interests of France. But two days before the expiration of the time limit Germany signified her acceptance.

France has two viewpoints of the reparations question. The first, of law; the second, of failure. How much does Germany owe? How much will she pay?

I will endeavor to answer these questions in order.

First, what Germany owes France. According to the treaty of Versailles Germany owes to all the allies the total damage suffered by persons and by property. France's total was calculated by the French government in a memorandum to the reparations committee in January last at 136,000,000,000 of gold marks.

Arbitrary Sum Fixed.

But while this calculation was being made the allies, at successive conferences at San Remo, Lympne, Boulogne, Spa and Paris, consented to a revision of the treaty in the direction of the Keynes theories. Instead of fixing the amount of damages, the allied ministers undertook to estimate the paying powers of the debtor. Instead of drawing up a bill they set an arbitrary sum.

Agreements reported at these conferences finally fixed the capital amount of the German payments at 125,000,000,000 of gold marks, of which France was to receive 52 per cent, or 65,000,000,000. Despite Germany's refusal to accept the Paris figures, these were adopted as the final basis, and the reparations committee was invited to fix the German debt thereon.

The 132,000,000,000 at which this debt eventually was fixed gave France 68,000,000,000 gold marks instead of 136,000,000,000. In other words, just about half of our damage was shifted to German shoulders and one-half to the shoulders of France. This is the first reason why France is dissatisfied with the latest interallied agreements.

Payments Are Uncertain.

Second—What will Germany pay France? France is dissatisfied because while beholding half her due, she sees no certainty of payments to offset the reduction. We have been hearing for two months that a tangible guaranty would be exacted, as the treaty permits. But nothing has been seized. Soldiers of the class of 1919 have been mobilized, but have not been used. Again, as after the Spa conference in July, 1920, there has been much talk about future sanctions. It is true these sanctions will operate automatically without further conferences. But the same thing was said at Spa and since, although three conferences have been held and no satisfaction exercised. Therefore, France is far from satisfied with the London arrangements and their sequel.

On the other hand, the American news of the past ten days has produced a good impression. The United States government refused to transmit the German proposition. It has designated representatives to the supreme council, to the conference of ambassadors and to the reparations commission. Fairly, the house of representatives at Washington declined to vote immediately on the Knox resolution for separate peace with Germany, but to await developments, avoiding for the time being any act of misinterpretation.

Facts to Be Sent America.

You know my idea. Europeans who enjoy a special trip to America in a vital interest do not attempt to exert pressure on American policy. The United States is satiated with the propaganda of the various European countries. Americans ask to be let alone and have their own minds. Europe should limit her role to the submission to America of the documents in the case. For my part, I shall endeavor to do this from time to time by submitting facts to which I shall add the interpretation placed upon these facts by France.

"Americanism," that complex state of mind, is essentially disdainful of attempts to influence it. Americanism does not mean that America abandons the rest of the world, but that the United States proposes to judge world affairs according to American traditions. France has nothing to fear from these traditions, provided she shows Americans her true self, undistinguished by party machinations.

This truth results from the history of the last few years. In 1917 Germany tried to force America's hand. M. Jusserand, who represented France at Washington, allowed the United States to form its own opinion, and it decided in favor of France. A few days ago I sent President Harding a copy of my book on the "Truth About the Treaty." The president, in a charming letter, in which he refers kindly to our pleasant relations in 1917, replied:

"I am quite sure our two republican countries are agreed upon ultimate aim of advancing humanity and can be assured furthermore of our governments in seeking to attain that end. I know that nothing will ever disturb the friendship which exists between France and the United States."

If this friendship is to be fruitful we must keep each other informed. That is the law of democracies. It is necessary and sufficient. The rest will follow of its own accord.

Obituary.

Henry Seeley Williard, prominent businessman of Wellston, O., and well known on the Pacific coast, died suddenly at his home in Wellston Wednesday, according to news received yesterday by his cousin, L. B. Seeley, 135 Thirteenth street. Mr. Williard, who was head of a pig-iron manufacturing establishment and president of the First National bank at Wellston, one of the six honor banks during the war, had often visited Portland and other Pacific coast cities on business. During the winter of 1914-15 he spent six months at Mount Hood lodge for his health.

Mr. Williard was 72 years of age. He is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters. Mrs. Anna Seeley Bernard, 135 Twelfth street, is a cousin.

DALLAS, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Ezekial F. Sargeant, 65, died at his home near this city May 9. He was a native of Polk county, having been born at Grand Ronde. All but 12 years of his life was spent in Polk county. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Bertel and Delmar Sargeant of this city, Mrs. W. H. Houck and Mrs. H. W. Hough of Enterprise, Or.

DALLAS, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—John S. Powell, 82, well-known resident of Polk county, died May 10 at his home near Falls City. Mr. Powell came to Oregon more than a half century ago, living for many years at Philomath, where he was employed as a pharmacist. He came to Polk county in 1908, locating on a small farm near Falls City. He was an experienced agriculturist and had for several years maintained an individual booth of his own products at the county fair here. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Cleveland and Clarence Powell, Mrs. Grace Brown, Mrs. J. J. Kreitzer, Falls City; Mrs. R. A. Baldwin of Winlock, Wash., and Mrs. Culbert of Seaside, Or.

MEDFORD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—James M. Stevens died at his home here suddenly, May 12, aged 71 years. He was a pioneer of the Rogue River valley, having crossed the plains in 1853 with his parents and settling in Jackson county, where he had since resided. He is survived by a widow and two children, a sister in Portland and a brother, Harvey Stevens, in Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Rebecca Jannett Conley, wife of Jacob Conley, died at her home in Sams Valley, May 12, at the age of 77 years. The family have lived in Jackson county for the past 56 years, and on the old home place in Sams Valley for the past 53 years. Ten of her 14 children survive her. They are Mrs. J. C. Neil, Pendleton, Or.; Mrs. E. P. Knapp, Central Point, Or.; Mrs. J. R. Vincent, Sams Valley; Mrs. B. Tucker, Ashland, Or.; Mrs. C. Kreiger, Eagle Point, Or.; John Conley, Myrtle Creek, Or.; Sye Conley, Lorella, Or.; James and Rollie Conley, Butte Falls, Or.; and Vern Conley, Sams Valley, Or.

EUGENE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. F. H. Hickey, who before her marriage here 13 years ago was Miss Margaret Woods, daughter of Mrs. Julia Woods of this city, died at Great Falls, Mont., a few days ago. Mrs. Woods returned yesterday from attending the funeral. Mrs. Hickey lived in Eugene and Cottage Grove for many years before going to Montana six years ago. Her four children, Ellen, Mary Anthony, Paul and Agnes, survive.

5 COUNTIES PLAN TO BOND

OPPOSITION TO HIGHWAY ISSUES FEEBLE.

Douglas, Wasco, Hood River, Curry and Deschutes to Vote on Total of $2,425,000.

Five counties are preparing to submit road bond issues at the special election in June. Most of the money is intended for co-operation with the state highway commission on main roads. Douglas county leads with a proposal for $1,100,000; Wasco is to submit an issue of $800,000; Hood River, $300,000; Curry, $165,000, and Deschutes, $60,000.

There is a little opposition in each county, but the most active opposition anywhere appears to be in Mosier against the Wasco issue. Mosier people complain that they have been unable to get market road money from he couny cour and ha members of he court, living in the southern part of the county, have placed market road money in that section, ignoring Mosier district.

In Curry county the issue is to be evenly divided, $82,500 to be used between Rogue river and the Coos county line and a similar amount between Gold Beach and the California line. The Hood River proposal is to be used, in part, for co-operation on the section of the Mount Hood loop within that county. The Wasco issue is to be devoted principally to The Dalles-California highway, with a connection running toward Mount Hood to join the loop road. In Douglas county part of the bonds are intended for a 50-50 participation in building the Roseburg-Coos Bay road between Roseburg and the county line and in co-operating in the cost of the bridge and overhead on the Pacific highway at Myrtle creek.

BIG BUILDING PROJECTED

Eight-Story Structure on Washington Street Planned.

The erection of an eight-story building is contemplated at the corner of Washington and Twenty-third streets, where the Keystone store is located, as the result of an option taken on that property yesterday.

Plans for the erection of the building were announced by J. W. Gregg. Fenton building, who said he had taken the option on the property for a client, who name he coud not now divulge, who would put up the building.

According to Mr. Gregg the building to be erected will be of concrete and will have store rooms below and be arranged for a hotel or offices above. A feature will be an arrangement whereby the Portland Heights street cars will pass under a portion of the building.

"We will put our engineers on the ground immediately and expect to get started with construction work in short order," he said.

Legion Plans Funerals.

MEDFORD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Public funerals under the auspices of the American Legion post of Medford will be held here about May 17, when the bodies of two of Medford's heroes, killed in battle in the world war, arrive about May 16. The men were Van Allen Cornish and Carl C. Dunham, both members of the 28th infantry, 1st division, who fell the same day at the Chateau Thierry engagement, July 23, 1918. Relatives here have been apprised by telegraph by the grave registration service of the war department that the bodies had been sent from Jersey City to Medford on May 12.

Indian Woman, 100, Dead.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Walker, 100 years old, an Indian of the Chehalis reservation, died in Satsop May 10, according to a report from the. The body was sent to Grand Mound for burial.

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BRITAIN NOT LIKELY TO RENEW TREATY

Modified Pact With Japan Is Barely Possible.

AMERICAN VIEW WEIGHED

Friendship With United States Is Thought of First Importance and America Is Suspicious.

BY ARTHUR HENDERSON,
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LONDON, May 14.—(Special by Wireless.)—The visit to England of the Japanese crown prince and the high personages of his suite denotes the importance attached by Japan to a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, or "agreement," as it is officially termed.

The establishment of the league of nations has made it impossible for the agreement to be renewed in its old form without a cynical breach of faith on the part of the British government. Such action need not be anticipated. Despite the tardiness of the allied governments in allowing the league to function there is a strong body of opinion in Great Britain which would offer firm resistance to an attempt to involve this country in military commitments contrary to the provisions of the league.

The splendor and display which have characterized the official functions would seem to indicate that the Japanese mission is unlikely to depart without having concluded some sort of agreement with Britain, but that it will be different in important respects from the old treaty may be fairly assumed.

Agreement May Be Limited.

While the labor party is opposed to the alliance being renewed, the government may consider it necessary "for high state reasons" to meet the desire of Japan up to a point, but within the limits set by the league of nations.

The old alliance, as is well known, has long been regarded with suspicion by America, and in seeking to remove points of friction between the two countries it is essential that any agreement between Britain and Japan should be totally incapable of involving this country in any form of co-operation with Japan against the United States or any responsibility for difficulties that may exist or may arise between Japan and America.

The arrival of George Harvey, the new ambassador, and his friendly message to the British nation are of equal political significance with the presence of the Japanese crown prince. His message augurs well for the future relationships between the American and British governments.

During the past few months the relations between the two countries obviously have been somewhat strained and the interview given by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to Washington, while he was in London to the American correspondents here showed clearly that there were grounds for official apprehension.

The sentimental ties between the two countries are many and strong, but permanent friendly relations cannot depend entirely upon these sentimentalities.

American Friendship Wanted.

Experience has shown that with all the good will in the world it has been impossible to avoid serious difficulties with other nations with whom we have been on friendly terms, and it is necessary not only to hope for good relations, but to work for them by eliminating all legitimate grounds for suspicion of disagreement.

An alliance with Japan which would cost us the friendship of America would be a world blunder of the first magnitude.

With a real and complete league of nations, properly recognized and properly functioning, limited agreements between nations would not only be unnecessary but dangerous. Partial alliances, such as the old Anglo-Japanese agreement, would hinder the firm establishment of the league and would sow seeds of discord among nations which ought to be working together in friendship and understanding.

The British and American people need to stand together, and it is the duty of the respective governments to come to a firm and complete understanding as soon as possible, for they are the cornerstones upon which world peace mainly depends.

Mine Struggle Still On.

The struggle of the British miners shows no signs of coming to an early conclusion. Indeed, not only have the negotiations not been resumed but there is reason to believe that the government and the operators have made up their minds to allow events to take their course, by which is meant they are going to sit tight until the miners and their dependents are reduced to submission by the pressure of starvation.

The situation again is asuming a grave aspect as a result of the dockers and railway men refusing to handle imported coal. The government is busy elaborating preparations for meeting an extension of the stoppage of work, and while it is doubtful whether there will be immediate general action by the transport workers and railway men, it is more than likely that sporadic action at different docks and railway centers may be taken.

But whatever may happen in this direction it seems clear that the miners' struggle has resolved itself into a fight to the finish, and it is merely a question of whether the miners will be starved into submission before the whole trade and industry of the country collapse. In even an extension of the stoppage it is by no means certain that the workers will be defeated. Industry already is affected seriously and the stoppage of the transport service would bring about complete paralysis.

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LEGION ENDS TROUBLES

Agreement Reached After Two Sets of Officers Are Elected.

THE DALLES, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—American Legion difficulties in The Dalles, in which two complete sets of officers, each claming to be legally elected, sought to control the local post, were last night ironed out at a special meeting. The annual election of officers, scheduled, for last Monday night, was postponed by Dr. Thompson Coberth, commander. A quorum of the post disregarded the postponement of the meeting and elected an entire new set of officers. This election was declared legal last night inasmuch as the by-laws of the legion specify that the election shall be held only on the second Monday of each May, the date upon which the insurgent election was held.

New legion officers are: Pat Foley, commander; J. T. Henry, vice-commander; Matt Duffy, adjutant; George Hostetler, treasurer.

STUDENTS GO TO TIMBER

Members of Corvallis Forestry School to Cruise Areas.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 14.—(Special.)—A group of more than 6 forestry students started for the tall timber Friday morning, under the leadership of George Peavy, dean of the school of forestry.

The "woodsmen" will establish a camp at the base of Mary's peak on the bank of Rock creek. Four sections of land on the east slope of the mountain will be cruised by the students. A complete cruise report and topographic may will be made for the area cruised.

Seniors in logging engineering left today for the lower Columbia river district, where they will inspect the large up-to-date logging operations and sawmills. Professor Patterson of the logging engineering department will be in charge of the trip.

JURY DUTY EXCUSE FAILS

Judge Truax Refuses Delay in Ewing Trial at Prosser.

PROSSER, May 14.—(Special.)—W. W. Ewing of Seattle, trying to escape trial on a criminal charge on the ground that he was serving on a jury at Seattle and might be called any moment, found no favor with Judge John Truax here. After telephoning to a Seattle jurist to ask that Ewing be excused from jury duty while himself being tried here, Judge Truax denied the motion for a continuance.

Mr. Ewing is charged with having obtained the signatures of J. A. Anderson and M. W. McKamey to notes by falsely representing certain Benton county lands which he sold to them. The case will be vigorously defended, Attorneys Murphy of Seattle, Parker of Yakima and Brown of Prosser having been retained.

Coos Bay Workers Employed.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Coos Bay was nearly 100 per cent normal from a point of employment, although wages were lower and help in maiy instances was not employed at pursuits in which they are best adapted. The situation was brought about by starting of various mills and logging camps during the last month, street and county work under way, and several construction jobs being undertaken. A very few are idle, but there will be places for nearly every laboring man within another ten days, it was believed by Government Employment Agent Rust.

Perkins May Not Get Job.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 14.—Colonel William T. Perkins of Seattle, who was slated a week ago for appointment as governor of Alaska, is about to lose out, according to reliable reports. The administration was much impressed with Colonel Perkins' ability and qualifications, but is said to have discovered that he had political associations in Alaska which would militate against his usefulness. The president is determined to appoint no one who has any connection with Alaska politics.

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ROADS REPORTED GOOD

SOME BAD STRETCHES ARE DISCOVERED BY AUTO MAN.

Construction Work in Some Parts Makes Detours Necessary but Roads Generally Fair.

PENDLETON, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Following is a report on the condition of roads in eastern Oregon as compiled by the Eastern Oregon Automobile club secretary here:

Columbia highway (Pendleton to Portland), Pendleton to Deschutes river, good gravel road, some macadam, good and excellent. Deschutes river to The Dalles rough, construction work; take detour, good. The Dalles to Mosier, main highway now open, rough gravel. Mosier to Hood River good. Balance to Portland paved.

Old Oregon trail (Pendleton to Huntington). Pendleton to La Grande good and fair, half mile east of Kamela bad. La Grande to Baker good to excellent. Baker to Huntington rough, owing to construction; detours at Durkee and Burnt river canyon good.

Oregon-Washington highway (Walla Walla to the Columbia river highway via Heppner). Walla Walla to Pendleton paved except four miles; detour near Weston. Pendleton to Pilot Rock part fair, part rough, construction work. Pilot Rock to Heppner good dirt road, same to Ione, to Willows on Columbia highway.

North and South highway. Pendleton to Pilot Rock as above. Pilot Rock to Albee fair. Albee to Ukiah bad. Passable to Dale. No traffic further.

Pendleton to Spokane. Pendleton to Walla Walla paved. Walla Walla to Spokane, all good roads, best route via Central Ferry and Colfax.

Pendleton to Cold Springs. By Holdman or South Cold Springs roads, good.

Pendleton to Helix. To Havana paved. Cut-off to Helix graveled, except three miles, good. Best road to Bingham. Take river road. Leave highway at Kirkatrick's for Cayuse. Best road to Heppner via Echo and Butter Creek.

Student Entertainment Success.

NEWBERG, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The Newberg high school students took in about $55 at their county fair entertainment at the high school Friday evening. The programme included a minstrel show, a chorus girl show with boys dressed as girls for the occasion, an Hawaiian show, a chamber of horrors, a baby show, with big folks dressed as babies; a moving picture show and a fortune teller. Refreshments were served.

Legion Auxiliary Organized.

ST. HELENS, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The women's auxiliary to Columbia post No. 42, American Legion, was organized here Friday. The officers chosen were: Mrs. A. J. Deming, president; Mrs. S. B. Hoskins, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Kurtz, secretary, and Barbara Jordan, treasurer. Mrs. S. B. Huston of Portland aided in the organization.

Rate Hearings Are Set.

SALEM, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission will hold a hearing at Reedsport on May 17 to consider an application for an increase in electric rates. On May 18 a hearing will be held at Coquille, Coos county, with relation to telephone rates and an overhead crossing, while on May 20 sand and gravel charges will be considered at a hearing to be held in Salem.

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