

CHURCHILL TALKS OF ENGLAND'S RAILWAYS

London, Dec. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, who announced the government policy of nationalizing British railways, explained to the Dundee chamber of commerce the reasons for the proposed step.

Owing to the enormous debt with which the country had been burdened by the war, he said, relief measures on a big scale were required.

"The three great parent factors of a country's welfare," he continued, "are land, communications and power, and the three children food, housing and manufacture. So long as the railways are in private hands they may be used for immediate profit. In the hands of the state, however, it might be wiser or expedient to run them at a loss if they develop industry, place the trader in closer contact with his market and stimulate development.

"You cannot organize the great questions of land settlement, new industries, and the extension of production, unless the state has control of the means of transportation."

A mass of information about the railways is already available, he said, and a large part of the task of nationalization has automatically accomplished itself. "I think it highly improbable," he went on, "that action on this vital matter can be delayed until a royal commission has wandered about."

Explaining to the press a bill which the Railway Nationalization society has prepared, Emil Davies, the chairman, said it provides for the acquisition of all railway stocks and shares at their mean market price during the 12 months ending six months prior to the introduction of the bill in parliament, the purchase price to be paid in 5 per cent government stock to the railway shareholders.

MASSACRES CONTINUE AND 2,000 ARE KILLED

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Two thousand persons have been killed at Prezemysl, Galicia, by the Ukrainians, according to a dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, a copy of which has been received here.

The Ukrainians have been bombarding Prezemysl for several days past by land and by air, and conditions in the town are described as terrible.

The gas and electric plants have been destroyed and there is no light in the town. Water and food also are lacking.

5,000 DEATHS FROM FLU IN PORTO RICO

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 15.—Five thousand deaths, the department of sanitation fears, will be the toll taken by influenza in Porto Rico. More than 3,000 deaths it is estimated, have already occurred and the acting commissioner, Dr. Fonty Guillot, believes that in spite of every effort that will be made from 1,500 to 2,000 more may be expected.

FIRST REPUBLICAN GOV. TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

State Capitol, Salem, Jan. 15.—Governor Withycombe was officially inaugurated yesterday afternoon and declared to be the first republican governor of the state to succeed himself, when the ballots of the 1918 general election were canvassed by a joint committee of the senate and the house.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

D. V. Garner left this morning for Ukiah, Cal.

Corporal Russell Wood, who spent his furlough at home, left this morning, returning to Fort Ward, Wash. Influenza fumigators—Sabin has them. 68

Milo L. Witters, of the 834th Aero Squadron, station in England, returned home on Sunday.

Again at your service to repair any part of your car. E. A. Adams, 503 South Sixth street. 641f

Wm. Chapman returned home this morning from Newport News, having been discharged from limited service duty.

W. M. Wire, of Newberg, Ore., is visiting with his brother, Rev. Melville T. Wire. Mr. Wire is on his return from a visit to various points in California.

Radiator repairing at 503 South Sixth street. See announcement. H. G. Shidler, who is now located on a ranch near Klamath Falls, is in the city. Mr. Shidler was formerly in the mining business in the Rogue River valley.

H. M. Butler and family and J. R. Baker and family, nine in the party arrived this afternoon from Astoria, expecting to make Josephine county their home.

Hemstitching and piecing at 10 cents a yard—All work guaranteed. The Vanity Shop, Medford, Ore. 271f

H. C. Bobrien, who spent several weeks at home with his family, left last night returning to Seattle, where he has been employed for several months in the steel shipyards.

Ollie Ainsworth, who returned home a couple of weeks ago, just missed seeing France, for the transport on which he sailed was two days out from New York, when the armistice was signed. The ship returned to port.

AIRPLANES TO CHANGE "FACE OF THE WORLD"

London, Jan. 15.—"The wonders of today in the air will be as nothing compared with the wonders of tomorrow," was the way J. A. Whitehead, the inventor, summed up his view of the future of aviation in an address here.

"The face of the world," he declared, "will be changed. Our towns and cities will be as different from the towns and cities of today as the streets and houses of London are different from the streets and buildings destroyed by the Great Fire. Our methods of life will be changed. Our ideas of speed will alter. We shall be the people of the Air Age."

He said that England's future as a nation depended on the question of the commercial use of aircraft, and that this country's task would be to control the aerodromes of the world. "They must be planned and laid out," he continued, "by our own workmen. We should develop, by means of aircraft, distant and undeveloped parts of the world and secure international cooperation for the development of commercial aircraft. The success of the business world is won by speed."

NEW TODAY

FOR QUICK SALE and to make room for my new large Petaluma electric incubator will sell one 216-egg Petaluma and one 125-egg Mandy Lee (both lamp machines) at \$10 each. Both in good order. K. Hammerbacher, Rd. 2, Phone 606-F-23. 70

PIANO TUNING—G. W. Cross, piano tuner, will be in Grants Pass for the next couple of days. Those wishing their pianos tuned or repaired kindly leave orders at Rowell's music store. 66

TO TRADE—Jersey cow, fresh soon, to trade for cow of beef blood, or young stock. Alva M. Hammond, Route 2, by Grange Hall. 67

LOST—Somewhere on Lathrop Bros. milk route, purse containing somewhere between five and seven dollars. Finder please leave at Courier office and receive reward. Cecil Wilhelm. 69

Siamese Musical Instruments.

The Siamese have an instrument which they call the ranat, a species of harmonicon, with 17 different wooden keys, united by cords and resting upon a stand, each strip of wood giving a different note. The instrument is played with two wooden hammers.

Electric Work—Phone 90 Medford. Pauls Electric Store. 631f

Annual Meeting Postponed—The annual meeting of Bethany Presbyterian church, which is announced for tomorrow night, will be postponed until some future time. The regular prayer meeting will be held.

More Customers Wanted—I have another fresh cow, and can furnish a few more discriminating customers with unseparated milk and cream. Phone 244-R, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., and evenings. Mrs. Anna M. Lewis. 65

In New York Hospital—Henry Johnston, who recently arrived home from overseas has received word that his brother, Private Lloyd B. Johnston, of Co. D, 104th engineers, has arrived in New York City and is in a hospital in that city suffering from shell shock.

New "Weather Man"—C. D. Thompson, county agent, is now "weather man" for this district, the government thermometer and rain gauge having been removed from the residence of Jno. B. Paddock to the courthouse. Mr. Paddock has been recording the weather at Grants Pass for about 30 years. Mr. Thompson says he will not take any chances on predicting what the weather will be, but will merely make a record of it after it has happened.

Sheriff's Annual Report—Sheriff Geo. W. Lewis, of Josephine county, shows some interesting figures in his annual statement for the year 1917. The total amount collected by the sheriff's office for that year was \$338,659.77. The amount of delinquent tax was \$44,564.46, and the amount charged on the assessment rolls was \$298,463.33. The sheriff's annual report of all delinquent tax collections for the year ending December 31, 1918, shows: Tax collected, \$24,589.52, with \$7,265.93 in penalties, making a total of \$41,855.45.

LUXEMBURGERS ARE THROUGH WITH HUNS

London, Jan. 15.—The republic of Luxemburg, which was proclaimed on Thursday, lasted only six hours, according to a report to the Express from Brussels, which adds that French military authorities restored order in the grand duchy.

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Details of the proclamation of a republic in Luxemburg, which have reached here, say that revolutionists forced an entry into the palace of Grand Duchess Marie on Friday and demanded her abdication. The grand duchess refused on the ground that the parliament had not made such a request. She was given 24 hours to leave her capital and was told that she would be permitted to take only her personal effects. She consented to go to her chateau outside of the city.

It is stated that feeling against the grand duchess is due to the fact that she received former Emperor William, the crown prince and other German officers and also permitted her sister to become engaged to Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. It is said the people desire to be absolutely independent of German control.

Welsh "Stafell."

Reference to a "stafell" in a recent West Wales breach of promise case puzzled the court. The "stafell" is the household linen usually brought by a Welsh bride to her new home. The custom, still practiced, is one of great antiquity. In early times a girl was not allowed to get married until she had spun the linen, and from it comes the term spinster. "Stafell" is now bought at the shop, to the old folks a degenerate innovation.

Nuts and Sirup in Candy.

It is a fact of common knowledge that nuts are very high in food value, those used principally in manufacturing confectionery being almonds, filberts, pecans, peanuts and walnuts, averaging approximately 1,500 calories per pound. Corn sirup, erroneously called glucose, used largely in manufacturing gum drops, hard candies and taffies, is a pure, wholesome, transparent, heavy sirup, manufactured, as the name indicates, from corn.

JOSEPHINE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION ELECTION

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Josephine National Farm Loan association the following members were elected as directors and officers, for the ensuing year: A. A. Porter, president; Geo. A. Hamilton, vice-president; Sam H. Baker, secretary and treasurer; Ed. L. Schmidt, Melvin H. Gates, T. M. Lamond.

There are now 17 members of the association, who have received in loans \$51,650. All members of the association were enthusiastic about the benefits received.

Through this farm loan association farmers are able to borrow money at 5 1/2 per cent for a period of five years, but have the privilege of allowing the loan to run for a period of 34 years if they so desire, and at any time after five years can pay off any part of the loan. The payments are so arranged that by paying 1 per cent of the original principal in addition to the interest each year, the whole loan liquidates itself if allowed to run the maximum time.

It is the wish of the members of the association that all farmers, who are carrying loans, or who desire to improve their place should investigate the merits of the federal farm loan act. This information can be received from any one of the officers or members or, by addressing the secretary-treasurer, a pamphlet will be mailed which gives all the information.

BAY RUM AND MEDICINE BOTH SUFFER HEAVILY

The drinks they drank to make them drunk have been reported upon by Municipal Judge George Rossman in an interesting table we condense below, covering the 12-day period of December 17 to 28 inclusive. Within this period there were 91 "drunks" before the judge, and following are the liquids partaken by the number of prisoners indicated:

Whiskey, 40; bay rum, 9; home-made wine, 9; medical preparations, 9; homemade beer, 3; self-made alcoholic concoctions, 4; unknown, 1; cider, 1; lemon extract, 1. Total 91.

There were ten court days in this period. Monday, December 23, showed the largest number of "drunks" (23) and Tuesday, the day after Christmas the next largest number (18). A gradual tapering off is evident from the beginning of each week towards the end, the victim evidently being able to get a fresh start on each Sunday or holiday.—Oregon Voter.

LIFEBOAT OF MISSING TANKER IS PICKED UP

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 14.—The steamer Carlos, arriving today at Aberdeen, Wash., reported having picked up Saturday a lifeboat from the missing tanker George W. Loomis, according to a dispatch received here. The boat contained no occupants.

According to the dispatch, the lifeboat was found near Shelter Cove Wash. The boat's sea anchor was out and a code book was discovered aboard. Nothing was found to indicate the fate of the boat's occupants, if there were any.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—The George W. Loomis, a Standard Oil Company tank ship, left here December 19, with a cargo of oil for Eureka, Cal. The vessel, under the command of Captain E. E. Lapchis, carried a crew of 18 men.

Nero's Golden Palace.

The golden house was the palace of Nero in ancient Rome, which occupied the valley between the Palatine and Esquiline, and connected the palaces of the Caesars with the gardens of Maecenas. It was built after the great fire of 64 A. D., and was so large that it contained porticos 2,800 feet long and inclosed a lake where the colosseum now stands. The forecourt contained a colossus of Nero 120 feet high.

Building Ships While You Wait.

A crew of fourteen framers, two foremen and four riggers in the Supply-Ballin shipbuilding yards, at Portland, Ore., built and placed in position for a lumber in the yards eighty-nine frames in forty and one-half hours. These frames, being double, were built bolted together with sixty-four screw bolts in each frame, and two coats of carbolleneum were applied before bolting together.

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WRANGLE OVER CARS

Washington, Jan. 15.—The refusal of northwest railroads to furnish cars of less than 24 cubic feet capacity for lumber carrying, is declared unreasonable by the interstate commerce commission, in sustaining the complaint of manufacturers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 3, Monday—Annual meeting stockholders of the Grants Pass Fruit association at 2 p. m.

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January 15, 1919

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