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L'YD GEORGE PREPARING A FLIP FLOP

Great Britain Now Admits Paris Agreement Not Final—Tax on German Exports Entirely a French Proposal—Germany Will Be Given an Appeal.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The conference called by the supreme council in London, February 28, to which the Germans will be invited, will not be for the purpose of pronouncing an irrevocable sentence regarding reparations, from which the Germans will not be able to appeal. It was authoritatively stated here today. The conference rather will be designed to produce a declaration of the principles of Germany's indebtedness.

It is pointed out in official circles that the work of the Paris conference on reparations was that of making a solemn declaration of Germany's indebtedness. That declaration, it is asserted, will in the main be closely adhered to at the London conference, but the allies and Germany can adjust the method and time of payment.

It is even possible, it is stated, the tax on Germany's exports, provided for in the Paris terms, may be altered, although the principle of the right to impose such a tax will be retained.

The export tax measure, it is asserted, was strictly a French proposal, advanced for the purpose of guaranteeing the fullest protection from future German aggression.

Germany Hopeful.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Germany does not consider the terms of reparation decided upon by the supreme allied council as the final settlement of the indemnity question, but the basis of future negotiations.

This was indicated by Dr. Walter Simons, foreign minister, who spoke before the Reichstag yesterday.

His address was viewed as a cautious statement by party leaders, who were willing informally to discuss it. The prevalent opinion was that Dr. Simons had not burned his bridges behind him, and that his presentation of the German attitude might enable him to gain important time, both in anticipating the attitude of the new American administration and in reaching a definite settlement of the fate of upper Silesia.

Rumors have been current that the German cabinet would resign, but they have been given little credence. Only the communists stand out as the opposition. The opinion was expressed that the independent socialists could adopt no other attitude than one of stern opposition to the reparation conditions, under which the proletariat would be the greatest sufferers. This view was promptly subscribed to by majority socialists, who have made it known they would stand by the present government.

The reparation demands are above all a blow at the German workingman," Dr. Eduard David, majority socialist leader and former member of the ministry declared to the Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—Contracts for more than half a million dollars road work were entered into by the state highway commission here late yesterday, including construction of six bridges and laying 15 miles of pavement. One million dollars in 4 1/2 per cent bonds were sold for \$920,500.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 2.—"Shy" Huntington was unanimously re-elected football coach for 1921 at a meeting last night of the athletic council.

throughout the proceedings, showing feeling only twice. Once was when Detective King, dropping to his knees, with arms outspread and speaking in husky tones, described how Mrs. Witherell greeted her rescuers.

The other time was when Mr. Witherell told of his wife's condition when she was found.

"Her hair was matted and tangled," he said. "Her face and hands were soiled. Her lips were burned from the chloroform her kidnappers had used to render her unconscious. Her face and throat were bruised from brutal fingers which had choked her. Her knees were raw and inflamed."

"She's living over every hour she was a prisoner," the husband continued. "God knows what the outcome will be."

"Didn't she tell you we treated her like a sister?" interrupted Arthur Carr. "If that is the way you treat your sister, God pity her," returned Witherell.

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Launch Movement to Oust Judge Landis From Federal Court

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Congressional investigation to determine whether Judge Landis is permitted under law to continue as federal judge of the northern Illinois district while acting as "arbitrator of organized baseball" at an annual salary of \$12,500, is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Welby, democrat, Ohio.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The baseball scandal case involving eight former White Sox players and several alleged gamblers, now under indictment on charges of conspiracy in connection with the "fixing" of the world series of 1919 between Chicago and Cincinnati will be ready for trial in about a month, the state's attorney's office announced today.

NEARLY HALF A BILLION NAVAL BUDGET VOTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Nearly half a billion dollars will be required to complete the great naval building program embarked upon in 1916 the house appropriations committee estimated today in reporting the annual naval appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1922.

The committee said that while the cost of completing the program was originally placed at \$644,700,000 the increased cost of materials and labor probably would increase the total to \$723,931,000 of which \$538,270,000 has been appropriated.

The bill reported today, which carries a total of \$395,504,444, provides \$90,000,000 for construction next year.

"This amount," the accompanying report said, "will allow the work to be prosecuted during the coming fiscal year about as rapidly as it has been possible to proceed thus far in the current fiscal year."

The 1916 program authorized 156 ships. Many of these have been completed but seventeen battleships and battle cruisers and a number of auxiliaries still are under construction. The bill today carried \$17,775,129 less than the amount appropriated a year ago and \$284,011,287 less than the amount requested by the navy department.

Marine Corps Cut

Besides the cut in the enlisted personnel of the navy from 143,000 to 100,000 heretofore announced, the committee also cut the marine corps from 27,400 to 20,000 enlisted men. No reduction, however, will be made in the number of officers in either service.

A force of 100,000 men, the committee said, would be sufficient to keep all 384 vessels in operation or 32 more than were in the entire navy in 1916. The total appropriation for aviation

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The Medford irrigation district, said Cupper, "has entered into contract for the construction of its works and the disposition of its bonds, and is prepared to proceed with construction work, while a number of other projects in the state have been active during this period in work preliminary to construction."

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JAP PERIL IN VALLEY IS SOUNDED

Reported Influx of 1000 California Japanese Arouses Medford Legion and Chamber of Commerce to Action—Anti-Jap Legislation Imperative—Sale Reported.

The concern throughout the city and vicinity about the reported plan on foot to colonize 1000 Japanese from California in the Rogue River valley on leased orchards and agricultural land, which started as a rumor over a week ago, but which has been seemingly substantiated by evidence since, came to a head last night at the open meeting and smoker of the Medford Post of the American Legion.

After a frank and full discussion of the subject the ex-service men and their 200 guests comprising representative business and professional men and orchardists unanimously adopted resolutions requesting the Jackson county delegation at Salem to use every effort to secure passage of an anti-alien land law at this session of the legislature, modeled after the California law, and requesting the Oregon delegation in congress to foster anti-Japanese emigration laws.

Further it was the sense of the large gathering that steps be taken at once to have every civic and fraternal organization in the city and valley immediately take steps to warn all owners of property not to lease or sell to Japanese.

C. of Commerce Acts.

The Chamber of Commerce at its regular Wednesday noon Forum today pledged its support to the American Legion in its campaign against Japanese lease holders, and will hold a committee meeting this afternoon to confer with other civic organizations upon the line of action to be followed.

Passage of an emergency law modeled after the California anti-land law, was urged in a resolution to the legislature, presented by Attorney George Coddling of the American Legion committee.

Commander Frank P. Farrell at last night's meeting appointed Howard Hill, Judge E. E. Kelly and Gus Newbury on the first resolutions committee and Hob Deuel and George Coddling on the second committee.

While it was made plain at the meeting that neither Medford nor the valley would be invaded by Japanese, especially of the lower class, there is no feeling against the present small colony of high-class Japanese in the city.

It developed that several leases of orchard property near Medford have already been made to Japs and speakers, including Mayor Gates, Howard Hill, Major E. E. Kelly and others urged immediate action to dissuade local property owners, real estate dealers and other business men from further dealings with the Japs. One prominent real estate dealer stated that Japanese agents had been in the vicinity for some time quietly securing available orchard property.

The consensus of opinion as expressed at the meeting was that if strained relations with Japan would result from prohibition of Japanese emigration, and land ownership in the United States, "this is the time to do the straining."

This key note was sounded by Judge E. E. Kelly, who first introduced the Japanese colony subject early in the meeting.

Local Japs Good Citizens.

Mayor Gates, who was present with the city councilmen, was one of the outside speakers.

In his remarks he stated that while Medford was to be congratulated on the quality of its present small Japanese contingent, he was alarmed at the outlook of having the valley flooded with Japanese of the cooley class, and declared that everything possible should be done to prevent this planned invasion.

"While my concern has sold cars to a number of recently arrived Japanese gardeners," said the Mayor, "I don't want their trade. While this threatened Japanese colony invasion of the valley does not affect me and my children so much, I have a grand child, and I don't want to see the time come when that child will have to sit in school alongside of Japanese children."

Jap Rents Ranch.

K. Suzuki who for a number of years has been doing janitor work in Medford, gave notice to all of his former employers today that he had arranged with another Japanese to take his place as he and a relative from California had rented the W. A. Webster orchard, east of Coker and adjoining the Vilas ranch and that from now on they would devote their entire time to operating same.

The Japanese relative from California, it is claimed is an experienced orchardist, but that his lease in that state had expired and due to the California laws, he was unable to secure land in that state and has therefore come to Oregon.

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KANSAS SKEPTIC STAGES AN ELABORATE SCHEME TO EXPLODE GROUND HOG THEORY

MONMOUTH, Kas., Feb. 2.—John Willheimer's experiment with the ground hog theory of ancient origin and annual discussion ended in failure today.

After standing in his observation tower near the hotel, which he had established for a school of five ground hogs last fall, Willheimer received a visit from his fourteen-year-old son. The boy advised his father, fatherlyly:

"I'm sorry, dad, I didn't mean to do anything wrong. But there won't be any ground hogs sticking their noses out of that den today. Last fall some fellows were out here hunting from town and said they wanted some possums. Sam Willets and I sacked those ground hogs and sold them to the fellows for two dollars apiece as possums."

MONMOUTH, Kas., Feb. 2.—John Willheimer got up early today and went down to Lightning creek for some first-hand information on whether the ground hog knows how long winter will last.

Willheimer was frankly skeptical of the ancient belief that if the animal sees his shadow when he comes out of his hole February 2, he decides there is still a hard winter in sight and goes back for a six week's snooze.

Willheimer was prepared for today's experiment. He began getting ready months ago. For four or five ground hogs might be sleepy and go back into his hole for a cat nap, thus neither proving nor disproving anything, Willheimer had recruited five. "I'm going to settle this thing," he explained.

The groundhogs were billeted advantageously along the creek bank while the investigator was perched in an especially built observation tower and laid mental bets with himself on whether the weather man would keep his word and let in a little sunshine.

When Willheimer started for the creek he accompanied persons who wished to accompany him. He promised to issue a statement on his observations later in the day.

Utah Legislators Refuse to Support Anti-Jap Measure

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 2.—The judiciary committee of the lower house of the Utah legislature has reported back to the house the anti-alien land ownership bill with an adverse report.

The measure, recently presented, is similar to the California measure. The committee declared that this was a poor time to enact legislation that might interfere with international affairs, it also held that the so-called Japanese question is not a menace to Utah in that the number of Japanese in the state is only 2000 and that they own only 1700 acres.

DEMPSEY BOUT WITH WILLARD DECLARED OFF

Reduction Admission Charges Too Much for Heavyweights—Dempsey Willing to Box Carpentier for Percentage, However.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—While Promoter Tex Rickard said today that he was not prepared to say definitely that the Dempsey-Willard bout was off as announced by Dempsey at Los Angeles, a formal statement on the subject might be expected later. It is understood, however, that a hitch has occurred in the negotiations and a new contract will be necessary.

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GREECE WILL INSIST UPON LAND CLAIMS

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