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ORANGE MEN AND SINN FEINERS CLASH

GREAT BRITAIN BENDS ENERGIES TO REGAIN TRADE

BRITAIN CANNOT REGAIN TRADE NORMALCY UNTIL THE MARTS OF GERMANY AND RUSSIA ARE OPENED TO THE WORLD.

The Genoa Conference, If Held, Will Devote Its Entire Work to Cause of Revival of Economic Conditions in the Old World.

By DAVID M. CHURCH (L. N. S. Staff Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 14.—Out of the fog of international diplomacy which continually beclouds London, there comes but one distinct and constant ray of light as to just what Great Britain wants, and that is a desire for restoration of pre-war trade.

Great Britain has a finger in every international pie, and her statesmen are earnestly endeavoring to lend their aid in setting straight the ways of the world, which are admittedly askew, but back of all of Britain's efforts is a very apparent motive to secure restoration of trade.

Cannes and its ill-fated conference was a movement for trade restoration. The Genoa conference will devote its entire work to the cause of revival of economic conditions. Britain and Lloyd George were prime leaders in both of these movements. Britain, however, cannot set to work to cure her own trade depression until she has a measure of support from the rest of Europe, because her statesmen believe that the remedy lies in changing of conditions which are partially controlled by the other allies.

Lloyd George, according to current gossip in Whitehall and Downing street, is fully convinced that Great Britain and Europe can not regain trade normalcy until the marts of Germany and Russia are opened to the world. Recent conferences between Hugo Stinnes, German industrial lord, and Lloyd George, are understood to have clinched this view in the mind of the British premier.

Lloyd George, it is generally understood, wants to let down the bars for Russia and Germany. He wants to lighten the burden of both of these nations in order that Great Britain and Europe can regain their trade. Herein lies the difficulty. The barriers against Germany and Russia can not be removed without the consent of France, and the recent Briand resignation is regarded here as clearly indicating that the people of France have not yet reached the stage where they can exhibit any sympathy toward either Germany or Russia; nor will they

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Chief Coontz In Fight For Navy

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The United States navy would be costing \$600,000,000 annually in the course of the next two years if the Washington conference had not reached an agreement cutting down the big naval establishments of the world, Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations, told the house naval affairs committee today.

Admiral Coontz appeared to fight against further reductions than the \$100,000,000 designated in the navy's estimated cash requirements for the next fiscal year.

CHARLES PURDIN GOES ON TRIAL

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Charged with shooting and killing his divorced wife, Alice Purdin, at her home here, when he found her in company of Howard Sigby, Charles Purdin went on trial here today for first degree murder.

Purdin is also accused of shooting Sigby and then slashing him to pieces with an axe. After committing the shooting, Purdin unsuccessfully tried suicide by inhaling gas. It was indicated that the defense would base its grounds on self defense or temporary insanity. The defense will also try to prove that Mrs. Purdin was killed when she tried to separate Purdin and Sigby.

Portland Girl Hurt When Snow Caves

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 14.—Caught in an avalanche while coating down a snowslide on Mary's Peak, 25 miles southwest of here, a dozen members of the Mazama mountaineering club, were carried from 300 to 400 feet down the mountain.

Miss Sue Kellett of Portland was knocked unconscious by the sudden rush of snow and her back is reported to be seriously injured. She was carried to a cabin at the foot of the peak whence it has been impossible to remove her.

Mary's Peak is the highest point in the Coast range but is not considered a difficult or dangerous climb.

MISSING WITNESS IN ARBUCKLE CASE FLEES

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 14.—While detectives and newspaper men watched the door of a room at a local hotel today, a girl believed to be Zey Pyvnon, missing witness in the Ar buckle case at San Francisco, escaped, according to hotel attaches.

NEW SENSATION PROMISED IN THE TAYLOR MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—The report, which was without definite confirmation, gained circulation here today, that District Attorney Woolwine and his aides, while claiming that they were virtually up against a "blank wall" in the investigation of the mysterious Taylor murder, have been working for days on evidence which needs only additional corroboration to place them in a position to take definite action in unravelling the case.

This report was coupled with rumors that the investigators had received information suggesting that the movie director had been slain by blackmailers when he fought to protect the good name of an innocent motion picture star.

The unheralded arrival in Los Angeles of William A. Pinkerton, coincident with the return from New York of Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, gave rise to reports today that the famous detective agency has been employed by the movie interests in the William D. Taylor murder case.

"The Taylor case will be solved," he said. "Somewhere there is a leak, perhaps in some infinitesimal detail not yet discovered the slayer has slipped up on—and he will be found. Furthermore, when this cloud of mystery is dissipated you will find, I believe, that the motive does not involve an affair of the heart.

"One thing I am certain of, however," he added. "No woman held the gun that killed Taylor."

The new clue is connected with the past life of Taylor, who was known in New York as William Deane-Tanner, and the man sought for arrest has not been mentioned previously in the case, according to Captain Adams.

The new tip was given by a woman whose name is withheld.

Free Basket Ball Game

The National Guards of Ashland will meet the National Guards of Medford tonight in a game of basketball at the Armory at 8 o'clock. The local team have not played as a team but are all good men and a good game is promised. Come out and see them win.

Former Ashland People

Mr. and Mrs. Will Virgin, former Ashland young people, who have been residing at Portland for the past several years, were greeting some of their friends here today, as they were passing through the city on their way to make their home in San Francisco.

Oldfield's Machine Breaks Cafe Front

Rev. W. Judson Oldfield had the misfortune to have his car try to enter the Tavern cafe via one of the large plate glass windows at the front of the Tavern Monday afternoon at about 3 o'clock.

Rev. Oldfield had driven up in front of the restaurant and had shut off the engine without throwing it out of gear, and had left the spark on. When he got out of the car, he spoke to F. E. French, who happened to be there, and the conversation led to the discussion of the Chevrolet car which Rev. Oldfield had just gotten out of. The clutch of the car seemed to always take hold with a jerk, Rev. Oldfield told Mr. French, and the two went to the car and raised the hood and were examining the engine, when it was decided to turn the engine over slightly by the aid of the starter.

Rev. Oldfield went around to the side of the car and reached over and pressed the starter with his hand. It responded at once, and being in gear, the car started forward and did not stop until it hit the window and door, one wheel against each. However, the door opened and the glass in it was not broken.

The axle of the machine was considerably bent by the impact, but no other serious damage was done to the car, and no person was hurt.

Haz Kik

RESOLVED—I will never say behind a man's back what I would not care to say to his face, and I will never lie about him. He might find it out. If he did, reputation for veracity would suffer beyond any weight that a dignified position or Christian claim might give me. If I have to fight I will do it in the open.

RESOLVED, FURTHER—I will never attempt to climb to the heights over the bleaching bones of anyone, especially of my friends. It simply can't be done.

HAZ KIK.

BOND ISSUE NOT FEASIBLE SAYS PRES. HARDING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Despite the desire of the republican members of the senate finance committee to discard the house plan of raising revenue for the soldier bonus through direct taxation, and to substitute a bond issue, President Harding and Secretary Mellon have decided that the bond issue is not feasible, it was stated officially at the White House today.

It was officially learned that Harding was "unalterably opposed" to the special taxes which the house ways and means committee proposes to levy to raise \$350,000,000 to pay the bonus. Underwood, however, still favors a general sales tax as the method for obtaining the necessary funds for the bonus.

FURTHER AUDITS TO RECOVER OVER PAYMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—It was learned today from Hon. John H. Bartlett, chairman of the civil service commission, that the war department had authorized further audits of contracts for aircraft which were terminated by negotiated agreements during the latter part of 1918 and early in 1919, with a view to the recovery of overpayments estimated at \$25,000,000.

Mr. Bartlett said that the civil service commission was interested in this matter in connection with the clerical work of the audits. He said that he had been informed by the war department that three audits recently completed established overpayments for aircraft totalling \$7,871,000. He said that informal figures obtained from accounting firms indicate that it would cost the government a sum close to \$1,000,000 to complete the additional audits which are contemplated; that, by the use of accountants obtained through the civil service commission's examinations, the three audits completed, totalling a recovery of more than \$7,000,000 had cost the government only \$59,000 for all expenses of the audits, and that the war department further stated that the additional audits could be performed by civil service employees for less than \$150,000, as against the \$1,000,000 asked by private auditing companies, to recover the estimated overpayments of \$25,000,000.

Mr. Bartlett said that the three audits which had been made by civil service employees had been placed in the hands of reliable public accounting firms by the contractors affected.

The World Do Move



Bryan Expects To Launch Campaign For Senate Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Early announcement of William J. Bryan's candidacy for the United States senate is expected by his friends in Washington.

Bryan is expected to seek that seat now occupied by Senator Park Trammell of Florida, a democrat, who is completing his first term and will seek re-nomination and re-election. Though Bryan is regarded as a Nebraskan, he will acquire citizenship in Florida in April. By that time he will have complied with the law requiring one year's residence in the state as a prerequisite of voting.

For many years Bryan's chief ambition has been the senate. He has always preferred it even to the presidency, because of the unusual freedom of action it offers. But as a Nebraskan, Bryan could not take the democratic nomination for the senate, because the Nebraska democracy was about as "wet" as Bryan is "dry."

Nine or ten years ago Bryan bought property in Florida and has lived there at times since. About a year ago he established his home there and has lived there continually since except when on lecture tours or speaking engagements.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Extension for one year, from June 30, 1922, of the three per cent restrictive immigration law was recommended to the house by the immigration committee today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 14.—Executing an about-face on their demand for increased wages for the bituminous coal miners of the country, the officials of the United Mine Workers, through a union scale committee, today presented to the miners' convention a program insisting that the present basic wage scales be continued, and setting forth certain working conditions to be demanded.

Oregon-Montana Oil Well — A clipping has been received from Montana stating that the Oregon-Montana oil well at Winnet has reached a depth of 2430 feet with good progress being made. Mr. Stone, the geologist, expresses a strong belief that a good sand would be drilled into within 75 feet of additional drilling.

On the Streets Again — Mike Morgan, of North Main street, who has been confined to his home with an attack of grippe, was able to be on the streets again Monday.

Buying Power of the Farmer Fundamental Factor in Business

(International News Service)
NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Figures furnished by the Chemical National bank show that the purchasing power of the farmer is a fundamental factor in the business situation in the United States. The agricultural west and south are more important than all of the urban consumption centers combined, the statistics show. It was these districts that in 1891 and 1897 pulled this country from the depths of depression by reviving agricultural demand.

Depicted graphically below is a chart showing the yield and value figures for eight leading farm crops—corn, cotton, hay, wheat, oats, potatoes, barley and tobacco—in relation to farmers' purchasing power during the past three years.

The production index, weighed in proportion to the relative importance of the different crops, shows the relation between the volume of production in 1919, 1920 and 1921. In 1920 the physical amount produced was 10.6 per cent more than was produced in 1919. Production in

BELFAST SCENE OF MURDER; 17 KILLED TO DATE

AMONG VICTIMS OF CLASHES BETWEEN ORANGEMEN AND SINN FEINERS ARE WOMEN AND FOUR CHILDREN.

Two Heavily Armed Forces, One Republican and the Other Ulsterite, Lined Facing Each Other Along Ulster-Free State Border.

BELFAST, Feb. 14.—Two men were killed in the street fighting last night, bringing the total dead in the city and suburbs up to 17 within the last 48 hours. Among the victims of the clashes between Orangemen and Sinn Feiners were women and four children.

Bomb explosions and rifle fusillades rattled through the streets during most of the night.

The Ulster border has been "sealed" to civilian traffic. Two heavily armed forces, one of republicans and the other Ulsterites, are lined facing each other along the Ulster-Free State line. No shots have been exchanged, but soldiers are refusing to allow civilians to use the highways crossing the boundary.

Twenty were wounded in Belfast throughout the night. Several of them were police trying to rout snipers.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Members of the Irish provisional government at Dublin are taking vigorous measures to avert the threatened revolutionary outbreak of extremist republicans. It has been learned that the foes of the Dublin government are plotting its overthrow and are conspiring to get control of the republican army.

Hostility against the Griffith-Collins faction of the Sinn Fein has been simmering since the Anglo-Irish peace treaty was ratified by Dail Eireann. It was brought to a head by the fighting on the Ulster frontier, which followed raids and kidnappings.

ROAD CONVENTION OPENS

(International News Service)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.—Plans for improving Nebraska highways are under discussion here today before the opening of the state road institute. The convention was called by C. H. Roper, president of the Nebraska Good Roads association. In his address President Roper outlined plans for taking advantage of government aid in road building.

Manager Moves — Mr. Evans, who will manage the Golden Rule store that will soon be established in the Elks building, has moved into the Orres property.

Oregon History in the Making As Seen on 63rd Anniversary

Today we are celebrating the sixty-third anniversary of the admission of the state of Oregon to the United States. It is altogether proper and fitting that we note some of the events of the early Oregon days up to the time that our wonderful state was made one of the United States.

The first record that we have of a white man setting foot on Oregon soil is in the year 1792, when Captain Gray, an American fur trader from Boston, entered the mouth of the Columbia river in his ship, naming the river after his ship, the "Columbia." During the same year, Captain Vancouver of the British navy explored 30 miles up the Columbia and named many of the prominent places in its course. Near the same date Oregon received its name from a traveler by the name of Captain Carver, who spent a winter among the Sioux Indians. On his return, he spoke of a great western river and called it the Oregon. However, the state retained the name and the river kept the name of the ship.

At the time that the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory, the entire northwest country was practically unknown, and President Jefferson immediately sent Lewis and Clark on an exploring expedition which brought them to the Pacific coast in December, 1805. In 1811, John Jacob Astor, a New York fur trader, landed and established a post at the mouth of the Columbia, naming it Astoria, thereby establishing the first settlement in the state of Oregon.

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