



PREMIERS MEET IN FINAL CONFERENCE

France Offers Proposal For Reduction of German Reparations.

Paris.—The prime ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium, together with the Marquis Della Tortetta, representing the Italian premier, went into a conference Tuesday which is regarded as the final effort of the allies to reach a collective settlement of the reparations question.

Premier Poincare of France offered at Tuesday's conference a proposal for a reduction of German reparations to 50,000,000,000 gold marks.

The French plan offers a two year moratorium, but it exacts productive guarantees to insure the resumption of payments later by the Germans.

Under the French plan the class C bonds would be used to extinguish the inter-allied debts.

The French cabinet, under the chairmanship of President Millerand, has approved the reparations plan.

The diplomatic barometer seemed inclined to take an upward spurt as the statesmen of Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium gathered for the anxiously awaited "conference of premiers" which will grapple once more with the reparations problem. The atmosphere was much less pessimistic than immediately after the abrupt termination of the London conversations last month.

Although there is a wide divergence of viewpoints the first signs of a movement to bring them into harmony appear to be a result of what Le Matin calls "the invisible pressure of American opinion."

HUGHES OUTLINES AID FOR EUROPE

New Haven, Conn.—A suggestion that an independent commission of men competent in financial affairs could accomplish more than a general international conference toward solution of the European reparations tangle was put forward by Secretary Hughes here.

The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical association, added that he had "no doubt" that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission, which, he said, might well be kept free from any responsibility to foreign offices or any duty to obey political instructions.

Referring to suggestions that the United States assume the role of arbiter in the reparations dispute, Mr. Hughes said a sufficient answer to that was the fact "that we have not been asked." He went on to say he did not believe this government should take such a burden of responsibility.

SHERIFF JAILED FOR THEFT

Alleged to Have Sold \$30,000 Worth of Liquor.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Sheriff Winfred E. Robb was arrested in connection with the disappearance of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the county jail. Both Robb and his brother, George Robb, a deputy sheriff, were taken into custody on warrants charging them with larceny and illegal disposal of liquor.

The sheriff was arrested by Coroner Clift, the only officer empowered to do so.

The arrest of the sheriff on the eve of his retirement from office, following which he was planning to preach a "new evangelism" from the lecture platform, was the most sensational development in the investigation of the theft of 50 cases of bonded liquor from the top floor of the county jail.

Portland Bank Officials Indicted.

Portland, Or.—On charges of receiving deposits in the State bank of Portland when it is alleged they knew the bank was insolvent, Leroy D. Walker, former president; Conrad P. Olson, president; and Anthony Eckern, vice president of the institution, were arrested on secret indictments returned by the Multnomah county grand jury. E. T. Gruwel, also a vice president of the State bank, is under indictment, and bonds are to be arranged for his appearance here to obviate returning him from California under police escort. In a separate indictment, Eckern and Walker are charged with misapplication of bank funds.

Secretary Fall Resigns From Cabinet.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Fall of the interior department will resign his office on March 4, it was announced at the White House.

Cavalry Sent to Louisiana Town.

Jennings, La.—The Jennings cavalry of the Louisiana national guard was ordered to waitrain for Morehouse parish.

WAR VETERANS GET MORE THAN \$5,000,000

More than \$5,000,000 was distributed among disabled war veterans of the Pacific Northwest during the year 1922, according to an estimate given out by the Seattle district office of the United States Veterans' Bureau. This includes vocational training pay and straight compensation expenditures but not hospitalization expense or administration costs. A total of 6212 new and amended compensation awards were granted during the year and 255 disabled World War veterans were rehabilitated vocationally. It was announced.

There are at present 2750 injured veterans in Washington, Oregon and Idaho taking vocational training at the expense of the government, a decrease of 415 under the number enrolled January 1, 1922. A total of approximately 4,200 veterans are receiving compensation checks every month. Of this number 74 are permanently and totally disabled and a large portion of the balance totally disabled for a temporary period. Records show that a total of 15,154 veterans of this district have filed formal applications for either compensation or training to date.

With approximately \$150,000,000 of war risk insurance held by experience people of the district, the Pacific Northwest leads all other bureau districts of the entire country in percentage of its World War veterans protected by government insurance. More than \$1,500,000 worth of war insurance was reinstated or converted into permanent forms during the last four months of 1922.

Ninety-five per cent of the 864 veterans hospitalized in this district are being treated in veterans' hospitals or wards. The number of hospital cases not being handled by government physicians reduced from 320 to 44 during 1922. Records of December show an increase of approximately 50 hospitalized World War veterans. The employment section of the bureau has found work for 244 rehabilitated veterans since its formation last August. These men receive an average of \$120 a month, a material increase over their pre-war occupation pay.

BULLETIN OF BOARDMAN COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 22, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that William Louis Suddarth, of Irrigon, Oregon, who, on Mar. 9, 1918, made Homestead Entry, No. 017743, for W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, being Unit "B" Umatilla Project, Section 28, Township 5 north, Range 26 East, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Ore., on the 19th day of January, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Powell, W. M. Castle, John Goebel, Hugh Grim, all of Irrigon, Ore.
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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 21, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that Glen E. Carpenter, of Boardman, Ore., who, on Nov. 19, 1920, made H. E. 022078 and on Dec. 15, 1921, made add'l H. E. No. 022079, for W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, Township 4 north, Range 24 East Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, U. S. Commissioner, at Boardman, Ore., on the 8th day of January, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. C. Gorham, Ople Lee Waggoner, T. E. Broyles, W. H. Mefford, all of Boardman, Ore.
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FARM TOPICS

The new tariff on small seeds will mean better prices on clover, grass seeds, vetches, etc., and should stimulate to a considerable extent the seed business in Oregon.—O. A. C. Exp. station.

Inquiry in considerable volume is reaching the experiment station about how to grow alfalfa in western Oregon. Grimm alfalfa has been very successfully produced on the college farm and it will be profitable when the acreage is increased to 50,000 to 100,000 acres in western Oregon.—O. A. C. Exp. station.

Cabbage that is unfrozen and therefore available for marketing is found either in a storage warehouse or buried in the field at this season. Cold air storage is a satisfactory method of keeping cabbage, although some shrinkage must be expected. Refrigerated storage is naturally superior to air storage. Crops of cabbage in home farm gardens or in commercial gardens may be stored by plowing out a furrow in which the cabbage is placed, upside down, and the head and the greater part of the stem covered with soil. Cabbage thus buried on well drained land will keep until the opening of spring.—O. A. C. Exp. station.

Seed for Bonny Best tomatoes—the variety of tomato usually grown for maturing a crop in May in green house hot beds—is sown about January 1. Five months are required from seeding to harvesting. Most growers use five inch pots for growing the plants in their final stages previous to transplanting to the beds. The market is strong for fancy hothouse tomatoes through May, June, and July. March 15 is the best time to get the plants permanently in the beds.—O. A. C. Exp. station.

FREE SEEDS

This letter from Senator Stanfield is self-explanatory:
 I am not certain that the free distribution of vegetable and flower seeds is a wise expenditure of public funds, but Congress has authorized it and a limited supply has been allotted to me for such distribution.

It is my desire that everyone in Oregon that wants some of these shall have them, and none wasted by sending them out promiscuously to people that do not want them and will not use them.

Will you kindly advise all of your readers that desire some of these seeds to write me and I will gladly send them.

Most sincerely yours,
 Robt. N. Stanfield
 United States Senator.

Orchard Soils Studied

Keeping up fertility of orchards is a big problem in some Oregon districts, and gets a lot of attention at the vocational course in orchard management now running at O. A. C. The kind of soil best suited to different fruits is also gone into. Location of the orchard with reference to markets and frost control, and thinning, spraying, grading and packing the crop get attention. Budding, grafting, and pruning are practiced in laboratory or field, depending on weather.