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GLEMENCEAU MAKES APPEAL TO COOLIDGE

Present Agreement Is Termed "Impossible" One By the "Tiger of France."

Paris.—"Old father victory" has again come to the defense of France in her hour of trouble.

Georges Clemenceau, war-time premier, appealed to President Coolidge in an open letter not to treat the settlement of war debts as purely a commercial matter. The proposed Berenger-Mellon debt agreement he asserted to be impossible of fulfillment and to threaten the independence of France.

The spirited appeal of "the tiger," who will be 85 years old next month, came with dramatic unexpectedness at a moment when the French government is hesitating before taking a definite position on the ratification of the proposed agreement.

The Franco-American negotiations leading to promises of payment, the former premier declared, are impossible of fulfillment because they would result in a loan "with solid security in the shape of our territorial possessions, as was the case of Turkey." He warned President Coolidge that France will never accept such a thing.

"France is not for sale—even to her friends," he said, "independence came to us, independent we shall leave her." "After making a blood peace with the common enemy," he said, "a money peace is being devised with the allied and associated powers."

Mr. Clemenceau entreated President Coolidge not to consider the war debts as purely cash transactions between creditor and debtor to be settled by technical experts. The attitude of America, he said, had made France uneasy lest the United States be taking up "the oldtime policy of England," of controlling Europe by playing off one continental power against another.

NEW U. S. NOTE SENT TO MEXICO

Mexico City.—Ambassador Sheffield has delivered a new United States note with reference to Mexico's petroleum and land laws to the Mexican foreign office. It was returned from circles close to the foreign office.

State department officials refused to comment on the most recent communication sent to Mexico City in connection with the prolonged diplomatic discussion of the new Mexican petroleum and land laws. It had been expected for some time, however, that the department would forward such a communication to be presented at the Mexican foreign office by Ambassador Sheffield before he started home on his annual leave next week.

It was made clear at the department that the new note had nothing to do with the religious crisis in Mexico and was confined strictly to a discussion of American rights which are or might be jeopardized by the petroleum and land laws.

DEBT AGREEMENT CLOSED

Coolidge Indicates Negotiations Will Be Only Through Diplomacy.

Plymouth, Vt.—The position of President Coolidge is that the negotiations relative to the wartime debt owed by France to the United States are closed.

President Coolidge was informed through press dispatches of the open letter former Premier Clemenceau of France has addressed to him on the war debts and it was indicated that his attitude was that the Washington government intends to conduct its relations with the French people on all questions through their duly constituted diplomatic authorities.

For some time it has been made clear that Mr. Coolidge considers the debt funding authority to have passed from the American debt commission once it has concluded negotiations and has transmitted to congress for ratification agreements entered into with foreign governments.

San Joaquin Valley Shaken by Quake

Fresno, Cal.—A series of distinct earth tremors which rattled dishes, cracked plaster, rocked chimneys and in some instances shook dishes off of shelves, was reported throughout the central San Joaquin valley about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. No serious damage was done, early reports indicated.

EZRA MEEKER, FATHER OF OREGON TRAIL, IN TOWN

Ezra Meeker, 96-year-old father of the Oregon Trail, was in Athena yesterday en route from Walla Walla to Puyallup, Washington, on the last lap of his automobile trip from New York west, over the old trail he passed over for the first time in 1852 by ox team.

The pioneer pathfinder was in Athena several years ago when he was going east over the trail. He was driving an ox team then, and camped on the present site of the Presthby service station.

Mr. Meeker is accompanied on the present trip by Daniel E. Maue of New York. The mission of his trip is to make arrangements with banks for handling the memorial coins which are to defray the expenses of the memorials to be erected along the historic trail.

Mr. Meeker states that the memorial coins will be ready for distribution by the first of September. The coin is a half-dollar, designed by James Frazer, designer of the buffalo nickel, and his wife. Six million are being coined, to sell at one dollar each. They are of a beautiful design and constitute a fitting memorial, critics state.

The car in which he is making the trip is equipped especially for cross-country touring. Weighing almost four tons, it has all modern conveniences, with running water as an added feature. The two men have spent most of their nights on the trip in the car.

A TINY NEW VOLCANO IS FOUND IN OREGON

A miniature volcano behind clouds of steam, giving forth an odor suggestive of burning pitch, was discovered on Big Glass mountain in Modoc county by J. D. Edwards and Elmer Anderson of Klamath Falls.

The orifice is about two feet in diameter in an area of loose pumice stone. Existence of a deep cavern in the rock beneath the vent is seen in the fact that a small crater has been formed by action of the surrounding pumice rolling down into the hole. At intervals of about 30 minutes there is a noticeable increase in the amount of steam rising from the vent but the entire action is noiseless, the men declared. Big Glass mountain is near Medicine lake in the Modoc national forest.

That the phenomenon is of recent origin, perhaps since the snow went away in the spring, is Edward's belief.

"Natural contour of the country is such that the ridge would be logically followed by dozens of hunters during the deer hunting season, and some of these would certainly have noted it last fall had it been in existence," he declared.

THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD

One of the best pictures said to be made by Fox this year is "The Johnstown Flood," which comes to the Standard Theatre tomorrow night. It is an epic in melo-dramatic screen production of the great Johnstown, Pennsylvania disaster played by a cast of competent players, with George O'Brien in the leading role. Sunday night the Standard has in store for its patrons a rollicking comedy, "7 Keys to Baldpate," with Douglas MacLean as the leading laugh provider.

FIFTY CARS PER DAY

The Walla Walla valley prune crop is being shipped at the rate of about fifty carloads per day. Some growers in the Milton-Freewater district have about finished picking of prunes and have moved crews to other orchards or laid them off. Late crops near the state line are just ripening sufficiently so that pickers may start.

MOUNTAIN THRESHING

Several threshing outfits are in operation on Weston mountain, the grain having ripened about three weeks earlier than usual, reports the Leader. Harvest weather is ideal, but the upland as well as the lowland region is getting pretty dry and rain would be quite a help to the potato crop.

INDIAN HURT

William Rankin, an Indian of Cayuse, riding the horse Webfoot at the county fair at Gresham, was thrown and taken to a hospital suffering from head injuries and body bruises. It was believed that he was suffering from concussion of the brain. Later the Indian died.

CLARKSTON MAN LOCATES SOURCE OF INDIAN PAINT

The Lewiston Tribune says: From whence came the Indian war paint, with which the tribes of the west including the Nez Perces, painted their faces and bodies in days gone by? Evidences of this paint, actual pieces of it are often discovered buried with the remains of tribesmen in the old Indian cemeteries. The older Indians admit they used paint for their various ceremonies, but the source of it is not known for a certainty.

There are many theories of where this paint came from. It is known to have enduring qualities seldom possessed by the modern paints. Some think it was manufactured from the various roots of herbs.

E. D. Kathan, a resident of Clarkston, who delves into mining claims in the upper Snake river region believes he has found one source of the old Indian paints in the Charles Hubbard claims near the mouth of the Salmon river.

Here on the side of a steep mountain about 1500 feet above the river, is an entire hill or mountain of mineral paints of various colors, which may have been the source of the paints which the Nez Perces used years ago. Mr. Hubbard discovered the paint about 12 years ago and has said little about it. He has mined, ground, mixed and used it on his buildings and it has shown an enduring quality unapproachable by the ordinary paint now in use. Mr. Kathan states.

In the raw the paint has the appearance of a chalk, and it is dissolved readily when put in water. By mixing in the water the foreign elements, pieces of rock and sand, settle to the bottom and the lighter pigment remains on top.

FOOD DEMONSTRATION

A food demonstration and health lecture will be held Monday night August 16 at the Methodist church by Mr. W. E. Hollensbe of Perdition. The demonstrator will endeavor to show housewives how to cook foods without water, for benefit of ones health. The fruits and foods cooked will be served to those attending the meeting. The demonstrator will give a premium to the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church, corresponding to the size of crowd they are able to produce. The lecture is to be free and everyone is invited. A prize will be given every lady who brings her husband and to the young ladies who are accompanied by an escort.

LEGION REJECTS

The Oregon department of the American Legion in convention at Marshfield, rejected a resolution offered by the Hood River chapter, which opposed plans for an American Legion convention in Paris, next year, on the grounds that French people had shown animosity toward Americans.

THE HIGHEST DAM TO RISE ON THE OWYHEE PROJECT

The highest dam ever designed by the reclamation service is to be built in Oregon on the Owyhee irrigation project, Oregon and Idaho, to be known as the "Hole-in-the-Ground" dam, says the Oregonian, but work on this structure cannot be commenced until there is a further appropriation by congress. This dam is to rise to a height of 355 feet, six feet higher than the Arrow Rock dam on the Boise project, which today is the highest structure built in this country for irrigation purposes. The Hole-in-the-Ground dam, which will impound 695,000 acre feet of water, is estimated to cost slightly more than six million dollars, and the rate at which it is built will depend altogether upon the liberality with which congress provides the funds.

Out of the money appropriated for the Owyhee project last session, nothing can be done on the dam proper as most of the amount will be necessary to construct a road to the dam-site to carry materials and supplies.

Concrete paving and parapet wall at MacKay dam has been completed, and with this work the construction work at MacKay dam is rapidly being brought to a close after three years has been used by the reclamation in building the dam, which will store 173,000 acre feet of water from MacKay creek to be used each year in furnishing water to the Hermiston-Stanfield and Butter creek regions.

One hundred men are now employed at the dam. Within the next week or ten days, with the completion of clean-up work, this force will be materially reduced. Bids have been asked on a number of buildings and considerable dam building equipment by the government.

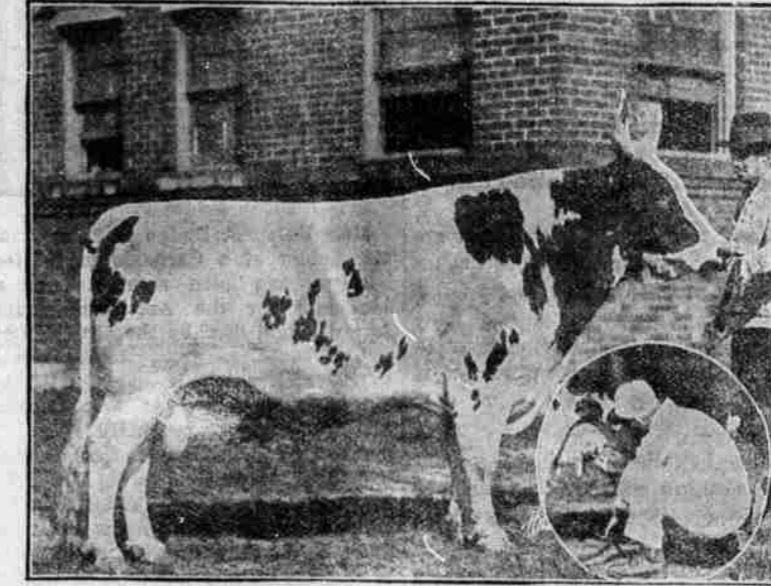
SENATOR STANFIELD MAY

RE-ENTER THE CAMPAIGN

United States Senator R. N. Stanfield, in a statement given out on his arrival at Portland from Washington, said that he had been asked repeatedly whether he would run as an independent candidate to succeed himself at the November election, and that he would not decide until he had investigated reports of "wrongful and illegal acts which were committed during the recent primary." He was defeated by Frederick Steiwer for the Republican nomination in May.

He declared he would seek to learn who was responsible for printing and circulation of a notorious "yellow ticket" which bore his name and endorsed his candidacy without his knowledge or consent. He added that it was only in the last few weeks that he had learned of "various reprehensible methods which were employed to bring about his defeat."

Selection of Dairy Cattle Breeds Influenced by Shows



A good typical Ayrshire sire Putting on the finishing touches

Many a man who is undecided as to the breed of dairy cattle that he will select has been influenced in making his decision by the animals of a particular breed that he has seen in public.

The individual breeder secures a great deal of advertising as the result of exhibiting at fairs, or in offering good animals at public sales. It gives people a chance to see and know the kind of stock that a man is breeding and paves the way for future business.

It is essential that special care and attention be given dairy animals far in advance of the time that they are to be exhibited or sold. Exhibiting or selling animals publicly in their every day clothes is poor advertising and puts them at a disadvantage when the competition is keen. It takes several weeks to put a dairy animal in good show condition and what applies to fitting for show applies as well to fitting for sale.

It is important that the dairy animal to be exhibited or sold be in good flesh. A good covering of flesh adds to size, increases smoothness and indicates that the animal is thrifty and in good health. Dairy animals being fitted need extra feed. Stabling and blanketing are great aids in putting the hair and hide in condition. By stabling in summer, the animal is protected from the hot sun which makes the hide harsh and stiff to the touch. A roomy box stall that is kept clean and well bedded

provides desirable quarters. Continuous blanketing helps keep the animal clean, sweats the hide, thus improving its handling qualities and makes the hair lay to the body. The blanket need not be expensive but it must be tied on securely.

Every dairy animal that is to be exhibited should have the hair clipped from the entire body about three weeks previous to the date of the show or sale. This will get rid of the old hair and allow a new, even growth to develop which will greatly improve the appearance and increase the selling value of the animal.

A point often overlooked in the preparation of a dairy animal for show or sale is that of training to lead and stand properly. An untrained animal cannot display its good points to advantage if it combats the efforts of the attendant to exhibit it properly. A little time spent each day in training to handle properly will save effort and embarrassment at the show or sale and increase the financial return.

While in the show or sale ring, the man in charge of an animal should have one main thought in mind, namely that of showing the animal to advantage. By this is meant that when it stands, its feet are properly placed, back straight and head alert. Any movement on the part of the attendant or animal should be as graceful as possible. Until the ribbons are placed on the auctioneer's hammer falls, take no chances.

WHITE PINE BELT SWEEP BY FLAMES

Fire Raging in Dry Woods in Spokane Vicinity and in Northern Idaho.

Spokane, Wash.—Forest fires swept the white pine belt of Northern Idaho and the Spokane territory, devastating 170,000 acres of federal forestry acreage, 50,000 acres of adjoining forests and an estimate of 75,000 to 100,000 private lands within 100 miles of this city.

High winds played havoc with the thousands of fire fighters, and smoke hanging low over this entire district has made airplane reconnoitering valueless to those in charge in the field.

The tragedy of the situation is in the large number of incendiary fires reported at every hand. A former inmate of the state insane asylum is charged with setting 11 fires last week in the Colville district north of Spokane.

The woods are like tinder and fire spreads more rapidly due to the humidity conditions than in any previous year. Damage in July alone was four times greater than in the combined past two years, with Howard Flint, federal district fire inspector, characterizing the general situation as being "so bad it couldn't be any worse" because of burned telephone and telegraph lines and the intense centralization on the protection of small towns, mills, mines and farm houses.

GERTRUDE EDERLE SWIMS CHANNEL

Kingsdown, England.—Gertrude Ederle of New York swam across the English channel—a stretch of water which in all recorded history never had before been conquered by a woman.

Gertrude stepped ashore here exactly 14 hours and a half after entering the water at Cape Gris Nez.

Gertrude not only was the first woman to swim the English channel but she accomplished the swim in almost two hours less time than was required by the fastest man who ever swam across—Sebastian Tiraboschi—who required 16 hours and 23 minutes to accomplish the swim on August 11-12, 1923.

The American girl's success came on her second attempt in two seasons. After a remarkable exhibition of speed and endurance in her attempt to swim the channel last year, Gertrude abandoned the trial after eight hours and a half, beaten by rough water off the Goodwin sands.

HOOVER TO INSPECT PROJECT

Commerce Secretary to Tour in Columbia River Basin.

Spokane, Wash.—Roy R. Gill, chairman of the Columbia Basin Irrigation league board of directors, announced here that Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover will make a personal investigation of the Columbia basin project on August 19 and 20.

Secretary Hoover telegraphed Gill that after his address at Boise, Idaho, on August 17 he will be available to spend the intervening time before the league convention in Seattle on August 21 in an inspection of the project. A tour of the proposed canal lines, watersheds and 1,800,000 acres of arid land included in the project are planned.

Ma Ferguson to Run Again.

Dallas, Tex.—The battle of the democratic nomination for governor of Texas is to be fought all over again between Governor Ferguson and Attorney-General Moody. The democratic state executive committee has certified the names of Mrs. Ferguson and Moody to go on the ballot for the run-off primary August 28. The committee action followed an official canvass of the July primary vote, which showed that Moody lacked 1770 votes of having a majority over all candidates. Under the Texas election law the executive committee must certify the names of the two highest candidates for a run-off where the returns do not show a majority for any candidate.

London—Brazil has formally notified the League of Nations of her decision not to participate further in the work of the disarmament commission of the league, according to a dispatch from Geneva.

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