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## PARIS RECEIVES CAPTURED GERMAN STANDARDS



Great ceremony attended the occasion of the conveying of seven captured German war standards to the museum of the Invalides in Paris. The photograph shows the flags being carried across the courtyard.

## RESERVE BANKS NOW OPERATING

**Government's Elastic Currency System a Reality.**

**Change Is First in 50 Years—New Notes Ordered—Evolution Will Be Gradual.**

Washington, D. C.—With the opening Monday of the 12 Federal reserve banks the nation will begin actual operation of its new currency system, designed to provide an elastic circulating medium based on modern ideas of finance and economics.

It has taken the reserve bank organization committee and the Federal Reserve board almost 12 months to work out details of organization to the point where an opening date was chosen. Notwithstanding careful deliberations which preceded every preliminary step, the 12 banks will not for many weeks take up and exercise all the functions bestowed upon them by congress. Such evolution as will result from the old national banking system of necessity will in most respects be slow.

The new system is generally conceded to be a compromise between a central bank and the present system with its thousands of units, scattered reserves and fixed limits of currency. Its chief attraction and value those who interpret it find the elasticity it will give to recognized paper currency.

Under the present law National bank currency is almost a fixed quantity, based upon the National capital bank, issued upon United States bonds and unresponsive to the chill of hard times or the exultation of boom days. Its use, the experts say, to unrestricted loans and speculation, in the days when money was easy, and to a hoarding of resources and a tightening of the purse strings of credit when they were hard. It is said to have bred the panic of 1907, when solvent banks with large credits in reserve and central reserve cities were helpless.

Under the new system the Federal reserve notes, which in time, probably will entirely replace the National bank notes, now so familiar, will be issued on commercial paper arising out of actual business transactions. It seems plain that they will rise and fall in amount as the tides of business rise and fall and that there will be no plethora of money to lie idle. They will be obligations of the United States government, which National bank notes are not, and will have back of them a large reserve of gold in the regional banks. Through them the reserve banks are expected to come to the aid of any needy member bank which has plenty of good paper but needs cash.

To insure the flow of money reserve banks themselves may be required to rediscount paper of other reserve banks.

More than \$250,000,000 of the new notes have been ordered by the con-

## WILL EVACUATE VERA CRUZ SOON

**American Forces to Leave Mexico November 23rd.**

**Secretary Bryan Says Guarantee of Safety Is Obviated—Nuns and Priests Have Gone.**

Washington, D. C.—Monday, November 23, was fixed as the date for the evacuation of Vera Cruz by the American forces. Secretary Bryan has issued this announcement:

"Both General Carranza and the convention at Aguas Calientes having given the assurances and guarantees we requested, it is the purpose of the administration to withdraw the troops of the United States from Vera Cruz on Monday, November 23.

"All the persons there for whose personal safety this government has made itself responsible have left the city. The priests and nuns who had taken refuge there, and for whose safety fears were entertained, are now on their way to this country."

## Russians Fiercely Fighting Kaiser in East Germany

London—German forces which were forced to retreat into East Prussia from Russian Poland have placed heavy artillery in all defiles to the east of Mazurian lakes, where a new terrific battle is in progress along a front of 150 miles forming a wide curve through Goldap and Kruglaken to Sallau in the Southwest.

The Russians are vigorously carrying out an enveloping movement. The Germans consider their position impregnable and believe they will check the enemy's advance, according to a dispatch from Petrograd by way of Paris, which adds:

"Throughout all Prussia railway passenger traffic has been suspended. The lines now are transporting only troops, apparently with a view to a new concentration which is said to have been decided upon by a recent council of the Austro-German general staff at Cracow. This council is reported to have decided to change completely the plan of battle."

## California Gifts Go Soon.

San Francisco—December 1 is the day on which the California ship loaded with supplies for starving Belgians will sail. The cost of chartering a suitable vessel and of the insurance will be borne either by the London Relief commission or by the Rockefeller Foundation. Thursday's cash contributions here amounted to \$4375, making a total of \$117,174 subscribed thus far. Great quantities of beans, flour, provisions and other commodities also were received. It is believed the cargo will measure 6000 tons.

## Scott Will Head Staff.

Washington, D. C.—Brigadier General Hugh Scott was selected by President Wilson Saturday to be chief of staff of the United States army on the retirement next week of Major General Wotherpoon.

The vacancy of major general created by General Wotherpoon's retirement will be filled by the nomination of Brigadier General Frederick F. Funston, now in command at Vera Cruz.

## Lumber Orders Pour In.

Seattle, Wash.—Inquiries for 9,000,000 railroad ties and for 10,000,000 feet of large timbers received during the last 10 days have greatly stimulated the Northwestern lumber situation, and local exporters look for heavy cargo orders.

The inquiries come principally from the United Kingdom. The supply for England has heretofore been furnished in the Baltic.

## French Pay \$182,000,000.

Bordeaux—The cost of war to France in October was \$182,164,504, a daily average of more than \$6,000,000. The daily average for the first three months of the war was \$7,000,000. The government will disburse immediately \$13,000,000 for repairs to the railroad system. These probably have been made necessary by the wear and tear due to the transportation of troops.

The sum of \$1,314,000 has been set aside for the relief of the unemployed. Various sums will be used to relieve localities invaded by the Germans.

## Seafight Site Unmarked.

Washington, D. C.—Eduardo Suarez, Chilean ambassador here, is informed by his government that Chilean ships sent out to search had not found the slightest trace of the Monmouth or the Good Hope, the British cruisers reported lost in the recent sea fight with a German fleet off the coast of Chile. On their return to Valparaiso the vessels reported that they had searched carefully over the zone of battle without finding a bit of wreckage.

## Road Drags Made of Old Iron.

Albany—By using old bridge iron in the construction of road drags, the County court of Linn county is not only utilizing material which would otherwise be thrown away, but is using it most effectively for road improvement. Drags of this type are to be distributed among the road districts.

## Old Friday Mine Opens.

Baker—The famous Friday mine, formerly a big gold producer, located 12 miles from Baker, near the Virtue mine has been reopened. Joseph Buckley, one of the principal owners of the property, started a force of men at work under the direction of George Ray, foreman. The property will be worked continuously all winter.

## Office Expense Estimated.

Salem—Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has estimated the expense of his office for the next two years at \$25,920, which is the same as the appropriation made by the last legislature. The estimate will be submitted to the next legislature.

## Larger Sums Are Asked for Oregon Institutions

Salem—Announcement was made by the state board of control this week that estimates made by it for state institutions for the coming biennial period totaled \$1,763,516.93, which is an increase of \$107,955.32 over the appropriations for the same purpose made by the last legislature for the present period. Of the last appropriations \$26,550 for erecting barracks at the penitentiary and \$20,000 for the Soldiers' home was turned back into the state treasury, making the total appropriations used by the institutions \$1,608,711.61. While increases for maintenance are suggested by the board for several institutions the estimated increases are largely due to the belief of the board that improvements are necessary. Maintenance increases are asked for the insane asylum and the penitentiary because of an increasing population, and new wards are de-

## Powder Valley Irrigation Project to Be Revived

Baker—Work on the Powder Valley Irrigation company project will begin next spring, according to plans announced by J. A. Almirall, New York capitalist, who arrived here to visit the project. Mr. Almirall said that the plans as now mapped out are to build the toe of the Balm Creek dam next spring and thereby to store enough water to irrigate at least 2000 acres. The Balm Creek dam is north of the lower Powder.

Mr. Almirall left for the site of the operations with W. A. Stewart, local representative of the company.

Mr. Almirall's announcement means much toward the development of Baker county, as its points to resumption of operations on the project, which ultimately will furnish water for the Powder river valley. It also answers the question of whether the company intends to complete the big project.

"We cannot start more than this work at this time," said Mr. Almirall. "With the present condition of the money market it is impossible to think of going ahead with any attempt to finance this undertaking. I look for no immediate relief in the financial situation. The European war is making itself felt acutely and until conditions are more settled the price of money will remain high. We can, however, make this start, and then possibly within two years we will be able to go ahead and finance the project. There is a possibility the next congress will pass land legislation which will relieve the situation and enable us to proceed with the entire project."

The company has already done \$125,000 worth of work on the project.

## Boy Gives Up Parole on Account of Lack of Work

Salem—So far as analyzing business conditions is concerned, Henry Clews has a rival in John O'Connor, 18 years old, of Portland, who returned to the State Reform school after being out on parole a year. The lad said he had been working in a tailor shop in Portland, but because of a falling off in business, had been laid off.

"I spent several days looking for another job," said the youth to Superintendent Hale of the school, "but without success. I had little money, for when I was working my wages were small and I could not save much. Being unable to find another job, and convinced that business would not pick up until spring because of war and politics, I decided to come back here to spend the winter. I went to the juvenile court and asked to be recommitted, but the judge said he could not do that as I had done nothing wrong."

The judge, however, called Mr. Hale over the telephone and the superintendent told him to send the lad to the school for the winter. Mr. Hale says the boy will be able to make more than his living in the tailoring establishment in the institution. It was there that he learned his trade, and is a fine workman.

## Court Cuts Down Valuation.

Astoria—The trial of the case of John Waterhouse against Clatsop county was completed before Judge Campbell of the Circuit court this week and the court awarded the plaintiff \$663.50. The action was in the nature of an appeal from the decision of the County court in allowing the plaintiff only \$1 damages for right of way through his ranch near Knappa for the Columbia highway.

A total of 4.82 acres of land were taken and the plaintiff's claim was \$1225.

## Tons of Prunes Are Shipped.

Rickreall—Several tons of dried fruit, principally prunes, have been shipped out of Polk county. The prunes that were sold brought a high price, the amount varying considerably. Early contracts for the crop were frequent. The crop this season was estimated to be 65 per cent of that of last season, owing to early frosts in the spring injuring the blossoms and hindering the development of the fruit.

## Condon Aids Sufferers.

Condon—A relief fund of \$257 was raised in Condon for the benefit of the British Red Cross by a concert and given in the local skating rink. The talent for the concert was all from Condon and nearby towns and the Scotch and American dances appealed particularly to the fancy of the crowd. Although many attended merely to help the cause, everybody remained to enjoy one of the most pleasant social affairs ever held in Condon. After the concert two orchestras kept the dancers busy until a late hour.

## Opinion Backs Teachers.

Salem—Keeping children who are lax in their studies and deportment in after school is legal, according to an opinion rendered by Assistant District Attorney Benjamin. The question arose over the action of two women in taking their children from the Buena Vista school while the teachers were detaining them after the regular school hours. When E. G. Dykstra, principal, remonstrated with the women they quoted a statute which says the school hours shall be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with one hour recess.

## ILLUSTRATING THE REAL JOY OF THE DAY



Lord, we, thy children, small and great, Beneath thy care, where'er it be, The while thy grace we supplicate, Give thanks to thee. —Clinton Scollard.

## Mrs Wood B. Highbrow on Thanksgiving

Y ES, yes, indeed! We would have had a perfectly lovely time at our house on Thanksgiving if it hadn't been for an accident that happened at the dinner table. At the time I felt terribly misanthropic about it and really had a very bad moving quartour for a minute, but I soon consoled myself by recalling dear Robert Burns' precious words, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aye a-wee."

We only had a small dinner party. Just the Bollvards and Wood's sister and her husband and their little boy, Harold. Did you ever meet Wood's sister? My dear, between you and I—remember this is strictly sotto voce—she is very ignorant and snobbish, and such a talker! Wood himself acknowledges that she would surely explode if she ever got tetanus, and ever since she went abroad she holds her head as high as Marie Antoinette going to the Moulin Rouge and talks nothing but Paris—a perfect parrot, I call her!

And ignorant! Why, do you know, she brought me back a little statuette of Venus from Italy and apologized for its broken arms, by telling me it was that way the diagonal was found! Ha, ha, ha! I could scarcely retain my specific gravity, I was so amused. She didn't know that Mickey Angelo had carved it that way on purpose to make it look old and debilitated, because the Romans dearly loved antique things. I don't blame them either, I do myself, don't you? I have a colonial monogamy antimacassar 500 years old with all the knobs broken off.

I had a high noon dinner at one o'clock—when jocund day stands tipsy on the misty mountain top—you know, as dear old Will would say. It was a strict New England dinner, of course, in honor of the day and Wood's ancestors—I am an F. F. V. myself—and before it was served we each agreed to tell the one thing we were most thankful for.

Wood was first. He said words couldn't express his gratitude because he didn't have to pay an income tax. Poor Wood! He stood up all the night before, figuring out what he would have to pay at the source. He was terribly puzzled at first and wanted me to help him, but I was too busy assisting Nora to make the stuffing.

He didn't know whether to multiply the least common multiple by the fourth dimension and add 1 per cent of the remainder, or extricate the cuberoot of the net proceeds and square the result. One thing, he said, was certain. He'd just like to get square once with the Democrats! My, but he was tickled when he came upstairs the next morning to tell me he had escaped after all, but, he said, it was a very close shave.

I don't know whether to tell I was thankful because I had been elected president of my suffrage club, or because I had such a wonderful child as Gwendolyn, but I finally decided to intimate Cordelia, the mother of the Gratchy, and display my jewel child,

## Real Cause for Thanksgiving.

On every side there is cause for thanksgiving. We are at peace with all, even our enemies, if there be such. Our past achievements stimulate to further efforts, and our present difficulties breed fresh determination to overcome them.

Well, he paid dearly for it, poor fellow! I'm afraid it will be weeks before his solar system will be entirely renovated. When we disintegrated him that day we found that his paralysis was dreadfully bruised, and that he had a severe attack of nostalgia—I declare I thought his dear nose would never, never stop bleeding!

Yes, we all partook of some injury—Mrs. Bollvard hasn't spoken to me since because her new scrape-deshia skirt was ruined; that is, all but Harold and his mother. It seems like the very ironing of fate that they were the only ones present who escaped from damage, don't you think so?

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