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FRENCH AND GERMAN ENVOYS IN ACCORD

Friendly Meeting Held and Solution of Thorny Problems Is Foreseen.

Geneva. — France and Germany, through their foreign ministers, have reached a preliminary agreement for an accord between the two countries on all problems in which they may be mutually interested.

The accord, which must be placed before the respective governments for acceptance, is considered in League of Nations circles as meaning much for the political and especially the economic development of Europe.

It was reached by Foreign Minister Briand of France and Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany during a private luncheon.

Although nothing officially is known of the questions discussed, the belief prevails that gradual reduction of the French forces of occupation in Germany and a possible pooling of economic and financial interests, based on the theory that what Europe most needs is economic prosperity, were among them. European debts to the United States are said to have been among the matters discussed.

France's political influence in continental Europe, coupled with the personal popularity of Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia, resulted in the election of four countries who are practically France's allies to non-permanent seats in the council of the league of nations. These states are Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Belgium.

The other states chosen were Colombia, Chile, Salvador, Holland and China. The Irish free state lost its battle to represent the British dominions in the council, receiving only ten votes. Colombia, the highest winner, received 46 out of the total of 49.

NEW YORK-PARIS PLANE IS BURNED

Westbury, N. Y. — Two men lost their lives when the trans-Atlantic airplane of Captain Rene Fonck crashed in flames in an attempt to take off on a 3600 mile non-stop flight to Paris. They were Charles Clavier, French radio operator, and Jacobs Islamoff, Russian mechanic. They were trapped in the closed cabin of the huge three motored biplane.

Captain Fonck, the French ace, in command of the flight, and Lieutenant Lawrence W. Curtin, U. S. N., American alternate pilot, leaped to safety before the plane burst into flames.

The crash was caused by the buckling of a wheel on an extra landing gear that was to have been dropped into the ocean as soon as the plane got under way.

SHIP SALE DETAILS GIVEN

Consolidated Service to Europe Sought By Shipping Board

Washington, D. C. — Specifications approved under which the shipping board will advertise for sale the United States lines and the American merchant lines include either the outright sale of all or a part of the ships with a view to creating a consolidated passenger and freight service to Europe.

The board will accept for consideration any independent plan for private acquisition of the ships, provided it contains assurances of maintained service and of improvement in the trans-Atlantic service.

The specifications have not been made public. Under the board's general policy the ships would not be sold to any line other than one American owned and flying the American flag.

Mt. Angel, Or. — Mount Angel college, Catholic institution at St. Benedict's, near Mount Angel, was wiped out, except for the postoffice and a small printing press building, by fire early Tuesday. The big stone seminary building is a shell of blackened stone and the gymnasium, the bakery, the sisters' house, the chapel and the garage were destroyed.

Lieut. Kelly Weds on Pendleton Trip. Pendleton, Or. — Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly and Miss Marie Veness Newman of Portland were married here Monday by Justice of the Peace Norborne Berkeley.

MOUNTAIN ROAD WORK IS IN SIGHT SAYS LANGDON

It is almost certain that the summer of 1927 will see the road up the mountains completed as far as Toll Gate, and the skyline from Dayton to Toll Gate finished. John W. Langdon stated in making a report to the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Langdon, who is president of the Blue Mountain Highway association, purpose of which is to have completed the road across the mountains to connect the Walla Walla and Grand Ronde valleys, attended a meeting in Portland Monday with forestry officials and the Oregon highway commission. Present also were: S. A. Miller, Milton; S. A. Barnes, Weston; Roy W. Ritner, Pendleton. Meeting with them was district Engineer Dater of the forestry service and others.

"We are heartened by what Mr. Dater told us," said Mr. Langdon. "He has done his full part and he gives good reasons why the road should be completed at least as far as Toll Gate. One reason is that the sky-line road from Dayton to Toll Gate is nearly finished. It is built out from Toll Gate toward Dayton about 14 miles, and from Dayton as far back as Table Rock, leaving a gap of eight miles or so. Money is available for completion of this road and it will be finished soon, probably early next year. It will not be hard surfaced for the present, but will be a good safe road, and through a beautiful country. The other reason for the road is that between the great valleys, the Grand Ronde and the Walla Walla, communication is difficult.

"Mr. Dater proposes that at the meeting of the bureau of roads and forestry service to have an application on file for an appropriation for completing the road from McDougall's camp to the Toll Gate, a distance of about four and a half miles, so that it can be finished in 1927. We got word at Portland that the bureau of public roads has sent in a crew to complete survey for this road. It is estimated this road will cost nine to ten thousand dollars a mile.

"We are heartened further by word that the county court of Umatilla county, which has built seven miles of road up the hill from Weston, will add not less than four miles, and perhaps five, to the road next summer. This will take it almost to McDougall's camp. This ought to be a state road, on through to Grand Ronde valley. At present a franchise is held by some people but we believe this can be secured, and if this is done Umatilla county, Union county and the state of Oregon will be asked to complete the road."

'THE PONY EXPRESS' AN EPIC OF THE TRAIL

A tribute to the pony express riders, the pioneer mail carriers, an epic of the trail from the Missouri to the Pacific coast, has been brought to the screen by James Cruze who made "The Covered Wagon," and it will be shown tomorrow night at the Standard Theatre—"The Pony Express." It is a big Paramount super-Western production, with Betty Compson, Ricardo Cortez, Ernest Torrence and Wallace Beery heading a brilliant cast of Famous Players.

Sunday night a stirring picturization of Rex Beach's "The Auction Block," starring Charles Ray and Eleanor Boardman, who the other day was married to King Vidor, will be shown. Sally O'Neil and David Torrence are also featured in the cast.

Wednesday night of next week the Standard will take pleasure in presenting a new laugh sensation by Rupert Hughes, Archie Mayo's "Money Talks." Here is a fast-moving Comedy-Farce of health resort life; featuring Claire Windsor, Owen Moore and Bert Roach.

REUBEN LAKIN PASSES

Reuben Lakin, father of Mrs. Frank Jackson of Weston, and Ed Zimmerman of Seattle, died Sunday night at St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Weston. Interment took place at Athena cemetery. Mr. Lakin died at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 12 days.

SAM WARFIELD DEAD

Samuel Warfield, for many years a resident of Basket Mountain, died at Milton, Wednesday afternoon of last week, as the result of a paralytic stroke. He is survived by his wife and nine grown sons and daughters.

CONFLAGRATION DESTROYS THE PIERSON RESIDENCE

Fire originating from an unknown cause completely destroyed the Pierson residence at the corner of Fourth and College streets, at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. The contents of the house which was occupied by Charles Williams and his son and daughter were totally destroyed, with the exception of some fruit that was carried from the cellar by the first persons to arrive on the scene.

The house was locked, the Williams having spent Monday night at the farm home, south of Athena, and no one was at home when the fire broke out, although members of the family had been there Monday evening.

When discovered, the flames were bursting from the east side of the house. The alarm was promptly given, but delay in getting water was encountered when the fire could not be coupled to the nearest hydrant, that in front of the Downing place, because of a broken valve stem. This necessitated a transfer of the apparatus to another hydrant, the distance being so far that the hose barely reached the rear of the burning building, and by the time water was secured the building was past saving, and all that could be done was to conserve the limited supply of water for use in event of the fire spreading to nearby residences.

While the fire was in progress, gun cartridges cracked in miniature explosions. It is understood that Mr. Pierson carried but \$1000 insurance on the house. The loss of Mr. Williams involves all household effects, including even the family's clothing.

ATHENA HUNTERS GET GAME

Athena hunters who have brought in deer since the season opened are Dean Dudley and Bert Logsdon two-pointers, Horace Payne a four-point, Bert Logsdon and his companion, Ralph Cannon, also enjoyed some fine trout fishing in the lakes around Bend, where they had no trouble in taking the limit.

AT SISTER'S WEDDING

Mrs. H. A. Barrett is in Portland, where she attended the wedding of her sister Thelma Thomson and Dallas Smith Monday night. Mr and Mrs. Smith are spending their honeymoon in Southern California and upon their return will make their home in Portland.

HIS BIRTHDAY

Junior Banister celebrated his seventh birthday Wednesday afternoon by inviting a number of his boy friends down to his home after school. Games were played by the little fellows and Mrs. Banister served refreshments.

WILL HAVE MINK FARM

F. W. DeCar has come from British Columbia to Umatine, where he has purchased a 10-acre tract of land. He brought five pairs of mink with him and will start a mink farm.

JAMES POTTS DIED SUNDAY COLLEGE PLACE SANITARIUM

James Potts, respected citizen of Athena, passed away at College Place sanitarium Sunday evening at 8:30, after bravely battling against waning health for a period of many months, at the age of 61 years.

Mr. Potts was removed to College Place several weeks ago for treatment, and every thing possible was done to prolong his life. As a last resort blood transfusion was made, the transfer being made from A. Mackenzie Meldrum, friend and former pastor of the deceased, who was at the bedside in the last hours.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Retta Scott Potts, Miss Myrtle Potts, foster daughter; W. E. Potts, brother, of Helix; H. M. McLean, half brother, and Mrs. Bella McLean, of Athena. Funeral services were held in the Christian church in Athena, where the deceased had been a devout member for many, many years, conducted by Mr. Meldrum.

Born in Ontario, Canada, on April 6, 1865, Mr. Potts came to the Pacific northwest when he was 21 years old. Pendleton was his first western home but he went to Walla Walla to visit and work with his half brother, H. H. McLean, who was for a time manager of the Farmers' Union there, but now lives in Helena, Montana.

Moving to Athena he bought farming lands and soon expanded his business to wide dimensions. In 1919 he retired and moved to Portland to live but returned to Athena when his health failed three years ago.

NORMAN COWAN COWBOY CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

The East Oregonian estimates that more than 30,000 people packing the grandstand and bleachers at the Pendleton Round-Up park almost to capacity saw the fourth and closing day's events of the Pendleton Round-Up run off which decided a number of world's championships for the year in the cowboy world.

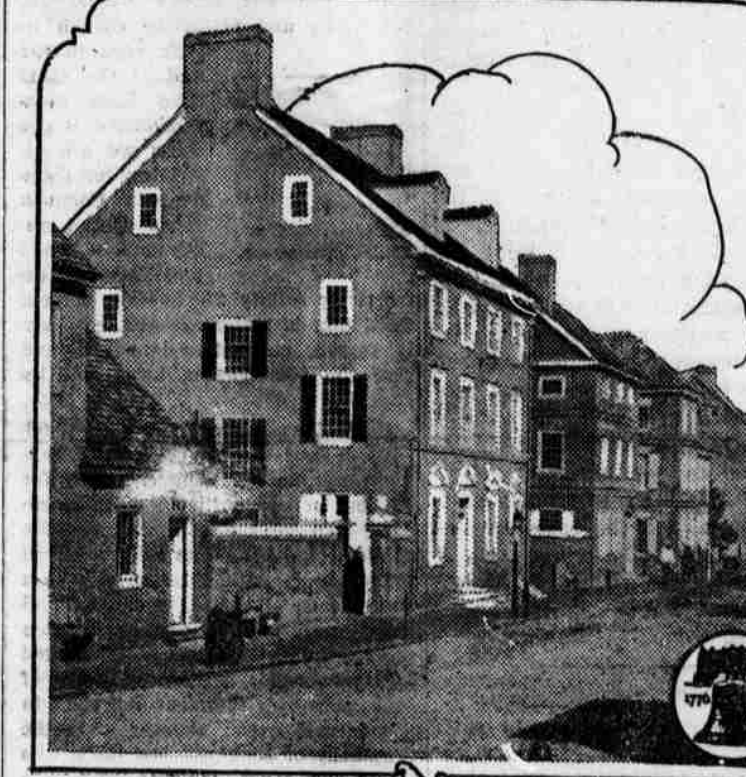
Norman Cowan of Glen Ellen, California, with 112 points was the winner of the Roosevelt trophy this year as the world's best all around cowboy. Everett Bowman with 50 points was runner up and Guy Cash with 12 points was third. Shark Irwin was announced by the judges as the world's champion bucking broncho rider, Hugh Strickland as world's champion steer roping and Norman Cowan as world's champion bulldogger.

Pat Woods was declared champion of the northwest in bucking broncho riding.

PENDELTON 'ROUND-UPS' 40

More than 40 men were arrested at Pendleton the last two days of the Round-Up by the sheriff's office charged with violation of the prohibition laws. Bonds and fines so far put up in the cases amounts to nearly a thousand dollars, the sheriff's office reported.

The Philadelphia of Our Ancestors



Here is shown a section of "High Street," a reproduction of Philadelphia's famous Market street in the days of 1776. It is one of the outstanding features of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition now being held in Philadelphia to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Every building has been built to actual size and in actual architectural detail. The furnishings of each building are exact reproductions of those used in the Revolutionary days. Many of the pieces on display are the originals and today are worth thousands of dollars because of their historic value. The Exposition continues until December 1.

IDEAL WEATHER FOR FALL FARM WORK—WHEAT UP

Athena and vicinity are enjoying bright fall weather following hard showers accompanied by high wind the fore part of the week.

Summer fallow is in ideal condition for seeding operations which are well under way on many of the ranches. Farmers who sowed wheat last week are pleased to see it coming through the ground already.

Pastures are green and as a result much country butter is being brought to market. A few weeks of continued good weather will see most of the fall work finished.

THOMAS THOMPSON WEDS

Thomas Thompson, prominent farmer, politician and postmaster of Pendleton, was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Wiseley, the bride, who came from Long Island to Pendleton, three years ago, is prominent in campfire and church work at Pendleton, and has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frazier, near that city.

HERE FROM COLFAX

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainville and daughter Francis of Colfax, motored down from their home Thursday and visited at the home of relatives in Athena. They also attended the Round-Up. Sunday they returned home.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTING PARTIES

Successful hunting parties from Milton have succeeded in bagging ten deer and one bear, during the past week.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE RADIO COURSE

The first lecture in a radio home study course on seed production will be broadcast from KOAC, the state college station, Monday evening, September 27, at 8 o'clock. Great opportunities are open to many parts of Oregon in developing a seed industry, according to findings of county economic conferences in the Willamette valley, southern and eastern Oregon. The radio course on seed production, to be given by Professor G. R. Hyslop, head of the college farm crops department, will touch upon the important factors relating to successful production and marketing of seed crops especially adapted to Oregon. One lecture will be given each Monday night from September 27 to December 13.

Opening lectures in three features that will run through the entire fall college term will be broadcast Friday evening, October 1, from KOAC, radio station of the Oregon Agricultural College. Dr. F. A. Magruder, with a talk entitled "Law and Its Enforcement," begins his home study course on national government at 7:30. A series on constructive elements of music will start at 8 o'clock. Lillian Jeffreys Petri, who will give this series, will illustrate on the piano the points made in her lectures.

COOPERATION ASKED

Umatilla county physicians are being asked to cooperate with the State Board of Health in a state wide campaign against diphtheria, according to announcement made by Dr. W. T. Phy, of the Hot Lake sanitarium, president of the health organization. The local medical men will be asked to urge all under their care to either be immunized against the disease by a course of toxin-antitoxin or to have the Schick test which determines whether or not in maturing, they have developed immunity. Children are immune only in rare instances so all should have the toxin-antitoxin.

SHERIFF ARRESTS PRIEST

A man who said he was Father Ryan, Catholic priest of Weiser, Idaho, was arrested at Pendleton Saturday night on charges of illegal possession of liquor and lodged in the county jail. He was released late Sunday, when Henry W. Collins furnished cash bond of \$250 for him. A new six-cylinder car he was driving was confiscated by Sheriff Cockingham but was released when Ryan was fined \$150. It was the second time in two days that Ryan had been arrested.

CLASS VISITS PRESS OFFICE

Athena High school junior class, chaperoned by Miss Bateman, teacher, visited the mechanical department of the Press office, Tuesday forenoon and were shown the mechanical intricacies of the linotype machine and the printing presses. Incidentally, at the close of the visit, the mystery of "type lice" was explained to the class, George Pambrun receiving the full force of the explanation. Come again.

HURRICANE WRECKS FLORIDA EAST COAST

Death Toll is Over 400 and Property Damage Estimated at \$125,000,000.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Estimates of the loss of life from the hurricane which swept over a fifty-mile stretch of the Florida east coast reaching from Pompano on the north to Miami on the south amounted to over 400 in revised figures from the storm-stricken area.

Property valued at more than \$50,000,000 was destroyed and the injured were estimated at 4,000.

In the stricken belt were Miami, Miami Beach, Homestead, Little River, Lemon City, Hialeah, Miami Shores, Coral Gables, Ojus, Hallandale, Holly wood, Davie, Dania, Fort Lauderdale, Prospecto, Florando, Pompano and Deerfield.

There was lesser damage north to Palm Beach, including Lakewood and Boynton, though it will reach into the hundreds of thousands in these towns.

Business in these cities and towns does not exist. Banks and stores are closed. The great percentage of them if not completely destroyed, are mere hulk. Thousands of great plate glass windows were smashed like eggshells by the force of the hurricane. In many the stocks of goods were tossed about like bits of paper and lie in crumpled heaps, wet and soggy masses from the rain that accompanied the wind.

National guardsmen and hospital units were ordered into the area by Governor Martin. The entire resources of the American Red Cross were placed at the disposal of the sufferers. Military control was ordered in the stricken city of Miami.

At Miami, where the dead were estimated at 500, undertakers were unable to take care of bodies.

Shipping along the coast was wiped out. Scores of tugs, freighters, yachts, pleasure boats and dredges were dashed against the docks at Miami and sunk or lifted by the tidal wave, which was driven up Biscayne bay from the ocean, and deposited 50 yards or more inland up Biscayne boulevard, recently become one of the most slightly avenues of the world.

STORM KILLS TWO IN IOWA

\$2,000,000 Loss Occurs in Rain-Swept Central West.

Chicago.—Storm clouds which pelted the central west with flood and disaster from Ohio to Nebraska, left a gaping wound in northwestern Iowa.

A torrential blast of rain, hail, wind and lightning ravished a wide area, taking at least two lives, inundating 30,000 acres of crop laden farm lands, uprooting lines of traffic and communication and visiting its havoc on four counties north of Sioux City, near the Iowa-Nebraska line.

Property damage was estimated above \$2,000,000 with Hawarden, Le Mars, Hull, Akron, Shelton and Cherokee counting the loss. Rain of almost unprecedented severity sent the Sioux river up 18 feet in 11 hours and flooded the valley of the Floyd river.

The severest damage to city property was at Hawarden.

Ranks of G. A. R. Not Down Yet.

Des Moines, Ia.—"The men of the Grand Army of the Republic have another decade of victorious activity ahead of them." This was the reply of Commander John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill., to reports that the national encampment of Civil War Veterans which opens here Monday, would be the last. Inman denied there was any likelihood of the annual meetings being discontinued because of thinning ranks.

Frenchman Wins U. S. Tennis Title.

Forest Hills, N. Y.—Rene Lacoste, 22-year-old French star, won the tennis championship of the United States by defeating his countryman, Jean Borotra, in straight sets in the first all foreign final in American history. The scores were 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

Coolidge Returns to Washington.

Washington, D. C.—President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to the capital Sunday after a vacation of 10 weeks in the Adirondacks.

President Asks Aid for Florida.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge appealed to the American people to come to the assistance of sufferers in the Florida disaster.

Smile of the Harvest Moon