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The London Conference

ABOUT the best that can be said from an American standpoint for the outcome of the London conference is that it turned out better than the previous Geneva conference had done. The American policy is favorable to reduction of armaments by international agreement. There is some reduction of armaments to come from the London agreement. There is agreement for less rapid growth of armaments than there would have been if the conference had not been held. There will be substantial savings in money expenditures for armaments during the next few years.

The fine optimism of the Hoover-MacDonald conference on the Rapidan is not fulfilled in the London conference results. Parity in terms of substantial reduction is not accomplished. As between Great Britain and the United States we can attain parity only by building up to Britain's cruiser strength. We agree to destroy two good and workable battleships while accepting a cruiser quota that will have us build seven cruisers or accept inferiority. An agreement that pledges us to destroy warships that we have and at the same time makes it possible for us to attain parity only by building more warships is a pretty fair departure from the contention with which we went to London, for parity in terms of reduction "which cannot be too deep for us."

President Hoover points to the substantial financial savings to accrue to us from the building program under the London agreement as compared with what would have been necessary under the Geneva proposals. But we did not accept the Geneva proposals, so they can hardly be taken as a basis to show a present advantage.

The outcome of the London conference is disappointing only in its recomplishments are better than nothing. A little progress was made in the direction of reduction of armaments, with consequent relief in corresponding degree for various peoples from tax expenditures for armaments. And there is a stipulation for further effort six years hence. Perhaps in the present condition of mutual distrust among peoples no more was to have been expected. Nevertheless it is not easy to chime in on Mr. Hoover's key of complete satisfaction.

Was McDuff Murdered?

WAS the death of Nelson McDuff by his own hand or was he really murdered? Down here in this valley we are too far removed from the scene of his tragic death to be fully conversant with all of the details. Press reports, however, indicate that the case will be closed with a formal verdict of suicide. Many people living here knew Mr. McDuff and this must be said of him: If you knew him at all you knew him well. Because he had that sort of a personality. No one who knew McDuff will tolerate for a minute the idea that he fired the shot that caused his death.

If it was murder, and somehow it is much easier to believe that theory, then by sheer coincidence rather than by design its solution is most baffling. No man capable of such a crime is intelligent enough to do it well. Only coincidence prevented his immediate capture.

If murder it was, the perpetrator was unfortunate in the choice of his victim. Nelson McDuff was in the service of the United States government. If government of fields, after their investigation, decide that the perpetrator's death was murder, the hunt for the killer will NEVER stop.

The largest privately owned bath in the world was launched at Bath, Maine, a few days ago. It was the Corsair owned by J. P. Morgan. The Corsair is 343 feet long and cost \$2,500,000. Oregon played a most important part in the construction of this palatial vessel, for the great spurs were furnished by a Portland, Oregon, concern, the Portland Spar company.

The Douglas county specimen meet at their annual banquet tomorrow night and have invited the governor as the principal speaker on their program. The sportsmen have unselfishly thrown the meeting over to the public, inviting ev-

everyone who is interested to come and break bread with them. It will be a big event.

YOUNG FOLKS PLAN PRAYER ON EASTER

A meeting of the young people sponsored by the Roseburg Methodist union to arrange for the sunrise prayer meeting, Easter morning, was held last night at the Christian church to perfect plans. It is expected, if the weather permits, to hold the service on the hill back of the Benson school. This is easily accessible by automobile and will permit a larger attendance than a climb to Mt. Nebo. One of the churches will be used if the weather is inclement.

ANGLERS INVADE HAUNTS OF TROUT

The fishing season opened today and there was a very marked exodus of the rod wielders to the small streams of the country. Reports from various sections are to the effect that the small streams are unusually well filled with fish this year, and some good catches are anticipated during the early part of the season.

The chamber of commerce celebrated the opening of the season by securing four large trout for the big tank built in the office window. The fish were so big that they nearly drowned the office employees when they started splashing around, and the secretary was kept busy at frequent intervals during the day mopping up water.

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war inevitable, they will have to PAY THE BILLS for war, including pensions for those who are disabled in the fighting.

News Briefs

CATAWISSA, Pa., April 14.—Her father was a drummer boy in the Civil War and her aunt made the first American flag. Sarah Ellen Ross, niece of Betty Ross and daughter of Jacob Ross, is dead at 92. Her father drummed for Washington at the age of 11.

COLON, Paraguay, April 14.—A wildcat which invaded a home and killed a baby in the house, had been dispatched in battle with the father, who wielded a machete.

MATA, Ecuador, April 14.—Five hundred kegs of water, the gift of the mayor, will be a treat to the poor on the forthcoming celebration of the 100th anniversary of Ecuador's independence. This town seldom had a rain and water is brought in tank cars from a river 20 miles away and sold by the keg and drink.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A beer runner of west New York, N. J., has retired. John J. Dunne so announced at a testimonial dinner the cost of which is estimated by newspapers at \$15,000. In a speech he said: "I am not a speaker, I am a beer runner. That is, I was up till now." Dunne recently compromised federal income tax difficulties by payment of \$100,000.

LONDON, April 14.—Great Britain's drink bill is put at \$1,440,000,000 for last year by the United Kingdom alliance. Brewers' profits were \$122,500,000. Expenditures for wine increased seven percent in a year; those for beer and spirits were about the same as in 1928.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Dr. Charles F. Palast believes that one should be proud of a shiny nose, since it is a badge of youth. In youth the skin contains an excess of oil while in old age the skin becomes dry.

LAIBACH, Yugoslavia, April 15.—The entire village of Kalinka, near Laibach, comprising 99 houses, was destroyed by fire today. The fire started when a child upset a can of fat on a kitchen stove. The child was killed.

ROME, April 15.—Rome is having the most un-Easter-like weather in several years. This forenoon for the second time in ten days, a violent hail storm struck the city. It was preceded and followed by torrential rain and heavy wind.

OREGON NEWS

ST. GEORGE.—Truckers raided the city police station and made away with 13 gallons of grain alcohol which was to be used as evidence against Earl Johnson and Nye Johnson.

ALBANY.—Fire started by lightning destroyed the barn belonging to A. C. Ruby, Portland house breeder, at an estimated loss of \$5,000.

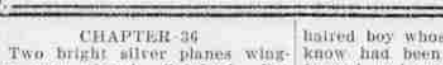
ASTORIA.—The body of C. S. Brown, 68, pioneer resident, was found on a sand flat in the Willamette river with a bullet hole in the head. The coroner said the bullet had been self-inflicted.

BENTON.—The McKenzie pass was crossed for the first time since last summer by E. R. White, Bend automobile dealer. He arrived at Eugene safely.

SALMON.—Resulting from an automobile accident Sunday on the Pacific highway near Albany, Mrs. Henry J. Bean, wife of Justice Bean of the supreme court, is suffering with a broken rib at her home here.

PORTLAND.—Four diamond rings, valued at \$5,000, were stolen from a wall safe in his downtown office during the night. A policeman told authorities.

BRINGING UP FATHER



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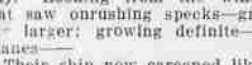
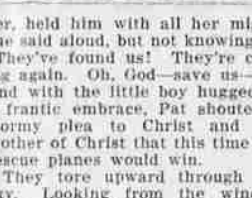
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Lenten Devotions

By Rev. Perry Smith, St. George's Episcopal Church

THE CHOICE

Three ways were presented to Jesus by which to win the kingdom. The first: Feed them; give them the bread they cried for. He rejected it for unearned bread is a curse. The second: Appeal to the superstitious by doing miraculous things. He rejected it for many would then follow out of curiosity and for gain. The third was the way all kings had chosen to found and consolidate their kingdoms. The people wanted a military Messiah and would follow Him.

This third way made a strong appeal to His natural ambition. Jesus was human and was not without ambition. Jesus was also a patriot. He loved His country with a deep and passionate love as all fine men do, and it was oppressed and downtrodden. He was a great man, greater and more magnetic than Napoleon. He felt power within Him. Great men do. And it was time some one struck a blow for freedom. Would not any strong man's heart burn within him and his hand reach instinctively for his sword?

His heart did burn within Him. His hand did instinctively feel for his sword. But he rejected the sword more fiercely than the other two ways. Was it because He feared failure? Was He a coward? That would be a contradiction of His whole life for He feared nothing and no one on earth. Fearlessness was one of His outstanding characteristics. Why then not do it? Had God not delivered His people from bondage before? Could He not do it again? Why hesitate then, was it not God's will that His people be free?

portions. These rose from titanic depths and climbed ledge upon brown and purple ledge to the very skies. The wind swept them across these terrifying canyons; back and forth it shot them across these labyrinthian gorges. Nowhere that one might land! And the light was fast vanishing—the light was almost gone.

They swooped lower; they saw a plateau. They banked toward this. It spread out like a table between the mighty caverns. They circled above it.

Pat looked down. She thought with a last desperate clutch at hope: "Not here! Oh, dear God, let us not land here!"

The roar of the engine ebbed. It sank to a throttled murmur. They cut down across the wind. They were landing.

Just as the wheels touched the earth the wind veered about. It caught the light plane with demonic suddenness, turned it with a crashed wing hard against the rock.

Pat's appalling, incredible imprisonment began.

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