

CRISIS IS AT HAND IN TROUBLESOME REPARATION ISSUE

(Special Cable to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News)

Paris, May 15.—The presence in Paris of a German cabinet minister plus one of the most trusted financiers in the German reichsbank, who have come to negotiate with the allies on the subject of Germany's war debt, would seem to indicate that a highly important crisis in the reparations question is at hand.

Finance Minister Herms and Dr. Bergmann are playing for high stakes. The result of their mission will be either the restoration of order to German finances—an accomplishment which would be of immense value to the whole world—or possibly the invasion of Germany by armed French troops.

Method is changed. Hitherto the negotiations between Germany and the allies have invariably proceeded by means of ultimatums and the German officials have not been able to prove the sincerity of their pleas to the supreme council or the reparations commission. Will the same prove true of Messrs. Herms and Bergmann or will they succeed in inaugurating a new era in war finance? Minister Herms has already seen Louis Dubois, president of the reparations commission, and several other members of that body.

It seems practically certain that Herr Herms brings with him a concrete plan, including several definite proposals to satisfy the demands made by the reparations commission in the famous note of March 1. It is said that the German government is now resigned to accepting in a camouflaged form allied control over German finances.

It is also reported that the original refusal to raise 60,000,000,000 gold marks (\$14,250,000,000) by means of new taxes has been modified to an extent that a compromise is possible.

SHORT TERM LOAN One of the most important proposals carried by Herr Herms, according to newspaper reports, is a plan for an international short term loan of more than \$1,000,000,000 secured by a mortgage on the German tobacco and alcohol duties, which would enable the Germans to stabilize the mark for a number of years or until a definite settlement of the indemnity problem could be reached.

This time the Germans, in negotiating with the allies, have been much more careful than usual. First came the visit of Herr Bergmann to Paris early in May to feel out public opinion, then the Wilhelmstrasse note of May 9 couched in general but conciliatory terms and now the visit of Herr Herms. His companion, Dr. Bergmann, will remain in Paris for J. Pierpont Morgan's bankers' conference on May 25.

SAYS GERMANY WILL BE BANKRUPT IN SIX MONTHS

By George White (Special Cable to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News)

Berlin, May 15.—Another six months and Germany will go bankrupt. This is the view of many Americans, Germans and others who know the real business conditions in Germany. Business in this country is extremely poor at present and only the most hopeful are making contracts with the manufacturers.

The reason for this is that the value of the German mark has gone up 20 per cent. When the mark dropped to 250, to the dollar some time ago the manufacturers raised their prices almost to world market figures. When the mark rose again to somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 to the dollar the price of German goods was so high that the consumers could not afford to buy them.

Especially in view of the fact that there are prohibitive tariffs on German made goods in most of the former belligerent countries.

In addition to all this Germany herself has exorbitant taxes on all the most desirable kinds of goods. Many individual Americans who tried to profit by buying goods at cheap prices in Germany have been stopped at the border by customs officers who demand they either pay 200 per cent duty on articles such as cameras, field glasses and jewelry or leave them behind.

Germany, while not having a protective tariff as such, has a system of taxation which is very effective in preventing monopolized industrial products from leaving the country without having high taxes paid on them.

JUNIOR PRESIDENCY SOUGHT University of Oregon, Eugene, May 16. The Portland boys, Eddie Edlund and James Meek, are candidates for presidency of the junior class. Others expected to come out are Lyle Palmer, Baker, vice president, and Paul Sayre, Island city, treasurer.

G. A. R. Chief Dinner Guest



Lewis Stephen Pilcher, commander-in-chief of Grand Army, who, with his wife, is visiting in Portland among comrades of Civil War.

Strife between nations is not over declared Dr. Lewis Stephen Pilcher, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, at a dinner party Monday night at the Grand Army headquarters, given in honor of himself and Mrs. Pilcher.

"Wars are not all over," he said. "A good understanding among friends is a mighty good thing, but it does not amount to very much among enemies. Diplomats may write and talk, but if there is anger in the heart of a nation treaties will not always wipe it out."

The commander affirmed that he is not an alarmist or a militarist, but advocated an army and navy of sufficient size to instill sober thoughts in the mind of any nation looking for a "frisky little frolic with Uncle Sam."

Dr. Pilcher said there are about 80,000 active members of the G. A. R. many have been stopped at the border by customs officers who demand they either pay 200 per cent duty on articles such as cameras, field glasses and jewelry or leave them behind.

319,336 VOTERS ARE REGISTERED

Salem, May 15.—A total of 319,336 voters are registered in Oregon for the forthcoming primary election, according to a table prepared by Secretary of State Koser Monday, from reports submitted by the clerks of the various counties.

This is a gain of only 2500 over the registration prior to the special election of June 7, 1921.

Table showing voter registration statistics by county for various parties: Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist, and Miscellaneous.

\* Taken from the records of the department of state.

Girl Hikers First At Cloud Cap Inn

The Dalles, May 15.—Members of the high school Y. W. C. A. club, on a week-

end outing at the base of Mount Hood, were the first to reach Cloud Cap Inn this season. Ten high school girls and two of their teachers biked through the deep snow from Homer Rogers inn near Parkdale to the lodge perched at Timberline and overlooking Elliot glacier.

A. F. Flegel Jr., Now In Private Practice

Austin F. Flegel, Jr., concluded his work as assistant United States attorney on Monday, and today entered the private practice of law. He returned to the law firm of his father, A. F. Flegel, Sr. On June 15 his place will be filled by E. D. Baldwin, now private secretary to Representative Sinnott.

GEORGE YUSEY, JR. Oregon City, May 15.—Funeral services for George Yusey, Jr., who died in Portland last week, were held here yesterday morning. Mr. Yusey was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Yusey and a nephew of W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company. He had been suffering some time with a mastoid, undergoing several operations.

Rate to New York And Return Is \$50 Under Present Cost

Summer tourist round trip rates from Portland to New York will be lower by almost \$50 than the present round trip rates, according to a list of rates published today by A. D. Charlton, general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific Railway company.

Jud Tunkins says: "Philadelphia's sudden objection to jokes about her being a slow town sounds like the good old city was just beginning to get the rails for many years. The effective date for the summer rates will be May 25. The special tickets will be on sale until August 31 and will be good for return until October 31."

Hills Bros. Red Can COFFEE advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'Yes people change to and then remain satisfied'.

GATO advertisement: 'THINK of it! This cigar has been famed for 50 years as "Old Reliable". It never varies. Gato is Pure Havana, not a "blend".' Includes 'FOR SALE EVERYWHERE' and 'The Hart Cigar Co. Portland, Ore.'.

LEA & PERRINS SAUCE advertisement: 'SPRINGTIME-SALAD TIME. With the balmy days on the way you begin to think of lighter foods, more greens and salads. And the endless variety of salad dressings can be made so much more tasty by seasoning them with LEA & PERRINS SAUCE.' Also includes 'ON PRINCIPLE FOR HALL GOVERNOR' and '145 Fourth, near Alder'.

Blitz advertisement: 'Resolve Now that warm weather is coming on to Keep Cool by drinking Blitz. The drink that fits. Sold Everywhere in BOTTLES on DRAUGHT. Portland Brewing Company.' Includes image of a bottle and glass.

Cantilever Shoe Store advertisement: 'Want to Avoid Tired Feet? When your feet get tired and bother you, try a pair of good-looking Cantilever Shoes. The flexible shank will conform to your foot-arch naturally, and support it at every step, without artificial devices.' Includes images of various shoe styles.

House of Quality Portland's Greatest Shoe Store advertisement: 'LOWER PRICES for Up-to-Date Quality Shoes. Our Prices and Quality Enable Us to Give You a Money-Back Guarantee. Ladies' Sport Oxfords and Strap Pumps. Men's Oxfords. New Low Price \$4.95. New Low Price \$4.85. Largest Stock of Tennis Shoes of All Descriptions—Factory Prices. New Low Prices in Our Repair Factory. 145 Fourth, near Alder. Where Honeyman Used to Be.'

100 Knitted Wool Slip-on Sweaters advertisement: 'To acquaint a thousand new shoppers with the splendid shopping opportunities on our main floor. We offer—for one week only—merchandise of first quality, absolutely perfect—remarkably low priced! Specially Featured! 100 Knitted Wool Slip-on Sweaters \$1.98. The fashionable and desired slip-on sweater of wool mixed, knitted in a large variety of shades. Ideal for all sports occasions. Splendidly made—smartly styled. Sizes for women and misses.'

Radium Silk Envelope Chemise advertisement: 'Exceptional Value! Radium Silk Envelope Chemise \$3.95. No better made garments at any price in Portland than these beautiful radium silk chemises—in tailored styles. FLESH ORCHID SKY BLUE. Pongee Vests and Step-Ins \$1.98 Each. Vanity Fair Silk Vests \$2.49. One style only—the regular built-up top—fine quality—pink only. Very Special! Pongee Silk Blouses at \$3.25. Five distinct tailored styles—of fine, heavy pongee, well made—Peter Pan, Tuxedo—Square neck and high neck styles—Exceptional at \$3.25.'

EMPORIUM advertisement: 'Extra! Hosiery Specials Extra! Kayser "Rolette" Silk Hose \$2.65. Holeproof Silk Hose 89c Pair. Three Prs. \$2.45. First quality—in black, navy and brown. New Voile Blouses \$1.49. White corded and plain weave voiles—Peter Pan—Tuxedo collars—also colored checks in pink and blue. PLEASE NOTE: We quote no comparative prices—SHOP AND COMPARE. EMPORIUM THE STORE OF INDIVIDUAL SHOPS 124-126 SIXTH ST.'