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GATHERING OF POWERS SOON HELD WEIGHTY

Conference Looked Upon as Last Effort of Allies to Agree on German Reparations.

FUTURE OF FRANCE HANGS IN BALANCE

Meet Most Important Since Armistice—Relations Appear Strained

PARIS, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare will leave tomorrow for London to attend the conference of allied premiers which is regarded by many here as the last great effort of the entente to reach an agreement on Germany's reparations bill before France sets out independently to collect in her own way.

The meeting is looked upon as in many respects the most important since the armistice involving as it does the continuonce of friendly cooperation between France and Great Britain.

Long Moratorium Favored

Although the British have disclosed no stated policy since the resignation of Mr. Lloyd George, Premier Bonar Law seems to agree with his predecessor that Germany should be given a long moratorium from cash payments, that the total of the indemnity should be reduced, and that no military measures should be used in attempts to force Germany ot pay.

M. Poincare's much discussed plan for a settlement is expected to be placed before the meeting, but it appears that he will reveal it only in its broad outlines, reserving the detailed plan for the Brussels conference.

However, it is learned that the following definite positions, while not constituting the plan, will probably guide the French in their arguments in London:

French Policy Outlined

1. Moratorium to Germany without the surrended of productive guarantees such as mines and forests.

2. Reduction of the German indemnity to form forty billion to fifty billion gold marks only on condition that there be a parallel reduction in the French and other allied debts.

3. Revision of the per centages of the German payments in favor of France. France at present is entitled to 52 per cent, but would claim Great Britain's 22 per cent in return for filing the indemnity at the suggested amount.

4. When the voluntary default of Germany is definitely established, or when Germany refuses to carry out the financial reforms of balancing her budget and stabilizing the mark, penalties will be imposed. These would include extension of the allied occupation of the Ruhr so as to permit a customs cordon around that territory and the economic and general administration of the Rhineland.

Must Be Understanding

On the other hand, the British, backed by Italy and Belgium, hold that it is useless to convene the Brussels meeting unless there is a clear preliminary understanding on certain points which M. Poincare would leave for consideration at Brussels.

These are the fixing of a reasonable sum of indemnity and the method of its payment; the redistribution of the payments among the allies; cancellation of the allied debts so far as possible without affecting America, methods by which Germany's finances cannot be restored under allied control and the raising of a loan for Germany.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Friday fair.
LOCAL WEATHER
(Thursday)
Maximum temperature, 38.
Minimum temperature, 31.
River, 6.5 feet above normal level, rising.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, partly cloudy.
Wind, north.

SEAL SALE GOING WELL THIS YEAR

Money Devoted to Red Cross Association to Fight Tuberculosis Epidemic

Exceptional sales of Red Cross anti-tuberculosis campaign stamps at the postoffice are reported this year.

The money is devoted by the National Red Cross association to the world-fight against tuberculosis. The government sanctions it to the extent of authorizing the postoffices to use the legend, "Christmas Seals Stamp out Tuberculosis," in the cancelling machines.

The new campaign stamp for Salem arrived and was put into service Wednesday. All these special cancellation devices, commemorating expositions, national events and such campaigns as this against tuberculosis, are authorized only from the office of the postmaster general, under congressional authority. The national authorities also authorizes the sale of the stickers in the postoffice lobby. That is the only sale that the federal offices ever allow.

2 FLEETS ARE CONSOLIDATED

Atlantic and Pacific Gunboats Merged to Effect Peace Organization

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Consolidation of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets into the "United States fleet" with Admiral H. P. Jones in supreme command and Vice Admiral E. W. Eberle as commander-in-chief of the "battle fleet" unit, was announced tonight by the navy department.

The reorgination, the department said, involved no change in any present assignment of ships or navy personnel, but was chiefly for the purpose of affecting a peace-time organization that could be carried into a war emergency without change.

One Officer Commands

Under the new plan the United States fleet will consist of the battle fleet; the scouting fleet, the duty of which would be to locate the enemy preparatory to engagement of the battle fleet; the control force, organized to exercise control of the sea after this had been obtained by action of the battle fleet, and the fleet base force, intended to support the operations of the fighting forces.

The whole organization for purposes of administration in peace or war would be under command of a single officer with the rank of admiral, no matter how far scattered its elements might be.

CAIN CONCERT MUCH ENJOYED

Songs of Olden Time Find Place That Dizzy Jazz Can Never Fill

If grandmother could come back from the long ago with the peaches and cream complexion of her girlhood; if grandad could step out of his present baggy suit and stand forth in the straight, splendid strength of his youth, in the army blue or the pioneer buckskin or the knee breeches of the heroic olden days—they'd be notable figures even in the proudest circles of today. They earned a place in the world's eye.

And their music was, and is, as good as the old folks themselves. They can't sing it themselves now, but presented by young voices such as Gramp and Gramma used to have, the songs of their long ago are still beautiful and brave and worth while.

Some irreverent people laugh at this revival of the long ago. They shouldn't. The songs that have lived are worth oceans and ages of the unholy, insufferable, mushy jazz that so frequently passes for "music" these days. Operatic barnstormers and brainstormers who mistake modern syncopation for music in comparison with any one of the dozen harmonious, smoothly gliding old time songs presented at the Cain concert last night at the armory, may get

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LIQUOR FIGHT FLARES UP IN HOUSE DEBATE

Item of 9 Million for Prohibition Enforcement Starts Battle Between Wets and Drys.

CONGRESS URGED TO LET STATES DECIDE

Gilbert Getting Tired of Attacks on Men Who Would Enforce the Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—An old time liquor fight—short but stormy—flared up in the house today during debate on the $115,000,000 treasury supply bill with its item of $9,000,000 for prohibition enforcement.

Prohibition Shots Many

Starting earlier in the day when Representative Magee, Republican New York, a member of the committee which fromed the bill, declared that defiance of the Volstead lay "was so prevalent as to threaten our institutions." It ended abruptly just after Representative Hill, Republican, Maryland, a leader in the movement for light wine and beer legislation, had announced what he proposed to offer in the form of an amendment when the Republican action was reached tomorrow.

Meanwhile, friends of prohibition, overwhelmingly in control, took one shot after another at those who sought to take the law and by parlitmentary methods cut short Mr. Hill's attempt to connect the prohibition in a friendly way with the Ku Klux Klan.

Gilbert Getting Tired

In urging congress to give to the states the right to say what alcoholic content would make wine and beer intoxicating, Mr. Magee declared it probably would result in a beverage, made from pure ingredients and "the restoration of wholesome respect for the law."

Declaring the liquor traffic had thrived on misery until the people, handling it as if it were a serpent, had choked it, Representative Gilbert, Democrat of Kentucky, shouted to the house that he was getting tired of the constant attacks on men who were rying to see that the law was obeyed.

Half a dozen members were on their feet at once trying to break in with questions when Mr. Hill, with six minutes to close the general debate, explained the nature of his amendments.

Progress Slow

"In the first place," he shouted above the hubbub, "I shall propose that the house strike out of the bill the item of $150,000 for the prohibition unit publicity bureau; that the sums of from $135,000 to $150,000 as heretofore, shall not be spent hereafter in open violation of the Volstead law for the purchase of bootleg liquor to be used as evidence; that none of the government appropriation shall be used ot defray the expenses of stump speakers sent over the country by the prohibition commissioner."

Hill Bombarded

All the time Mr. Hill was being bombarded with questions as to whether he was trying to lighten up the Volstead act. "I shall also propose to strike out the appropriation of all funds," he went on, "for legal advisers, special counsel to the prohibition unit on the ground that its legal force does not know how to construe the law which exists today. Another amendment provides that no part of the fine shall be used by the commissioner for propaganda purposes in an attempt to defeat members of congress, and finally, to transfer enforcement of prohibition from the treasury to the department of justice, where it belongs."

Quotes Publicity Bureau

Mr. Hill declared that anybody connected with the government "who approves the Ku Klux Klan should not receive government funds for law enforcement.

When forced to sit down by expiration of his time, Mr. Hill was attempting to read an extract from a press bulletin by the prohibition unit's publicity bureau, which said that the "prohibition director of Arkansas had reported that the Ku Klux Klan had organized a campaign against moonshiners."

MAIL SWELLS AS HOLIDAYS DRAW NEAR

Hurry-up Slogan of Postal Authorities Seems Better Heeded This Year

Outgoing mail for Christmas has already begun to swell the volume of business in the Salem postoffice, but only very little package mail has as yet begun to arrive. Somewhere in transit there is doubtless a whale of a mail; carloads and acres and mountains of it going east and west, passing each other in the deserts and canyons and in the grimy city yards. But only a little of it has yet arrived anywhere.

It is reported from the postoffice that the annual slogan "Shop early; ship early," seems to be better heeded this year than ever before. It is going to be desirable that the shipping be earlier this year than usual, for Christmas, falling on Monday, follows the regular Sunday holiday, and there will be no mail delivered for those two days. Anybody sending holiday gifts should bear this fact in mind, or expect the gifts to get in on the blue-day after the big feed and celebration, when even a barrel of sugar would taste like sauer kraut and a 30-pound turkey would look like a skinny crow. The Christmas gift that's appreciated will get there before the long wait and the after-dinner dyspepsia sets in.

SUIT AGAINST PARENTS WON

Mrs. Dorris Woodhouse Gets $465,000 in Alienation of Affection Suit

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 7.—A jury of farmers today set at $465,000 the damages due Mrs. Dorris Woodhouse, from her wealthy parents-at-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse of New York and this city. She had sued them for a million dollars, alleging that they alienated the affections of her young husband, C. Douglas Woodhouse, who is now at Reno, Nev., seeking divorce. The award is one of the largest ever returned in such cases.

Counsel for the elder Woodhouses immediately moved that the verdict be set aside. Arguments on their appeal will be heard later. Of the $465,000 awarded, $400,000 was given as actual damages to the young wife and $65,000 as a punitive award.

The romance of young Woodhouse with the "poor little girl" who lived next door, was fairly familiar to Burlington people before the trial, in which was retold the circumstances of their meeting at a college prom the courtship and marriage while Woodhouse was at an army camp in 1918, and their separation a little more than a year later.

Young Woodhouse did not appear during the trial, in which it developed that he was in residence at Reno. He sent a deposition in which each side found statements construed as favorable to their contentions.

EUGENE MEN ARE VICTIMS OF RIVER

David Linn and Henry Nestle Drowned in Willammette Yesterday

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 7.—David Linn, owner of a sand and gravel plant here and member of one of the most prominent pioneer families in the state, and Henry Nestle who was employed by him, were drowned in the Willamette river here early today when the small boat in which they were rowing across the river in an attempt to mend a broken cable, capsized. The river was high and swift owing to heavy rains and neither of the men was able to swim out on that account. The bodies have not been recovered.

SEAPLANE ARRIVES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—Lieutenant Walter Hinton in the seaplane Sampaio Correia II, arrived at Braganca on the coast 100 miles northest of Para at 10 o'clock this evening, according to advices received here from Para.

STREET CAR RUNS AMUCK ON BROADWAY

Power Company's Vehicle Careens Through 3 Crowded Blocks Before Stopped

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Two men were injured and traffic on Broadway was thrown into confusionwhen a street car ran amuck through the shopping district of Los Angeles late today.

In some way the car got beyond control of the motorman and careened through three crowded blocks jammed with automobiles and pedestrians before a quick-witted traffic officer jumped on the rear end of the runaway and jerked the trolley off the wire.

BABY BONDS ARE SENT IN

Yesterday's Receipts at Salem Postoffce Total Five Thousand Dollars

Five thousand dollars of postal savings stamps rolled into the Salem postoffice Thursday for redemption. They are of the 1918 series, and are redeemable at par January 1, from the office of the federal reserve bank at Portland.

The call has been issued for all who hold these "baby bonds" of the United States government to present them for payment, and let them be retired according to the terms of their issuance.

Million Dollars Here

Approximately $1,000,000 worth of these stamps were sold in Marion and Polk counties, during the year 1918. A good many of them have been turned back to the government, possibly one-half, or maybe even more, according to Postmaster John Farrar. There is no way of accurately determining the amount outstanding. Some came in even while the war was on. Others have been dribbling back into the treasury every week since. With the beginning of the new year, however, they cease to draw interest. They were sold with interest calculated only to January 1 and thereafter they will be inert. They will continue to be worth their face value, but the government wants to get rid of the whole lot, and so earnestly asks that all holders turn them in for redemption.

Money Will Come

The stamps can be brought to the Salem postoffice and receipted for, and as soon as possible after the first of January, the federal reserve bank will send the genuine money in exchange. Other government securities in small denominations can be bought that will be sold with the interest calculated for a sure return. It's good money in anybody's pocket to trade in the old ones and get some new, interest-bearing securities.

Some Will Be Neglected

It is not expected that all the stamps will be brought in at this time. Some will be left for the rats to gnaw and the mould to corrupt. Some will eventually find their way into the new grand-baby's hands and mouth, and he will be sick from the green paint with which they are printed. Some of them will be burned in the eventual foolish fire, and some of them will just naturally die of old age.

Must Come Rapidly

If half of the stamps that were sold in Marion and Polk counties are still unredeemed, they will have to come in at the rate of more than $25,000 a day, to all get in by time of redemption, January 1.

Earnings of Class One Railroads Show Decline

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Earnings of class one railroads during October, according to interstate commerce commission reports compiled for the Association of Railway Executives, amounted to $85,234,00, it was announced today. In October 1921, railroads of that class, which operate nearly all the rail mileage in the country, earned $105,425,000. The association calculated that the earnings this year represented an annual return of 4.05 per cent on the value of property used in railroad service, as this value has been tentatively fixed by the interstate commerce commission.

PORTLAND MEN WOULD AMEND SHIP SUBSIDY

Senator McNary to Put Chamber of Commerce Proposals Before House Committee Soon.

SENATE THOUGHT FAVORABLE TO BILL

Many Provisions Are Passed Upon in Anticipation of Action Saturday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — The administration shipping bill found slightly smoother going today in the senate commerce committee, and Chairman Jones tonight expressed the belief that a favorable report to the senate would be voted Saturday.

Provisions Passed On

The committee worked on the measure for more than five hours and when adjournment was taken tentative approval had been given to approximately the first half of the bill as it was passed by the house. The principal sections passed upon included the taxation provision in the consideration of which the committee had the aid of two tax experts from the treasury department. Consideration also was given to the direct aid sections and the committee completed the provisions setting forth the scale of compensation to be allowed private companies.

McNary Has Amendments

Scarcely any attention, however, was given today to the controversial Madden amendment which subjects extension of government aid to control by congress.

Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, had prepared today a series of amendments proposed by the Portland, Or., chamber of commerce, but they were not formally put before the committee. These amendments in brief provide for open competitive bidding in the sale of government-owned tonnage; hearings an all proposed subsidies or rates before they are granted or contracted for by the shipping board; establishment of all American ports on an equality as to types of vessels used, and the rates granted from those ports and an elimination of the proviso granting American railroads the right to own ships engaged in foreign trade.

IRISH DEPUTY IS MURDERED

Hailes Victim of Assassin's Bullet When Leaving Hotel —Another is Wounded

DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—Sean Hailes, a deputy of the Irish parliment, was shot and killed today as he was leaving the Ormond hotel for parliment, accompanied by Brigadier General Patrick O'Maille, who was sworn in as a deputy speaker of the house yesterday. General O'Maille was seriously wounded, being shot in the head and arm.

Threat Often Repeated

General O'Maille underwent an imediate operation and tonight was reported as doing as well as could be expected. An official statement from army headquarters said that his condition was not critical.

The shooting of the deputies is in fulfillment of a constant threat. The names not only of the ministers who ordered the recent executions, but of all members of the Dail Eireann who voted in favor of repressive measures were published in a black list and the men were warned that they would be held responsible.

Hailes was a prominent supporter of the government and has been a strenuous fighter against the English. He was one of Michael Collins' closest personal friends.

He voted for the Anglo-Irish treaty in the Dail Eireann in January.

HUNDRED GROWERS GATHER TO SOLVE LOGAN QUESTION

Sixty Per Cent of Northwest Output, Produced in This Locality, in Danger Unless Better Market Can Be Developed—Planting of New Yards Held in Abeyance by Farmers.

What to do to save the loganberry industry was the general topic at a big meeting of growers held Thursday at the Masonic hall in Salem. The meeting was called by Kenneth Miller, president of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, not as an official, but as a personal act for the purpose of rescuing the loganberry fields from the axe and the bonfire and the plow and the sheriff.

Almost 100 growers, representing almost the whole real loganberry growing part of the world, were in attendance. How nearly this is literally true was shown by statistics showing that Salem alone packs 60 per cent of the 243,639 cases of logans canned in 1922 in the northwest which comprises practically all the commercial berries anywhere.

The meeting was a serious attempt to evolve a plan for saving and restoring the logan industry. There are about 7,000 acres in the northwest that produced last year approximately 12,000,000 pounds of fresh berries. The growers have made no money for at least two years. They have planted no new fields, but they have not yet begun to destroy the old fields. They won't, if they can find a way to make the business pay.

Some wholesale advertising to make the market wider and more active is thought by many of the growers in attendance to be the eventual solution. Just how to do this advertising is the present problem not yet solved.

Among the prominent growers present, who took part in the debate, were M. J. Newhouse of the Oregon Growers, who talked of the dried berry market; Robert Paulus, who spoke on the berry-canning department; Seymour Jones, grower; H. Herschberger of Woodburn; A. S. Mellinger and Kenneth L. Miller of Newberg; Frank Carlisle of Springbrook; J. O. Holt of Eugene; Frank Gibson of the Producers' Canning company of Salem, and many others.

The movement is a growers' serious attempt to work out the plan proposed by the Liberty association, recently formed, for "Six Cents for Logans." A number of the Liberty and other Marion county growers who were and are of that pioneer association, were present and part of the bigger meeting yesterday. H. H. Mumford, president of the Liberty group, is secretary of the new tentative organization that is to meet again in Salem December 20, to try and find a definite working agreement.

The December 20 meeting will be for delegates only; delegates representing any kind of a local association, group or agreement, but purposely limited in numbers so that there can be a workable and not a too-unwieldy body in debate. Any kind of group, anywhere, can pick a man to send in, and he will be made welcome. Wherever he comes from and he has the big idea, they will welcome him as the deliverer of the beautiful crimson berry and its growers in Oregon.

Figures showed that about 2,000 tons of fresh berries were dried and dehydrated, about 600 tons were barreled, and about 100 tons pressed for juice. There is being no new planting, and the general sentiment is to stop all further planting until the market can take decent care of what are being already grown. If the present acreage can be held and made profitable, then the industry can talk of further growth, but until there is a more clamorous market for the product already in sight, new acreage is held to be suicidal.

Every locality that grows logans is urged to select a delegate to the December 20 meeting, and send him in to help solve a million-dollar question that at present is looking for a Moses to lead it out of the wilderness of bankruptcy. Boy, page Mr. Moses from the rural district, and crown him king!

RUSSELL SAYS NOT GUILTY

Case Full of Tense Moments —Governor Brings Situation to Climax

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—Bringing to a climax a day crowded with tense situations, Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, proclaimed from the witness stand in federal district court his innocence of charges of seduction and other wrongs—made by Miss Frances Birkhead stenographer—and with dramatic emphasis declared the charge "false as can be."

Situation Dramatic

"If Miss Birkhead was seduced in the office of the lieutenant governor, it was by some one besides Lee M. Russell, because I was not there at the time," he declared. Governor Russell was called as one of the first witnesses for the defense after counsel for Miss Birkhead, who is suing for $100,000 damages, rested their case today. He still was on the witness stand under cross examination when court adjourned.

Governor Russell, in answer to a question as to whether he had authorized a compromise declared: It is a deliberate falsehood and she knows it."

Miss Birkhead had testified that Governor Russell told her that he had authorized Theodore G. Bilo and one or two other of his friends, to effect a settlement with her.

Testimony Startling

Miss Birkhead was on the witness stand under cross examination most of the morning. She admitted that, during the campaign for the governorship in 1919, she informed Oscar Johnston, who was opposing Mr. Russell for the gubernatorial nomination for alleged wrongs and Earl Brewer, former governor of Mississippi and a political opponent of the governor, of the wrongs she alleges. She explained, however, she did this because they are lawyers and she was seeking advice and counsel.

ANSWER FILED BY INDEPENDENCE

City Charter Cited in Defense of Motor Vehicle Traffic Regulation

The city of Independence claims the right of charter to regulate motor vehicle traffic, according to the city's answer filed with the public service commission to a complaint brought by a number of citizens relative to the bus service to the Valley & Siletz depot.

The complaint filed by the citizens demands that J. W. Parker, operator of stages between Salem and Independence and between Independence and Monmouth, run his stages to the depot and not stop at a downtown hotel that is a long way from the depot. Parker is inhibited from doing this by a city ordinance.

How Would You Spend $50.00 for Christmas?

Salem's Leading Merchants

Are going to help you solve this problem, and earn the $50.00.

For the solution see Page 3, Second Section.