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Coast Towns Suffer Heavy Damage In Storm; Pendleton Is Also Hit

NAVAL RATIO OF FIVE FIVE THREE AGREED

No Objections Voiced to its Maintenance at Conference

NAVAL OPINION IS SETTLED ON MATTER

Vital Points of Settlement Taken Up by Meeting of Big Three Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—There was strong indication Monday that definite progress toward an agreement on American proposals for naval reduction and limitation was being made, although no definite action was taken.

The "Big Three" of the arms limitation conference, Secretary Hughes, A. J. Balfour and Admiral Kato, met. Each was aided by the chief naval experts of each power, but so far as could be learned the discussion did not get beyond further talk over figures as to tonnage and other matters in the American plan.

The fact that the experts had made such progress as to warrant the informal meeting of the heads of the three delegations chiefly concerned in the naval program was regarded as significant and foreshadowing some early conclusions.

There was evidence that the American experts were asked for and also received further particulars as to the American proposals. It appeared probable there would be a further meeting Thursday.

There is no indication that any change in the American proposed "five-five-three" ratio of fleet strength will be considered by the American group. That ratio, however, under the American proposal, would not apply for 10 years, or until replacements begin after the 10-year building holiday.

American naval opinion does not easily accept any suggestion that additional ships to those proposed in Mr. Hughes' plan be retained by any

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Death Claims Mrs. John Reid, Of Utah, Mother Of Two La Grande Ladies

The sad news was received in La Grande last evening that Mrs. John Reid, of Orangeville, Utah, had passed on. She was the mother of Mrs. H. E. Coolidge and Mrs. Bruce Cox of the city.

Many years ago the Reid family resided in Wallawa county but it was necessary to remove to different climate to benefit Mrs. Reid's health and Denver was the city chosen for their home.

The deceased was about sixty-five years of age.

Railroads' Compromise Refused by the I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—A positive order was issued yesterday by the interstate commerce commission requiring the railroads to put the decrease of approximately 15 percent ordered recently in hay and grain rates into effect on or before December 27.

The order follows the decision given October 29 by the commission, which declared grain and hay rates from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast unreasonably high, but which did not carry compulsory orders. The October decision instructed the railroads to make the reduction by November 29, which was not done because the railroads opened negotiations with the commission, suggesting that a 10 per cent de-

Red Cross and Salvation Army Work Out Plan to Give Work to Hungry

LIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT IS LIMITED

Litigation Case Decided in Supreme Court; is of Much Importance in West.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The government was in the supreme court Monday in cases claiming damages against it caused by the raising of the level of Little and Big Soda lakes in Nevada, alleged to have been due to the Truckee-Carson irrigation project by which water was conveyed from the Truckee river to California.

The government's victory in these cases is of vast importance in irrigation, river and harbor and other public improvements. Solicitor General Beck asserted. The decision lays down the principle, he stated, that the government is not liable for all actual damages resulting from public improvements, but only for such damages which with due diligence and expert study could have been anticipated. This sets up a new precedent.

BONDS WIN OUT.
PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—At an election held Saturday to vote on bonding the city in support of the 1925 world's fair, the result showed the bonds to have carried by about 4 to 1. In the neighborhood of 40,000 votes were polled.

JAPS IN CAPITAL.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Japanese Business Men's mission, which arrived here Saturday night, will remain until Wednesday. The delegation was received at the White House by President Harding yesterday, while today it will call on Secretary Hoover.

DELAYED TRAINS AFFECT PARTY.

Many members of La Grande society who had been depending upon costumes arriving from Portland and Seattle on the O. & W. for the character ball this evening to be given by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dennis, have suffered disappointment, as there is no certainty at the time of the Observer going to press just when the express trains will reach La Grande.

Late this afternoon it was requested that all invited guests attend even though they were not able to secure masquerade costumes.

Litigation is at an End Now

Thirty Million Dollars Expected to Roll Into U. S. Treasury

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Supreme court decisions Monday upholding government contentions in three income tax cases will, in the opinion of Solicitor General Beck and treasury officials, go far toward unraveling many perplexing questions arising in stock dividend controversies and result in the recovery by the government of many millions of dollars.

Two of the cases were similar, and involved taxation as income of stock issued stockholders of the Ohio Oil and the Prairie Oil & Gas companies by the Illinois and the Prairie Pipe Line companies, respectively. The pipe line companies were organized by the oil companies after a decision by the supreme court that the interstate commerce and federal trade commissions had jurisdiction over companies operating pipe lines.

Estimates were that the government would obtain at least \$10,000,000 in taxes from the litigants in the cases decided Monday, and the adjudication of many claims which have been pending in the treasury department, awaiting the outcome, would total many millions of dollars in addition.

"BLOODY SUNDAY"

DUBLIN, Nov. 22.—The anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" was celebrated Sunday in many churches by masses for the repose of the souls of the victims. There was a procession which went to Glasnevin cemetery to decorate the graves of those who fell.

It was one year ago when military men and auxiliary police were killed during the morning hours and there were reprisals during the afternoon at a football game in Croker park, where there were casualties.

There will be no free soup kitchen in La Grande this winter. Let the news flash from city to city and let the general public understand that any movement to establish a free soup kitchen will be discouraged.

In the first place there is not much cause for a free soup kitchen. While a number of people are out of work, very few of them want to eat at a free eating house, and La Grande has set her foot down in a determined manner not to set any precedents for free stuff of any kind.

Work and Eat.
That is the slogan: "Work and Eat", and the person who is willing to work for his eat is going to come out of the winter as fat as a mole and as healthy as a peacock.

A plan has been formulated by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army whereby a woodpile of gigantic size has been established and when the

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SPECIAL COACH FOR FUNERAL

La Grande People Will be Present in Baker at Ebel Services.

The funeral of Gerald Ebel, brake man who was killed by an engine at Unity on Sunday, will be held tomorrow morning from the Cathedral in Baker at 9 o'clock. The Ebel family and La Grande will have charge of the services.

At 4 o'clock in the morning a special coach will leave La Grande attached to a passenger train if one is running, and if not a freight train, and this coach will carry a number of people of this city who will attend the funeral services. Representatives of the altar society of the Catholic church, Ladies Auxiliary and Trainmen's organization and the Ebel family, besides many friends of the deceased are planning to attend.

TIRED OF GETTING SOAKED



ATTEMPT TO BRIBE DOCTOR WAS ALLEGED

"Fatty" Arbuckle is said to Have Offered Roll of Bills for Key

AFFIDAVIT SHOWS MISS RAPPE HEALTHY

Foster Mother of Girl Who Died in Arbuckle's Room Declares Miss Rappe Had Never Been Ill.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—A deposition that Virginia Rappe, who died following a party in Roscoe Arbuckle's rooms in a San Francisco hotel, never was ill in her life was made Monday by Mrs. A. M. Fox, who said she was the girl's foster mother. The deposition was made at the request of prosecuting officials from San Francisco and will be used in Arbuckle's trial, it was stated. Mrs. Fox said she had cared for Virginia all her life and that she had never had any physical ailments or disorders.

New Angle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—The Arbuckle trial took a new angle Monday with the calling of a witness by whom, the prosecution attorneys announced, they hoped to prove a motive for the alleged attack on Virginia Rappe which it is charged caused her death. This new witness was Jesse K. Norgard, janitor of a motion picture studio.

Norgard and Alice Blake and Zey Prevost, show girls, occupied most of the session Monday. Both the show girls were present at the party in the rooms of Roscoe C. Arbuckle in the Hotel St. Francis here at which it is charged he inflicted fatal injuries on Miss Rappe.

Dr. W. E. Wakefield, owner of the

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LA GRANDE AND PENDLETON TO PLAY THURSDAY

Football Game Will Determine Supremacy in Football in Eastern Oregon.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, Pendleton and La Grande high schools will meet on the football field here in a game that promises to be the hardest fought game of the season. Pendleton claims the eastern Oregon championship but La Grande will not concede that the Round-Up town is unbeatable until she shows what she can do Thursday. Coach Carl Lodell has not announced his lineup but with no game last Saturday and with some of his players out of the game before that on account of minor injuries, who will be in uniform again at the big game, the chances for La Grande's winning will be much better than had the game come at an earlier time of the season.

A record crowd is expected at the game.

AD CLUB HAS THANKSGIVING LUNCH TODAY

Believing that holiday seasons should be observed the Ad club at its regular luncheon today at the Foley hotel added a Thanksgiving service after the routine business had been transacted. Rev. Quigley of the Methodist church was the principal speaker and dwelt upon the beauty of the valley, the merit of La Grande, the joy of living in a country where trees and flowers mingle with good crops, prosperity and happy people.

Among the routine reports heard at the luncheon C. E. Short, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced a home talent play for December 5th by the Ad club's choicest talent which includes Bruce Cox, Dr. Murphy, H. E. Coolidge, Charles Harding, Mrs. Roy Curry, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, and Florence Lynch. It is to be an evening of excellent entertainment, according to Mr. Short.

Judge Crawford told of the charity plan which the Red Cross and Salvation Army have worked out which will give every man a chance to work for his meals and bed.

The resolution put before the club at the last meeting relative to the new lighting contract was not ratified by the Civic committee because upon investigation and further knowledge of the matter the resolution was deemed out of order and was therefore withdrawn. Under the rules of the Ad club resolutions originating among the members must be endorsed by the proper committee to which they are referred before effective action can be taken.

Bruce Cox reported that at the hearing on the interior rate question so far the intermediate rate association had put up a winning fight.

It was announced today that Virginia Rex, the noted singer will appear at the J. D. S. tabernacle in La Grande on December 9th.

OIL FUMES KILL TWO.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Nov. 21.—The tanker Swiftsure arrived at Quarantine late Saturday from Tampico, Mexico, with two of her crew dead.

TRAIN SERVICE CONTINUES DISRUPTED

North Bank Road Expected to Open Again in Several Days

O. W. R. AND N. MAY BE CLOSED WEEK

Damage by Storm East of Blue Mountains Negligible; Portland Damage May Reach Million Dollars.

Train service from the west will continue to be more or less disrupted for several days, according to reports received today. The first mail and express train from Portland was expected to arrive here at three o'clock this afternoon. This train is running as No. 4, and No. 24 is expected some time this evening. It is reported that the North Bank road will probably be open in a day or so, thus cutting down the delay by about ten hours. Reports from The Dalles are to the effect that it will be a week before the O. W. R. & N. tracks can be cleared at the slide.

This evening trains No. 19 and 23, arriving here at 7:14 and 9:50, respectively, will be combined as one train and proceed west as one train.

While the damage by the storm in the western part of the state and east as far as Pendleton is reported to be enormous, La Grande and other points east of the Blue Mountains have suffered comparatively no damage. Sunshine and rain have been alternating today for supremacy in the Grande Ronde valley and the snow has continued to melt gradually until there is only a little over a foot of snow on the ground here this afternoon.

Business has suffered practically none in this city, Sunday having been the only day when traffic was badly interfered with. Farmers are in town in large numbers today and business is reported good by merchants in all lines of business.

Trains Cancelled.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—No trains left Portland yesterday morning for the east and all trains due here since Sunday morning were stalled along the lines paralleling the Columbia river owing to the heavy snow. Deep drifts and slides tied up traffic. The Southern Pacific is also crippled by the washout of a bridge approach at Jefferson, necessitating detours.

Wires were prostrated in all directions yesterday, service on some lines being maintained by round-about routes.

The silver thaw which Sunday nipped Portland caused heavy damage to trees and shrubs but disappeared Sunday night. Rain continued Monday. Western Oregon and Washington were under four inches to two feet of snow yesterday morning.

Trains Stalled.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22 (Delayed).—A Spokane, Portland and Seattle train due here Sunday was still stalled at Cook, and a train due last

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Eighty-Five Percent of Miners Return to Work

TRINIDAD, Colo., Nov. 22.—Eighty-five per cent of the normal force is working at the Las Animas coal field where the strike was reported last week.

The strike was in protest against a 30 per cent reduction in wages.

A total of 1915 workmen reported at the mines, as compared with 583 Saturday, according to company's figures.

A slight gain of men working in the Walsenburg district also was announced at company offices here.

The heater mine in that district resumed operation Monday with almost a normal force. This mine had been idled because of lack of business.

Miners meeting last week decided to accept the cut in wages at this property if work was resumed.

One mine, the Nones, in Fremont county, where a sympathetic strike of miners was in operation, was working Monday morning with a small force, the company announced.