

PAYMENTS IN FULL ON EUROPEAN DEBT BRINGS NEW ANGLE

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—The view of this government that its part in Europe is subject to revision as a whole and not piece-meal, has been brought into the foreground of the war debt discussion by a report from Brussels that Belgium is ready to negotiate a settlement of its debt contracted prior to 1914.

Belgium's dispatch saying that the government desired to have its debt program on the \$202,000,000 debt, and that the war was taken into consideration of an effort to distinguish between loans made for prosecution of the war and those for reconstruction and other purposes. Belgium's debt to the United States is \$1,000,000,000.

Belgium has not welcomed proposals from Europe for prior payment of the loans, and has insisted that the loans be paid in full. It has insisted that the loans be paid in full. It has insisted that the loans be paid in full.

NEW AIR LINE PLAN OF TRAVEL TALKED

CHICAGO, May 22.—A commercial air line between New York and Chicago carrying express and freight traffic will begin operations early next week as a result of the organization of the National Air Transport, Inc., capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Paul Pennington, second assistant postmaster general, in charge of the air mail will resign his post June 1, to become general manager of the new line. It was announced that the line will be operated by the United States Express.

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Sisters to Wed



At a triple wedding to be solemnized June 25, at Rock Island, Ill., three sisters, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Young will be united in marriage. Hilar (top picture) will wed Ogden E. Johnson of Wausau, Wis.; Harriett (center picture) will wed G. W. Wickstrom, Stanton, Ia.; and Eunice (below) will wed O. C. Cobb of LaForest, Wis. All three of the girls and two of the young men are graduates of Augustana college.

TWO HANGINGS ARE GREWSOME SIGHTS

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was convicted at Coquille, November 10, 1924, following a trial at which the state introduced evidence to show that he had influenced his 16 year old nephew, Alton Covell, to kill Mrs. Edna Covell, wife of Dr. Fred Covell, a brother of Arthur. Alton was one of two stepchildren of Mrs. Covell. Alton Covell is now serving a life sentence in the state prison.

L. W. Pearce was convicted March 19, 1923, of killing his neighbor, Jas. Culver, whom Pearce admitted on the witness stand at his trial that he had shot to death. Pearce was also charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of his own wife, who was choked to death in his home immediately before Culver was slain. Pearce claimed his mind was blank concerning his wife's death, saying he had been drinking moonshine whiskey and has become temporarily deranged. After his wife was killed, Pearce killed his dogs and cats and was seized with an impulse to kill Culver, whom he fancied was to blame for his troubles.

Astrology Figures.
Astrology figured prominently in disclosures following the arrest of Arthur Covell, but was scarcely mentioned at his trial, the prosecution confining itself to evidence concerning the death of Mrs. Covell. Arthur Covell had been living at the home of Dr. Covell, and was cared for by Mrs. Covell and the children.

Bedridden with a broken back, as the result of injury in an automobile accident, he devoted much of his time to the study of astrology. Investigative notes in code which they said indicated he had planned many murders, Covell claimed these were written solely to amuse himself.

The prosecution charged that a month before the death of Mrs. Covell, which occurred September 2, 1924, Covell had planned the murder and enlisted the aid of Alton, Lucille Covell, 14 year old sister of Alton, admitted, on the stand, that she knew of the plan to murder, but said she did not think it would be carried out.

Strangulation Charged.
Alton was alleged to have strangled his stepmother in the kitchen of her home by applying an ammonia-soaked rag to her mouth. Her husband was arrested at first, but later was cleared of all suspicion. Later Alton was arrested and made a confession.

He attacked her, though not intending to kill her. When he found that he had killed her, he said he calmly set about killing the cats, dogs and chickens, and tried to kill the horses, but could not get near enough to them. He wanted to do this, he said because he intended to kill himself, and did not want his livestock and pets to get into the hands of other people. Finishing this, he sought his neighbor, James Culver, and slew him. He claimed Culver had had illicit relations with Mrs. Pearce.

Covell wrote out a statement, intending it for publication, declaring his innocence and laying the crime upon another person, obviously his brother, Dr. Covell, whom he said was now to be in Eugene, and who is widower of the slain woman. But Arthur Covell withdrew his statement. He addressed a statement to Warden Dalrymple, which the warden had not received this morning. Whether it bears on the crime is not known. He left several other letters with the warden, addressed to different persons, including his nephew, Alton Covell, now doing life for committing the murder that Arthur Covell is believed to have incited.

Few Dollars Left.
Pearce left a few dollars at the prison. He requested that his body be cremated, and this will be done in the state crematorium at the state hospital near the prison. Covell left a request that his body be turned over to M. E. Hecht of Portland, for cremation in any other disposition. M. E. Hecht is believed to be a woman belonging to the same cult as Covell.

Among those who witnessed the executions were Peter Culver, brother of the man slain by Pearce, and Doctors T. T. Manzer of Seattle, Ear

Springfield Cows Wander Over City

SPRINGFIELD, May 22.—(Special)

—This cow that jumped over the moon was doubtless an unusual animal. But so was the friendly black and white cow which entered the delicatessen of Major M. R. Huntley, 428 Main street, at 6:45 o'clock last evening, think Springfield citizens. The cow, which had been tied to graze on a vacant lot near the downtown district, somehow got loose, and wandered about the city streets. She very sociably followed Dick Sherman of the Springfield Service station into the delicatessen, when he went in to get his evening cup of coffee. She paused on the threshold to look in, and then, whether intrigued by the smell of coffee or not, decided to enter. She was driven out by Major Huntley, but started to follow him in again, whereupon he tied her to a telephone pole. Her famous relative in the china shop was probably in a less interesting place, since it is to be noted that the delicatessen is maintained in conjunction with the Swartz and Washburne meat market, and there were sections of possible consins and aunts on the chopping block.

Southern Pacific Income Reported

Southern Pacific railroad's net railway operating income of the year just closed will not vary substantially from that of 1916, notwithstanding the investment of \$300,000,000 in eight years' improvements, says L. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent, who has received the report of Julius Kruttschnitt, assistant chairman of the company's executive committee.

"The return on property investment in 1916 was 4.95 per cent, according to Mr. Kruttschnitt," says Mr. Graham, "and in the year just closed it was barely 4 per cent. In no year since the transportation act became effective has the Southern Pacific earned the return from rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission as 'reasonable.'"

Mr. Kruttschnitt referred to reduction of railroad earnings by competition of freight and passenger motors and the heavy load of taxes the railroads carry for "building and rebuilding highways torn to pieces under the wheels of its automobile competitors. Southern Pacific pays in taxes, altogether, almost as much as it pays in dividends—nearly \$20,000,000 in taxes against \$21,000,000 in dividends.

Mill man Hurt as Lumber Tips Over

—Ernest Nicholson, employe of the Fisher sawmill, Marcola, was injured yesterday while at work when a tier of lumber fell from a truck, crushing his left foot. No bones are broken, but the foot is badly bruised. He received treatment in Springfield. Three other minor accidents are reported: Carl Sweeney of Marcola received treatment this morning for a sprained knee, injured when he slipped and fell. T. E. Nye is receiving treatment for his wrist which was hurt while working on the sorting tables at the local Booth-Kelly sawmill. Clayton Barber, also of the Booth-Kelly company, had a large silver removed from his back yesterday. It was run in when he leaped against a pile of lumber.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IS SUCCESS IN EUGENE

SPRINGFIELD, May 22.—(Special)

Clean-up week in Eugene has been a decided success this year, says E. B. Parks, mayor, and the city, as a result of the activity this week, is cleaner and brighter, he says. Many organizations have co-operated in the work, and people have shown a willingness to remove rubbish and debris and clean up their premises, he says.

The Pioneer clubs of the city have been very active, and have succeeded in having a lot of work done, it is said. Posters were published, and when the chance presented itself, the boys assisted in the work.

Much inflammable material has been hauled away during the week, says Wm. Nausbaum, fire chief, and this is an important part of the work, it is pointed out. Many fires start in rubbish piles, he says, and piles of old boards and trash are very dangerous. Clean-up week has resulted in the removal of a great many of these.

Clean-up week is an annual institution now, and a great deal of good has been accomplished, it is reported. It is highly desirable that the city be put in first class condition for the summer, both because of the fact that many tourists are coming through, and because it should be a mat-

Flower Waste of Oregon is Subject

SPRINGFIELD, May 22.—(Special)

—A community gathering of 250 persons heard the lecture of Professor A. R. Sweetser, head of the University of Oregon department of botany at the Springfield high school auditorium under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association. Professor Sweetser emphasized the ruthless waste of wild flowers due to careless flower pickers who gather more than they need. He spoke of the Oregon varieties of wild flowers, both at the snow line and mountain summits, as well as in the valley regions. The lecture was illustrated by colored slides. Preceding the lecture a number of musical selections were played by the Springfield band. A committee of Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Mrs. D. W. Fisher, Mrs. W. T. Tyson and Mrs. William Long served cake and punch to the crowd. Community singing was led by Elmer Heald of the teaching staff of the Lincoln school.

Booth-Kelly Mill Mishaps Reported

SPRINGFIELD, May 22.—(Special)—The Springfield Booth-Kelly mill office has a novel way of reporting unsafe accidents. The following comes from the pen of D. W. McKinnon, local 41 secretary. It is headed "High Diver": C. E. Grimes, the 'big boy' who drives the big Packard lumber truck for the Booth-

Kelly Lumber company, while looking up material for a load had occasion to pass over a 3x12 plank spanning tramway on the loading track number 1 at the planing mill department. Somehow he became too heavy and overbalanced himself. Despite his physical effort to overcome Sir Newton's law of gravitation with

his Einstein's theory of relativity, he splashed per-plunk, a physiological spectacle in the mud. Those who witnessed the feat declare he should go home and let his mamma learn him how to walk. He was fortunate in not being injured, having fallen about eight feet.

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"Call of Wild" at Heilig in Morning

"The Call of the Wild" Jack London's famous story of the wild, latent instinct of a wonderful dog, will be the play presented by the A. A. U. W. tomorrow morning at the Heilig theater for the regular Saturday morning matinee for the children of Eugene.

The stellar role of the picture is played by a great St. Bernard dog who is stolen from a rich home, where he had during his whole life been considered as practically an idol, and who is transported, after a brave fight, to the bleak, blistering, frozen wilds of northern Alaska, there to be used with a group of other "bushies" in a dog team. The remarkable physique of the dog, his rare intelligence which bespeaks the presence of pure blood, his plucky courage and indomitable spirit which throughout his long term of hardships never is broken are wonderfully portrayed.

Scenes in the midst of his luxurious environment in California and later in the cruel and terrifying presence of those who stole him, in Alaska, are beyond description.

Woman has Party On 83rd Birthday

SPRINGFIELD, May 22.—(Special)—Mrs. Alma Signor (Grandma) celebrates her eighty-third birthday today. Mrs. Signor was born in New York, came to Eugene in 1890 and settled at Eugene for the past 30 years she has been a resident of Springfield. A birthday dinner is being given today in her honor by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson, with Grandma Signor's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson, as special guests. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last October. Mr. Thompson was 74 years old, and Mrs. Thompson was 74 years old, and Mrs. Thompson was married 53 years in February. Mr. Thompson, who is a brother of L. E. Thompson, being 72 and Mrs. Thompson 65.

NOTICE
The Eugene Strainers' club will meet in the Masonic hall this Friday evening at eight o'clock. All Strainers invited.
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