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## ARBITRAL COURT PROMOTED

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION IS URGED IN CONVENTION OF A BOARD OF TRADE PEOPLE.

## ASK CALENDAR REMEDIES

Uniform Easter Day Also Suggested in side issue of International Court of Arbitration—Development of a Postal Union, Unification of the Check System and Other Important Issues Are Up.

London, June 21.—A resolution advocating the speedy establishment of an international court of arbitral justice was presented today by Frank La Lanne, president of the American National Board of Trade, at the opening session of the International Commercial Congress of Chambers of Commerce and Commercial organizations. Mr. La Lanne is the official representative of the United States government and the resolution he offered had received the indorsement of Secretary of State Knox.

Previous sessions of the International Commercial Congress have been held in Belgium, Italy and Austria, and it is considered desirable that the next meeting be awarded to the United States. Boston is looked upon with favor by many of the members. Delegates from many commercial organizations in the larger cities of the United States are here and will join with the Boston boomers in seeking the next congress.

The subjects before the London congress, which will extend through tomorrow and Thursday, include the following:

Development of postal unions throughout the world.

Direct representation of commerce and industry at official conferences and at international economic gatherings.

Unification of the laws relating to checks.

The enforcement of judgments and arbitration awards made in foreign countries.

The wisdom of securing in all countries adherence to the convention of Madrid, which deals with the separation of false marks of origin on goods.

Methods of valuation for the compilation of customs statistics.

The establishment of a common date for Easter; unification and simplification of the Gregorian calendar.

During the four years of the existence of this world's organization, its members say that it has shown itself able to bring about desired results in the relations of international commerce. The first congress which was held three years ago, had as its chief patron and promoter the Belgian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Industry of Labor. In the second congress the King of Italy interested himself largely and the honorable presidents were the Italian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, and of Industry and Commerce.

The honorary president of the third congress, which was held at Prague, was the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, who presided at all the sessions. Between the second and the third congresses, interest in the proceedings had increased rapidly and 14 governments, including those of the United States, Australia, Belgium, France, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Hungary and Switzerland, were represented officially at the meetings, which was attended also by representatives of 200 commercial associations whose scenes of activity are in many countries.

There is a permanent committee of organization, and recently it has realized the absolute necessity of settling the finances of the organization upon a sound business basis.

Descriptions have been received from chambers of commerce in nearly all the large cities of the world.

each subscription of \$10 carrying with it the right to be represented at the congress by three delegates.

Louis Canon Legrand, president of the Federation of Commercial and Industrial Association of Belgium, is the president of the International Congress. The vice president is Charles Charleton, vice president of the London Chamber of Commerce. The general secretary is Emile Jotttrand, of Paris.

The meetings of the congress are held every two years. It discusses questions of moment to the business world and then seeks ways and means by which through the creation of public sentiment its findings can be given force and effect. These decisions, of course, carry no legal weight, but as the delegates represent some of the most influential bodies of men in all countries, their conclusions are of value in campaigns of education.

Not only delegates, but individuals, who are members of corporations which send delegates, are entitled to admission to the congress, though they are not given the privilege of voting. Questions are not put to a vote unless a majority of the congress so desires. This is one way which the members have of keeping differences of opinion on great matters quiet until the time comes when agreement may be reached.

## RENO SELECTED AS FIGHT SITE

GREAT REJOICING MARKS EVENT AT RENO.

Goldfield Comes with Offer of Many Thousand But Fails.

Reno, June 21.—It was definitely announced here today that Reno gets the big fight. There was great rejoicing.

Reno, June 21.—Undismayed by efforts of Goldfield boosters to secure the Johnson-Jeffries fight, businessmen here began work this morning of raising the funds necessary to meet Rickard's terms for holding the fight here. It is announced the battle will be staged in Reno providing business men pay the \$1000 license and provide a suitable arena. A monster mass meeting was held this morning but most of the money was raised before it convened, however.

Goldfield boosters who guaranteed \$200,000 seat sales paraded the streets all night to show their earnestness. The town is wild with excitement. It is estimated the arena will cost \$15,000.

Frisco Loses Johnson.

San Francisco, June 21.—Johnson is to leave for Reno tonight. Today he did road work as planned. The negro has been making a cleanup by charging 50 cents to those who wish to see him hammer his sparring partners.

Business Claim Loss.

Petitions are being circulated here today to have Mayor McCarty intercede with Governor Gillette in an endeavor to induce the governor to permit the fight in this city. The petitions were agreed upon at a business men's meeting last night. They declare the financial loss to San Francisco will be heavy.

VAULABLE DOG RETURNED.

Dog Strayed Away During Absence of Family But Is Returned.

The fox terrier owned by F. L. Lilly has been returned to the family fold. The canine strayed from home during the absence of the Lilly family at Corvallis and Portland, but when Mr. Lilly returned last Saturday he found his pet dog missing. Today, however, the animal is safely chained to the backyard kennel.

Kaiser's Sister Dead.

Berlin, June 21.—Princess Fedora, youngest sister of the Kaiser, is dead as the result of heart trouble.

## GRUESOME MURDER SHOCKS PORTLAND--TRUNK CONTAINS MURDERED KENT, WN. CITIZEN

ALLEGED WIFE OF VICTIM AND A MALE COMPANION ARRESTED ON CONVINCING EVIDENCE

## CRIME ENACTED IN HOTEL

Portland, June 21.—Suspected of the murder of William Johnson, a citizen of Kent, Washington,—whose body with the head crushed and a bullet in the brain was found in a bloody trunk at the Union Depot hotel last night, Jesse P. Webb, a Seattle real estate agent and Mrs. William Johnson, wife of the dead man, were arrested today.

Joyriding All Night.

The couple had been joyriding all night, and were alighting at the Wilmette rooming house when approached by the police. The woman had \$1900 on her person, claiming her husband had given her that amount the day before. Webb is known to Seattle police. He admitted in the first conversation with the police that he saw Johnson at the Union Depot last night. He also affirmed that Johnson and his wife went walking last evening.

Murder in Hotel Room.

The murder was committed in the new Grand Central hotel. The mattress and sheets are bloody, the room topsy turvy. Webb occupied a room across the hall.

Long, a hotel porter, says Webb and the woman spent the afternoon packing and repacking trunks, and

that finally they moved one which the porter later identified as the one containing the dead body.

Blood Seeps From Trunk.

The crime was discovered when a maid of the institution went to the room where Johnson and his wife were registered. Blood was seeping from the trunk and she turned in an alarm to the police.

Webb was searched at the station. Two bloody handkerchiefs were found in his pockets; also two watches, one of which Mrs. Johnson says belonged to Johnson.

New Theory Rampant.

The police assert at noon today that Mrs. Johnson was not the wife of the murdered man but one of a well known Seattle gang who have been under surveillance for a short time. The trunk was checked to Puyallup, Wash., and was traced through an expressman to the hotel.

Advices from Seattle say that Webb came to Seattle a year ago from Nome and engaged in fake real estate transactions while attempting to raffle off a house he did not own. A warrant was issued for his arrest but he disappeared. No one in Kent recalls the Johnson in question—several Johnsons live in Kent, but the murdered man could not be identified.

## BIDS FOR CITY PRINTING ARE CALLED FOR BY COUNCIL

People are to be Benefited by Observer's Stand--Verbal Contracts and Wiseacre Gerrymandering on Part of Individual Councilmen is Not Satisfactory to Council Body and the Light of Day is Turned on all Transactions.

The fact that four members of the council have deliberately and at some length offered explanation of their "positions" on the printing matter, and the further fact that the Observer was mentioned and re-mentioned in anything but friendly language no distinction being made as to different ownership of this paper, all counsils for little when the taxpayer understands that the Observer has forced the matter of city printing to a showdown whereby La Grande will be saved a nice round sum on the printing this year.

Yesterday City Recorder D. E. Cox called on the Observer and asked that a bid be submitted for the city printing. It was a word of mouth transaction and the Observer insisted that it be reduced to writing, not that we doubted the city recorder but because it was business. No city can afford to transact business on verbal agreements. It is unsafe, Recorder Cox then submitted the following communication which no doubt every taxpayer will be glad to see and will

inwardly thank the Observer for forcing this issue, regardless of lengthy explanations by officials.

June 20th, 1910.

La Grande Evening Observer, Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, held on the evening of the 17th of June, 1910, I was instructed to ask for bids for the city printing for the balance of the year 1910, and you are hereby notified that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder, for the city printing, all bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m., Wednesday evening, the 23d day of June, 1910, said bid to be for all legal notices, ordinances, resolutions and advertisements, not including work classed as job work. Respectfully,

D. E. COX,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Governor Helpless.

Salt Lake, June 21.—Gov. Dickinson of Nevada is here today and says there is no law to stop the big prize fight in his state.

## HARMON BOOM GROWS

Convention May See Tilt Between Johnson and Harmon.

Dayton, Ohio, June 21.—Governor Harmon and his presidential boom were the chief factors in the democratic state convention scheduled to open today. It will all be Harmon, with the exception of a tilt between the former mayor of Cleveland, Johnson, and Harmon. Johnson would have the convention endorse a candidate for the senate but Harmon does not want any endorsement for anyone, but a presidential standin. It is not expected that Harmon will announce his attitude toward the candidacy for president before the convention begins actual work.

## DAMAGE IN MIDDLEWEST.

Crops Will be But Half Success to Farmers in Many States.

Minneapolis, June 21.—Serous damage is threatened to crops of the middle Northwestern states, North Dakota and Eastern Montana through drought. The rainfall has been about half normal and farmers are apprehensive. Unless the hot winds and high temperatures cease, half the crops will fail. The temperature yesterday on the average was 110 degrees.

## HUGHES URGES A PRIMARY LAW

SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE TO N. Y. LEGISLATURE.

Admits Defects Other Places—Wants Similar Law Anyway.

Albany, N. Y., June 21.—The legislature in special session received a message from Governor Hughes today recommending the passage of a direct primary law. He declared it was demanded by the people who are dissatisfied with the present system of choosing candidates. He said:

"I recommend to your consideration an amendment to the law relating to primaries and the making of a suitable provision for a direct nomination of candidates for public office and in connection therewith, provisions for representative and responsible party management. The people are dissatisfied with the present conditions and demand a change. Whatever may be said of the imperfections in laws relating to this matter in other jurisdictions, there can be no question but that these laws reflect whole sale sentiment which is countrywide and cannot be denied.

## BOY HURT WHILE RIDING.

Falls from Horse and is Dragged Considerable Distance by Heel.

Chester Coll who makes his home with the J. E. Foley family, was quite seriously hurt this afternoon when he and Albert Currey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Currey, were riding "double" on the Currey steed. At a moment when the horse became scared, Chester fell from the horse but his foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged about a half block. The unnatural ride resulted in severe bruises and unconsciousness for a period of about an hour. The injuries are principally scalp wounds.

## WILL PLAT GRANDVIEW.

Addition to La Grande will be Platted and Streeted this Week.

Engineers are ready to commence platting of Grandview, a new and proposed addition to La Grande, and run streets through the tract. The tract will be cut up into one acre sections and already plans for two comfortable homes are in the embryo. The tract is located just east of La Grande on the end of the macadam road.

## TAFT IS ANGRY AS CRISIS NEARS

WILL CANCEL TRIP TO PULL THE SAVINGS BANK BILL THROUGH PRESENT FILLIBUSTER

## SHARP STRUGGLE EVIDENT

Taft's Savings Bank Bill is not Ready and President Grows Angry at the Fillibuster now in Progress—Will Stay on Congressional Lid Until the Crisis is Passed—Taft has Pledged His Support.

Washington, June 21.—After several days of filibustering the postal savings bank bill is still on the slide and President Taft is "hot." His anger is so great that he has cancelled his proposed trip to New Haven and announced that he will sit tight on the congressional lid as long as it is necessary to accomplish the passage of a satisfactory savings bank measure.

Taft feels that he pledged support of the bill because a number of insurgents supported the rule which made it possible to pass the bill in the house. He believes that if it goes to a conference of the special privilege committee, provisions will be written in by the senate, and that the house will not accept the amendments.

It is reported that Taft may borrow the big stick to use on the rumored filibusters against the bill. Senator Bailey, reputed leader of the filibusters, conferred with the president today and when he left said: "They must abandon that bill or they will be here throughout August."

This means that a fight between the filibusters and the president is impending.

## DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT.

Band Holds its Last Rehearsal This Evening for Coming Event.

A final rehearsal will be held this evening by the La Grande band in preparation for the dancing party tomorrow evening. The entire band will officiate at the opening numbers of the dance program. The public is invited.

## Trau Waters Poisoned.

Vienna, June 21.—Authorities are today trying to learn the identity of the originators of what they believe to have been a wholesale plan to poison waters in the mineral springs near Trau, which resulted in the death of three persons and the illness of 200.

## Long Walk Record Broken.

San Francisco, June 21.—Jack Eldridge, aged 26, a Boston athlete, is resting here today after completing a 4000 mile walk across the continent in 77 days, breaking all records, including Weston's by 28 days. Eldridge was offered \$2000 by the Boston Athletic Club to break the record.

## Big Spokane School Burned

Spokane, June 21.—Fire gutted the South Central high school building this morning with a loss of a quarter of a million. Insurance runs to \$97,000. The blaze started in a rubbish heap in the basement and gained such headway before being discovered that it could not be extinguished. The building was erected in 1890 and was one of the largest in the Northwest.

## Jap Tourist Recalled.

Seattle, June 20.—Prince and Princess Fushimi, a nephew of the emperor of Japan, whose recent sudden recall from his American tour, gave rise of a rumor that Japan is preparing to renounce its treaty with the United States, sailed on the liner Minnesota for Yokohama today.