

MEIER ANGERED AT REFUSAL OF SPECIAL PLATES

Blocks Move to Build Vault After Architect Hired By Control Board

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The governor also announced that he was starting an investigation of the costs of issuing licenses in Oregon which he said were higher than those of any other state in the United States.

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The letter was presented to Meier yesterday and he immediately contacted Hoss on the phone telling him he didn't care about the order; his family wanted those numbers for his car and he thought the governor was entitled to get them.

When the question of a \$25,000 vault came up in board of control meeting shortly thereafter, Meier said "such an expenditure would be boy's play in view of the proposed new capitol building."

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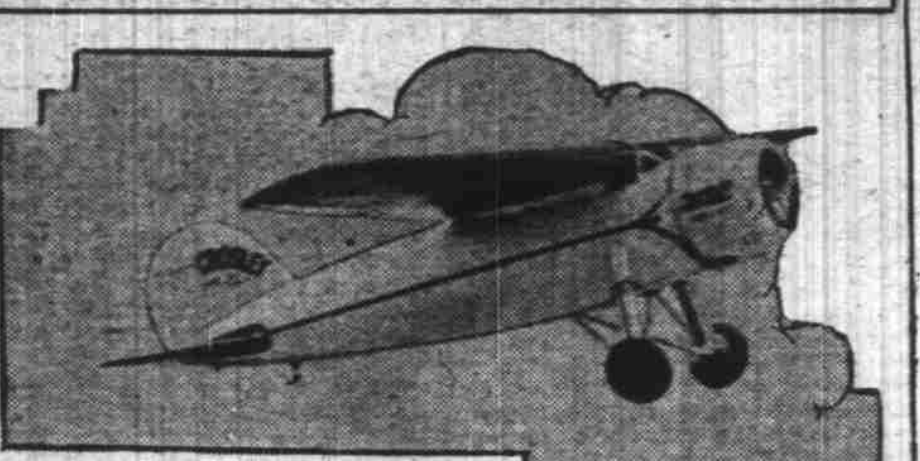
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Markets Gain; Bruening is Hopeful France Will Seize Opportunity

By WADE WERNER. BERLIN, June 22—(AP)—A tidal wave of optimism swept over Germany today, washing the accumulated gloom of years into the gutter.

This was the reaction to President Hoover's proposal of a year's respite in the payment of war debts and reparations—a proposal that was characterized as "an historic event of the very greatest significance" by Chancellor Heinrich Brüning who thanked America in his first public statement since Mr. Hoover made his pronouncement Saturday.

The Boerse reflected the nation's relief with an upswing that sent leading shares ten to 30 points skyward. Even Monarchist Press is Hopeful. Even the diehard nationalist and monarchist press headlined the Hoover move as "the American silver lining" and "without doubt the most important event in the post-war world."

In contrast, that portion of the press which reflects the views of Adolph Hitler's national socialists, branded "Germany victim of new American bluff." Neither in the press nor in official circles was the fact overlooked that France is yet to be considered. Her reply is anxiously awaited.

At the core of the new German optimism over America's entry as the rescuer is the all-important fact, that, regardless of any difficulties ahead, the heroic task of restoring hope and confidence already has been started—and the restoration of confidence is more important than gold.

Brüning Extends Thanks of Nation. His first public pronouncement made on the Hoover plan, Chancellor Brüning indicated he realized fully the importance of the part France will play. "I have the conviction and hope that France will not let slip by this very great moment for the pacification of the world, of which rapprochement between France and Germany is an important, integral part," he said.

The chancellor made that statement to a small group of American newspapermen. "We accept the extraordinarily significant plan of the president of the United States joyfully and with heartfelt gratitude," he said.

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PEOPLE... who are news

By EDWARD J. DUFFY (Copyright, 1931, The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 22—(AP)—Henry L. Stimson enjoys riding and golf, but maneuvers for suspension of inter-governmental debt payments have left little time for diversion of leisure.



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step across the street from his office to confer with President Hoover. If he hurries back it's a likely guess that cables to foreign capitals soon will be humming. He has a busy life, but is used to it. Nor are difficulties new to him.

HIS fortieth birthday had been passed in the practice of law before public life first called. In the 25 years since he has been federal district attorney in New York under President Roosevelt, secretary of war under...

SCHOOLS TO SHARE NECESSARY SAVING Increase Teacher Load; new Business Office Here To Mean Economy

PORTLAND, Ore., June 22—(AP)—Under a plan submitted to the Oregon state board of higher education by its finance committee here today, Oregon State college would be called upon to save six-tenths and the University of Oregon four-tenths of the amount withheld from the institutions of higher education by the referendum against the legislative appropriation.

The committee report was made a special order of business for Tuesday morning. The referendum ties up an appropriation of \$1,181,173, but the committee found unexpended balances in several departments aggregating \$232,654, which reduced the additional saving necessary to \$857,170.

Fresh from a country of wines, fine food and jollification, they had something to say about the economic situation but a lot more on their views about prohibition. "It's not true," said James L. Key at Atlanta, whose alleged utterances on the drinking problem abroad led to repeated threats to assassinate him and proposals to nominate him for vice-president.

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By SHELDON F. SACKETT. The extent of the state flax industry, the part it plays in giving inmates work, and the part it plays in the valley and in furnishing materials for Oregon industries, can only be appreciated by consideration of the basic facts about the industry. It is the purpose of this article to show how the business of flax raising and processing has grown in the last decade.

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FRENCH REPLY IS WAITED BY ENTIRE WORLD

Officials Desire not to be Put in Position of the Raising Obstacle

"Great and Generous act" Is Characterization of Hoover's Move

By JOSEPH E. SHARKEY (Copyright, 1931, by Associated Press) PARIS, June 22—(AP)—The French government, upon whose attitude worldwide interest centers, today took under advisement President Hoover's plan for a year's suspension of all war debts and reparations payments.

Officials were careful tonight not to make any predictions regarding France's attitude on the question. "Great and Generous" An official spokesman for the foreign office said that France considers President Hoover's move a "great and generous act."

It was apparent in talks with officials that France does not wish to raise insurmountable obstacles to the American initiative nor does she wish to be put before the world as blocking it. However, whatever attitude the government may take, there were rumblings from political quarters today that any attempt of the government to renounce even temporarily payment of those German reparations which are devoted to reimbursement of actual war damages, known as the unconditional annuities under the Young plan, will encounter strong opposition in the chamber of deputies.

Several deputies, speaking in the lobby, declared it was just as important to maintain the peace as to pay reparations. (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

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Committee Named to Safeguard City's Interests, Seek Retention of all Offices and Boards in this City; Endorsement of Roseburg for Soldiers' Home Again Expressed; to Advise Hospital Board

STRIKING back at Portland which seeks to divide the state capital through retaining offices and commissions in that city, the board of directors of the Salem chamber of commerce passed resolutions last night strongly supporting the removal of the highway commission meetings from Portland to Salem, and commending Director of Agriculture Gehlhar for consolidating offices of his department in this city.

The highway commission will meet for the first time here on Thursday; but no decision has been made as to the permanent meeting place. For many years it has been meeting in Portland for the convenience of the Portland member.

Senator Spaulding, who is a new member of the commission pointed out the saving to taxpayers which would be accomplished if the commission met here. Each time it meets in Portland the executive staff of the highway department fills its brief cases with data and takes the jaunt to Portland for one or two days.

Max Gehlhar was present and stated that Portland was bringing heavy pressure to retain in that city the savings would run from \$3000 to \$5000 per year to the taxpayers of Oregon is the estimate of Senator Spaulding.

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Mrs. Leon Gleason reported on the plans for handling the association's Oregon products exhibit, which opens June 27 in the Farmers' Market on Liberty street. To market 80 entries have been made, with more expected.

Carle Abrams appeared before the organization and explained in an informal manner the high class of merchandise manufactured in Oregon. Mr. Abrams stated that "the order to stimulate the demand for Oregon goods, one must fully appreciate the really high standard of Oregon products."

The Greater Oregon association invites all women interested in attending the meeting, regardless of the membership fee, which is not mandatory.

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