

BRITISH PROPOSAL AMAZES POINCARÉ

Lloyd George Would Slash German Reparations.

AGREEMENT IS UNLIKELY

French Finance Minister Confident France Will Not Seriously Consider Proposal.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French delegation to the conference on German affairs was amazed to learn today that the British government proposes and insists upon a reduction of the German reparations payments to about one-third of the amounts fixed by the London conference in May, 1921; that is to cancel altogether the annual cash payments of 2,000,000,000 gold marks and leave only the 25 per cent assessment on German exports.

The text of Premier Lloyd George's proposal, which forms part of the tenth point of the British memorandum, reads: "Subject to acceptance by the German government of these proposals, it will be for the reparations commission to grant a moratorium in respect to all cash payments remaining due from Germany on December 31, 1922, and further, the commission shall as soon as possible fix the annual payments in cash in respect to all peace treaty charges for the succeeding period at such an amount, not exceeding 25 per cent of the value of German exports, as they may find proper with a view to the early flotation of a loan by the German government, the major portion of which shall be devoted to the payment of reparations."

M. Poincaré had doubts regarding the interpretation to be placed on this article, and it was one of the points referred by the premier to the committee of experts. At this afternoon's sitting of the experts' committee M. de Lasteyrie, the French finance minister, obtained explanations from the British members that it was designed to reduce the total cash payments to a sum amounting to 25 per cent of the value of German exports, but leaving the possibility still of payment in kind. M. de Lasteyrie is understood to have informed the committee that there was not the least chance of the French government accepting such an idea or seriously considering it.

Consequently the negotiations between the British and French are at a standstill.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincaré has announced his programme for straightening out the German reparations question, says a London dispatch today to the Havas agency. The British counter-proposal, says the dispatch, apparently accept the French proposals, in principle, but the guarantee proposed by the British seem to be entirely insufficient to M. Poincaré. Hence a definite agreement has not yet been reached. France, the dispatch adds, continues to demand satisfactory guarantees or she will resume liberty of action.

Ex-Senator Young, 74, Is Enthusiastic Swimmer.

Jawa Publisher Learns Fancy Strokes and Dives.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 12.—General Lafayette Young, former United States senator, although past 74 years of age, is an enthusiastic swimmer. General Young has just returned from a vacation spent at Spirit Lake, Ia., where with his granddaughters, Virginia, and Majorie Herrick of Orlean, N. Y., aged 16 and 17, respectively, he went swimming every day.

"Why, I feel many years younger as result of my swim," he declared, adding that he did not learn to swim until nearly 40 years of age.

The granddaughters, who are expert swimmers, have hopes of teaching their grandfather some fancy strokes and dives when he returns in August.

General Young is owner of the Des Moines Capital and father of Lafayette Young, Jr., editor of the paper. He gained nation-wide attention for his patriotic work during the war. He is one of the most widely known newspaper publishers in the country.

'SPARE THAT TREE,' PLEA

Salem Citizens Protest Destruction of Redwood.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Orders issued recently by the Salem city council for destruction of a giant redwood tree, said to be the only one of its kind in Marion county, has aroused a storm of protest which may terminate in the courts. It was said that the tree was planted 72 years ago, before the city of Salem was founded by Dr. W. H. Wilson in 1850. The tree was brought to Salem from California during the gold rush in 1849, by Daniel Waido, one of the pioneers of this vicinity.

Members of the council declared the tree a menace to traffic because it stands on one of the prominent corners of the city.

Newspaper Is Incorporated.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Astorian Publishing company were filed in the county clerk's office today. The incorporators are J. S. Dellinger, G. E. Dellinger and M. A. Huber, the capital stock is \$50,000, and the company is authorized to conduct a commercial printing business and publish a newspaper in Astoria.

Two Boys Sentenced.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Precocity and sophistication of Hugh E. McNutt, 13, and Richard Fenwick, 12, astounded juvenile judge Hasbrouck, who today, on their admission of theft of \$250 from Mrs. Errol Holland, cashier of a local theater and young Fenwick's sister, committed them to the boys' industrial school at Salem.

Drainage Congress Dated.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 12.—Drainage problems will be discussed and exhibits will show the modern methods of carrying away surplus water at the meeting of the national water drainage congress at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here today.

VISITING BUYERS ENTERTAINED AT BANQUET BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS CLIMAX TO PORTLAND'S TENTH ANNUAL BUYERS' WEEK.



Two whole floors were utilized for affair, which was one of largest ever held in the city. Top picture shows chamber banquet room and bottom, billiard room on sixth floor converted into temporary banquet hall.

HAPPY BUYERS GO HOME

WEEK IS DECLARED TO BE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

Figures Are Not Yet Available on Amount of Business Transacted While in City.

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were more people in attendance than ever before, and while buying was not especially heavy, it was good.

Paul de Haas, who as chairman of the entertainment committee was one of the busiest men in Portland during the convention, expressed himself along similar lines.

"Judging by all reports, it was a complete success," he said. "It was the most satisfying week we have had in a list of ten successful Buyers' weeks. A better feeling seemed to prevail this year than ever before, and there was a more optimistic outlook for the future."

A. H. Devers was more pleased with the success of the entertainment features than any other.

"The principal thing was to see that the buyers enjoyed themselves," he said. "I think that the visitors knew that Portland was doing everything to give them a pleasant time, and I know they appreciated the fact. In a way, Buyers' week is a thank you to the buyers for the orders they have placed in the Portland market."

MANY BUYERS VOICE WISH TO MAKE HOMES IN CITY

Portland and Oregon Country Make Deep Impression on Visitors. Idaho Men Fond of Willamette Valley.

ONE of the most peculiar phases of Portland's buyers' week was the fact that at least one out of every three visitors from distant points expressed the urgent desire to move to Portland. H. L. McCann, undertaker, of Pocatello, Idaho, was one of those who fell in love with the Oregon country. "I like the Portland market and the Portland country," he declared before leaving. "I am especially fond of the Willamette valley region. I'd like to invest in some land some place in the valley for, to my mind, it is one of the most beautiful spots in the United States."

Mr. McCann was here two years ago at the buyers' week convention. This year he passed some time at the Oregon coast resorts and vowed them unequalled. From Portland he is going to California before he returns to Pocatello. The Portland market, in his estimation is, without question, the finest on the Pacific coast, if not in the west.

The effects of Portland's buyers' week fashion show will be felt heavily in the town of Bull Run. Mrs. C. F. Allen, who runs the general store and the hotel at Bull Run, arrived in Portland Tuesday week with Miss Josephine Brooks, and the pair promptly proceeded to absorb the entertainment features.

The Ad club luncheon especially most to Mrs. Allen, but Miss Brooks was most interested in the fashion show. Both agreed that buyers' week was a great success from all viewpoints.

J. R. Browne can qualify as a real pioneer. Ten years ago when he settled in Reedsport there was no Reedsport. There were a few houses in the vicinity and the inhabitants hoped to have a city some day, but they had no merchant, and one of the first requisites of a real live city is a merchant. Mr. Browne supplied that need by becoming the town's first merchant. His store has grown with the growth of the

AMERICANS ABROAD SEIZED BY PANIC OF ECONOMY.

Lavish Expenditures of Pre-War Period Do Not Follow in Wake of Visitors in England.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—England's shopkeepers, hotel and restaurant proprietors and head waiters say this year's American tourist crop is not of the magnificent pre-war variety. Of the persons and enterprises that usually wax fat on tourists' rushes, the steamship companies are the only ones which have no complaint, for as yet there is no steamship substitute for trans-Atlantic travel and they have seldom, if ever, eclipsed this year's business.

But once landed on English soil, this year's tourist has comporting himself quite differently from the old-timer who made the American traveler known for his lavish tips, reckless buying of jewels and clothing and indiscriminate purchases of curios, genuine or otherwise. Instead of buying trunksful of apparel here the 1922 tourist is bringing plenty of clothing along and doing his sight-seeing from "rubber necks," charabancs instead of from the privately hired motor cars of former years.

According to the waiters, the present-day tourists have trimmed their bills—in fact are outdone by British and continental patrons in the matter of tipping. The hotel managers note a marked decrease in the number of American tourists who travel de luxe with their families and retinues of servants.

"Only a few of those most fortunately situated apparently can afford to travel in such state nowadays," was the plaint of one manager.

Improvement Proves Valueless.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—Stagnation of water in the municipal water system's new reservoir, Mr. Browne attended Portland's buyers' week so he could tell the home-town folks all about it. Both he and Mr. West have been so busy that they have had to skip some of the entertainment features, but the week, in their opinion, has been an unqualified success. "We'll both be back next year, when we can take in the whole show," they declared. Mr. Browne, incidentally, is secretary of the Reedsport port commission.

Visitors to Portland's Buyers' week all united in praising the service received at the official headquarters in the Oregon building. A corps of efficient clerks, under the direction of Mrs. E. N. Weinbaum, the wife of the secretary of the week, handled all matters with speed and dispatch. Those who handled the registration were Lenora Egbert, who has been helping with Buyers' week for the last eight years; Dorothy Donohy, who holds several county records; Lenora Egbert, Belle Hanna, Josephine Forney, Mary Sullivan, Lola Baldwin and George Miller.

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STATE TAX BURDEN REDUCED MILLION

Levy for 1922 Prepared by Tax Commissioner.

SCHOOL LEVY IS LOWER

Summary Shows Various Counties, Together With Total Levy Assigned to Each.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—More than \$1,500,000 has been lopped off from the tax levy for the year 1922, based on the tax rolls for the year 1921, when compared with the levy of a year ago, according to announcement made at the offices of the state tax commissioner here today. Most of the reduction affects Multnomah county.

A report issued by the state tax commissioner showed that the total tax levy for 1922, based on the tax rolls for 1921, is \$40,401,709.21, as against \$41,117,367.75 a year ago. The state tax as computed by the state tax commissioner for the year 1922, is \$9,378,339.11, as against \$9,493,105.22 a year ago. The county levy this year aggregates \$47,023,370.10, while the levy last year totaled \$5,360,665.62. The material reduction in the county levy this year, it was explained, is due to the fact that in computing last year's levy bond interest and redemptions were included in this classification.

School Levy Is Reduced. The county school and school library levy is \$2,378,831.54, as against \$3,063,221.60 a year ago. This reduction is due to the fact that last year's county school and school library levy included the high school tuition, which this year aggregates \$683,885.24.

The special school levy for 1922 is \$5,123,617.20, as against \$9,000,813.24 in the year 1921. The general roads levy has been increased from \$2,671,227.12 last year to \$3,235,397.35 for the year 1922. The special roads levy for the year 1922 is \$819,011.46, as against \$1,086,354.58 in 1921.

Little change is noted in the market roads levy for '21 and 1922. Last year this levy totaled \$1,037,928.58, while the 1922 levy is \$1,135,167.75.

Special Levy \$6,910,622. The special cities and towns levy for the year 1922 is \$6,910,622.37, as compared with \$7,175,533.58 a year ago. Irrigation district levy for this year is \$1,064,504.72. Last year this levy was included in the miscellaneous classification.

The fire patrol levy for 1922 is \$38,000.20, as against \$12,280.49 in 1921. Probably the most drastic reduction is noticeable in the levy under the miscellaneous classification. Last year this levy was \$1,326,429.98, while this year it has dropped to \$59,040.20.

The fire patrol levy, which last year was \$66,533.61, has been increased to \$72,296.41. As a result of reduced costs following the war there are indications that Oregon's tax levy will continue to decrease, and that within a few years it will compare favorably with the levy made prior to the recent campaign for improvements.

Table showing tax levies for various counties: Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lake, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill. Total \$40,401,709.21.

Thieves Take Away Safe. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Thieves who broke into

The Kenworthy Grain company's store on Pearl street this morning placed the safe on a truck, wheeled it through the back door, loaded it onto the running board of an automobile and drove away. A man who saw the car going down Tower avenue was reported to the police, who gave chase. The safe was found at the intersection of Chehalis avenue and Gold street, having apparently dropped from the running board of the machine when it turned the corner too sharply. The contents were intact.

Bank in Fairbanks Quits 'Two-Bit' Basis.

Institution Last in United States to Adopt Nickel Change.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The First National bank of Fairbanks, the last bank in the United States to get off the "two-bit" basis of small change, went on a "nickel and dime" basis July 3, as a result of the coming of the railroad, which brought transportation, commerce and finance alike to the necessity of using smaller change than a quarter. Old-timers will remember used to this small change game," said the Fairbanks News Miner, in discussing the innovation, "but when you come to think about it it is the best for everybody, especially for youths who will be the business men of the camp in a year or two. It is not business to figure out how many two-bit pieces, and anyone who thinks can realize this at a glance, for they must know it now. You must figure in pennies and play the same that way if you get ahead much and right."

MORE EMPLOYERS ADDED

Workmen's Compensation Act Is Becoming Popular.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—More than 300 new employers were added to the list of those operating under the workmen's compensation act in July, according to a statement issued today by the state industrial accident commission. During the month 292 accidental injuries were reported to the commission. Of that number seven were fatal. During the month the commission paid out for pensions, time-loss payments, medical and burial expense a total of \$132,370.96. This does not include amounts that were set aside in reserve for future pension and disability awards.

REHEARING NOW SOUGHT

Attempt Is Made to Reopen Lane County Road Fund Case.

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CROSSING HEARING SET

Service Commission to Take Testimony on Tuesday.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission next Tuesday will hear testimony with relation to the application of the state highway commission and the Douglas county court for permission to establish overhead crossings over the tracks of the Southern Pacific company at Oakland, Sutherlin and Myrtle Creek. Hearings with relation to this application previously was held at

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Roseburg, but the findings of the commission were not satisfactory to the applicants. The rehearing will be held in Salem and will be attended by members of the Douglas county court and representatives of the railroad company.

OPERA STAR ON OUTING

May Peterson Enjoys Sojourn in Mountains Near Baker.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The one thing that has most impressed May Peterson, grand opera singer of New York, in her month's stay in the mountains west of Baker, are the gold mines and their evidence of productivity and

wealth. Miss Peterson and her mother left Baker today for Yellowstone National park, touring by automobile. The two enjoyed the mountain life at Bourne, they said. Miss Peterson sings at the Metropolitan Opera house in New York. Several months ago she narrowly escaped death and suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident in Chicago. She came to Baker from Portland. While there it was reported in the east that she was dead. When interviewed by newspapermen as to the report, she was quoted as saying: "Me die? This is life. 'Me die? Boys, if I die it will not be in Oregon. This is a place to live." Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070.

Sherman Clay & Co. advertisement for the Diminutive piano, featuring an illustration of the piano and descriptive text about its features and price.

Advertisement for King Coal, offering \$15 per ton until August 15th, with contact information for East 809th.

Large advertisement for the Union Pacific System, seeking shopmen and workers for railroad service, listing various roles and wages.

Advertisement for Norman Brothers, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text about their tailoring services and location at 102-107 Mezzanine Floor Northwest Bank Bldg.