

FRENCH MAKING READY TO ENTER RUHR DISTRICT

Will Take 12 Days to Complete Military plans For Occupation Says Premier Briand.

MAY 12 IS FINAL

Germany Must Answer Yes or No In Next 12 days; England Will Take Part With Navy.

FRENCH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, Mayence, Germany, May 2.—One division of the black Moroccan infantry and one division of the cavalry, left today for the Ruhr district.

PARIS, May 2.—The French government is proceeding with the preliminaries necessary to the occupation of the Ruhr valley.

LONDON, May 2.—Great Britain will make a naval demonstration if Germany refuses the allies' reparations terms. A demonstration, which, however, will not take the form of a blockade will probably occur in the North Sea.

Germany must give, by May 12, a categorical answer—yes or no—to the allied demands or suffer the military and naval penalties. This is according to the ultimatum drawn up by the allied foreign ministers and approved by the supreme council.

The interval is not allowed for negotiations but the German government will be given time to reflect, the negotiations being considered at an end. Premier Briand said it would take twelve days to complete the French military preparation for the occupation of the Ruhr district.

HEAVY GALE SWEEPS COUNTY

One of the stiffest gales of long duration ever experienced here, according to old timers, started early yesterday morning and lasted into the afternoon. The wind was accompanied by a thick sand storm in the valley. About 1 o'clock snow started and almost an inch fell.

Among damage reported from the wind was the wrecking of the big advertising sign board at the Dreamland dancing pavilion of Klamath avenue and the walls of the Ewauna Motors company's new building at Seventh and Klamath. The garage is under construction and the rear wall and one side wall, of tile construction, were up. Lacking the bracing that comes when the building is tied together by the wall connections and roofing, the two walls were an easy mark for the gale.

The loss in broken tiles, and the cost of replacing the walls, it was estimated today, would run from \$150 to \$175.

The level of Link river was lowered about two feet when the wind forced the water in the stream back into the upper lake.

Blackie McDonald reported at noon that his sign was up again and securely braced this time. Blackie claims the local record for restoring storm damage. Had the braces been on the sign Saturday, it would not have collapsed he said. He estimated the wind cost him \$100.

Some damage through the uncovering of seed grain by the wind is expected in grain growing districts, and sheepmen report that the cold weather is cutting down the percentage of lambs considerably. No severe losses in either of these directions have been reported, however.

Painters and Sheet Metal Workers Out

PORTLAND, May 2.—The painters and sheet metal workers union is

HOW ALLIES MAY FORCE PAYMENT BY GERMANY



This map indicates steps that may be taken by the allies to enforce the payment of German reparations. The shaded area shows the original zone of occupation west of the Rhine where the British, French, Belgian and American armies have been in control since the armistice. Several weeks

ago, following the German refusal to agree to the allied demand for total reparations of \$55,000,000,000, the allies crossed the Rhine and occupied the area about Düsseldorf (Circle 1.) The allies are now prepared to extend this occupation to include (Circle 2) the entire Ruhr mining valley and the

rich Westphalian industrial district. Occupation of the Frankfurt area (Circle 3) is being considered. If these steps do not bring the Germans to time, seizure of the great seaports and shipbuilding yards of Hamburg, Kiel and Stettin (Circles 4 and 5) and the occupation of Berlin may follow.

MARINE STRIKE TIES UP ONLY FEW VESSELS

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Shipping board officials said today that few vessels had been tied up as a result of the refusal of the seamen to accept the fifteen per cent wage reduction.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Leaders predicted that the walkout of the marine workers, called yesterday as a protest against the 15 per cent wage reduction, would result in 24 hours in a complete tieup of American shipping. It is estimated about 125,000 are affected by the news of the walkout decision which was wirelessly all ships flying the American flag.

PORTLAND, May 2.—The steamer West Ninrod has a crew signed here and is expected to leave tonight. Three other vessels are tied up. One is the shipping board steamer, Eelback, held at Seattle. Efforts are being made to get a crew for the steamer, Eastern Sailor, at San Francisco.

I. W. W. AGENTS AT WORK HERE

"Remember May First," stamped in red ink at the top of I. W. W. literature, distributed about town in the last few days, failed to produce any May Day demonstration here.

The I. W. W. organizers are said to be busy, however, and steps to quell their activities are being considered by the authorities. It is said that there are a couple of scores of avowed I. W. W. here. They have a rendezvous on a vacant lot on Main street, near Esplanade, where the literature is passed out to the workers, who distribute it along the street, placing it in empty automobiles. Some bold workers enter stores and leave papers and posters on the counters.

Police were called by John Thorson, contractor in charge of work on the Ewauna Motors company's garage last week, when several I. W. W. appeared on the job during working hours and interrupted the work with their arguments. No arrests were made.

out today, and refusing to accept the ten per cent wage reduction. Other building trades unions are working pending the decision of the contractors as to whether they will make agreement with the unions as recommended by the arbitrators.

Says California Fruit, Except Grape Crop, is Uninjured

Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey returned Saturday night from an automobile trip through northern and central California. They were nearly as far south as Fresno.

Grapes have been injured by frost in California, said Mr. Humphrey, but other fruit crops are uninjured and promise exceptional yields. Grain and alfalfa is in excellent condition. The wet winter has produced exceptionally fine stands of grain.

Roads are crowded with tourists, he said, in all varieties of vehicles. There is apparently great shifting of labor and freight trains are loaded with itinerant workers, beating their way, while the highways swarm with others on foot.

Contractors Are Dissatisfied With New Wage Scale

Contractors will oppose the payment of the wage scale fixed by the recently organized hod carriers and cement workers union, and endorsed at the last meeting of the central labor council, said local contractors today, indicating that the opposition would be organized and vigorous.

The scale is \$8 a day for hod carriers and \$6.50 for other labor in the building trades. There was opposition to the endorsement in the central labor council, the vote standing 8 for the scale and 5 against it.

Contractors will attend the next meeting of the labor council Friday night to discuss the situation, and seek to have the council rescind its endorsement.

Inside the council the opposition was not directed against the hod carriers scale, it is understood, the delegates, in the majority at least, holding that hod-carriers, who mix the mortar for building, are skilled craftsmen. Mortar mixing requires long experience, and upon the knowledge of the mixer, it is argued, depends the strength of the finished structure. The opposition was centered, against the \$6.50 a day demanded by the barrow men and others, whose labor is not skilled, it was said.

Contractors claim they cannot pay the higher wage and make a profit, and in consequence building operations will be greatly retarded if the scale stands.

Aged Folk Guests Of Barnes Circus

Probably no one enjoyed the circus this afternoon more than the patients at the Klamath county hospital. Through the efforts of the superintendent, J. H. Short, and the kindness of the management of the A. G. Barnes circus, every person at the hospital took in the circus free of charge.

HAY RATE TOO LATE TO HELP LOCAL FARMERS

Lower freight rates on hay between Klamath Falls and Portland, announced Saturday, do not solve the problem of disposition of the hay surplus for local growers, says County Agent Thomas. The new rate will not become effective until May 27, when there will be a 11 cent reduction on each hundred pounds, making a rate of 44 cents a hundred, or \$3.80 a ton.

Statistics of the farm bureau show that the cost of production and hauling in the Merrill and Malin districts this year was approximately \$8.00 a ton, said Mr. Thomas. Add the freight, without consideration of the cost of local hauling from farm to railroad, and the hay laid down in Portland would have cost the farmer \$16.80 a ton.

Present quotations run from \$16 to \$18 in the Portland market, depending on grade. Very little of the local hay would be top grade. Furthermore the Portland market is limited.

Had the reduced rate been effective two months ago, said Mr. Thomas, when prices were higher, it might have helped. Then, too, farmers were not as busy as at present and might have given some time to ridding themselves of the hay surplus.

The solution of the hay problem, dependable under all conditions, says the county agent, is the one upon which the farm bureau is working, the introduction of a sufficient number of dairy cows to change the hay into milk, cream and dairy products, easily transportable and for which there is always a ready market.

On their trip last week to the Rogue River Valley, Mr. Thomas and L. A. West, farm bureau livestock director, found an opportunity to secure some good grade cows at reasonable prices, and the importation of a carload or so of this stock is being considered.

TWO HAVE CLOSE SHAVE IN WRECKED WINDMILL

MIDLAND, May 2.—The wind blew with such a great velocity in Midland yesterday that the S. P. windmill fell to the ground. Two section men left the mill just two seconds before the crash came, thereby saving their lives. They were very much frightened by their narrow escape. The mill and water tank were smashed to kindling. The pump is also very much damaged. Just about a year ago the wind damaged the mill at the same hour—11 a. m. It is 75 feet high.

COLUMBUS May 2.—A quiet May Day has given assurance of the return to normal conditions, said Attorney General Dougherty.

Newberry Decision Is Reversed By the U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The conviction of United States Senator Truman Newberry, of Michigan, by the federal courts for conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act, was set aside by the supreme court.

The conviction of sixteen other defendants was also set aside. The court held that congress was without the power to regulate the primaries, and that the lower court erred in dismissing the defendant's demurrer.

FAIR SMUGGLER IN POLICE NET; MAKES GETAWAY

How the police force surrounded a building in which contraband liquor was hidden and staged a thrilling capture of the contraband but, with a John Doe warrant in hand, allowed the beautiful heroine of the interstate smuggling to escape, is the story being told along the street today, as the result of the arrest of Frank Miles, sign painter, Saturday night.

As Mr. Miles has eschewed the use of spirits for the past 20 years, as all men know, the situation involves much mystery.

Saturday night, however, the beautiful female stepped off the evening train. She was met by a jitney driver. Another Jitney was also on the job. Perhaps Jitney No. 2 was feared to contain a "spotter" or to be a police car, or perhaps not. It is said that the woman sought refuge in the first convenient shelter, which happened to be the Miles paint shop and cached the cargo of whiskey and gin. She is said to have had enough to start a fair oasis.

Patrolmen, Hilton, Durham and McDonald threw a cordon around the building, while Patrolman Durham went to secure a warrant. He got one of the John Doe variety, good for the arrest of any one. Mr. Miles was nowhere in the neighborhood, but the booze was in his shop and eventually the police arrested Miles.

No attempt was made to arrest the woman, who stayed at a local hotel overnight. Yesterday she returned to California. The result is that prosecution of the inter-state smuggling charge collapses—and it will be hard to convince a local jury that Frank Miles is a bootlegger, even if the charge against him is pressed. He had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Thomas and was released on \$250 bond.

Miles friends are characterizing the comedy of errors as a willful attempt to injure him, while the neutral observers are calling the whole affair a police bungle.

The seized liquor was taken to the police station and locked in a cell by Patrolman Hilton. Acting Chief Keith Ambrose, in charge of the police department during Chief Wilson's absence, insisted that the vault where contraband is customarily stored, was the proper place of keeping. The judgment of Ambrose finally prevailed and the liquor now reposes in the vault.

Bankers Discuss Bond Payments With the Council

No definite discussion in regard to the methods to be pursued in meeting payment on the first, second and third pavement bond issues was reached by a conference of bankers with the city council Saturday afternoon, it was announced today. It is expected some definite step may be taken at tonight's meeting.

The proposal to temporarily tide over the situation by borrowing from the Sixth street repair and fire apparatus funds was discussed and met some opposition as a diversion of funds not warranted by the charter. An alternative proposal was the calling of a special bond election to issue refunding bonds.

In the meantime about \$28,000 of the \$47,000 due from the three units has been collected and can be applied to payment of the bonds as they are presented, and in the meantime a solution, it is expected, will be reached.

RATE GUARANTY REPEAL ASKED BY FARM BODY

National Federation of Bureau Holds Provision Unfair in Face Of Falling Costs Elsewhere.

ASK FREE LUMBER

Tariff on Food Products to Be based on Relative Expense to Market Is Also Recommended.

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 2.—With the adjournment of the executive committee to the American Farm Bureau federation after a two weeks' session, some definite recommendations of great consequence to the agricultural industry have been placed before the administration and congress.

The committee commends the abolition of that section of the transportation act designed a minimum return to the railroads. The federation demands equal protection by tariff on agricultural products.

It is opposed definitely and aggressively to the general sales tax.

Asks Free Lumber

The bureau demands free lumber and free fertilizer and greater liberality in the matter of credit to the federal reserve bank.

Among those who co-operated with the American Farm bureau, during the executive committee session in forming a legislative policy was Secretary Hoove, Secretary Wallace, Governor W. F. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve boards; S. F. Lever of the Farm Loan bank; Thomas McDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, and Edgar E. Clark, chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

An authorized summary of what was accomplished at this conference indicates among other things, the following:

Fairness Is Urged
"The American Farm bureau federation believes that railroads must render adequate service, but they should receive a reasonable rate of return based upon fair and just valuations. We realize that the farmers' interest depends upon absolute fairness to the carriers and we desire to call attention to the present situation.

"The transportation act of 1920 contained a provision which attempts to compel the interstate commerce commission to make rates sufficient to produce a minimum net return of 5 1/2, 6 per cent or more above all expenses and taxes on the present value of American railroads.

"The American Farm Bureau federation believes this provision is paternalistic class legislation, as it attempts to make a government guaranty on the cost plus basis. This provision has caused the commission to establish excessive increases in rates which have served to paralyze American industry.

Hits At Guarantees

"They have come at a time when other lines of business are reducing their charges. The federation therefore petitions congress to repeal immediately the guaranty provision in section 15A of the transportation act, and to instruct the commission to make readjustment of railroad rates back to pre-war basis in harmony with other business.

"The federation recognizes that in revising our tariff laws the 67th congress will levy duties upon imports, not upon a revenue basis only, but with a view to the protection of American industries.

"The American Farm Bureau federation urges and demands for agriculture treatment that will afford the American farmer a protective tariff upon farm products of the factory, whether such tar-