

HUGHES' PROPOSAL FOR REPARATIONS LIKED BY BRITAIN

American Secretary's Plan May Save Coming Premiers' Meeting From Ending in Deadlock

London, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Europe tonight looked to Secretary Hughes' reparations proposal to save next Tuesday's premiers' conference from hopeless deadlock and failure.

France, Britain and Germany tonight were finishing touches on their respective plans, which will be submitted to the allied leaders next week and it was apparent the three schemes are widely at variance. Moreover, Premiers Bonar Law and Poincare each secured the unqualified backing of their governments, making unyielding deadlock more probable.

The proposal of an unofficial international commission to consider reparations with American participation, therefore, was regarded as a lifesaver.

BRITAIN PLEASSED

It was not at all likely that France would accept the Hughes plan per se, but it was considered probable that the French would urge that the matter be taken up at the Brussels parley, to which the United States has been invited.

Britain has received the Hughes speech with applause and unofficial promise of cooperation. France received it coolly.

Reason for the difference is found in the divergent views held by the two countries toward the crux of the reparations problem. Britain's aim, as evidenced by the plan Bonar Law will carry to Paris, is to be as lenient as possible toward Germany, to get just as much as the defeated enemy can pay, not to ask too much, and to arrange terms so that payment can be made and trade kept up at the same time. France considers the main question is not how much shall Germany pay, but how much can she be forced to pay.

PLAN EXPLAINED

The French rejected the Hughes plan because it did not provide for coercion. Britain accepted it because it opened the way to general agreement on the question.

The French plan, which was in the hands of Premier Poincare for final approval tonight, is as follows:

To refuse Germany a moratorium until suitable guarantees are arranged, and have these guarantees include allied supervision of German finances, imposition of heavy taxes on the Ruhr, a customs barrier between the Rhineland and Germany, seizure of German-owned foreign securities, and rigid control of the border.

WHAT BRITAIN OFFERS

The British plan, for which Bonar Law received the backing of his cabinet, includes:

Reduction of the amount Germany must pay to at least a half more, if possible. Agreement among the allies to permit Germany to get to work and earn the sum with constant restrictive measures by France.

The German plan, which Dr. Karl Bergmann will carry to Paris next week, was outlined in an exclusive United Press dispatch as follows:

Germany to pay the allies 40,000,000,000 gold marks.

The allies or the United States, or both, to lend Germany a total of 20,000,000,000 gold marks with which to help pay the lump reparations sum. This loan, Germany stipulates, should be made within not more than five years. Germany offers to give guarantees, but the Cuno government admittedly is shaky over this point, for the Socialists, angry at not being in on details of the latest plan, may block the chancellor in the recharging when he seeks legislation authorizing the guarantees such as the allies would demand.

Demand for 1923 Auto Tags Drops With More Needed

Salem, Dec. 30.—Approximately 42,000 motor vehicle licenses of the vintage of 1923 had been issued when the automobile registration department in the office of Secretary of State Koser closed its doors for the day and the year tonight. This means that but one third of the automobiles and trucks in the state, based on the registration of 134,566 for 1922, will be equipped with the new blue and white tags on New Year's day.

In spite of the fact that there are nearly 16,000 more motor vehicles in the state at this time than there were a year ago, applications for the new license plates this year up to the close of the year have run more than

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12,000 under the total of applications filed at the same time a year ago.

Secretary of State Koser estimates that registration for 1923 will reach the 150,000 mark. This will mean an increase of slightly less than 15,000 over the mark set for 1922.

It will probably require two weeks or more to find the bottom of the flood of applications which are expected to find their way into the automobile department within the next few days, and in the meantime it is not expected that any effort will be made to enforce the law covering the use of 1922 license tags.

Fees collected by the department during the past year total \$3,340,420.58 as compared to \$2,335,000 in 1921, a gain of more than \$1,000,000.

Newspaper Men Of South Take Over Minneapolis Daily

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—The Minneapolis Daily News, one of the "Cleveland" publications, has been sold to John Perry and Richard Lloyd Jones, owners of a number of newspapers in the South, it was announced today.

The Perry-Jones combination will take over publication of the News February 1. No change in the personnel of the staff is anticipated.

The Minneapolis News, St. Paul Daily News and Omaha News comprise the Daily Cleveland publications, owned by L. V. Ashbaugh, St. Paul; C. T. Bertolotti, Chicago; M. W. Reay, St. Paul, and other stockholders.

Bill Would Suspend Mine Assessment

Washington, Dec. 30.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative McArthur has introduced a bill, by request of the Oregon mining men, to suspend assessment work required on mining claims for the fiscal year 1923 and 1924 where claims are inaccessible to traveled highways.

Benefit to Be For People's Institute

For the benefit of the People's Institute, Sarah Truax will give a reading of "Mr. Pim Passes By" at the Portland Women's club, Taylor near 12th street, Friday at 8 p. m. Tickets for the reading have been placed on sale at Sherman-Clay's, Meier & Frank's, Gilie's, Colonial library and the Benson, Multnomah and Portland hotels.

Convict Is Killed; Partner Wounded

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Jack Shock, an escaped convict, was shot and killed, and his "pal," Richard Preston, who also had fled from the Joliet honor farm, was wounded in a desperate battle today with a squad of detectives who surrounded a west side rooming house in which the convicts were hiding.

The Salem postoffice has established a new record during the present quarter, receipts up to Wednesday night reaching \$41,122.13.

Say Ambassador to Tokio Is Soon to Retire From Post

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

Tokio, Dec. 29.—A state department denial of the reported retirement of American Ambassador Charles E. Warren is printed today in the Tokio Jiji. The denial is made on a special cable from Washington.

That Warren's resignation is to follow his proposed trip to Washington early in 1923 is considered certain here. According to speculation, Warren is to resume the private practice of law in Detroit. Some time ago it was reported here that President Harding intended to appoint Warren as the successor of Senator Newberry of Michigan.

Through the intended resignation of the American ambassador to Japan is yet unannounced officially, it is common knowledge in diplomatic circles here. The Warren family furniture already has been shipped to the United States on board the Admiral liner President Jackson, which is due in Seattle January 2.

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