

GERMANS SUMMONED TO LONDON TO DISCUSS PAYMENT OF WAR DEBT

Germany Will Not be Allowed to Debate the Amount, Only Ways of Paying it—Foreign Countries Will Supply Figures on German Export Trade.

Paris, Jan. 30.—A German delegation goes to London on February 28 to meet the allies over the reparations question.

According to the allied chiefs, Germany will be told in London that she must take or leave the new scheme. In other words, she will not be allowed to discuss any changes in it, but only ways of carrying it out. Inasmuch as the only alternative plan is to not pay Germany, the allied countries will be asked to supply figures on German exports to the world. These figures are to be used to check up on the German figures. But inasmuch as the allied States publish their import figures, there should be no difficulty on this score.

Before leaving for London, Premier Lloyd George was asked about the proposed reparations. He replied that the subject would be taken up as soon as America could be got to discuss arrangements for the debt of the allies toward her. "If any creditor does not press me I will press my debtor," was the way Lloyd George put it.

FRANCE FACES ENORMOUS DEFICIT

Settlement of the Reparation Question Shatters Hope of Saving Situation.

Paris, Jan. 30.—France is face to face with bankruptcy.

The settlement of the reparations question shatters the last illusion that the German indemnity might save the situation.

Official figures prove the desperate financial situation of the country. The deficit for the first six months of the year is estimated at 1,000,000,000 francs.

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ALBERTA FARMERS HIRE RAINMAKER

Medicine Hat, Alta., Jan. 31.—The United Agricultural Association of this district has signed a contract with "Rainmaker" Hatfield, who is to make an effort to increase rain precipitation in the district between May 1 and August 1 of this year. Hatfield is to operate over a section of territory of at least 100 miles radius, with Medicine Hat as a centre.

Hatfield says his main plant will be situated at Cheppice Lake, 20 miles from this city. He is to be paid \$4,000 per inch, with a maximum of \$8,000 for a four-inch rainfall, but he is given credit for only one-half of the total precipitation.

Farmers are said to be enthusiastic over the prospect. The statement outlining the contract does not show how the rainfall is to be accomplished.

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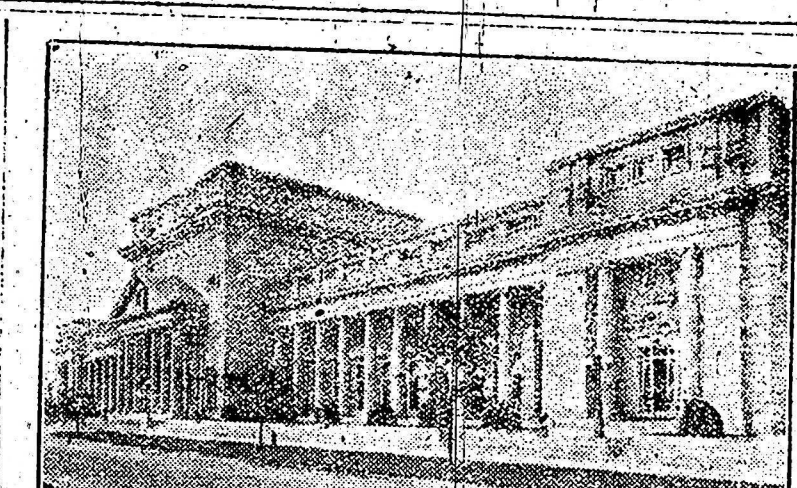
The figures and maps have recently been in the residence of the late Field Marshal Kitchener at Brompton Park, and incorporated in the memorial to the Royal Engineers at Chatham.

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NOW PART OF GREAT ELECTRIC SYSTEM
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GERMAN WAR DEBT TO ALLIES FIXED AT \$60,000,000,000

Committee of Experts Have Reached An Agreement on the System of Annual Payments of Reparations by Germany.

A despatch from Paris says: The conditions that the annuities be fixed by the committee of experts at thirty years instead of forty-two as agreed upon at Boulogne.

The proposed scheme provides for the payment of annuities on a sliding scale of from 2,000,000,000 to 6,000,000,000 gold marks over a period of probably forty-two years, and also a 12 1/2 per cent. ad valorem tax on German exports so that her creditors will be paid according to Germany's increasing prosperity.

The second ironing out of differences came after two days of a continually widening breach that threatened to break up the conference, it being virtually suspended except for private conferences. Official French circles give the Belgian delegation credit for the success in reconciling the British and French viewpoints.

The project in its final form, when approved by the Supreme Council, will be submitted to Germany for acceptance as an annex to the peace treaty, which entrusts the reparations commission with the task of fixing the amount of the indemnity. Then another conference will be called to which the Germans will be invited.

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RACING FORBIDDEN IN IRISH AREAS TO STOP FIGHTS, SAYS MAJ. GENERAL STRICKLAND, MILITARY COMMANDER.

Belfast, Jan. 30.—An order has been issued by the military commander, Major General Strickland, forbidding racing in certain areas of the county of Down.

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Moved Address to Speech from Throne
K. K. Honnau, I.C.F.O. member of the Ontario Legislature for Waterloo, who moved the address in reply to the speech from the Throne.

FREE GOLD STRUCK AT THE PAS MINE

Said to Give Proof of Enrichment at Depths.

The Pas, Man., Jan. 31.—A strike of free gold in the shaft of the Rex Mine at Herb Lake, at the depth of 245 feet, is reported. Samples of the ore have been received with 100 per cent. gold, gold stalling through general.

BOER WAR TROPHIES RETURN TO S. AFRICA

Government Accepts Figures Originally Intended as Memorial to Kruger.

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ONTARIO TOWNSHIPS UNDER BAN

Department of Agriculture Starts Quarantine of Corn Products.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Official notice is given by the Department of Agriculture of a quarantine of "corn fodder, or corn stalks, including broom corn, whether used for packing or other purposes, green sweet corn, roasting ears, corn on the cob or corn cobs, grown in certain townships of Windsor, Haldimand, Oxford, Huron, Elgin, Middlesex and Kent counties in Ontario because of the prevalence of the European Corn Borer in the townships and the danger of its introduction into other portions of the province by reason of the shipment of the corn and corn products.

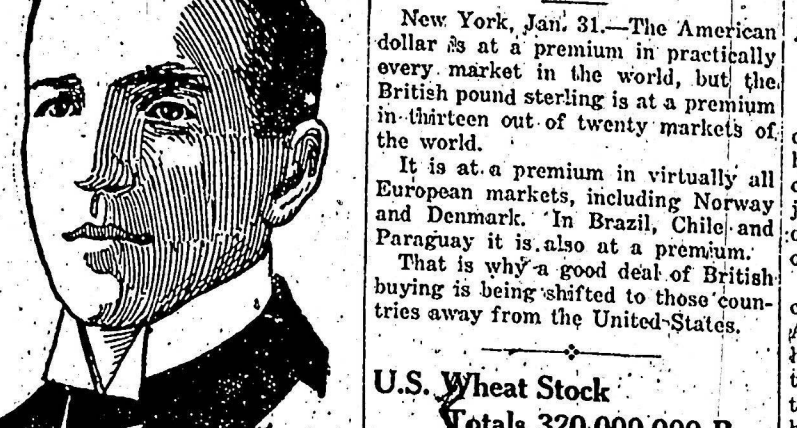
OIL PROSPECTORS TO PROVE FITNESS

Rush to Northern Oilfields is Halted by Federal Regulations.

A despatch from Dawson, Y.T., says: Special parties that have been outfitting preparatory to musking 500 miles over the snow with dog teams, dog sleds and supplies to stake oil lands in the Fort Norman district, probably will abandon or defer their trip because of advice from Ottawa, received by G. McKenzie, said McKenzie, who has been in charge of the oil lands in the district, that the government had suspended the sale of oil lands in the district.

To Render Human Body Invisible

Paris, Jan. 31.—The invisible man of the fairy tales is likely to come true if the experiments now being conducted by Dr. Vassilief are entirely successful. Dr. Vassilief, a well known Russian professor of anatomy, who startled the medical world with his discovery of a process for rendering dead human tissues transparent, is attempting to apply his discovery to the living human body. He is now busy in his Paris laboratory working and dreaming of the time when the living human being can be made almost transparent, if not entirely invisible.



New Member of Manitoba Cabinet
Col. C. D. McPherson, Portage la Prairie, who has been sworn in as Minister of Public Works, succeeding Hon. G. A. Grierison.

BRITISH HOLD ELECTIONS IN JUNE

Lloyd George Will Appeal to Country After Introduction of Budget.

A despatch from London says: Lloyd George, says the London Convention, will appeal to the country after the introduction of his budget. It is expected that the Prime Minister will appeal to the country after the introduction of his budget.

African Explorer Finds Rich Mines

London, Jan. 30.—Explorations of graves, analogous to the composition chiefly of nodules of copper, chalcocite, banded iron oxides, corundum and other minerals, have been discovered in the Orange River region of the Orange River.

Estimate of League of Nations' Expenses

A despatch from Geneva says: The League of Nations has just appointed the Swiss Government's financial department to act as the Auditors of the League accounts. Total estimates of League expenses for 1921 are 21,000,000 gold francs.

R-34 Returns to Base in Damaged Condition

A despatch from London says: The giant British dirigible R-34, which was damaged while making a landing on the Yorkshire coast on Friday morning and drifted out to sea, landed at her base in Howden, county York, late on Friday afternoon. All the members of the crew were safe.

Penal Servitude for Cork Chaplain

Dublin, Jan. 30.—Father Dominic, chaplain to the late Lord Mayor of Cork, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude, but two years have been remitted. He was tried for writing a letter likely to cause disaffection.

