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LEAGUE SO FAR TO BE CONTROVERSY

Council Defers Decision on Germany's Election Until Next Tuesday.

CRISIS STILL ACUTE

Opposing Alignments Are Firm, and Outlook for Compromise Is Not Very Bright.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GENEVA, March 13.—The council of the League of Nations adjourned its closed meeting late today without reaching a decision on the crisis which has arisen over the re-constitution of the council.

It was announced that the assembly would be called to meet Tuesday for discussion of the election of Germany to membership in the league, and that the allied representatives would defend their position in the controversy if this should be necessary.

The allied representatives abandoned at the last moment their plan to hold another meeting with Foreign Minister Stresemann this afternoon and reverted to their original intention to submit the tangled question of re-constitution of the league council to the members of that body here.

May Make Germany Wait.

GENEVA, March 13.—"Don't lose hope," said one Frenchman today in discussing the events in Geneva which threaten to destroy the whole fabric of European concord and imperil the future of the League of Nations.

"That a rupture of the negotiations with the Germans on the council membership question is not yet a certainty was evidenced by Premier Briand's announcement that he and his allied friends were going to have another cup of tea" with the German statesmen this afternoon.

Should last minute attempts to find a solution fail, there is a possibility that the entire problem will be turned over to the assembly for discussion of the practicality of adjourning the question of Germany's entrance into the League to a later date.

This idea is fostered by some allied circles which allege that Germany (Continued on page 8.)

Germany's Position At Geneva Conference Told By Minister Stresemann

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GENEVA, March 13.—Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany today summarized for The Associated Press the situation in Geneva, viewed from the German standpoint.

"During the conversation with the powers," Minister Stresemann said, "we were told it was desirable that before being admitted to the league we should agree to three new permanent seats on the council besides the one intended for us."

"The German delegation has not seen its way to agree to such a proposal, because we see therein a serious breach of Germany's duties as a future member of the league and of the council."

Dr. Stresemann insisted that during these discussions Germany had kept decidedly within the spirit of Locarno, despite the fact that public opinion in Germany saw therein a highly undesirable delay in Germany's admission to the league.

"Eventually," he continued, "the creation of permanent seats was relegated to the background and it was suggested that Germany agree to Poland being given a non-permanent seat. To this, however, the German delegation cannot agree, first because the demand that Germany, before her entry to the league, should put herself under an obligation of this sort is not authorized either by the statutes of the league or by any obligations accepted by Germany."

"Secondly, this demand is, according to German belief, a breach of the covenant, in that it amounts to Germany being used to meet a difficult situation within the league."

"Thirdly, it is known to the German delegation that some important members are just as much opposed to the creation of non-permanent members."

"These reasons make it impossible for the German government, in spite of honest efforts to take part in the solution of the present difficult situation and cooperation in realization of the great work of Locarno, to accept the latest compromise proposal."

DR. W. C. BELT OF CO. HEALTH UNIT TO RESIGN MAY 1

County Physician to Re-sume Private Practice in Newport—Mrs. Post Also Leaving.

Dr. W. C. Belt, county physician and head of the county health unit has tendered his resignation to become effective on May 1. He is preparing to go into private practice and business at Newport, his family already having gone to that place to reside. Dr. Belt was in general practice in this city for several years and has considerable property there.

Dr. Belt was assigned to the Douglas county unit when it was first organized, and has pioneered the work here, directing all activities for the past two years. His resignation has been tendered to the county court and to the state board of health and the place will be filled before the first of May.

This is the second resignation from the unit since the first of the year. Mrs. Ellen Post, county nurse, having resigned in order that she might go to Portland to be near her brother, whom she recently located after a separation of more than 25 years.

The two vacancies will be considered immediately by the state board of health and recommendations for appointments made to the county court. All appointments must be officially made by the court, the board of health merely acting in an advisory capacity in recommending persons for appointment.

Mrs. Josephine Jones, health nurse and Miss Marion Porter, secretary, are continuing their work with the unit.

ELMER SLATER WHO BROKE JAIL JAN. 9 IS UNDER ARREST

Sheriff Starmer Locates fugitive at Bakersfield—Extradition Papers to Be Secured.

Elmer Slater, alias Elmer Shirley, wanted in Douglas county for possession of a still and for jail breaking, has been captured in Bakersfield, California, according to a message received this afternoon by Sheriff Starmer. The sheriff's office has been working diligently on the search for Slater, who is wanted here, and recently obtained information which led to his arrest.

Slater, a companion named Joe Nelson, and a woman who went under the name of Mrs. F. R. Wilkins, were arrested here the last of December. Slater eluded the officers for a short time, when he went out a window of the hotel, where he was staying, and ran down the fire escape. He was taken in custody at Eugene two days later, followed to Bakersfield.

On January 9 he and Russell Carpenter, a local boy, the latter charged with possession of intoxicating liquor, cut a hole through the jail wall and made their escape.

Since that time the sheriff's office has been working hard on the case. A close watch has been kept on the woman's movements, officers following her as she went recently from Washington into California, where she followed to Bakersfield, where a watch was maintained, and it was recently learned that a man answering Slater's description had been seen with her there. Upon this information Sheriff Starmer sent a full description and picture of Slater to J. H. Dupes, chief of police at Bakersfield, who telegraphed back this afternoon that the wanted man is in custody.

Sheriff Starmer is at once telegraphing a warrant to authorize the holding of the prisoner while extradition papers are obtained.

Slater is also wanted by the government for investigation on a charge of violation of the white slave act in transporting the woman, known here as Mrs. Wilkins, from one state to another.

An indictment was also returned against the man by the Douglas county grand jury which has charged him with possession of a still and jailbreaking, both penitentiary offenses.

D'AUTREMONT BOYS SEEN AGAIN, RUMOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., March 13.—Police yesterday received an unidentified telephone call that one of the D'Autremont boys, wanted in connection with a train holdup near here several years ago, was prowling about an abandoned oil well near Phoenix, but investigation was unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

ENGINEER KILLED, 4 TRAINMEN HURT BY DERAILMENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HIGHLAND, Ills., March 13.—Charles Hackett of Terre Haute, Ind., a locomotive engineer, was killed, and four trainmen were injured, when Pennsylvania train No. 12, fast mail and express train from New York to St. Louis, was derailed early today near Pierron, Ills.

Miss Lucille Roehm of Eugene, is in Roseburg doing special nursing at Mercy hospital.

CHINA CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN TAKU INCIDENT

Japan Files Protest Over Shots Fired From Fort at Two Destroyers.

THREE MEN WOUNDED

Advance Notice to Chinese of Craft's Coming and Signal Flag Display Are Alleged.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PEKING, March 13.—Protest was made at the foreign office today by Kenchiichi Yoshizawa, Japanese minister, over shots fired at two Japanese destroyers by national army troops entrenched at Taku.

The destroyers were crossing the bar at the entrance to the Pei river. Three sailors were wounded.

In a note to the minister the foreign office justified the incident, saying that the destroyers had failed to observe navigation rules. The note said that the Chinese troops, doubtful about the identity of the vessels, had fired as a warning.

The Japanese consulate at Tientsin denies that the destroyers replied to the fire.

Japan Not Excited

TOKYO, March 13.—The attack of Chinese forts yesterday on two Japanese destroyers which had attempted to enter the Pei river at Taku bar yesterday is considered by the foreign office to have created a serious situation.

Foreign Minister Shidehara and Navy Minister Takarabe were consulting today and some decision by the cabinet is expected probably Monday. The foreign office stated that the government "expects to consider the incident calmly and unexcitedly and does not expect to retaliate, but will demand absolute assurances that there will be no recurrence in the future."

It was said that the principal fears concerned the anger of the Japanese public.

Three Men Wounded

Official foreign office dispatches state that the destroyers Fuchi, Susuki and Hagi were proceeding from Port Arthur yesterday. The Hagi anchored in the bay near Taku, the other vessels proceeding up the river toward Tientsin, when the Chinese nationalists on the river bank near Taku bombarded the destroyers, wounding Fleet Commander Kemada, paymaster Captain Taji and Warrant Officer Hattori, all on board the Fuchi.

The destroyers returned the fire but made no attempt to hit the Chinese.

Excuse Appears Flimsy

The dispatches declared that the Chinese previously had been notified by the Japanese consul that the destroyers were proceeding to Tientsin, also that the warships were flying the Japanese signal flags and otherwise were identifiable.

Consequently the Chinese apology and explanation that the entire affair was a misunderstanding is considered surprising and confusing.

The Japanese government is awaiting suggestions from the allied consular meeting at Tientsin. It is stated that Japan may act independently but it is hoped that the powers can agree on some method for future protection.

Battle Rages Town

PEKING, March 13.—A general battle between China's forces and the National army seemed to be imminent today. Heavy firing at Lanchow, 100 miles northeast of Tientsin, damaged the railway station and caused casualties among civilians.

The town of Petang, west of Tientsin, is a shambles as the result of its recapture by the National army early in the week. Many of each faction were killed and many

Interstate Commission Refuses to Lower Transcontinental Rates That Do Not Benefit Middle West

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today denied the application of western transcontinental railroads to reduce rates on 47 commodities from eastern defined territories to the Pacific coast without lowering them to intermediate points.

The principal commodities concerned were iron and steel articles, paper and paper products, ammunition, cotton piece goods, lard substitutes, paints, roofing, rosin, soap and soda.

The original territory involved extends from Chicago on the east to Denver on the west and includes also some points east of Chicago

TWO TEAMS WIN RIGHT TO PLAY FOR THE TITLE

Basketball Championship of State Lies Between Eugene and Salem.

GAME DUE TONIGHT

Medford Hi Has Easy Time Defeating Astoria Hi in Morning Game of Second Series.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—By its unexpected defeat of Grant of Portland last night, 32 to 19, Eugene will contest with Salem tonight for the state basketball championship. Salem won the right to meet Eugene by defeating McLoughlin 31 to 18.

Eugene displayed a fine brand of team work last night and repeatedly worked the ball through the Grant defense for close-in shots. Grant seemed unable to penetrate Eugene's guards and made long shots, the boys from up the valley invariably getting the ball on the rebound and taking it down the floor swiftly. Eugene displayed a much better class of ball than she did Thursday.

Salem had an easy time with McLoughlin, although McLoughlin drew first blood on a foul. The first period ended 10 to 5 in favor of Salem. In the next period McLoughlin scored but one point while Salem gathered 12.

The eastern Oregon boys were unable to penetrate the 25-man defense and lost valuable time in passing the ball around the center of the court. Salem substitutes played the last period.

In the second series games yesterday afternoon Baker defeated Marshfield 28-19; Medford won from The Dalles 22-9 and Astoria took the long end of a 33 to 27 score with Hillsboro.

This afternoon Medford will meet Astoria and Grant will play Baker, the winners of these two contests to meet in the evening to decide third and fourth places.

O. A. C. Veterans Win

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 13.—Two hard fought gridiron battles have just been fought here by Oregon Agricultural College players with all the fervor of November struggles.

As a closing feature of spring practice two picked teams have battled for school honors. Four teams actually were used, with the first and fourth strings pitted against the second and third. The veterans were held scoreless in the first game by the ambitious substitutes fighting for a place in the sun, but last night the old-timers came back and smothered the second string, mostly rookies, 24 to 0, in their half. The third team managed to score one touchdown on the fourth time in the final half.

"Much better than last spring," was Coach Schlessler's comment.

Medford Beats Astoria.

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—Medford high school eliminated Astoria from the running in the second series of the Oregon State High School basketball tournament by defeating Astoria 39 to 18 this morning. Medford will meet McLoughlin this afternoon to determine which team will enter the finals of the second series tonight. Previous to the Medford-McLoughlin game this afternoon Grant will play Baker, the winner meeting the winner of the Medford-McLoughlin match.

If Medford should defeat McLoughlin and Grant should eliminate Baker, Medford and Grant will clash tonight for the second time in the tournament.

In this morning's tilt between (Continued on page 8.)

UMATILLA COUNTY CHERRY BUDS HIT BY RECENT FROST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PENDLETON, Ore., March 13.—Recent frosts in the east end of the county did damage to cherries estimated at from 10 per cent of the buds in the Milton area to 40 and 50 per cent in the Cobb Crossing section and 25 per cent in the state line district. It is said there is no cause for alarm as the percentage of drop in buds amounts to this in the spring, but a further frost attack would be dangerous.

PENDLETON MAY GET GUARD UNIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PENDLETON, Ore., March 13.—Proposals of a national guard company for Pendleton were made here today by Major R. H. Haron, battalion commander of the La Grande, Baker and The Dalles units. The merchants committee of the commercial association will consider the advisability of organizing such a unit here.

AMUNDSEN PLANS EXPLORATION, NOT RACE WITH ANYONE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Mar. 13.—Captain Roald Amundsen, arriving from America on the Bergen, said today that he intended to make his attempt to fly to the North Pole during May, but that there would be no race between the expedition headed by himself and Lincoln Ellsworth of New York and that of Captain George H. Wilkins.

The latter party plans to fly to the Pole from Point Barrow, Alaska.

"My interest in this flight is purely geographical," Captain Amundsen declared. "I want to find if there is any land in that million square miles between the North Pole and Alaska."

American Aviator May Have Set New Altitude Mark 8 Miles Above Earth

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DAYTON, Ohio, March 13.—Believer that Lieutenant John A. MacReady, McCook Field, has established a world altitude record in a flight over the post this morning was held by officials following his landing at 12:45 o'clock. The instruments on his plane indicated an altitude of 28,000 feet.

On MacReady's flight January 19, the instruments on his plane indicated 39,000 feet. This was raised by calibration at the bureau of standards in Washington to 38,704 feet.

If the same ratio holds true, his flight today would be a record. A temperature of 78 degrees below zero was encountered by MacReady at the highest point—eight miles above the earth.

"But I did not suffer from cold," he said. "I believe I reached the absolute limit of the plane," he added.

His regular supply of oxygen gas became exhausted before he reached the peak and he was forced to call on his reserve supply.

Lieutenant MacReady took off at 10:47 a. m. in his attempt to set a world altitude record of 40,000 feet or higher.

He took the air after repairing ignition trouble encountered in an attempt begun at 9:35 a. m., in which he was forced to land after being in the air ten minutes.

CROYDON, England, March 13.—Alan J. Cobham, British aviator, arrived at the air field here today, completing his 16,000 mile round-trip flight to Capetown, South Africa.

MISSING PAJAMAS LEAD TO SOLUTION 'PERFECT CRIME'

Friends of Married Couple Give Clue That Causes Arrest of Husband for Murder.

TROY, March 13.—Ohio's "perfect crime" has been solved, and today Jacob Nesbitt is in jail here awaiting trial for the murder of his pretty and accomplished wife, Frances, a former Ohio University swimming and tennis star.

Three weeks from the day Nesbitt reported finding the body of his wife in the bathroom of their home with her skull fractured, he was taken to the scene of the crime, and after a five-hour grilling confessed he killed her after a quarrel over business affairs.

They both sold kitchen appliances and she twitted him because of her ability to sell more than he.

"I slapped her when she said my folks were illiterate," he declared. "Then everything went red, and I do not remember what happened."

A pair of blue pajamas constituted the principal link in the chain of evidence forged around Nesbitt. These were missing from the home after the murder. Nesbitt asserted he did not know where they were.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Brown, however, friends of Nesbitt's, who remained at the Nesbitt home the Wednesday evening preceding the crime, said Nesbitt had the pajamas on that night. Nesbitt asserted he did not wear them then.

This discrepancy aroused suspicion and led to the eventual conclusion that Nesbitt had destroyed the sleeping garments.

PIERCE PREDICTS ANOTHER ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATE

Also Tells Auditors State Has Learned to Produce But Is Victimized by Market System.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 13.—Governor Walter M. Pierce, in a speech delivered here last night before an evening meeting of the third annual Union County Agricultural economics conference, upheld as a goal for Oregon farmers to strive for the achievements of the Danish communities, which, he said, have built up an almost ideal condition, featuring systematic marketing through a central source, the raising and packing of the best type products, and cooperation between business interests, and the producers.

He deplored the high freight rates, stating that the railroads have adopted a rising scale, and predicted another advance in the near future.

"We have learned to produce but we have failed in our marketing—the result of a system of which we are the victims," he said. The governor praised such conferences as is being held here, stating that "competition rules and we must study our problems from every angle."

From La Grande, Governor Pierce will return to Salem today.

PLANES TO HUNT FOR REX RICHTER

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GOV. PINCHOT OUT FOR U. S. SENATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 13.—Governor Pinchot today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the United States senate in the Pennsylvania primary this spring.

KEELER FAILS IN SECOND ATTEMPT TO REGAIN BONDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—Frank W. Keeler, local bond dealer, today lost another attempt to get back the \$50,000 of securities seized in his apartment August 25, in connection with the investigation of the Oregon bond case.

Circuit Judges Tucker, and Rossmund amended a demurrer to a second amended complaint filed by attorneys for Keeler. The attorneys, Pipes and Logan, were allowed five days in which to decide on their next move.

SENATORS NAMED TO LEASE MUSCLE SHOALS FOR U. S.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The senate today accepted the House resolution without a record vote.

Vice President Dawes appointed Chairman Norris of the senate agriculture committee. Senators Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, and Sackett, Republican, Kentucky, to represent the senate on the joint congressional committee that is authorized to negotiate a lease for Muscle Shoals and report back to congress. Senator Norris declined to serve and Senator Denoan, Republican, Illinois, was selected in his place.

MELLOW CALLED OBSTRUCTION TO DRY FORCES

Senator McKellar Selects Treasury Head as Mark for His Criticism.

WET INTERESTS CITED

Says Prohibition Success in Spite of Efforts of Moneyed Element to Discredit It.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Prohibition is a success, despite flagrant violation of the law by the "moneyed aristocracy" and its administration by the "biggest distillers in the republic," Senator McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, declared today in the senate.

Secretary Mellon, he charged, was disqualified to head the treasury by his large interest in the distillery business and although he has transferred his liquor holdings to a trustee, "it is difficult for a shoemaker to change his last."

"Isn't it a marvelous thing," he observed, "that the temperance people of this country should work for fifty years to have prohibition laws passed, and after winning their fight, these laws should be turned over to one of the largest distillers in America, to one more interested in intoxicating liquors than perhaps any other man in the republic?"

Declaring that he had seen in the newspapers that Secretary Mellon had sold \$18,000,000 worth of his liquors, Senator McKellar said he "hoped that was all, but how he sold these liquors without violating the law himself, I do not know."

He regretted that Secretary Mellon had turned down the recommendations of Assistant Secretary Andrews, who he termed as a "man trying diligently to enforce the liquor laws."

"The so-called better class of people, the moneyed aristocracy," he asserted, "is responsible for the flagrant violation of the law and the teaching of disrespect for the laws of the land. Not only do we find men of this class violating the law, but women also. They give parties and serve cocktails or highballs from liquor hocked from bootleggers."

He told of a hostess who complained that she had to serve liquor or the "best people" would not come to her house.

"What a travesty, what a misguided view this is of real life, that in order to rise in the social scale, one must become a law violator and a constitution derider."

"Notwithstanding a stormy career," he concluded, "prohibition is a success; there is less drinking than ever before, the sentiment of the country is behind it and there is not one chance in a thousand of the prohibition amendment being repealed."

JUDGE McCAMANT'S LAST CHANCE GONE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Judge Wallace McCamant's nomination to the federal circuit bench will go back to the senate next week with an unfavorable report from the judiciary committee, ten votes to four. Rejection of the appointment is regarded now as a certainty.

The four senators voting for a favorite report were Gillett, Massachusetts; Ernst, Kentucky; Goff, West Virginia, and D-neen, Illinois.

DAILY BROCCOLI MARKET REPORTS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—U. S. Department of Agriculture, Broccoli shipments for Friday: Northern California unreported; central California, 17; southern California 2; Oregon 28; total 47.

New York arrivals: 5 California; 5 Oregon. Supplies moderate; demand and trading limited; market rather dull; Oregon best \$1.75 to \$2.00; poor as low as \$1.50.

Chicago arrivals: 10 California; 4 Oregon; 38 on track including broken. Supplies liberal; demand and trading light; market dull; Oregon pony crates best \$1.75 to \$2.00; mostly \$1.75 to \$1.90; poor as low as \$1.50.

BROCCOLI TAKES LONG EXPECTED DROP IN PRICE

• The broccoli market which has long been riding to a fall, took a big crash today, several carloads in Chicago selling for as low as 75 cents per crate. The sudden drop was necessitated by the great volume of broccoli and cauliflower arriving on the eastern markets, which caused a decline in price. The market has been growing steadily weaker for days, and many cars have been rolling unsold. Fifty cars were reported unsold on Chicago tracks yesterday, with many more on the way from California. Attempts have been made to hold up the price, but with the vast number of cars moving from California, in addition to the bumper Oregon crop, those who have been following the market situation have long been expecting a break.

It is believed that from the present low level the market will now advance. The bulk of the California crop has now been moved, and shipments are starting. The present low prices, it is believed, will quickly result in the sale of all cars now on the tracks, which will dispose of the surplus and serve in a few days to create a stronger demand.

The Douglas county crop has now passed its peak, it is believed. 572 cars have been shipped to date, and daily movements have slackened off from 35 to from 25 to 30. A total of 27 cars was loaded out yesterday, while there will probably be a like number for today. The market, however, will continue for a considerable time, as there are several growers of late varieties who as yet have hardly started cutting.