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CABINETS APPROVE FRANCO-GERMAN PACT

Months of Negotiations Expected Before Final Agreement Takes Form.

Berlin.—The Franco-German entente is on the march. This is assured following the approval of the new historic agreement between Briand and Stresemann at Thoiry by the governments of both Germany and France.

With the unanimous approval of the German cabinet President Hindenburg thanked Foreign Minister Stresemann in a notably warmer endorsement of the agreement than the somewhat hesitant endorsement of the French cabinet. It now will take months of weary negotiations by commissions and experts from both countries, as well as with Reparations Agent Gilbert and American bankers, for the necessary foundation for the final agreement.

France wants Germany to put up an amount approximating a billion gold francs to stabilize the franc in return for evacuation of the Rhineland, the return of the Saar Basin and other political concessions. Germany probably will try to raise the money in the world markets and from the sale of five per cent rail bonds.

The German press already is beginning to appeal to America to help the project as the best means for pacifying Europe. The success of the project, it is held, would mean the final settlement of all the vexing problems left by the war between France and Germany.

Once the project is accomplished there are high hopes it will form the foundation for far-reaching political consequences, ending possibly in a Franco-German alliance for the revision and perhaps the abolition of the Dawes plan.

COOLIDGE IN DOUBT ABOUT ARMS PARLEY

Washington, D. C. — The United States is in sympathy with any effort to reduce armaments, but President Coolidge would like to know more about the exact nature of the conference proposed for that purpose by the league of nations assembly before considering American participation.

Experience at the Geneva preliminary arms conference, which endeavored to effect an agreement among representatives of only 13 or 20 nations it was said at the White House, had not been such as to assure such agreements at an even wider discussion with all league members represented.

The resolution adopted unanimously by the assembly provides for the convocation of a general conference before next September unless material difficulties prevent.

There is grave doubt whether America would participate in the general conference if it will include the discussion of purely naval affairs by representatives of non-navy nations.

WALSH HEADS GRAND ARMY

Joseph McCain Chosen Commodore of Naval War Veterans.

Des Moines, Ia.—Frank A. Walsh of Milwaukee, Wis., was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the close of the business session of the 60th annual encampment.

Alexander J. Beatty of Manchester, Ia., was elected senior vice-commander, and Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, junior vice-commander.

Mr. Walsh served with the 67th Illinois volunteer infantry in the civil war. He is 79 years old.

Joseph McCain of Chicago was chosen commodore of the National Association of Naval War Veterans. The Ladies of the G. A. R. elected Emma J. Tompkins of New York city, president.

Greetings to the Grand Army from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the American Legion, Spanish-American War Veterans, the Woman's Relief corps and allied organizations were presented at the business session.

The Woman's Relief corps is headed by Mrs. Edith Mason Christie, Oberlin, O.

Mexico Denies Appeal of Catholics. Mexico City, Mex.—The chamber of deputies rejected the petition of the Catholic Episcopate for modification of the religious sections of the Mexican constitution.

NORTHWEST EXPERIENCES THE COLDEST SEPTEMBER

Unseasonably cold weather stalked out of the northern Rockies Friday and advanced across the northwest to cap with snow and frost, the route of Indian summer.

Foliage on shade trees withered under biting frost and flowers in Athena drooped on blackened stocks and branches. Injury to mountain potato crops as a result of the freeze is not serious, inasmuch as the growing crop had reached the stage of maturity, except in a few instances of late planting.

Wyoming and Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska and finally Iowa and Minnesota, felt successively their first snowfalls of the season. All suffered frost too, as did Kansas and the storm was moving into Wisconsin and across the Great Lakes, bringing to many localities the lowest temperatures ever experienced in September.

The storm's whim brought more rain to flood-racked Illinois, a fall of more than four inches centering at Ottawa, Illinois.

Canada's grain belt was ankle deep in snow from Winnipeg to British Columbia, with damage to unharvested crops estimated at \$12,000,000.

Originating in the upper Rocky mountains, the phenomenal cold wave brought Seattle the lowest September temperature since 1887 and sent the mercury down to six degrees at Helena, Montana. It scurried on through Wyoming, the Dakotas and Nebraska bringing six inches of snow to several North Dakota points near the Canadian line, and heavy falls at Rapid City and Pierre, South Dakota and Crawford, Nebraska.

The temperature fell forty degrees in twenty hours at Omaha to 41, and Alliance, Nebraska, reported a temperature of 20. At Goodland, Kansas, frost was felt when the mercury dropped 54 degrees in twelve hours. At Dodge City, Kansas, a fall of 56 degrees was experienced overnight.

DINNER PARTY

At the Methodist church Wednesday evening, a most delightful surprise dinner party was given Miss Bamford by her Sunday school class. The event was in the Ladies Aid room, in which the girls made a few changes and transformed it into a cozy and attractive dining room. Beside the flowers there were most tempting "decorations" in the form of food upon the dining table. The girls cooked and served the dinner. Nothing was omitted from fried chicken to pie with cream to make the meal just what it should be. After dinner a short time was spent with music and singing. The consciousness that there were lessons to be learned for school led the girls home at an early hour. Those present were: Helma Schrimp, Vergie Moore, Hilda Andette, Vera Miller, Pearl and Georgia Green, Iol, Lorena and Doris Schubert and Carrie Bamford.

MRS. WHITEMAN DEAD

Friends of Otis and Clarence Whiteman are extended sympathy in the loss of their step-mother, Mrs. Mary Whiteman who passed away Monday at Walla Walla, death being the result of a fall. Mrs. Whiteman had climbed on a bed to adjust a curtain when she fell breaking her leg and dislocating her hip. Her two nieces with whom Mrs. Whiteman made her home were at their places of business, and the aged lady was not found for several hours. She contracted pneumonia and survived only a short time. Funeral services were held Thursday.

JAMES WILSON, PIONEER

After more than 80 years residence in the northwest during which he freighted, fought Indians and farmed, James H. Wilson is dead. He passed away Sunday night at the home of his daughter Mrs. R. J. Tompkins at Walla Walla. Born in Missouri, March 4, 1845, he was but a few weeks old when his relatives started overland for Oregon territory, reaching Vancouver in October.

SUGAR PRICE UP

A general increase in the price of refined sugar to six cents a pound, the highest level of this year, took place throughout the country as refiners, pressed by a heavy retail demand, scrambled for supplies in the raw sugar market. The advance, which amounts to nearly a cent above the low mark of the year, coincides with the peak of the season.

INDIANS LAY OLD JOSEPH IN HIS WALLOWA TOMB

Indians and whites clasped hands Sunday as fellow Americans over the newly-made grave of old Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe, whose bones were rescued from unmarked and obscure burial and deposited with honors in the Indian cemetery at the foot of Wallowa Lake. With earnest words, Francis McFarland, present chief of the Nez Perce, spoke his pleasure in the friendly meeting of the two peoples and the bond of fellowship was sealed when a grand niece of old Joseph received an American flag from a white girl as token of the unity of the races.

Scores of Nez Perces were at the ceremony. They had been coming for a week from their home at Lapwai, Idaho, back to the hunting ground of their fathers and to the valley where their chief had been buried in 1870.

Joining them had come smaller bands of Umatillas, Blackfeet, and Cayuses, friendly tribes, pitching their tepees where the elder men had raced ponies as boys, now inside the limits of the city of Enterprise. They had been preparing with keen interest for the coming event, ending in a barbecue on the cemetery tract beside the lake.

The Indians, attired in their native color, costume and gaud, gathered within an inclosure in the city of Joseph, named after the last of the Nez Perce chieftains, in the forenoon, on horseback. The remains of old Chief Joseph, the last of his office to lead his people in undisputed control of their native lands, were sealed in a small casket which was placed on a "squad cart," or pair of sticks dragging behind a horse. This animal was led by Chief McFarland, also mounted, and the procession marched slowly to the burial ground on the summit of the lake half a mile distant.

As they rode, the Indians, old men of the tribe leading the cavalcade, wailed the dirge of other days. The place of burial of the old chieftain is a niche at the base of a monument of gray granite rocks, topping the low hill at the foot of the lake, looking out on the sheet of water and the snow-tipped mountains to the south and on the billowy hills surmounted by pine-covered ridges at the north. This was the heart of the hunting grounds of the forefathers of the red men assembled for the ceremony.

Arrived there, the Indians gathered around the monument erected by residents of the county to conduct their ritual according to the tribal custom, while the whites fell back to avoid undue interference. The Indians chanted songs which arose from the memory of the past in the minds of the elders and which quickened the blood in the veins of the younger generation, expressing their racial emotions. They spoke the last words with which their fathers had been consigned to the great unknown.

A NEW FARM RELIEF BILL TO HAVE M'NARY SUPPORT

The Washington news bureau of the Morning Oregonian says that President Coolidge has been notified by Senator McNary of Oregon, who will become chairman of the senate committee on agriculture with the convening of congress in December, that farm relief will again be a headliner on the senate program.

Mr. McNary proposes to introduce once more in the upper chamber a measure similar in principle to the last McNary-Haugen bill, which was beaten in both houses. It will provide for both an equalization fee to be laid upon grain processed and sold and for a federal agricultural board to direct disposal of surplus produce through export channels.

The president's reaction to the plans which the Oregon senator outlined was not disclosed, but there is reason to believe that certain concessions made by the new agricultural chairman have caused the executive to look more favorably upon the scheme of farm relief favored in the middle west than he once did.

Mr. McNary reassured the president concerning the republican senatorial outlook in the far western states, all of which he has recently visited except Colorado. He expressed belief that party victories were assured in all except Nevada and possibly Colorado.

"Mr. Steiwer is favored to win by the best political prophets in my own state," he said at the White House. "Senator Jones will win easily in Washington and a shortbridge victory is conceded in California."

The senior Oregon senator will spend most of next week in Washington, attending to a number of matters affecting Oregon.

Completion of the pending contract for construction of the Owyhee irrigation project in eastern Oregon and Idaho will be taken up with interior department officials and the senator will also call on the heads of the budget bureau to confer on proposed cuts in the amounts for use during 1928 on both the Owyhee and Vale projects. Senator McNary objects to any reduction in the amounts proposed by the interior department.

BERT HANEY HERE

Bert E. Haney, democratic nominee for United States Senator will be in Athena and Weston, during the forenoon, today, when he will meet the voters of the two communities. This afternoon Mr. Haney will visit Echo and Stanfield and will return to Pendleton for an address at the court house this evening.

Mignonette Rebekah lodge met Tuesday evening and was attended by a small number of members. Next meeting night will be October 12 and it is imperative that all members attend as plans are to be made for the convention which will be held here in November. All members are especially asked to attend as the meeting is to be very important.

THE STORMING OF THE GATES



This picture is typical of many such scenes enacted daily at the main gates of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia where the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is being celebrated. The "shot" was made from outside the gates and shows the long sweep of historic Broad street, the main artery of the exposition. To the left can be seen one of the capitols of the Palace of Liberal Arts and Manufactures which covers nearly eight acres of grounds and which houses some of the finest exhibits ever seen. The Exposition will continue until December 1.

COUNTY COURT MEETS WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY BOARD

At their meeting in Portland County Judge Schanep and Commissioners Bean and Hales of Umatilla county, made a number of requests of the highway board. They first asked that two dangerous curves on the Old Oregon Trail near Blalock be made safe.

Then they asked to be allowed to spend some \$60,000 now owed the state by Umatilla county for highway work done on state roads on improving the Pilot Rock-John Day road. The county court wishes to spend this money during the next three years on this road, which the local commissioners say is badly needed after this time for the money now due.

LAKES DRY, BIRDS DIE

A 10-year cycle of abnormally low rainfall has killed nearly ten million migratory birds in Eastern Oregon, due to drying up of lakes and feeding grounds, according to Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the biological survey department of the United States department of agriculture. Dr. Nelson reached Portland Friday after a survey of Eastern Oregon lakes and of the Bear river marshes in Utah.

NEVER TOUCHED HIM

Lightning struck near the barn on the David Stone place west of Athena, during the rain storm Wednesday of last week, killing a mule and knocking down two horses. Mr. Stone and his hired man were standing nearby but fortunately did not suffer any ill effects from the shock.

STADIUM DEDICATION

Whitman Stadium will be dedicated Saturday, October 30 when Washington University football team plays Nig Borleske's Missionaries.

ATHENA HIGH OPENS SEASON AT PENDELTON TOMORROW

The Athena high school football team opens the season at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon, when it meets the hard-fighting Pendleton high school gladiators.

Coach Stolzheise has been molding the Athena team into shape by intensive practice, since school opened three weeks ago. The Athena lineup is the lightest in poundage that it has been for years, and how it will perform against the heavier Bucksaroes, is a mooted question.

With the lighter teams in the county school conference, Stolzheise's proteges are expected to take care of themselves and make a good showing.

The Athena football team has the following games scheduled for this season: Pendleton at Pendleton October 2; Weston at Athena October 9; Athena at Weston October 15; Athena at Touchet October 22; Athena at Milton October 29; Hermiston at Athena November 11, tentative; November 5 open.

DRAW INDICTMENTS

Charles A. German, president of the Multnomah County republican club; Charles E. Henshaw secretary, and four other members of the organization were indicted by the county grand jury on conspiracy charges growing out of the printing and distribution of the spurious "yellow ticket" prior to the primary election May 21. Those indicted in addition to German and Henshaw are Raymond W. Caldwell, Walter H. Brede-meyer, John L. Stafford and Edward E. Stackhouse. All were jointly named in one indictment.

STANDARD PICTURES

Booking dates at the Standard Theatre include splendid pictures for early showing: Duchess of Buffalo, Mare Nostrum, La Boheme, Tumblin' Weeds, The Volga Boatman, Three Faces East, Alters of Desire, Welcome Stranger, The Magician, and others. Tomorrow night First National presents Johnny Hines in "Rainbow Riley." Sunday night Adolph Menjou appears in "The King on Main Street." Wednesday night Norma Shearer comes in "A Slave of Fashion."

POTATO CROP CUT

As the result of the killing frost at Yakima, it was estimated by potato producers and shippers, that potato tonnage had been reduced from 15 to 25 per cent or 1,200 to 1,800 cars less than normally expected this year. The reduction will be caused by the vines being killed, thereby preventing the tubers from completing their growth. Potato producers explain the late potato crop makes half of its growth after September 1. Apples and other fruit on the trees was thought to have escaped damage.

ATHENA ATHLETES CATCH ON

The Frost squad of athletes at the University of Oregon aspiring for honors number 58 this year. Among those to whom suits have been assigned are Wilbur Harden, Leon Kretzer and James Hodgen from Athena.

TO FILL ATHENA PULPIT

The Methodist Episcopal conference at Corvallis has assigned the pastorate of the Athena church to Carrie Pamford for the coming year.

LUMBER COMPANIES OF COAST MAY UNITE

Consolidation of Fir Concerns to Put Business on Firm Basis Planned.

Kansas City.—Plans looking toward consolidation of approximately 70 fir lumber concerns on the Pacific coast into one company will be discussed at a series of conferences here this week between officials of the various companies.

Properties to be represented have a total value of between \$350,000,000 and \$400,000,000, and if the consolidation is effected, it will be one of the largest single organizations of its kind in the world, it is claimed.

C. D. Johnson of the Pacific Spruce Corporation of Portland, Or., is chairman of a committee of five which has the contemplated merger under consideration. Kansas City interests are represented by the Oregon-American Lumber company, a subsidiary of the Central Coal and Coke company, one of the largest fuel concerns in the state.

The purpose of the proposed consolidation, according to C. S. Keith, president of the Central Coal and Coke company, is to place the fir lumber business on a profitable basis from the standpoint of manufacturing, preparation and distribution.

The plan under contemplation calls for purchase of all assets of the selling corporations for cash or its equivalent in stock in the main corporation. The companies interested are in British Columbia and the states of Washington and Oregon, representing about 35 per cent in the fir belt.

Holdings of the Central Coal and Coke company on the Pacific coast are valued at \$27,000,000. The Long-Bell Lumber company is not concerned in the consolidation plan, it was stated.

COURT SAYS STATES CANNOT SET RATES

St. Paul. — State courts have no regulatory powers over freight rates, the supreme court held in the suit of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission to compel railroads operating in the state to abide by a state rate order.

The suit, in which the lower court found for the Northern Pacific and other roads involved, grew out of an order by the interstate commerce commission, establishing rates for certain commodities higher than the state-ordered rates.

The federal commission's order followed petition by Fargo, N. D., and Watertown, S. D., interests asking that the Minnesota rate be extended into North and South Dakota to remove existing discrimination which prevailed because of higher rates in the Dakotas than in Minnesota. The federal commission, however, established its rate for the entire territory.

The Minnesota commission held that the higher rates developed a condition of discrimination throughout Minnesota and sought to compel the railroads to abide by the lower state tariff.

FIGHT RECEIPTS \$1,895,723

Tunney's Share \$200,000 and Dempsey Will Receive \$700,000.

Philadelphia, Pa. — The receipts from the Dempsey-Tunney championship bout in which Jack Dempsey lost the championship were announced as \$1,895,723.

The total attendance was 125,732. It was also announced that Dempsey's end of the receipts would amount to approximately \$700,000 and Tunney's to about \$200,000.

It was estimated the promoters would have a profit of about \$500,000. The government collected \$172,339 as admission tax from the Dempsey-Tunney fight.

365 Known Dead in Florida Storm.

Miami, Fla.—Additional surveys and rechecks made in the storm devastated southeastern coast of Florida showed 365 known dead, 1100 injured, probably 500 seriously, in hospitals, and property loss of approximately \$165,000,000.

Bear Referendum Vote in Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin voters can express their opinion at the polls this fall on whether they desire a restoration of 2.75 per cent beer.

While the "World's Series" Is On the Air

