

ACCORD ON FRENCH DEBT BELIEVED NEAR

Poincare Will Ask Parliament to Ratify Mellon-Berenger Treaty.

Paris.—That Premier Poincare will request parliament to ratify the Mellon-Berenger and Caillaux-Churchill debt agreements as a result of his conversations last week with Winston Spencer Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, and S. Parker Gilbert, agent general for reparations, is strongly intimated in circles close to the French government.

Growing belief that the United States would refuse to aid in floating the German bonds necessary under the proposed revision of the Dawes plan unless the Mellon-Berenger accord was ratified, is said to exert much influence in framing the French financial policy for the immediate future.

It is also pointed out in governmental and financial circles that as France now is meeting her war debt payments to both America and Great Britain with perfect regularity, ratification of the records is only a logical step.

Lively interest is displayed by the French press and in political circles over the renewal of conversations on the debt question by M. Poincare, Churchill and Gilbert. The fact that J. P. Morgan was a luncheon guest of Chancellor Churchill and Mr. Gilbert at the British embassy is pointed to by many as having great significance.

In well-informed circles it is generally conceded that the total sum to be paid by Germany as fixed in 1924 is impracticable and must be considerably reduced.

ZEPPELIN SERVICE PLANNED BY ECKENER

New York.—Dr. Hugo Eckener, pilot of the trans-Atlantic dirigible Graf Zeppelin, hopes that the flight from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst will interest American capitalists to the extent of \$14,000,000 in a plan he has for regular trans-Atlantic airship service. He wants to have four ships running on a 50-hour schedule, with the European terminal in Switzerland and the American port somewhere near Washington or Baltimore, believing that the best weather conditions prevail at these places.

The \$14,000,000 would be just enough, Dr. Eckener estimates, to build the ships and the hangars to house them. He would spend \$2,000,000 for each dirigible and the hangars would cost \$6,000,000.

The trip just ended has convinced him that the Graf Zeppelin is not fast enough for such service. The ships he hopes to build will be only slightly larger than the Graf Zeppelin but would have a cruising speed of 80 or 85 miles an hour.

HICKMAN ENDS CAREER

Young Slayer Pays Price of Murdering Girl.

San Quentin, Cal.—In a state of physical collapse, his bravado and pretended coolness gone, William Edward Hickman, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was hanged here for the kidnaping and murder of 12-year-old Marion Parker of Los Angeles.

Twenty-two seconds after the condemned man entered the death chamber the trap had been sprung. Fifteen minutes later he was declared dead by prison doctors. Hickman's nerve failed him just as death beckoned. He fainted just before the trap was sprung. This declaration was made without qualification by Robert Hogaboom, the official executioner.

The executioner had hardly raised his right hand as a signal for the trap when the tense spectators saw Hickman's knees begin to bend. His body sagged and he was virtually hanging from the noose when the three concealed men in the boxlike room sprung the trap.

Coolidge Approves Reservoir Project

Washington, D. C.—Construction of a \$1,200,000 reservoir on the Deadwood river, 60 miles northeast of Boise, Idaho, has been approved by President Coolidge. A diversion dam and power plant already have been built on this project at a cost of \$1,849,000, the interior department said in announcing the new work.

California May License Airplanes

San Francisco, Cal.—Proposed state laws to govern the licensing of airplanes and pilots were discussed at a meeting held here under the auspices of the state railroad commission, and probably will be presented to the legislature next January, conferees said.

41,450,496 Fans Hear Radio Daily

New York, N. Y.—The radio audience of the United States is figured at 41,453,496 in a survey for the National Broadcasting company.

ERIC ENGLAND



Eric England, recently appointed chief of the division of agricultural finance in the bureau of agricultural economics of the Department of Agriculture.

SINCLAIR CONTRACT HELD TO BE INVALID

Washington, D. C.—Secretary West ordered delivery of government royalty oil to the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company from the Salt Creek field in Wyoming stopped after a ruling by Attorney-General Sargent that the contracts negotiated by two ex-secretaries for the sale of the oil were invalid.

The order was issued within 24 hours after the attorney-general had delivered his opinion that the contracts made by ex-Secretary Fall in December, 1922, and renewed for five additional years last February by ex-Secretary Work, were not binding on the government because they were illegally executed.

The action is preliminary to working out a plan for the sale of the royalty oil to the highest and best bidders after it is re-advertised for sale, Secretary West said.

The geological survey announced that during the current year ending August 31 the production from the Salt Creek field totaled 1,281,000 barrels, for which the Sinclair company paid the government \$1,638,000.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Stanley "Bucky" Harris has been appointed manager of the Detroit Tigers for the season of 1929.

Benjamin Strong, governor of the federal reserve bank of New York, died in a New York hospital.

President Coolidge has issued a proclamation increasing the duty on fluor spar from \$5.00 to \$8.40 a long ton. It is used principally as a flux in making steel.

C. T. Wang, nationalist foreign minister, has addressed a note to the treaty powers, in which he demands their immediate relinquishment of extra-territoriality rights.

A dividend of 5 per cent on the capital stock of the Panama railroad company was declared by the board of directors, according to announcement at the war department.

Nationalist China Wants Advisers

Shanghai.—The newly organized nationalist government state council, headed by General Chiang Kai-Shek, which is seeking to bolster the nationalist government's China-wide reconstruction program, has decided to ask five prominent Americans to act as "honorary economic advisers to the nationalist government." The Americans selected for the invitation were Henry Ford, Owen D. Young, Robert Harper, Washington banker; Edwin Seligman and Jeremiah Jenks, economists.

U. S. Infantry to Have New Rifles

Washington, D. C.—Paving the way for ultimate arming of Uncle Sam's infantry with semi-automatic rifles and spelling the end of the historic .30 calibre Springfields, the war department has approved the recommendation of a joint army, navy and marine corps board to cut the bore of the automatics from .30 to .276.

Admiral Grayson Would Quit

Washington, D. C.—Rear-Admiral G. T. Grayson, who attended President Wilson throughout his illness in the White House and until his death, has made application for retirement from the navy under a law providing for the retirement of permanent admirals of the world war period who have served ten years since 1918.

Lindy to Hunt Bears in Mexico

Mexico City.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has accepted an invitation to hunt bears in the state of Coahuila and to seek cliff dwellings in the Sierra Madre mountains of Chihuahua.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

A 30-ton carload of lime arrived in Tillamook a few days ago from the state lime plant and was distributed to the farmers and dairymen of the county.

A new telephone book containing 8000 names is being made up by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for distribution to patrons in Lane county.

The first issue of The Elevator, semi-monthly publication of the Oregon City high school, made its appearance recently. Miss Clarice Murray is editor-in-chief.

Fire originating in a defective chimney caused \$1000 damage to the Claude Davis furniture store in Klamath Falls, and for a time threatened the entire town.

Bob West, Baker county sheepman, accidentally shot himself through the body near Durkee while ejecting a cartridge from a .25-35 rifle. It is thought he will recover.

The offices of the Siletz Indian agency have been officially closed and the records taken to Chemawa. The agency was established following the Rogue Indian wars in 1850.

Jews of Eugene are planning to erect a synagogue there, and a fund has been started. More than \$1000 has been subscribed by members of the Jewish Social club there.

A new river steamer to take the place of the ancient Julia B, grown old in the lower Columbia river service, will be constructed this fall by the Astoria Shipbuilding company.

Surfacing of the Algoma road, a three-quarter mile stretch of highway near Algoma, has been let to the Dunn & Baker Construction company of Klamath Falls, it was announced.

A financial statement issued at the close of September shows that the warrant indebtedness of Tillamook county has reached \$150,358.27. At the close of July it was \$126,193.75.

The Oswego school house was dedicated last Monday evening. This building recently was completed at a cost of \$65,000 and is one of the most modern grammar schools in the state.

Because police officers found 40 gallons of liquor cached in an abandoned barn at Myrtle Point the city council revoked the license of Walter Perry for operating a pool hall. Perry lives near the barn.

Flour shipments from Astoria during the month of September aggregated 10,242 tons, the heaviest shipments from the port ever recorded in a single month. Wheat shipments reached 6533 tons.

The state highway commission, at a meeting to be held in Portland October 30, will open bids for construction of a bridge across Agency creek on the McMinnville-Tillamook highway near Grande Ronde.

One-third of the merchantable yellow pine on the territory east of the Bull Prairie ranger station of the Umatilla national forest was destroyed by fire during the summer season of this year, cruisers have estimated.

A dividend of 25 per cent was paid out by the defunct Astoria National bank, according to W. C. Crawley, receiver. The dividend amounts to approximately \$426,000 and was the first payment to depositors. It was divided among 3546 holders of claims.

The new building erected by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and D. J. Jarman for the use of the state in housing the state printing plant and the state motor vehicle division has been completed, and the keys were turned over to the secretary of state last week.

A midnight fire that destroyed a store, the postoffice and telephone office at Medical Springs, caused more than \$17,500 loss. Lightning was believed to have started the fire. Upper floors used as apartments were occupied by 16 persons who escaped in their night clothes.

Licenses revoked by municipal judges in cases where persons have been convicted under municipal ordinances on charges of driving a motor vehicle while drunk, will remain revoked for a year, according to Hal Hoss, secretary of state, in a letter sent to H. M. Tomlinson, judge of the municipal court of the city of Portland.

Through a conference between several Eugene banking officials and members of the Lane county court, an agreement was reached by which national banks will pay, and the county will accept, one-half of the amount of the taxes on capital stock.

There were five fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending October 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. There were 964 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

Salmon trollers on Yaquina bay have been bringing in the largest catches brought to Newport in many years.

Preliminary reports received by F. A. Elliott, state forester, show that a total of 738 fires during the past summer burned over 80,571 acres of forest land in Oregon and caused damage to merchantable timber, logs and logging equipment, and to settlers' improvements, in the amount of approximately \$220,000.

Total registration of voters in Oregon for the general election to be held November 6 is 427,446, as against a registration of 359,236 prior to the general election held on November 2, 1926. This was announced by Hal Hoss, secretary of state, following compilation of returns from every county in the state.

One of the most phenomenal yields of wheat on record in southern Oregon has been reported in the lower Klamath basin country by H. Liddell, a Tule lake homesteader. Liddell harvested a ten-acre tract of wheat which yielded 91 bushels to the acre. The average yield from the homestead land section of the Tule lake is from 40 to 60 bushels.

The Grand Island cannery completed the canning of tomatoes and will begin canning Boston Marrow squash soon. Five farmers will furnish about 100 tons. Approximately 25,000 cases of beans, prunes and tomatoes were canned this season and are stored in the warehouse where labeling will soon begin as practically all the pack has been sold.

His neck torn by the fangs of a coyote, C. E. Hamilton, central Oregon trapper, is in Bend receiving surgical attention while the head of the animal is on its way to a laboratory in Portland. It is believed the coyote was rabid. Nineteen stitches were needed to close the wounds. The coyote, in a trap, leaped at the man. The man choked the coyote to death with one hand.

When the Rev. Fred C. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist church at Salem returned to his home, he found on the doorstep a basket in which something moved. A blanket was over the basket. Attached was a note: "Keep the baby. All it needs is a bath and something to eat." Opening the basket the minister found a puppy, which he gave to his 10-year-old son.

Alfred Dimbatt, who operated a farm near Stafford, was drowned in the Willamette river across from Wilsonville when he drove his automobile onto the ferry slip just after the ferry had pulled out. A trailer, carrying a cow, attached to Dimbatt's automobile, swerved when he applied the brakes, upset, overturned the automobile and threw Dimbatt into the water.

James Whitford, probably the oldest living member of the Masonic fraternity in the United States, affectionately known to the craft as "Uncle Jim," is about to celebrate another birthday anniversary. When he celebrates this anniversary he will be 101 years old, and the event will take place at the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove. His birthday is October 30.

Reduction of rates of the Pacific Light & Power company, affecting residential and commercial lighting and commercial cooking, was announced by the public service commission at Salem recently. The new rates affect consumers of Hood River, Umatilla and Wasco counties, and will result in an annual saving of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The new rates become effective October 31.

With 66 carloads of celery, 172 cars of onions, eight cars of onion sets and six cars of wheat sent out from Brooks since the fall harvest began, the 1928 crops are showing up better than was anticipated during the growing season. Quinby has sent a similar amount of celery, making the total 132 cars, all of which was raised in the Lake Labish section, as were the onions and onion sets, while the wheat was from the upland farms.

Twenty-six persons were killed and 551 persons were injured in a total of 2652 traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of September. This was announced by T. A. Rafferty, in charge of the state traffic division. Five of the fatal accidents were in Portland.

The report of the traffic officers indicated that 1056 of the accidents were traced to carelessness on the part of the drivers, while in 136 cases the drivers were exceeding the speed limit. Approximately 197 of the drivers involved in the accidents failed to give the proper signal.

Rain which fell in Union county recently, was another one of those "million-dollar" kinds, as far as wheat farmers were concerned. The ground was extremely dry and farmers were greatly in need of moisture for fall wheat.

Klamath Falls faces the unusual situation of having one of its leading hotels, the Pelican, padlocked by the government and closed for a year, according to a statement made recently by Francis E. Marsh, deputy United States district attorney.

EMILIO PORTES GIL



Emilio Portes Gil, who was elected provisional President of Mexico by the congress, to take office on December 1.

POSSE CAPTURES SLAYER OF DEPUTY

Dayton, Wash.—Emile Pfaff, 25, charged by police with killing James Smith, a deputy sheriff, when he escaped from the Starbuck, Wash., jail, was captured in the Snake river hills about 40 miles from here.

Sheriff Moody of Columbia county and a posse of six men found the fugitive hiding in an old well on a farm. Alonzo Hayden, who is alleged by police to have supplied Pfaff with the death pistol, is in jail here. Police said he had confessed.

A charge of first degree murder will be filed against Pfaff. An investigation of the Starbuck jail revealed evidence of a struggle between the officer and his prisoner, and it was thought that each had fired one shot. Police have not yet learned exactly how Hayden smuggled a second gun in to Pfaff. Pfaff lives at Odessa, Wash., police said.

FORD PLANT MOVED

Fordson Tractor Branch Going to Cork, Ireland.

Detroit, Mich.—The principal seat of the manufacture of Fordson tractors by the Ford Motor company will be transferred from Fordson, Mich., to the company's plant at Cork, Ireland, by next January 1, it was learned here.

Manufacture of the tractor at Fordson was discontinued about a year ago to allow more space for the manufacture of the new model "A" Ford car.

The principal reason for the transfer, as explained by officials, is that increased demands for tractors in Europe has made increased production overseas advisable. Approximately 80 per cent of the tractor-making machinery and equipment is being removed to Cork in Ford vessels.

Oregon Defeats U. of W. at Football

Portland, Or.—Oregon made football history Saturday afternoon on the Multnomah civic stadium gridiron by sweeping its way to a 27 to 0 victory over the University of Washington team. Nearly 30,000 people saw the game. The victory was the first Oregon has scored over Washington in four games on the local gridiron.

Clark Girl Now at Riverside

Riverside, Cal.—Jessie Clark, sister of Sanford Clark, 15-year-old accuser of his uncle, Gordon Stewart Northcott, alleged torturer and killer of boys on his Riverside chicken ranch, has arrived here from Canada.

New York Curb Seat Sells High

New York.—A seat on the New York curb market was sold for \$103,000. This is a new record figure, and a \$3000 advance over the previous sale.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.44; soft white, \$1.17; western white, \$1.16; hard winter, \$1.05½; northern spring, \$1.07½; western red, \$1.09½.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—55c.

Eggs—Ranch, 24@47c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$12@12.50.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@9.75.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$11@12.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.18; hard winter, \$1.09; western red, \$1.10; northern spring, \$1.08; bluestem, \$1.46.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28.

Butterfat—54c.

Eggs—Ranch, 34@47c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@11.75.

Hogs—Prime, \$8@10.10.

Lambs—Choice, \$11@11.50.

Spokane

Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9.50@9.75.

Cattle—Streets, good, \$10.75@11.50.

EDISON RECEIVES FIRST PHONOGRAPH

Inventor Recalls That Talking Box Worked First Trial on Nursery Rhyme.

West Orange, N. J.—Thomas A. Edison recalled here how, more than 50 years ago, he stood before a flimsy little contraption of his own invention, recited "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and heard the inanimate machine repeat his words, the world's first phonographic reproduction.

The occasion of his recollection was the presentation to him of a congressional gold medal at exercises at which the British government returned to him that same first phonograph.

"It is indeed a source of much gratification to me," he said, speaking over a nation-wide radio hookup over which the laudatory remarks about him had already been broadcast by President Coolidge and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, "to regain possession of my first and original model of the phonograph, which I loaned to the British government some 45 years ago for exhibition in its patent-office museum at South Kensington, London.

"This little machine, which was made from my sketch by my faithful associate, the late John Kruesi, more than 51 years ago, brings to my mind many pleasant memories, especially the remembrance of the fact that it worked perfectly on the first trial when I shouted into it 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' and heard the reproduction of these words."

POLICE OFFICIALS GUILTY OF BRIBERY

Philadelphia, Pa.—Matthew Patterson, republican ward and state legislator, and Charles W. Schoenleber, suspended police captain, were convicted of conspiracy, bribery and extortion in taking money from saloonkeepers for police protection. The jury was out an hour and 47 minutes.

Judge Gordon commended the jurors for their verdict.

Patterson and Schoenleber were indicted by the October grand jury on evidence uncovered by the special grand jury which is investigating gang murders, bootlegging and police corruption. They heard the verdict without any show of emotion.

The two were convicted on 37 bills of indictment, charging they collected \$12,195 in protection money. In the testimony of the trial, which began Tuesday, Joseph L. Ehrenreich, a lawyer, said Patterson hired him to get a saloonkeeper's fund from William Peters, who ran a saloon.

HUNGARY KING POSSIBLE

Premier Bethlen Indicates That a Change Will Be Made.

Budapest, Hungary.—After a lapse of 400 years Hungary again is to have a national king of its own, Count Stefan Bethlen, the premier, has indicated in recent public declarations.

This sudden decision to upset the president regency under Admiral Horthy and to fill the golden throne, left vacant in the 16th century by John Zapolya of Transylvania, who was the last real national king of Hungary, has thrown countries of the little entente into a ferment. Much anxiety is given to the European powers which are unalterably opposed to any member of the Hapsburg family ever again wielding a royal scepter.

Monarchists believe that Archduke Albrecht, who has Bethlen's support, has the best chance to assume the throne and will win over 16-year-old Archduke Otto, son of the late Emperor Karl.

Amundsen Plane Fuel Tank Found

Copenhagen.—A fuel tank believed to belong to the French Latham plane in which Roald Amundsen and five companions are presumed to have perished in an attempt to reach survivors of the ill-fated dirigible Italia, has been found. The motorboat Keif arrived at Waldersund with the tank, having found it at latitude 64.52 north, longitude 8:50 east, about 200 miles north of Christiansund, Norway.

Collection of China Fossils Released

Peking.—The Chinese authorities have released the 85 crates of fossils which Roy Chapman Andrews, the American explorer, brought back from the Gobi desert. The fossils were seized and held temporarily and it was feared their shipment out of China would be prohibited.

Malkin Mayor of Greater Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C.—With a majority of 1666, W. H. Malkin, pioneer merchant, was elected first mayor of Greater Vancouver, comprising Vancouver, Point Grey and South Vancouver. Malkin polled 18,733 votes, nosing out Louis D. Taylor, incumbent, who polled 17,057 votes.