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LLOYD-GEORGE REPLIES TO PEACE PROPOSALS

English Premier Says Peace Is Impossible Without Reparation.

London.—The announcement by David Lloyd George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his administration was the rejection of the proposal of the central powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The premier said in the house of commons that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe, and that without reparation peace would be impossible. There were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany. Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the central powers' note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd-George said: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia." He said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd George's decision with even stronger words.

FRENCH AT VERDUN ARE VICTORIOUS

Paris.—As his last act before assuming the chief command of the French armies on the western front, General Nivelle smashed the German line east of the Meuse along a front of six miles. The victory advanced the French positions two miles, and they are now within a short distance of where the Germans stood at the outset of the great Verdun drive. The military authorities describe the victory as complete and crushing, and carried out without a hitch.

Although the Germans offered a desperate defense, the attack was so powerful there was no withstanding it, with the result that the Germans were pushed back along the line by the French, who only ceased on orders when the objectives had been gained.

The number of German prisoners taken, according to the latest counting, is 11,387, including 284 officers.

WALLACHIA IS WON

Berlin Regards Military Operations in Roumania as Terminated.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The following comment on the military situation in Roumania and the Verdun sector of France is given out for publication by the Overseas News Agency:

"Operations in Wallachia can now be considered as terminated. Buzeu, which has now fallen into the hands of the central powers, is the last important railroad point in Wallachia. The allies (Teutonic) now control two-thirds of the Roumanian railroad lines. The Buzeu and Jalomitza rivers form the second and third strategical lines, in which were secured corn and oil stores.

Greeks Give in to the Allies.

Athens.—The Greek government's reply, accepting demands of the entente allies, is complete compliance with their ultimatum and an expression of the hope for resumption of "traditional relations with the entente nations, based on reciprocal confidence."

Russia Wants War to Go On.

London.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"The duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals, after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The immigration bill with literacy test attached was passed by the senate by a vote of 64 to 7. The president once vetoed the bill because of the literacy clause.

David Caplan was found guilty of manslaughter Friday at his second trial for complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion, in which 20 men met death on October 1, 1916.

The decision of the government to prohibit the consumption during the remainder of the war of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of wines and beers, has caused consternation in the French liquor trade.

Within a short distance of the shore, the United States submarine H-3, was badly damaged in the breakers at the entrance of Humboldt bay opposite Eureka, having been rolled over at a heavy angle by the sea.

David Watson Craig, known as the "founder of the republican party in Oregon," a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and pioneer newspaperman of the state, died in his 87th year at the home of his son, F. S. Craig, Salem, Ore.

Joseph T. Miles, who as "Joe Hayden," veteran actor, was widely known as the author of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," to which tune the United States volunteers marched during the Spanish-American war and the Filipino insurrection, died at Santa Rosa, Cal. He was 70 years old.

HUGO MUNSTERBERG



Hugo Munsterberg, noted German psychologist of Harvard University, who dropped dead while lecturing to students.

FARM CROP VALUES SET NEW RECORDS

Washington.—All records for the value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year, despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year. Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe were responsible for the vast increase in value.

Four crops each were worth more than \$1,000,000,000. Corn, with a total value of \$2,295,783,000, showed the greatest increase, being worth \$573,108,000 more than last year's output. Cotton, the second most valuable, with a total of \$1,079,598,000, increased \$475,378,000 over last year. Wheat, the third, was worth \$1,025,765,000, or \$33,462,000 over the year before, when the production was at most 400,000,000 bushels more.

PIONEER SETTLER IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Another pioneer settler of Umatilla county was claimed by death last Friday afternoon when Niel McDonald passed away at his home seven miles west of Pilot Rock, cancer and old age being the cause of his death. The body was taken to Pendleton and the funeral was held Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church there, with the Rev. J. E. Snyder officiating. Interment was in the Weston cemetery at 2 o'clock that afternoon.

Deceased was 72 years old, a native of Tyree, Scotland, having come to the United States in 1888. He came to this county years ago and engaged in

HE GETS NO APPLAUSE.



—Godwin in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

farming and stockraising. His wife died about nine years ago. The following children survive him: Flora McDonald Alex D. McDonald, Duncan McDonald, Mrs. Jessie Richmond, Mrs. Kate Hurd and Daniel McDonald, all of this county. Nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Mary McFall and Miss Kate McDonald, both of Canada, survive him also.

BUYS REITH RANCH FOR LARGE DAIRY

Reith, Or., Dec. 16.—J. M. Harrison, of this city, has at the time of writing, purchased from his former partner, A. K. Hadley, of Portland, interest in the land at the mouth of Birch creek and adjoining Reith, comprising 670 acres. Seventy head of dairy stock are a part of the purchase. Mr. Harrison intends making extensive improvements and a complete remodeling of the place, and expects to be in possession of one of the best dairies in Umatilla county. All stock on the place are thoroughbreds and these will be added to in order to make this one of the most up-to-date businesses of its kind in this community.—Tribune.

Woolmen Oppose High Grazing Fee.

Heppner, Or.—Strong opposition to the proposed 100 per cent increase in the grazing fees on national forests was one of the principal actions of the Oregon Wool Growers' association at its 19th annual convention.

Pershing to Be Promoted.

Washington.—Brigadier-General J. J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force in Mexico, has been nominated to be a major-general.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$1.35; bluestem \$1.40; red Russian, \$1.32; forty-fold, \$1.35.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$26 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$21 per ton; alfalfa, \$18.
Butter—Creamery, 34c.
Eggs—Ranch, 35c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 38c; valley, 35c.
Hops—1916 crop, 6@10%.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$1.42; club \$1.35; forty-fold, \$1.38; red Russian, \$1.35; five, \$1.38; turkey red, \$1.42.
Barley—\$26 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 33c.
Eggs—35c.

Colored Pioneer Dies

Mrs. Frank Buckner, of near Pilot Rock, probably one of the first colored persons ever coming to Umatilla county died Sunday afternoon in Pendleton, of pneumonia. She was 67 years of age and was born in North Carolina, July 9, 1849, where and at which time her people were in slavery. About the close of the Civil war she came West with her parents to Walla

Walla, arriving there in 1864. In 1869 she was married to Mr. Buckner, also colored, who had taken up a homestead near here. She has lived here since that time, a prosperous and respected farmwife. She is survived by five children, Charles, Louis, Wheeler and Mattie, all of whom live in this county, and Lizzie, of Alaska.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Coquille—Coos county's 1917 budget is to include \$25,000 for court house expenses.

Croquet balls and mallets may be made of local myrtle wood by a Vermont firm at Coos Bay.

Oregon City—The Moose lodge is to build a two-story, \$20,000 lodge building.

Albany—The commercial club has launched a move for an open river from Salem to Corvallis.

A leading engineering and construction company is the authority for the statement that there will be 100 and probably 200 grain elevators built in the Columbia river basin to handle the 1917 wheat crop, thus doing away with much of the old sack system.

Roseburg—Hereafter all county road work of \$1000 or over is to be let by contract. The present system has been found too costly.

Reedsport has shipped two cars of cattle. A large amount of stock is being shipped out of the lower Umpqua country since the new railroad came in.

Eugene—The Lane County Fruit Exchange ships a car of apples to Chico, Cal.

Coos Bay—The business of getting out ship knees is giving employment to many and proving profitable here. La Grande—The famed MacRae ranch of 8000 acres in Grant county has been sold for \$200,000 cash and includes 10,000 sheep, 100 horses, 100 cows and poultry, all registered.

Cawego—The pipe foundry here is expected to resume operations within a few days. The foundry furnishes employment to about 80 men and contributes greatly to the city's welfare.

Ritter is 35 miles closer to the market than ever before with the completion of a road to Heppner and a bridge across the John Day river.

Canada Tears up Rails for Europe.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada has begun to tear up 1000 miles of railway to meet the needs of the war on the western front in France and Belgium. It was learned. The rails will be shipped to France, where they will be relied to facilitate the movement of troops, guns, munitions and supplies.

Hughes Named for Bar Presidency.

Albany, N. Y.—Charles E. Hughes has been named for the presidency of the New York State Bar association by the nominating committee of that organization.

CROPS TO GET OLD RATES

New Eastbound Tariff Suspended Until Western Products Are Marketed.

Washington.—The Pacific coast's entire season's output of dried fruits, canned goods, wine, beans, barley and other foods will move east under prevailing freight rates, notwithstanding authority given to the railroads to advance them 10 cents per 100 pounds. Such a decision has been reached voluntarily by the transcontinental railroads and communicated to the interstate commerce commission.

The new freight rates, which were to go into effect December 20, will be suspended by the railroads' own action till March 1 next. By that time, it is thought, the entire product of the orchards, vineyards and truck farms of California, Oregon and Washington for 1916 will have been delivered in eastern markets.

Railways and Men Seek Settlement.

Evansville, Ind.—W. G. Lee, of Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, publicly announced here that negotiations are under way between the leaders of the brotherhoods and those higher up in the chambers of the operating departments of the railroads, looking to a settlement of their entire controversy out of court before January 1, when the Adamson law is scheduled to go into effect.

Oregon's dairy production in 1916 totals \$20,000,000.

COUNT TARNOWSKI



Count Tarnowski, new Austrian Ambassador to the United States, who was finally granted safe conduct by the Allies.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Newspapers of Germany see little hope for peace if England demands reparation.

Premier Lloyd George's reply to Germany's peace proposal meets with a chorus of approval in the British press, and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion.

The driving campaign of Field Marshal von Mackensen in Roumania seems nearly at an end. The reports show comparative quiet to be prevailing at present.

Military operations in the European field of war are at a low ebb.

On the Franco-Belgian front, also, there is a lull with the quieting down of the recent activity at Verdun, while latest reports from both the Russian and Austro-Italian fronts show little but artillery duels and skirmishes.

In Macedonia the reports show rain and fog prevailing with the exception of patrol engagements.

General Joffre has a new post in counsellor to Premier Briand's newly formed "war council"—a small, compact body of executives, modelled along the lines of that just formed in England by Lloyd-George.

Found Not Guilty

Guy Hays and Basil Parr, of Pendleton, were found not guilty Tuesday morning by a jury in the federal court where they were tried Monday on the charge of introducing liquor on the Umatilla Indian reservation. Several business men and farmers doing business on the reservation had been in Portland, where the case was tried for several days, as witnesses in the case.

Granite—A rich ore strike in the Ben Harrison mine, in the Sumpter district, shows \$1 a pound ore.

RECESS OF CONGRESS BEGINS SATURDAY

Trouble Encountered Finding Sources of Funds to Finance Government.

Washington.—With a holiday recess planned to begin next Saturday and extend until January 2, congressional leaders do not hope to accomplish anything before adjournment except the passage of a few appropriation bills in the house, and possibly the disposition of the Sheppard prohibition bill for the District of Columbia in the senate.

The house ways and means committee is working hard in an endeavor to find funds to finance the government next year, and it has its hands full. Chairman Kitchin says he is at his wits' end to discover new sources of revenue.

President Wilson and the cabinet already have begun consideration of ways and means to raise revenues to meet the threatened deficit on June 30, 1918. The president let it be known that he had reached no conclusion, but, in general, was opposed to bond issues except to meet expenditures of a temporary nature. He probably will address congress on the subject later.

Army Heads Want 3,000,000 Soldiers. The mobilization of the national guard for border service was described as a military failure, emphasizing the urgent necessity of abandoning the volunteer system as the nation's reliance for defense, in statements by Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, and Major-General Leonard Wood, commanding the eastern department, before the senate subcommittee considering the Chamberlain universal military training bill.

Both of the generals advocated universal training. General Wood declared that the country now was utterly defenseless against a well-organized foe; that the mobilization was a tragedy, and that if the guardsmen had met good troops they "would never have known what hit them." General Scott told the committee that lessons drawn from the present war proved that in case of war with a first-class power the United States would need immediately a trained force of 1,500,000 men, with another 1,500,000 available within 90 days.

Wilson Not to Offer Mediation.

President Wilson decided to forward the central powers' peace notes to the entente allies without any mediation offer by the American government.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, said after a 10-minute visit with Secretary Lansing:

"We did not discuss peace terms in any way. I have not received any formal terms and the American government knows officially that no formal terms have been proposed. All Germany has suggested is that the belligerents get together and talk."

640-Acre Bill is Passed.

All the disputed points in the Ferris bill to provide 640-acre homesteads, principally for grazing purposes, were smoothed out in conferences between house and senate and the measure goes to the president now for his signature.

The bill has been supported by the interior department and western congressmen as a measure of further opening the public domain.

EMBARGO IS NOT IRONCLAD

Northern Pacific Will Accept Needed Shipments to Eastern Points.

St. Paul.—Although declaring that shipments of grain and lumber from far western points are now under restriction by the Northern Pacific railroad, President Hannaford denied that an ironclad embargo had been placed on such shipments.

Mr. Hannaford said that owing to the congestion of cars in the east, shipments from the far west to points beyond the Twin Cities cannot be accepted indiscriminately. He said the Northern Pacific must see that the rolling stock remains on its own lines.

Girl in Love Kills Youth and Self.

Salem, Or.—Unrequited love seems to be the only motive to explain a double tragedy at the Marion hotel in this city, when Myrtle White, 18-year-old Portland girl, shot and killed Thomas W. Cummings, 19, night clerk at the hotel, and then fatally shot herself.

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