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Recent portrait of Andrew Bonar Law, who recently succeeded Lloyd George as prime minister of Great Britain.

CONFERENCE BEGINS OVER BRITISH DEBT

Washington, D. C.—Negotiations between the American and British debt funding commissions opened here with a declaration by Stanley Baldwin, British chancellor of the exchequer, that all his government wanted was a "square deal" in the settlement of its war debt to the United States, aggregating more than four billions of dollars.

Asserting that the mission which he heads was not here "to ask for favors or to impose on generosity" the chancellor said what was desired was "a fair business settlement" that would secure for America "the repayment to the last cent of those credits which the United States government established in America for us, their associates, in the war."

Mr. Baldwin warned, however, that the British government, having regard for the present heavy burden of taxation on its people, its commitments in costly mandates and other circumstances, had to consider very carefully the terms of the liquidation of the debt lest an annual obligation be assumed which it might be impossible to meet in years of bad trade and falling revenue.

HOOVER REFUSES POSITION

Harding Offers Interior Department, But Commerce Secretary Declines.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding tendered Secretary of Commerce Hoover the place as secretary of the interior, which Albert B. Fall will vacate on March 4, but after a conference it was decided that Hoover would retain his present position.

The president was said to have called Secretary Hoover's attention to the fact that in point of seniority the interior department ranks above the commerce department. Secretary Hoover recalled that on entering the administration he had declared it his ambition to "make a real department" out of the commerce organization. To this purpose he told the president he intended to adhere.

France Begins Invasion of Ruhr.
Essen, Germany.—Advance troops of the French army, largely with technical equipment, have already reached the neighboring town of Kettwig, seven miles southwest of Essen, and the section between Dusseldorf and Essen is half covered by French military forces, according to private advice reaching here.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.27; western white, \$1.26; hard winter, \$1.19; western red and northern spring, \$1.20.
Corn—Whole, \$42; cracked, \$44.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$21 per ton; valley timothy, \$22; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.
Butter Fat—50@53c.
Eggs—Ranch, 32@38c.
Cheese—Tillamook triplets, 32 1/2@33c; Young America, 33 1/2@34c; block Swiss, 30@32c; cream brick, 28@30c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75; medium to good, \$6.25@7.
Sheep—East of mountain lambs and choice valley lambs, \$10.50@12.50.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.35; smooth heavy, \$8.95.

Seattle.
Wheat—Hard white, soft white and western white, \$1.26; hard red winter, \$1.21; soft red winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.20; Big Bend blue stem, \$1.60.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; straw, \$15.
Butter Fat—52@54c.
Eggs—Ranch, 34@35c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75@7.25; medium to choice, \$6.50@7.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.30@9.50; smooth heavy, \$7.50@8.50.

HEARING IS BEGUN ON MOB MURDERS

State Identifies Bodies of Victims of Louisiana Masked Band.

Bastrop, La.—The state of Louisiana, through the state attorney-general, set up the groundwork of its investigation into masked band outlaws in Morehouse parish by the identification through half a dozen witnesses of trinkets and bits of clothing, of two headless and mutilated bodies forced to the surface of Lake La Fourche by a mysterious dynamite explosion, as those of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richards, missing Mer Rouge citizens.

Inauguration of the hearing is expected to bring a climax to the investigation under way for several months by federal investigators and state agents.

Three companies of state troops, sent here to act in connection with civil authorities, were held in camp to respond to any call for assistance.

A "torture rack," fashioned after the barbarous murder machines of medieval days, was used by the "hooded mob" in slaying Watt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards, according to reports of state pathologists, submitted at the open hearing.

The pathologists, Drs. Charles W. Duval and John Lanford, declared both men met their deaths after being subjected to some "specially constructed device, designed for inflicting punishment."

TURKS MUST ACCEPT TREATY OR FIGHT

London.—A draft of the Near East treaty will be presented to the Turks at Lausanne within a fortnight, it was said in official circles. The Turks will be told to sign the document or to tear it in pieces and take the consequences.

A dispatch to the Daily Express from Constantinople says the Greek 11th division has occupied Karagatch, opposite Adrianople, notwithstanding the protest of the French colonel in charge of the town in behalf of the allies. Karagatch is within the neutral zone along the Maritza river, which divides western Thrace from eastern Thrace.

The Daily Mail says the Greeks are reported to be preparing for immediate action in case the Lausanne conference results in failure. It is believed they contemplate a new campaign to recover eastern Thrace.

PENSION MEASURE VETOED

Bill Is Bad Precedent, Senate Is Told By President Harding.

Washington, D. C.—Loss to civil and Mexican war pensioners of the large blanket pension increases proposed by the Bureau bill was threatened by the veto of the bill by President Harding.

The president returned the bill to the senate, where it originated, with a message attacking it as a whole and specifically. He declared it would cost the government \$108,000,000 annually and set a precedent entailing pension obligations of \$50,000,000,000 within the next 50 years. He also disapproved special provisions giving pension rights to widows of veterans who had been married only two years.

Logging Camp Wrecked By Water.
Morton, Wash.—West Fork logging camp, four miles from Morton on the east fork of the Tilton river, was wrecked by a cloudburst which overturned everything in the camp and sent a five-foot wall of water raging down the Tilton river. Nearly every building in the camp was overturned and one man and his 2-year-old son are missing.

Canadian Wheat Yield Near Record.
Ottawa.—The highest yield of wheat in the dominion since 1915 was reported by the bureau of statistics for 1922. It totaled \$91,425,000 bushels from an estimated 25,422,693 acres. The yield per acre was 17 1/2 bushels, also the highest since 1915, when 15,109,415 acres yielded an average of 26 bushels an acre.

Idaho Governor Wields Ax.
Boise, Idaho.—In line with his avowed intention to retrench and economize, C. C. Moore, newly installed governor of Idaho, abolished the state constabulary and department of immigration, labor and statistics, and also removed from the state payroll the names of 220 employees of the state bureau of highways.

Seed Grain for Washington Bought.
Washington, D. C.—A bill appropriating \$500,000 to furnish seed grain for the relief of farmers in eastern Washington was introduced in the senate by Senator Jones of Washington and referred to the agriculture committee.

SENATE VOTES TO RECALL TROOPS

Washington, D. C.—A resolution favoring immediate withdrawal of the American forces on the Rhine was adopted by the senate.

The troop resolution, approved by a vote of 57 to 4 after a day of debate and private consultation regarding American relationship to the crisis in Europe, was supported on the final rollcall by the republican leaders despite an earlier effort by them to ward off action.

There was no indication that the senate's action would effect any change in the present policy of the administration or that any plans were being made for return to the United States of the small American force still in Germany.

The resolution for withdrawal of American troops was pressed largely on the ground that the French reparations policy, contemplating military occupation of the Ruhr, might entangle America by involving the American troops. Its adoption was preceded by futile efforts to stave off a vote by a motion to refer the matter to the foreign relations committee for investigation. This motion was defeated, 39 to 22.

Senators voting against the resolution were: Myers, Nelson, New, Reed (Pennsylvania), Starling and Williams.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Charles W. Bryan of Lincoln, brother of William Jennings Bryan, has been inaugurated governor of Nebraska.

Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, widow of the famous inventor, died in Washington, D. C., after a long illness. She was 63 years of age.

The top of the Pavlov mountain, Aleutian peninsula, has been blown off by a volcanic eruption, according to wireless messages received at Anchorage, Alaska.

Profits averaging from 1 cent to 1 1/2 cents are realized by the Standard Oil company of New York upon each gallon of gasoline produced in its refineries, according to testimony submitted by the corporation in the senate oil investigation.

Federal prohibition agents do not need search warrants to search automobiles traveling on the public highway when they believe the machines are transporting liquor, according to an opinion handed down by Federal Judge Wolverton at Portland, Or.

Pierce Becomes Governor of Oregon.

Salem, Or.—Walter M. Pierce became governor of Oregon at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening. The governor's inauguration was delayed for several hours owing to the fight over presiding officer of the senate. Jay Upton of Prineville was elected president of the senate and K. K. Kubli of Portland speaker of the house. Governor Pierce in his inaugural address stressed the necessity for economy in the state government and the importance of reducing the tax burdens.

Bishop Paddock Married in New York.

New York.—Dr. Robert Lewis Paddock, former Protestant Episcopal bishop of the eastern missionary district of Oregon, and Miss Helen Altman, heiress to half of a \$2,500,000 estate, were married Tuesday in St. Columbus chapel, Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Pierce Makes First Appointment.

Salem, Or.—The first appointment to be made by Governor Pierce will be that of Judge T. M. Crawford of La Grande as a member of a board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college.

Belgium to "Stand Beside France."

Brussels.—Premier Theunis formally announced to the chamber of deputies the government's determination to "stand beside France" in the occupation of the Ruhr district.

Size of an Atom.

During a lecture delivered before the Royal society in London Sir Oliver Lodge gave a striking illustration of the incredible minuteness of the atom. The amount of gold in sea water, although very small, seems considerable when stated in atoms, for a single drop of sea water contains 50,000,000 atoms of gold. That stupendous figure, however, indicates merely one-fiftieth of a grain in a ton of sea water, and it would take 100,000,000 atoms to be visible under a microscope of the highest power.

Large Hotel Staffs.

Six of the largest hotels in New York city, under the control of one company, employ 510 cooks, nearly 2000 waiters, besides an average of 3,000 extra waiters for banquets. In all, they have 6,200 employees, representing over twenty trades and several professions.

Merely Shifts It.

The man who doesn't want any trouble and endeavors to smooth things so he will have none, not infrequently mixes the dope for some one else.—Exchange.

ALLIES MAY ADOPT HUGHES' SUGGESTION

Solution of Question Before France Takes Action Is Held Possible.

Washington.—The American government, with the breakup of the conference of the allied premiers in Paris, appears now to be pinning its hopes for a settlement of the reparations crisis largely on the possibility for adoption by the allied governments of plans suggested by Secretary Hughes in his recent New Haven speech.

The plan for settlement of reparations controversy between France and England outlined by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven address has been communicated to the French government through official channels.

Put forward as an alternative to attempted forcible collection in Germany should the crisis reach a point regarded here as now measurably approached, Mr. Hughes' proposal would refer the reparations question for advisory reductions, both as to the amount Germany can pay and the method of payment, to an international commission of financial authorities free of political obligations.

With the present moratorium on reparations payments not expiring until January 15, there is believed to be yet time for a decision abroad to examine the possibilities of the American suggestion before France would presumably move to carry out the program outlined by Premier Poincare.

An Old Mortgage.

Philadelphia.—A mortgage for \$650 recorded November 8, 1845—77 years ago—against the Haagen farm in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, has just been satisfied at the office of Register and Recorder P. S. Kirt Lock Haven. The original holder of the mortgage was William G. Jackson, who later became a resident of Nottingham, Va. The amount due was paid within a year after the mortgage was given, but the transaction had never been cleared up on the books.

Light's Effect on the Blood.

A blue light focused on a vein will cause the blood to concentrate, while red will make it flow quickly.

Get Ants Out of Ice Chest.

If ants get into ice chest, set a pail of water under each leg and move box away from the wall.

JUDGE HURLEY



Judge T. D. Hurley of Chicago, who has declared war on "love pirates" who figure in divorce cases, and is going after them with injunctions.

SNOW HOUSE NEEDS CARE

Constant Changes Necessary in Roof to Keep Interior Heat as It Should Be.

The Eskimo makes constant changes in the thickness of the roof of his snow house, or igloo, to keep its interior heat uniform.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, tells about a snow hut built at 50 degrees below zero. Each block of snow used in its construction was necessarily of the same temperature and contained what might be wrongly termed a great deal of "latent cold."

To neutralize this cold it was necessary to keep the inside of the hut for a considerable time at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Snow is so nearly a non-conductor of heat that, once the "latent cold" had been neutralized, the heat of human bodies alone kept the temperature well above the freezing point, even when a hole in the roof was open for ventilation. Sometimes when the heat rose too high the roof would begin to melt. Then the roof had to be shaved on the outside anywhere from two to four inches thinner so that the cold from the outside would penetrate the snow blocks.

Chases Deer With Hammer.

Goshen, N. J.—Many stories are told by deer hunters in Sullivan county. Leo Neester, residing south of Monticello, tells one. He said he saw a buck racing across his dooryard. He seized a hammer and gave chase, running neck and neck with the animal for some distance, when it got away.

Seeking Kind Words.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "if I become a candidate will you make speeches in my behalf?" "Of course, Leonidas." "Then I am going into politics. I think I'll feel more encouraged when you're talking about me than I do when you're talking to me."

FRENCH ARMY IS READY TO MARCH

Paris.—France holds an army of infantrymen, aviators and artillerymen in readiness to march deeper into Germany. Final military plans to be used in event France carries out her threat to occupy the Ruhr valley, Germany's great treasure house of iron and coal, were completed in a conference between President Millerand, Premier Poincare, Marshal Foch and General Maginot.

The military council, held at the Elysee to devise means of collecting German reparations at the point of bayonets and 75s, gave approval to the scheme submitted by Marshal Foch. They will be put into effect at a word from French commanders if all other plans of collection fail, it was declared.

These plans provide that within a few hours after the command is given, the French troops, thousands strong, will be clanking across the Rhine land territory.

Engineers and a detachment of railway workers have gone to Essen, first city to be seized as France takes steps to enforce reparations payments.

Mexican Shoe Industry Booms.

Mexico City.—The younger generation in Mexico is being taught to wear shoes and the "barefoot boy with cheeks of tan" is decreasing in numbers. If statistics compiled by the American chamber of commerce of Mexico are correct. Not only have importations of footwear from the United States increased, it is said, but during the last two years several shoe factories have started in Mexico and all are thriving.

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