

FRENCH MEDDLING IN RHEINLAND

Briand's Ordering Release of Josef Smeets Resented.

CASE AT FIRST TRIVIAL

German Interpret Move as Backing Up Agitators for Republic as Buffer State.

BY ARNO DOSCH FLEURBOT.

Joseph Smeets, leader of the Rhine republic's party, who would separate the Rhineland from the German republic, was released today by order from the interallied Rhineland commission, although he was under arrest on charge of treason preferred by the civil courts of Cologne.

That he was set free appears to them to be a step in what they regard as the move to force the separation of the Rhineland from the rest of Germany.

The Cologne social democrats, at a mass meeting which 4000 attended today, adopted a resolution protesting against "the dark machinations of separatist Germans."

The resolution read: "We warn the world, and particularly France and Belgium, not to lend their ear to nor support men who have no influence, but who are backed by insignificant portions of the Rhine people."

What annoyed the Germans first was that Smeets should have any support, even though it is important they resent Smeets' has sent out, such as "You French from the Seine, help the French from the Rhine."

To the Rhinelanders the activities of Smeets are only part of the plan, which they thought had been abandoned, to create a neutral buffer state and although they do not fear its immediate success, they see in it a disquieting effort gradually to break from Protestant Prussia away from the Catholic Rhine provinces.

The meeting was ignored at the time, but since the arrest and release of Smeets it has been much discussed.

The Cologneische Zeitung devoted considerable space to its saying: "Peace along the Rhine is again threatened by efforts to separate it from Prussia and the Reich, to make of it a so-called neutral Rhine state, which would be nothing else than a support of foreign influence on the Rhine."

Attacking Smeets and the Rhine Republican Volkspartei for their slogan, "Let us free ourselves from abroad Prussia," the Koelnische Zeitung said:

"Interested foreign powers stand ready to recognize a Rhine republic," he asserted, "and the Rhine people will know how to resist Smeets and his fellow 'flannel mouths' who know where they stand if they attempt to push the matter further."

RADIO NEWS IS PLANNED

University Proposes to Have Fast Service for Its Paper.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Radio service for the Oregon Daily Emerald, the student body publication, will be started immediately after Christmas holidays if arrangements now pending with operators and press

representatives at Oregon Agricultural college, Washington State college, University of Southern California, Stanford and the University of California materialize satisfactorily. The service will be in the nature of daily radio press reports from other colleges in the northwest and on the Pacific coast.

The University Radio club, an organization of former naval radio operators and commercial telegraphers, now students, intends to install instruments at the university during the Christmas vacation. Garrett Lewis of Eugene, is president of the club. The sending apparatus will have a radius of 1500 miles. It is expected that fast service will be obtained in getting results of the games played away from home in the evenings.

Letters have been written to Montana State college, Pacific University and Mount Angel college in an effort to establish wireless communication with them, although these colleges are not now in the Coast News association.

TRAFFIC CHIEFS COMING

Northern Pacific and Great Northern Officials Due This Week.

J. G. Woodworth, vice-president in charge of traffic for the Northern Pacific, and W. P. Kenney, vice-president of the Great Northern, also in charge of traffic, will be in Portland this week to study the local situation of their roads.

A number of changes have been made in the executive staff of the Northern Pacific, according to announcement. The changes will become effective December 15, when the offices of the western executives will be moved from Tacoma to Seattle.

George T. Reid, assistant to the state tax commissioner, followed by W. E. Coman, formerly of Portland, is to be western traffic manager and J. N. Rapelle, eastern general manager, will become vice-president in charge of maintenance and operation.

LINEMAN HURT FATALLY

Henry R. Richards Dies as Result of Fall From Pole.

Henry R. Richards, a telephone lineman, 35 years old, was injured fatally yesterday morning when he fell from a telephone pole at Twenty-sixth and Nicolai streets. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital, where he died three hours later of a fractured skull.

The dead man lived at Multnomah station, where he is survived by a widow and several small children. It was announced at the coroner's office that no inquest would be held as the fatal fall was accidental.

Church Will Hold Bazaar

BOARDMAN, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—The annual bazaar of the community church will be held next Tuesday night in the school building. The money of the congregation are pledged to serve an oyster supper and there will be a programme. Next Thursday there will be a general health meeting. On the same evening there will be effected a permanent organization of the Riverview Cemetery association of Boardman and plans made for developing a 20-acre tract recently acquired for cemetery purposes. Next Saturday the American Legion post will give a masquerade dancing party.

MULTNOMAH TO PAY THIRD OF STATE TAX

About 35 Per Cent of Levy to Be Paid by County.

RATIOS ARE MADE PUBLIC

Summary of Assessment Roll Is Completed—\$897,492,724 Is Total of Valuation.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Multnomah county, with taxable property aggregating \$24,494,365.21, will pay approximately 35 per cent of the state tax based on the valuation for the year 1921, according to a statement of the ratios and summary of the assessment rolls of the several counties of Oregon here today by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner.

The county property valuations, as equalized by the county boards of equalization, aggregate \$897,492,724.94, according to the report, while the assessment rolls of the county by public utilities and equalized by the state tax commission totals \$185,504,708.25.

Summary Is Announced. The summary, as prepared by the state tax commissioner, follows: Tillable lands—Acres, 10,421,732.08; value, \$254,784,800.

Timber lands—Acres, 3,784,810.81; value, \$70,151,164. Non-tilable lands—Acres, 11,553,765; value, \$2,967,388.

Improvements on deeded or patented lands—Value, \$3,145,128. Town and city lots—Value, \$205,116,953.

Improvements on town and city lots—Value, \$101,355,000. Improvements on lands not deeded or patented—Value, \$1,528,425.

Railroads under construction, logging roads and rolling stock—Value, \$1,456,933. Electric railroads, machinery, engines and manufacturing machinery—Value, \$18,847,312.30.

Merchandise and stock in trade—Value, \$3,250,657. Farming implements, wagons, carriages, motor vehicles—Value, \$1,339,228.

Money, notes and accounts—Value, \$20,193,577. Shares of stock—Value, \$18,338,990.47.

Hotel and office furniture—Value, \$4,017,275. Horses and mules—Number, 189,242; value, \$5,655,000.

Cattle—Number, 571,005; value, \$10,906,558. Sheep and goats—Number, 1,455,042; value, \$5,967,241.

Swine—Number, 78,071; value, \$272,876. Dogs—Number, 124,335; value, \$141,335. Miscellaneous—Value, \$78,487.

Totals—Value, \$897,492,724.97. Amounts deducted for soldiers' exemptions, \$1,590,890.

Railroad companies, union station and depot companies—Assessed value, \$121,704,287.75; apportioned value, \$84,398,595.78.

Sleeping car companies—Assessed value, \$609,376; apportioned value, \$409,404.31.

Electric, gas and telephone companies, water, gas and electric companies—Assessed value, \$46,045,992.45; apportioned value, \$29,845,011.60.

Express companies—Assessed value, \$334,310.65; apportioned value, \$231,208.91.

Telegraph companies—Assessed value, \$1,442,512.65; apportioned value, \$1,001,722.97.

Telephone companies—Assessed value, \$12,096,784; apportioned value, \$17,846,876.

Refrigerator car companies, \$111,100; assessed value, \$229,831.79; apportioned value, \$169,633.55.

Total value of property assessed and apportioned by state tax commission—Assessed value, \$185,504,708.25; apportioned value, \$128,311,472.13.

Counties Shown in Table.

The following table shows the counties, together with the total value of taxable property in each, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Value. Includes Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Marion, Multnomah, Yamhill, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Morrow, Wheeler, Wasco, Wagon Wheel, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Washington, Wheeler, Total.

Infantry Company Wanted.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—The chamber of commerce and American Legion officials are planning to obtain an infantry company for this city. Work was received several days ago by the chamber from Adjutant-General White that he had the promise of a company which would be placed here.

C. Quille Has Typhoid Fever.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Typhoid fever has attacked C. Quille, the county auditor, according to a statement of Dr. Everett Mings, county health officer, who said three cases were reported from the county, as well as a case of diphtheria, diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid are threatening the continuation of schools in several Coos county localities.

CHARITY BUREAU PLANNED

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—The newly-formed Rotary club of this city has called a meeting of all charitable, fraternal and religious organizations to map out a plan for associated charities. Heretofore charitable work in this city has been carried on by individual organizations, causing much duplication and waste.

TRANSIT INTERESTS SOLD

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Earl Hulbert of Aberdeen, in the taking effect this morning, acquired the interest of Walter Coldiron of Hoquiam in the Twin City Transit company, which operates the bus line between Aberdeen and Hoquiam. The Twin City Transit company was organized about a year ago and operates several buses in the passenger service between Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

TWO MEN HAVE SIMILAR MISHAPS

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special)—A coincidence in two accidents which happened to logging camp employees this week, when each man may lose his eyesight, is reported. Clifford Collins of Lacamas, while working in the woods, was hit in the eye by a bit of steel from a sled.

Bert Moses of Newaukum, while employed in the Martin Lumber company camp, in the north end of the county, suffered a similar injury to one eye.

COTTAGE GROVE POST ELECTS

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Calvin T. Funk post, American Legion, has elected the following officers: J. T. Smith, commander; George A. Proctor, vice-commander; Dale Wyatt, adjutant; E. C. Spray, financial officer; H. K. Metcalf, C. S. Roberts and George Matthews, executive committee. The legion plans to give a masked ball on the evening of December 31.

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Home Adjutant Named

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—W. F. Poorman, who for many years has served as adjutant of the Oregon Soldiers' home, has been appointed chief clerk for the state board of control and will leave December 15 to assume his new duties.

Moonshiner Is Fined \$300

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Edward Latare was found guilty of moonshining yesterday in Justice Corbett's court and fined \$300 and costs. Latare took an appeal to the Circuit court. He affirms that he

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