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OPINIONS AT COUNCIL DIVERGENT

PROPOSALS MADE TO REFER
FINANCIAL PROBLEM TO THE
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PROPOSAL IS REJECTED
BY VARIOUS MEMBERS

Italian Minister Proposed Compromise on Question of German Disarmament, but Premier Lloyd George Taking One Stand, and Premier Briand, Other, Disagreed.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The critical complicated financial problem was discussed by the allied supreme council today. Opinions of various delegations were so divergent that a proposal was made to refer the matter to the League of Nations. This proposal was rejected. Considering the German disarmament, Lloyd George, British Premier Minister, thought that Germany would be in peril of Bolshevism if deprived of arms on May 1, as required by the treaty. The French Premier, Aristide Briand, refused to consider the situation. The Italian minister proposed a compromise. Neither Lloyd nor Briand would agree, so it was decided to adjourn the military experts for another report.

GEDDES TO ATTEND
LONDON, Jan. 25.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador to the United States, who arrived here Monday from New York, is expected to leave today for Paris to confer with Premier Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs. The ambassador probably will not stay abroad more than a month.

The police closely guarded the movements of Sir Auckland from the ship to the train at Liverpool, on his arrival and also at the station in London. Persons to the landing station at Liverpool were denied all persons except officials who went there to greet the ambassador.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—The price of cattle was lower on the local market today, choice steers selling for \$8.50 and \$9.10; the price of hogs and sheep was steady, that of eggs demoralized, and butter was weak.

BOYS WILL FORM CHURCH CHOIR

The Episcopal Church is planning to organize a boys' church choir which will furnish music for the vesper services which that church will hold hereafter.

The boys of the church have been requested to meet at Roman Hall tomorrow afternoon at 4:15, at which time a choir will be organized under the direction of A. E. Pryke, physical director at the Y. M. C. A.

Patronize The Local Unemployed, Is Plea

Unemployment was the topic of interest brought up before the members of the Union County Ad Club at their weekly luncheon at the Foley Hotel this noon. Attorney A. E. Dixon acted as chairman for the day and introduced some very interested speakers.

CALIFORNIA QUESTION IS DECIDED ON

AMBASSADOR MORRIS AND SHIMOMURA MAKE AGREEMENT.

Rights of the Japanese in U. S. are Defined—Approval Must be Given by Governments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Negotiations between Ambassador Morris and Shimo-mura for a settlement of the California question and definition of the rights of the Japanese in the United States have been successfully concluded. Approval must be given by the two governments before a settlement of the controversy can be had.

PEOPLE OF U. S. WERE CHEATED

WERE MULKED OUT OF BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS.

Senator Calder Makes Declaration While Acting As Witness Before Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The American people were mulked out of a billion and a half last year by the men in the coal trade, Senator Calder of New York declared, while a witness before the senate committee which is considering his bill for a federal regulation of the coal industry.

M'ILROY WILL IS CONTESTED

LATE M'ILROY LEFT ALL HIS PROPERTY TO SON.

Other Nine Children Declare California Son Used Undue Influence in Making of Will.

Yesterday morning the contest of the will of the late James M'Ilroy started. All day yesterday was taken up with the hearing of the case, whose lawyers were B. F. Wilson of Union and Judge T. H. Crawford of La Grande. The defendant is William M'Ilroy of California.

Today the plaintiffs who will be heard. The plaintiffs are composed of the other nine children of the late James M'Ilroy, who claim that William M'Ilroy took an illegal stand in the making of his father's will. He is also charged with taking money from the old man when he was of infirm mind. The plaintiffs contend that James M'Ilroy was insane at the time the will was made, as he died one year later of atrophy of the brain. Lawyers for the plaintiffs are John Hodgins of La Grande and L. Denham of Elgin.

WIFE SLAYER ON HUNGER STRIKE, IS NEAR DEATH

DALLAS, Jan. 25.—George F. West, wife slayer, is slowly starving at the Dallas hospital and it is believed he can live but a few days. West has partaken of no food and very little water since he was taken to the hospital on December 20, the day he shot and killed his wife in this city and then drank poison.

FOREIGN MINISTER DISAGREES

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD OUT FOR
AN IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT
IN JAPAN.

SOME PRACTICAL MEN DO
NOT APPROVE OF IDEA

Foreign Minister Uchida. When interpellated in the Lower House of Parliament, Says That Naval Program of Japan is One of Expansion, But Restriction Will be Considered

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—Foreign Minister Uchida, who interpellated in the lower house of parliament, held out little hope of an immediate movement for disarmament, but said that the restriction of armaments would be considered by Japan if proposed by other nations. "Some practical men abroad do not approve of immediate disarmament," which presents a complete agreement. The naval policy of Japan is one of expansion, but one that cannot be avoided in the interests of self-protection," he said.

FIRE CAUSE BIG LOSSES

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 25.—A million dollar loss is estimated for the fire which destroyed the Mendel and Freedman department store here today.

City Block Burns
ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 25.—A city block of the downtown business section has been swept by fire, with a loss estimated at \$2,000,000.

Pershing Mentioned,
For Post at Paris

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—General John J. Pershing is under consideration for appointment as ambassador to France under the Harding administration, according to one of the president-elect's closest political friends here.

CARDS FOR DRIVERS

Chicago Auto Drivers Must Carry Identification Cards.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Beginning February 1, 1921, motorists here will be compelled by city ordinance to carry identification cards.

MONEY VOUCHER STILL MYSTERY

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—F. A. Schick, auditor of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, denied before the Walsh committee today, that any part of the \$200,000 voucher which was made out for Schick's expenses was ever charged to ship construction.

JUDGE KNOWLES ASKS FOR TWO SEPARATE DISTRICTS

SALEM, Jan. 25.—Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles of Union and Wallowa counties was introduced to the committee on ways and means by Senator Colton Eberhard, of Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, last night and spoke in behalf of a bill that will be introduced later to create another judgeship in his district. Whether this will leave the district as it is and provide for a second judge, or create a district of each county, has not been determined. Judge Knowles believes that each county should be a separate district.

TAX MEN COME THIS MONTH

WILL HAVE HEADQUARTERS IN
FEDERAL BUILDING.

Persons Having Trouble Over Income Tax for 1920 Will Receive Aid.

Announcement has been made by H. O. Payne, division chief for the internal revenue department of the state of Oregon, that the two deputy collectors who will be in the city to aid persons in making out their returns for 1920, will have their headquarters in room 222 of the Federal building. It was first announced that these two deputies would have their offices in the Court House.

The deputy collectors will be in La Grande from January 31 to February 5, and anyone who has not yet made out their return, and is having trouble in doing so, may be aided by the government men at that time.

CONGRESS VOTES FUNDS FOR FREE SEED CUSTOM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Free seeds, the bone of contention in every congress, won a victory yesterday afternoon. The house passed an amendment to the agriculture appropriation bill appropriating \$365,000 for free seeds to congressmen.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday, rain in the west and rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state.

CALIFORNIA IS STATE SELECTED FOR LARGE BASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The joint congressional committee investigating the naval base sites, will report this week. Alameda, on San Francisco Bay, is understood to have been selected as the site for the main naval base on the coast.

San Diego is said to be the choice for the principle aviation base, and San Pedro is said to be the choice for the submarine base. The recommendations will include several minor bases on the Pacific coast. Mare Island is to be retained for smaller vessels.

SICKNESS DUE TO SPINACH

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES THINK
PRESERVED SPINACH CAUSE

Two Are Dead, Three Are Dying and
A Number of Persons are
Critically Ill.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 25.—Two are dead and three are dying, and several persons are in a critical condition, as the result, hospital authorities think, of eating preserved spinach.

NAME IS SELECTED

Athletic Teams Will Hereafter Be
Called "Bulldogs."

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Athletic teams of Gonzaga University here—football, baseball, basketball or otherwise—are to be known in the future as the "Bulldogs," according to announcement by the school student body. In the past no official nickname has been given Gonzaga teams and they have been known as the "Fighting Irishmen," "Jesuits" and "Catholics."

January Liquidation



RELIEF FOR SUFFERING IS URGED

MANY ARE READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

EIGHTY-FIVE PASS THE EIGHTH
GRADE EXAMINATIONS.

Middle of the Year is Poor Time To
Judge the Advancement of
Students.

County Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe announced this afternoon that eighty-eight eighth grade pupils had passed the state examinations. The middle of the year is a poor time to judge the advancement of the young people's education, since there are very few prepared and ready to take the state examination. Many of the rural districts do not even make a pretense of giving the examination until spring.

Those who successfully passed the examinations in district No. 1, La Grande, were: Murel Andrews, Delmar Allen, Verda Allen, Vera Beatt, Robert Becker, Ralph Beery, Muri Berry, Alford Bushnell, Henry Castie, Harold Crampton, Clayton Caldwell, Maude Creighbaum, Evelyn Calen, Alex Day, Georgia Dalbo, Arthur French, Cy Fuller, Mildred Gauthier, Irene Glass, Arthur Graham, Heleh Grant, Edna Grieves, Willard Groupe, Blanche Hansen, Elwood Hiatt, Elizabeth Holmes, Grace Hugg, Doris Jackson, Lawrence Kerr, Selma McCurran, Audrey Nash, Maude Parker, Elizabeth Payton, Gertrude Plummer, Tyvola Robins, Edward Seivers, Leonard Strong, Leonard Snyder, Frank Weagle, Ralph Webb, and Pearl Wells.

In District No. 5, at Union, the list includes: Lura Bideler, Lillie Cross, Audrey De Lap, Bonnie Green, Albert Gipson, Hollis Hetrick, David Kent, Eliza Mayfield, Gene Mayfield, Elida Miller, Elma Orten, Leona Roosevelt, Richard Van Houten and Kathleen Wolf.

There was only one boy who took the examination in District No. 6, Summerville, and he passed. He was Stanley E. Arnold. In District 8, North Powder, there were Svea Haug, Virginia Laughlin, Bruce O'Bryen, Miriam Pearce, Ruth Samuels, Erin Sloan, Wilburn Swafford, Velma Talbot and Pearl Weeks.

Those who were successful with the examinations in District 10, Island City, were: Ferne Alderman and Arla Perry. In District 11, Imbler, Wilma Burroughs, David Osborn, Zelma Taylor, and Cleo Taylor passed into high school. In district 12, La Grande R. F. D., Wilma Smith was the only one who passed the examinations. In district 14, Elgin, Florence Tobocek; in district 15, Covey, Grace Goyette and Ivan Muehlson; in district 17, Summerville, Nellie M. Behrens; in district 19, La Grande R. F. D., Joe Hates and Arthur Wilson; in district 22, Hilgard, Paul Gettle; in district 23, Elgin, Everett Knight and Lester Stoop; in district 24, Elgin, La Rue Richards and Val Walsby; in district 26, Elgin, Perry Glascoe, Weatherpoon; in district 28, Elgin, Sadie Thompson and Ruby Witty; in district 32, Union, Eliza and Mary Zaugg, all successfully passed the examinations and are now ready to enter high school.

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TWO GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED

Much interest centers around the third basketball game to be played this evening at the Y gymnasium, in the City Basketball League.

The games have been called for 8:15 and 8:45 p. m. The first game will be held between the railroad shops and the Lumber Jacks. The latter quintet will come from Perry, and late this afternoon, it was understood that arrangements had been made for 100 or more Perry rooters to accompany the team, so as to carry home all of the honors made by the Lumber Jacks.

CHEAPER BREAD LOAF WILL SELL FOR SEVEN CENTS

PENDLETON, Jan. 25.—Seven ton and fifteen cent loaves of bread will be sold by the Pendleton bakery starting this week, according to announcement that the cheaper loaf will retail at the seven-cent figure and that it will be a one-pound loaf of white bread but that it will be unwrapped. The new loaf will be called the Tip Top Twin. Ten cents for the one-pound loaf and 15 cents for the one and one-half pound loaf will be charged for the regular wrapped Harvest bread.

TESTIMONY SUBSTANTIATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Perley Morris, whose accounting firm audited the Bethlehem shipbuilding company's books, corroborated before the Walsh committee yesterday, the testimony of Colonel Abadie concerning the voucher for \$260,000, alleged to have been made to cover the personal expenses of Charles M. Schwab for October 1918.

POTATOES ARE LEFT ON HAND

SALT LAKE, Jan. 25.—An increase in the production of potatoes of about seventy-two million bushels in 1920 and the falling off of the yearly shipment by more than 2000 carloads have combined to bring about a situation which leaves the farmers in the territory of Twin Falls, Idaho, with more than \$500,000 worth of potatoes on their hands, according to J. A. Reeves, general freight agent of the Oregon Short Line railroad.