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MORGAN LIFE

James Warfield and family visited with their relatives over Christmas.

Geneva and Beulah Pettyjohn visited their uncle and aunt last Sunday.

Mrs. H. J. Streeter of Cecil spent the afternoon with her uncle Dec. 24.

The B. & B. store at Morgan will receive your watch repairing for Haylor the jeweler, Heppner

Mrs. Farrens of Ione visited the Morgan school Wednesday afternoon.

Alvin Ely enjoyed the zero weather Christmas night. For further information ask Alvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palmeteer are visiting relatives in the Valley.

Mr. Fred Pettyjohn and family and Mr. Edwards spent Christmas with Pat Medlocks.

Mrs. Earl Morgan and family of Broadacres spent Christmas with Mrs. Hal Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hardesty and children wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their help and kindness during the last illness and death of Mrs. Hardesty's father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardesty.
Eudora and Howard Hardesty.

TROOPS TO STAY IN COLOGNE AREA

Ambassadors Agree Not to Evacuate as Germans Are Believed Re-Arming.

Paris.—Germany's alleged violations of the treaty of Versailles in respect to armaments were registered here by the allied council of ambassadors. The council instructed its secretary to draft a note notifying the Germany government that the Cologne bridehead will not be evacuated as stipulated in the treaty January 10.

The allied ambassadors were unanimously agreed in recognizing that Germany is rearming and that progressive withdrawal from the Rhineland must await further investigation of the interested governments. There was a difference of opinion, however, as to the importance of the treaty violations and the consequent menace to the security of the allies.

Great Britain seemed inclined to minimize specific cases of violation reported by the military control mission, although agreeing that further light must be had on this matter before a final decision is reached. The French and Belgians, on the other hand, regarded the alleged discoveries of newly prepared parts for 40,000 machine guns, camouflaged in various ways, as alarming.

FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO POOL ALL DEBTS

Paris.—France's war debts to America and Great Britain, amounting close to 31,000,000,000 gold francs, are not listed as liabilities of the French treasury as shown in a balance sheet issued by the French ministry of finance.

Nor are the amounts due France from other countries for war and post-war advances, amounting to about 15,000,000,000 gold francs, included in the assets. The inventory was issued "for non-party purposes" with the view of creating confidence by a clean breast of the facts, as the document said.

On the other hand, 103,000,000,000 paper francs, as the capitalization of the French share in the Dawes plan annuities, are included in the assets.

Although the figures were omitted, inter-allied debts were freely discussed. Finance Minister Clementel renewed the French thesis that these debts form part of the general allied resources pooled in war time. He figured that a strict equity would seem to demand a general addition of war expenses and their distribution among the allies in proportion to the wealth, without taking into account special undertakings imposed by monetary necessities.

FRENCH DENY REPUDIATION

Embassy Officials Reassure U. S. and Reiterate Intention to Pay.

Washington, D. C.—Unequivocal assurance from the French embassy that France had no thought of disavowing her war debt to the United States has served largely to mollify the wave of apprehension enveloping the American capital on the heels of what was construed as a hint from Paris of the possibility of such a course.

In reiterating the intention of their government to meet its obligations embassy officials took occasion to explain the legal exactions concerning the new balance sheet recently given out by the French ministry of finance which, by omitting all reference to the American debt, appears to have given rise to the concern here.

Because it comes under the class of contemplated expenditures which are indefinite as to time and for which there has been no offsetting appropriations, the American debt, the embassy declared, under a provision of law preventing inclusion of such items in the budget, could not be carried in it. The omission, the embassy officials emphasized, had no significance whatever, as to the intention of their government.

California Orange Crop Hard Hit.

Los Angeles. — Horticultural commissioners of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Ventura counties, at a conference here estimated the recent frost damage in the orange groves of southern California at 25 per cent of the crop.

Leave your watch repairing at Swanson's Feed and Supply Store for Haylorthe Jeweler, Heppner.

Annual Meeting of Congregational Church

The annual business meeting of the Ione Congregational church was held in the church parlor Monday evening of this week.

Reports of officers showed all bills paid and small cash balances in hand.

It was voted to continue the present arrangement with the acting pastor to the end of the school year, June 1, 1925.

Officers of the church whose terms had expired were reelected.

The annual roll call and business meeting of the Christian church will be held in the church basement Sunday, January 4. Dinner will be served at noon, following which the roll call, election of officers and reports of activities will be presented.

Miss Evelyn Mortimore is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents at Echo.

F. H. Robinson left on Wednesday for Portland and Salem where he will spend a few days in the interests of business. He is expected to return on Monday of next week.

Dave and Victor Reitmann and P. M. Roche left on Sunday for Portland to spend a few days vacation with relatives.