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WEATHER
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest last night 48
Tonight 48
Probable Rain
ORIGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Analysis

FIFTH WEEK DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE DESTINED BE MOST NOTABLE PERIOD

Important Action on World-Wide Problems Expected—Conference Expects to Finish Major Duties by January 1—Far East Still Problem—Others Be Settled.

YAP QUESTION SETTLED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The controversy between Japan and the United States over the island of Yap has been settled, Secretary Hughes announced today. The United States goes to certain definite rights in Yap, including cable rights. The agreement, in treaty form, includes all islands over which Japan has mandate in addition to Yap. The Japanese delegates announced a willingness to withdraw the Japanese post offices from China January 1, 1922.

The British delegates arranged to leave for home on December 31.

Vivian, head of the French delegation, and several of his delegates plan to sail Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The four-power Pacific treaty will be signed tomorrow by the nations who are a party to it. Borah declared today in the senate that the treaty would be a military alliance unless real disarmament results from the conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The treaty leaves the control of Yap in the hands of Japan. The United States is given some of the existing cable facilities and allowed to build more, and also radio privileges.

Ratio Acceptance Likely.

Although there are indications that Japan is about ready to accept the American 5-5-3 naval ratio, it is not considered unlikely that she may refrain from committing herself definitely until there is an understanding about future fortifications on the Pacific.

There has been a general indication that the powers are willing to assent to an arrangement by which all present defenses in the Pacific would be retained and none added, but the question is yet to be made the subject of formal exchanges.

Further instructions from Tokyo were received today by the Japanese. Their nature was not revealed, but there were evidences that the Japanese were preparing to canvass the situation relative to Pacific bases before going further with the naval ratio discussions.

The two subjects have been long regarded by Japan as inseparable and her desire to dispose of both together is not regarded as a serious barrier to a ratio agreement.

Policy Declaration Expected.

The negotiations on China, although proceeding separately, also are receiving the careful attention of the Japanese while the naval question is in abeyance and there have been some other points on which they would prefer to see a decision also before they make acceptance of the 5-5-3 final and binding.

Bailey Property In Roseburg Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Bailey have sold their property on West Douglas street to Henry Andrews of this city. Mr. Andrews expects to take possession of the home this week and the present occupants are arranging to move to Cottage Grove where they will make their future home, having procured property there. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been residents in Roseburg for a great many years and it is with deep regret that their many friends see them leave the city.

F. E. Alley Visits Here Over Sunday

Frank E. Alley, for many years one of Roseburg's most prominent citizens, spent Sunday in this city visiting with members of his family and with many of his friends in this city. Mr. Alley returned last Friday to Portland from Canada and expects to remain in the state. He went back to Portland last night and will spend a few days there attending to business matters and will then return to Roseburg and will probably locate here again.

Mr. Alley served with the Canadian Engineering forces overseas and holds an enviable war record. He won rapid promotion through the non-commissioned offices of the engineering forces and was recommended for a commission. He wears the Canadian medal, corresponding to the American Distinguished Service cross, the medal having been awarded him for bravery in action. Since returning from service in Europe he has been residing at Pentleton, Canada.

Burch Is "Nut" Will Be Defense

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Arthur Burch, accused with Madalyn Obenchain of murdering Belton Kennedy at Beverly Glen, prepared to advance an insanity defense today. The state is subpoenaing Dr. Thomas Orblison, who has examined Burch, to testify. Orblison pronounced Burch's only irrationality as "unusual egotism."

GARDNER JURY FAILS TO AGREE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—The jury in the United States district court here, which heard the evidence in the trial of Roy Gardner, twice convicted mail robber on a charge of robbing a mail car at Maricopa, Ariz. on Nov. 3, was dismissed a few minutes after noon yesterday.

Judge William Sawtelle, who presided over the trial, in dismissing

the jury pointed out that it had been considering the case since shortly after 5 o'clock the night before and declared that failure to agree in that length of time indicated to him that the jury should be dismissed.

FORD CAR WRECKED

The Ford car belonging to Charles Gurney was wrecked this morning when it was struck by a tourist car driven by a woman. The California car did not stop but went on and the police are looking for the machine. Mr. Gurney's car was badly damaged both front wheels being broken and the front of the auto smashed.

New Adjutant at Home Appointed

Roland T. King, of Riddle, has been appointed adjutant of the Soldiers' Home to succeed W. F. Poorman, who becomes chief clerk of the state board of control. Mr. Poorman is leaving on the 14th for Salem and will assume his new duties the first of the month. Mr. King is now at the home becoming familiar with his duties there. The new adjutant is an ex-serviceman, having spent many months in the American forces during the late war. He was a former resident of Riddle, but shortly prior to the war he moved with his parents to Hillsboro where he resided for a short time. Since the war he has been residing at Riddle where he has been engaged in garage work. The appointment was made by Commandant George W. Riddle, the selection being approved by the state board of control.

Packer Employees Quit Suddenly

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Two thousand employees of the big five packers in New York quit work suddenly today and left wagonloads of perishable beef in front of the company plants. There is an unfounded report of an imminent pay cut which was given as the cause of the walk-out by a packer official.

BUILDING PLANS CHANGED

Plans for the concrete building to be constructed by W. S. Powell were changed today and Mr. Powell will erect a two story building instead of a single story structure as first planned. The lot has been cleared and cleaned and excavation will start at once. The building will be placed on the street level and will extend through from Jackson street to Main street. The building will be used by Mr. Powell for his second hand store.

Seattle Paralyzed by Bad Rainstorms

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—The worst rainstorm in the history of this section of the state continued its silent destruction today after three days of steady downpour. Slides throughout the city took a heavy toll of lives and injuries, crushed houses, burying whole families under a slimy ooze of mud.

People are fleeing from their homes on Lake Washington Heights, following slides at Medina. Joseph Horan is known dead and one whole family is missing in a slide. Two others are missing in the Great Northern train wreck at Skykomish, when the fast mail plunged through a gap into Miller river. The bridges were washed out by swollen streams all through the section.

Throughout the city, firemen reported narrow escapes when houses they were working on were carried away. Every available piece of fire apparatus in the city has been pressed into service to sluice out the slides for bodies.

Four are dead, four missing, and a score injured, three fatally, dozens of homes destroyed, two train wrecks, hundreds of acres inundated, hundreds of families homeless, railroads and highways blocked, and wire lines hopelessly damaged, with losses totaling the toll of the three days storm so far today.

Digging for Bodies.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Nine city firemen are digging for bodies at the Andrews Home, injured by a second slide today.

MARKET REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Cattle 50c higher, choice steers \$4.50 and \$7; hogs 25c to 50c higher, prime light \$3 to \$3.50; sheep 50c higher, east of the mountains lambs \$3 to \$3.50; eggs weak, butter firm.

SAWYER'S NAME FORGED TO CHECK

C. unty Treasurer's Name is Signed to Checks Amounting to Sum of \$1936.

NO CLUE OF CULPRIT

Name of J. D. Cameron on Checks Affords Only Clue to Forger Who Has succeeded in Obtaining Large Sum of Money.

Checks amounting to \$1936, bearing the forged signature of County Treasurer James E. Sawyer, are held by local banks while the officers are searching blindly for the man responsible for the fake checks, which are admitted to be among the most clever forgeries discovered here for many years.

Two of the checks for \$1500 and \$168 respectively were drawn on the First State and Savings Bank and one for \$268 was drawn on the Douglas National Bank. The checks used were apparently stolen from the office of the county treasurer being his printed checks, and were drawn very cleverly in his style of check writing and his signature was well forged.

The checks were cashed by Los Angeles and San Francisco banks on November 8. They were sent here for collection and the amounts were paid by the local banks and the forgers were not discovered until the treasurer received his checks after sending his books in to be balanced. The bank's balance did not check with the balance in the county books and in going over the checks to discover the discrepancies, the forgeries were found and returned to the banks from which the money was paid.

The checks were marked "Road Bond Funds" and were drawn in favor of J. D. Cameron. They were so cleverly written that it required close observation to detect the forgery and the banks readily passed the checks.

Mr. Sawyer's own checks were used, evidently having been stolen at some time during the summer or early fall months. The date was only slightly different than that placed on checks by Mr. Sawyer himself. No attempt was made to disguise the handwriting in filling in the name and the name on the front of the check and the endorsement were identical. The figures were written in but no figures were added, while Mr. Sawyer always uses ciphers in his checks. On the lower line the amount was written in with a photostatic which, however, was not the same make as the instrument used by the county. The signature was copied almost perfectly, except for the "S" in "Sawyers" and the "V" in the same name.

The checks for \$1500 and \$268

were cashed by the Continental National Bank of Los Angeles, while the check for \$168, was cashed by the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco. The latter named check was discovered before the money was paid out by the local banks.

Mr. Sawyer has his books balanced each month and receives back his cancelled checks. He received these on the 8th and as the auditors were using his books did not check the banks balance against his own immediately. When he did this today he discovered the discrepancy and went through the checks returned by the banks discovering the spurious one. He took them to the banks where they went through the remainder of their checks finding the last one for \$168.

The checks bore serial numbers 8903, 4311 and 4391, numbers which have not been used in the treasurer's office for many years. When and where the checks were stolen and a copy of the signature obtained is not known. The officers have no clue upon which to work to discover the culprit but are endeavoring to get in touch with the California bank and trace the man through those institutions.

County Court Goes to Portland

County Judge George Quine and Commissioners Edwin Weaver and H. W. Long left this morning for Portland where they are to attend the state convention of county court officials. A number of important matters are to be taken up at this convention and undoubtedly a bill will be framed providing for restricted loads on trucks travelling over the county roads. The bill will probably be submitted to the special session of the legislature in order to prevent future road damage.

Two Slides Wipe Out Human Lives

(By Associated Press.)
ABERDEEN, Wa., Dec. 12.—Two men, a woman and a baby are dead, and three injured as the result of two slides on the Clonmoun Logging company's railroad near Melbourne last night. The first slide carried a logging train engine and a number of cars 200 feet down an embankment, killing Engineer Gerald Willis, his wife and two-year-old baby, and injuring two brakemen. The second slide, a half hour later, killed Ernest Olson, a member of the railroad construction camp rescue party which had hurried to the scene, and injured another and left a third unaccounted for.

August Schloeman, of this city, who has some very valuable property on Winchester street, states that he has inquiries every day, from people wishing to locate here. The Portland Flouring company have been arguing Mr. Schloeman to build a large warehouse. The property is located just beyond the Deer Creek bridge, and at the present time is undergoing some improvements.

"Shoot to Kill" Is the Order of Chief of Police Hunting Escaped Killer

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Chief of Police Fitzmaurice today ordered his men to shoot on sight Tommy O'Connor, notorious gunman and murderer, who escaped jail yesterday after overpowering the guards.

O'Connor, who was to have been hanged Thursday for the killing of a policeman, was armed with a smuggled revolver.

Starting in the fourth floor "bull pen," where the prisoners were exercising at 11 a. m., the break for freedom led down five floors, thru the basement into the jail yard and over a 12-foot wall to a street where an automobile was confiscated, and the driver, threatened with a pistol, told to "drive like hell."

Then shortly afterward the machine crashed into a telephone pole, but the outlaws kept going. O'Connor commandeered another car and when last seen the murderer, who has been characterized by the police as Chicago's most desperate gunman, was headed toward the south side, armed for battle. The others went on foot.

Escape Is Well Planned.

The escape, in broad daylight, apparently was carefully planned. Several jail operatives risked their lives in trying to stop O'Connor.

The other two prisoners who escaped were Edward Barrow, charged with a \$50,000 robbery, and James Laporte, alleged to have been implicated in a \$30,000 robbery. O'Connor had been in trouble with the police on many occasions, but his apparent immunity from conviction earned him the title of "Lucky Tommy."

Last spring detectives went to his house to question him. While there Patrick O'Neill, a policeman, was

EARLY CHRISTMAS BUYING REPORTED BY NEARLY ALL OF ROSEBURG'S MERCHANTS

Holiday Rush Coming Earlier Than Usual and Stores Are Very Busy at This Time—Trend of Buying Indicates Less Money on Hand Than Usual.

Opinions among the merchants of the city vary greatly concerning the trend of the Christmas buying. On several things, however, they agree. Buying is considerably earlier than usual, and shoppers are more careful of what they are buying than during the past two years when family finances were in better conditions. It is also agreed that people are buying less than in past years and are selecting less expensive presents than before. They are also choosing more staple quality and more useful gifts than for the past two years.

A general survey of the stores of the city finds a great many of them doing more business than at a corresponding period during the past two years. This is taken to indicate that Christmas buyers are heading the oft repeated slogan to do their Christmas shopping early. It is generally predicted, however, that the bulk of the buying will fall off rather than increase as Christmas draws near. The majority of the merchants expressed themselves as being well pleased with the buying so far this month and stated that their volume of trade will be far above that of last year, but they qualify their statement with "if the buying keeps up." It is feared and expected that the buying will slump considerably for there are various indications which lead to that conclusion.

normal and buying is not as brisk as usual. Neckties, handkerchiefs, silks, hosiery, gloves, etc., seem to be selling at about a normal rate but otherwise there is little trade in this line outside the ordinary business which does not relate to the Christmas buying.

Furniture and household goods are moving very slowly, but good quality is being demanded. Very little holiday trade in this line is expected.

The notion and novelty stores are doing a rushing business and seem to be carrying the bulk of the Christmas buying. Even there, however, the same demand for quality is evident and the selection of useful gifts is noticeable.

Because of the fact that prices on practically all commodities the lower this year than last year, few merchants are expecting the total amount of this season's trade to exceed that of last year. It is generally estimated that the commodities now on sale are approximately 25 per cent lower than as a corresponding period and consequently the stores will have to do 25 per cent greater volume of trade to bring the total up to last year's mark. With the prevailing conditions this is believed to be impossible in most of the lines but taking the various phases of business, the ability of patrons to buy and the state of general finances, the local merchants are well satisfied with the showing being made this year, feeling that under the circumstances trade is all that could possibly be expected.

In the first place the average family's finances are not in as good condition as during the past two years. Farmers have found the price on their products far below that formerly paid. They have also experienced much difficulty in marketing their crops and in many instances have received only small returns on crops marketed on a cooperative basis, where they must wait for payments.

Roseburg buying is largely influenced by the trade of the people engaged in railroad labor and these people this year are in many cases hard pressed for funds. Shopmen have been working on a part time basis; trappers have been working at infrequent intervals and their income has suffered greatly by the shortage in work; engineers have found their trips out growing less and less frequent with subsequent reductions in the amount earned, and as a result they have not as much surplus to place in the Christmas buying as last year.

In spite of these conditions, however, the bulk of the trade is apt to be close to normal. People are buying gifts—many gifts—and are entering into the holiday buying with the same whole-hearted spirit that always signalized this period of the year, but they are buying cautiously.

When people have money to spend freely, they spend little time in examining or inquiring into the quality of the article purchased. Just so it suits, the quality or price are of little consequence. On the other hand when money is tighter the same style of gift may be purchased but the buyer exercises more care in selection and is more careful to secure information regarding the durability, or quality of the article selected. This is the case this year. All merchants say that shoppers take more time in making their purchases, inquire more closely into the quality of the articles offered for sale and are generally more cautious in their selections. This is taken to indicate that they have less money to spend and are investing it as wisely as possible.

They are also buying more useful and more lasting gifts—gifts of a nature that will be a benefit rather than an ornament. This pertains largely to gifts for adults for toys and notions are moving rapidly for children.

Jewelry stores report trade about normal. Expensive durable jewelry is selling at about the same pace as usual. Rings, wrist watches, clocks, diamonds, cut glass, and articles of this nature are moving on a normal basis. Inexpensive jewelry, however, has a lesser sale than formerly as people who invest in the articles from these shops are getting the best possible.

Drug stores report a slower trade than last year, on an average. Stationery, ivory sets, candy, etc., are not going so the brisk rate usually set by these commodities. Christmas cards, however, are being taken in large numbers and practically all of the stores are well supplied with a pleasing assortment of these neat expressions of holiday greeting.

In the drygoods line including women's and men's furnishings, merchants are not overly optimistic. Trade so far has been slightly below

Irish Developments Are Varied Today

(By United Press.)
DUBLIN, Dec. 12.—Former Mayor Meade of Cork was assassinated in his office by two armed and masked men, one of whom was arrested.

Other Irish developments included:

Slight clashes of armed men with danger of spreading of civil war.

Ulster Premier Craig preparing to make a statement to the Ulster parliament today on the Irish peace treaty.

Unionist labor demanding that the Protestants imprisoned in connection with the Irish fighting be freed.

Ulster representatives conferring with the Sinn Fein regarding the possibility of joining the Irish free state.

De Valera showing signs of abandoning opposition to the new peace pact, preventing a complete loss of his prestige by starting to swing in line with the majority favoring the pact.

A reign of terror by opponents of the Irish peace treaty was feared today following the assassination of former Mayor Meade of Cork, and other uprisings. Sporadic shooting was reported in Belfast. Ulster Premier Craig characterized the situation as very serious, calling the act a violation of the solemn promises made to Ulster. Craig, while declaring that Ulster would not sever from its ideals, counseled prudence until after the debate in the British parliament.

Two Thousand Women In a Mob

PITTSBURG, Kansas, Dec. 12.—A mob of two thousand women, wives and relatives of the striking Howat coal miners, stormed mine No. 17 of the Jackson-Walker company shortly after 5 o'clock this morning and prevented the miners employed at the mine from returning to work.

Mexican Woman Gives Birth to 8

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—Elk Universal prints a Tampico dispatch saying that Senora Enriquez Ruibo gave birth yesterday to eight children. None of them survived. The mother is reported well.

The Mexico City medical association is to investigate as to the authenticity of the report.

Old Pioneer Passes Away

A. J. Chapman, a pioneer of this city, who has been making his home in Portland for the past few months, passed away in that city Saturday. Mr. Chapman had only been ill a few days when death came. He was 61 years of age at the time of his death. Mr. Chapman was born and raised in Douglas county and was a most highly respected old pioneer of this section. He leaves to survive him a bereaved wife and daughter of Portland, one brother, J. I. Chapman of Wilbur, and two sisters, Mrs. Wilson of Wilbur and Mrs. Dee Aikin of this city.

The body will arrive in this city this evening from Portland and funeral services will be held at Wilbur tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, with Rev. Downs officiating. Interment will follow at the Wilbur cemetery. The many friends of the family wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy during this hour of bereavement.