PLEAS POUR IN TO ACTING GOVERNOR ASKING CLEMENCY

Freeing of Nine Convicts Leads to Hope by Many; Statement Issued Regarding Attitude.

Salem, Dec. 16. — Acting Governor Ritner is being besieged by friends and relatives of inmates of the state prison here, urging their release on pardon or parole.

The hope for executive clemency, which always burns brightest in the breasts of the convicts and their friends and relatives at this time of year, just before Christmas, has been considerably strengthened this year through the good fortune which has come to the nine men who have been permitted to leave the prison during the past week through the good graces of the acting governor.

STATEMENT IS ISSUED

Every mail brings its quota of petitions and appeals for the relief of some prisoners and every day finds a number of people seeking an audience with the acting governor, in the interest of the release of some friend or relative "doing time" within the walls of the state prison. Usually these petitioners are women—mothers, wives, sisters or sweethearts of the convicted men—and the rejection of their tearful prayers for clemency is not always an easy task.

In order that no false hopes might be raised by his release of the nine men who have gone out of the prison during the past two weeks, Ritner this afternoon issued a statement to the effect that no pardons have been issued, nor would any be issued by himself in the future, except upon the recommendation of the sentencing judge, the prosecuting attorney or the state parole board.

WARDEN IS PRAISED

"Furthermore," Ritner added, "it will be necessary that the warden of the penitentiary vouch for the good conduct of the prisoner during his incarceration and also make a statement giving it as his opinion that the prisoner under consideration for release would not be a menace to society if given his freedom."

"I have a great deal of confidence in the judgment and ability of Warden Lewis," Ritner said. "The Oregon state penitentiary was never in a better condition than it is at present."

Admiral Bristol Declines to Heed Turks' Ship Edict

(By Universal Service)

Washington, Dec. 16.—Admiral Mark Bristol, U. S. commissioner at Constantinople, has refused to accede to the request of the Angora government that he report the movements of his ships in the Dardanelles and Black sea. He so advised the navy department today.

The Turkish government notified Admiral Bristol that no two American warships could be in the same port at the same time and that the movements of every vessel, together with the number of the naval forces aboard, should be reported.

In refusing to comply, Admiral Bristol pointed out that the order was not based on any agreement reached at the Mudania conference.

Princess, Ex-Wife Of Frank Gould, Is Given 3d Divorce

(By Universal Service)

Paris, Dec. 16.—Princess Viora, nee Helen Kelly, formerly the wife of Frank Gould, obtained her third divorce decree today when the Seine tribunal confirmed judgment given in October, making the decree final.

The princess alleged desertion, stating that her husband, when not in his native province of Albania, stayed at Biarritz, absolutely refusing to live with her.

The suit, which was not defended and did not include alimony, was completed in record time, the first demand for the divorce being made in the summer of 1921.

U. OF O. CHEMIST FINDS USE FOR WOOD WASTE

Professor O. F. Stafford of University of Oregon faculty, who has perfected a process for the utilization of waste wood.

OREGON MAN FINDS WASTE WOOD SECRET

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dustry; for example, in case-hardening steel. Bagged charcoal is consumed extensively in many large cities. Charcoal briquets are in demand as fuel. The dining car department of the Pennsylvania railroad recently began to make use of briquets made by the Stafford process.

OTHER EFFORTS FAIL

Cord and slab wood have been the accepted material used in making charcoal and its by-products, but as small waste wood is materially cheaper than either slab or cord wood the desirability of utilizing it in carbonization operations has long been recognized. Eight hundred applications have been made at various times at the patent office by those who thought they had hit upon a process of carbonizing small waste wood on a commercial scale. The failure of these efforts, up until the Stafford process was proved successful, have been due, in general, to heavy costs of installing and maintaining the complicated mechanical appliances required.

DOUGLAS FIR SUITABLE

In the working out of the Stafford process in the Pacific Northwest Douglas fir would be the most available species of wood. It occupies an intermediate position between the hardwoods and the soft or resinous woods, such as the southern long leaf pine. Hardwoods give a high yield of wood alcohol and acetic acid, while the southern pine gives low yields of alcohol and acid but a high yield of turpentine oils and resins.

Professor Stafford is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He joined the faculty of the University of Oregon chemistry department in 1900 and two years later was made head of the department.

Exchange Bureau of Community Chest Does Much Service

The Christmas clearance bureau of the Confidential Exchange is proving itself of greater service to the community this year than ever before, more than 1000 inquiries having already been received. This bureau of the exchange, which is a part of the Community Chest plan for efficiency, acts as a clearing house for all holiday giving either by organization or by individual, keeping a card index of all families reported to them, with just the particular thing that the person reporting it proposes to give. Thus all families have a well rounded out Christmas, but duplication is avoided and the gifts are thus made to go farther.

The exchange does not provide gifts of any sort, nor does it have a list of needy people to give out, but it will refer to agencies people having needy families. The office is at 515 Oregon building, Broadway 8141.

SUSPECT NABBED TWICE IN WEEK BY DRY AGENTS

John Fenney, Who Posed as a "Poor Man," Had $1600 on Person at Jail, It Is Declared.

Twice in a week.

John Fenney, "poor man," and alleged bootlegger, has the distinction of establishing the above record at Dr. Joseph A. Linville's office. Prohibition agents, he declared Saturday, are the thinstiest men in Portland.

Last Wednesday he delivered them five bottles of high-grade bonded liquor to a downtown hotel, and begged them to let him off after posing as a "poor man," the officers declined, and at the county jail $1600 was taken from his pockets.

Saturday Fenney was again called by the agents from an upper Washington street hotel and asked to deliver three bottles in a hurry. He tried to keep the engagement, but before he could get out of his machine after driving up to the hotel door, three dry agents were upon him and arrested him again, after they found the three bottles in his machine.

This time they also got his automobile, and when Fenney got to the county jail he had but $1050.

Following Fenney's first arrest several attorneys are known to have been quite anxious to defend him. Feeney secured his release by putting up $300 of the $1600 with the United States commissioner. The leading question about the United States marshal's office Saturday afternoon, after the second arrest was, "Where do you suppose the other $250 is?"

Fenney had not been in jail long Saturday before another attorney, not connected with the first case, made his application at the United States marshal's office for a permit to interview the prisoner. Prospects are bright, quoth the deputy on duty, for Fenney not being denied sufficient counsel.

GERMANY IS READY TO 'SHOW' U. S.

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rope's problem without endangering this country's economic stability in any way.

Irreconcilables in the Versailles treaty fight in the senate are remaining silent on the administration's moves, but some statements may be made next week. Senator Borah, while declining to divulge his position, indicated he would speak on the question in the senate.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR HOLDS MEETING WITH MORGAN MEN

New York, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, German ambassador to the United States, is returning to Washington after a long conversation with representatives of the J. P. Morgan interests and of another big bank.

German diplomatic circles here seem to believe that considerable difficulty of a political nature has yet to be overcome before a loan to Germany can be launched. They fear the French government will take a firm stand for what it calls France's freedom of action in regard to the question of a possible occupation of the Ruhr. Accordingly, they think that while the situation in the loan question is not without hope, there is no reason for premataure optimism.

GERMANY WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM U. S.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Germany will cordially welcome any suggestions from the United States as to the reparations situation, it was announced following a conference of administration leaders today, at which Premier Cuno and others explained the crisis.

FRENCH ECONOMIST SAYS PROPOSITION UNACCEPTABLE

By C. F. Bertelli
Universal Service Staff Correspondent

Paris, Dec. 16.—France will refuse any American plan for an international loan unless the major part of such a loan is devoted directly to the payments of indemnity.

The details of President Harding's alleged proposal to allow a bankers' syndicate to float a $1,250,000,000 credit to Germany for the purchase of American goods have literally flabbergasted official and unofficial Paris.

"The American plan for saving Europe is merely a plan to save the Harding administration's face with farmers and financiers who constitute the real Republican party," a well known diplomat said to me today.

RAPS PROPOSITION

"It is encouraging because it shows that Harding believes the reparations is a financial and not a political subject. But France cannot abandon the guarantees it now holds against Germany for any loan without sharing the immediate profits."

Yves Guyot, famous economist and former finance minister, said:

"Harding's reported intentions are most important since they show France the right of her determination to make Germany pay. As soon as France talks about direct action in her own interest, the whole world foments.

"The loan proposition, as cabled to this country, is impossible of acceptance."

M. St. Brice, noted foreign editor of The Journal, said:

CALL IT TRIAL

"I have not received any official news concerning the loan, but it seems incredible that the reports we have received are correct."

All quarters regard the loan proposal as a trial balloon sent up to see which way the wind blows.

In an editorial breathing skepticism Jacques Bainville, foreign editor of the Liberte, says:

"It would be interesting to know whether the banks themselves are advancing the loan or whether the money will be put up by individual Americans whose knowledge of the actual situation in Germany is very small.

"Cablegrams from the United States says that Wall street is skeptical. So are we."

The Intransigeant confines itself to one caustic sentence: "It is known that American wheat is finding few buyers this year."

BRITISH GAZETTE CARTOONS UNCLE SAMUEL AS SHYLOCK

(By Universal Service.)

London, Dec. 16.—At a moment when the British press and public were jubilant over reports broadcasted from Washington that America was coming to the rescue of chaotic Europe by floating a loan estimated at $1,250,000,000 to $2,000,000,000 to Germany in order to enable the beaten nation to recuperate, Sir John Leigh's tory Pal Mall Gazette, with the delicacy of a Kipling, publishes a cartoon representing Uncle Sam gazing at these three notes:

"Dear Jonathan: I am sorry I can't pay my debt until France pays me. (Signed) John Bull."

"Dear Jonathan: I am sorry I can't pay my debt until Germany pays me. (Signed) France."

"Dear Jonathan: I am sorry I can't pay anybody. (Signed) Germany."

The cartoon, which is captioned "America," has Uncle Sam saying:

"Now, if I were to lend Germany to pay France, to pay John Bull, to pay—yes! I think I'll lend Germany some money!"

In bold type the Gazette comments:

"America is undoubtedly coming around to the view that dislocated and impoverished Europe is worthy of grave consideration.

"Washington, against its will, has been forced to face the facts of the situation. Harding will act to set the trade world going. American bankers will take practical action in the way of a loan when they have secured conditions which they demand—the stabilization of the mark and the settlement of the reparations problem."

No other paper intimates that America is moved by "Shylock" motives, but all rejoice naturally at the continued rise of the pound sterling.

The Sunday Times, in an editorial headed, "Business or Bayonets Is the Choice Before France," says:

"The United States is beginning to realize that the policy of aloofness is doing more to harm America than Europe and is favoring an economic rather than a military solution of the reparations problem."

Moonshine Kills 'Innocent' Rats; It's a Sad Story

Humanitarian reasons led United States Marshal Clarence R. Hotchkiss Saturday to ask Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton for permission to destroy a large quantity of whiskey in the basement of the old postoffice building, which has been in his custody since October, 1921.

Rats about the old structure have succumbed more readily to the fumes which arise from that rotting mass of moonshine than soldiers did to German gas, says the marshal.

Looking newspaper men straight in the eye Hotchkiss told them how he watched a rat commit suicide in the basement a few days ago. While in the liquor vault Hotchkiss avers he saw a rat advance toward one of the confiscated kegs, take a long sniff and then fall over dead. Fearing that the humane society might hear of this, Hotchkiss decided to get rid of the concoction before it involved him in a municipal court wrangle on a charge of cruelty.

Judge Wolverton ordered the liquor destroyed.

REUBEN HAUN

Freewater, Dec. 16.—Reuben Haun, 37, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Haun of Ferndale, died suddenly Wednesday from pneumonia. He was born in Pendleton and was unmarried.

$164,197 Needed To Fill Portland Community Chest

Faithful workers are still maintaining efforts to fill the Community Chest. Subscriptions have been made totalling $484,132, leaving $164,197 yet to be raised. Indirect reports from some of the big industries indicate that there is still a considerable sum yet to be secured. But few schools have been heard from as yet and until the entire field has been covered the work will continue.

The headquarters on the second floor of the old Honeyman Hardware building are still open, with E. C. Sammons in charge. Many workers are putting in several hours a day in the cleaning-up process, the plan being to continue the work until the goal is reached.

GEORGE L. CARLILE

Cottage Grove, Dec. 16.—George L. Carlile, 38, died at the Eugene hospital Thursday. He had been employed in logging camps as foreman since 1906, largely by his father-in-law, A. L. Woodard. Death was due to an injury to his heart caused by a sudden strain while replacing flue pipes in the boiler at the Woodard mill. Mr. Carlile was born at Goldendale, Wash. His wife and seven children survive.

The annual covention of the Farmers' union of Oregon and Southern Idaho, postponed from December 7, will be held in Lebanon December 21, 22 and 23. About 300 delegates are expected.

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