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POWERS ARE CONSIDERING AGREEMENT

U. S., Great Britain, Japan and France Will be Interested.

ALL WOULD CONSULT ON PACIFIC FRICTION

Island of Yap, Fortifications and matters relating to China are not included.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A four powers agreement being considered between the United States, Japan, Great Britain and France, it was learned today from American sources, would be an agreement for joint consultations on any matters affecting these nations in the Pacific and not an alliance or a technical entente.

The agreement is being reduced to treaty form and will be submitted to the senate in this form. It would do away with the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The powers would agree to consult each other before going to war on any differences relating to the Pacific islands. It would not deal with fortifications nor with the island of Yap nor any matters relating to China.

Agreement Cabled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A tentative proposal for an agreement between the United States and other powers to replace the Anglo-Japanese alliance has been cabled to London as well as Tokyo. Official confirmation that the suggestion for a new international alliance has been taken definite for many given today by the British. In the meantime the American delegation in revealing nothing regarding its attitude towards the proposed agreement.

FRANCIS OPENS STORE IN CITY

In the realm of business there are many innovations and the latest one is the chain brokerage store. The idea has been worked by O. J. Francis whose success in the business has been very pronounced. So much so in fact that the chain of Francis brokerage stores is spreading over the northwest and today he announced, after giving La Grande thorough investigation, that he had leased the building opposite the Harris Grocery store on Fir street and would open one of the chain stores immediately.

"Almost every home has something in the way of furniture and equipment that is not needed and is in the way. The same is true of machinery on the farm, of equipment in stores, offices and shops. That's where the chain brokerage stores become a necessity," said Mr. Francis today. "My store is a bonded store and every article brought to it for sale is protected by reliability which cannot and never is questioned. Every community finds the store a necessity when once it is started. It is a medium for exchanging articles not needed by one person for the same value in money which at the same time gives the second person who needs it, and he gets it at a very great saving. I like La Grande and already I have joined in the spirit that prevails over the country as to La Grande's remarkable business activity."

Faith in Briand Voted by Both French Houses

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Both the senate and the chamber of deputies Tuesday gave votes of confidence to Premier Briand on his first appearance before them since his return from the Washington conference. In each chamber, however, it was stipulated that the vote was conditional on the premier's acceptance of wide debate on the results of the conference, as far as France is concerned, after the 1922 budget has been voted and the resolutions of the conference have been adopted.

In the senate M. Briand's request for postponement of debate was granted unanimously. The premier spoke briefly later in replying to interpellations by senators. M. Briand asked them concerning the non-execution of clauses in the Versailles treaty, and M. De Lamarzelle regarding the failure of Germany to disarm.

By the votes the Briand cabinet is assured of retention of office until January.

In the senate M. Briand alluded to the conference several times. "We have succeeded in Washington," he said, "in having it generally recognized that France is not an imperialist nation, that if we must keep a comparatively large army it is a question of our security alone."

Weak Place in Pipe Gave Way; Repaired

A bad leak was reported in the city pipe line from Beaver Creek reservoir last night. City Water Superintendent Horace Knapp left early this morning for Rock Creek, where the leak was sprung, to repair it. According to reports this noon, the leak has been repaired and the water supply of the city will not be interfered with because of the break last night. The break, it is understood, occurred at a place where it was intended to replace the pipe with the money which was to be derived from the water bond issue which failed to pass at a recent election.

LOCAL LUMBER COMPANY HAS INCORPORATED

Articles of Incorporation Filed in Salem; Lone Pine to be Site of Big Factory.

SALEM, Dec. 7.—Articles of incorporation were filed Monday by the White Pine & Box Lumber company of La Grande, capitalized at \$200,000. The incorporators are W. E. Moore, S. A. Burce and P. S. Robinson.

The incorporators of the White Pine Box and Lumber company recently took over large timber holdings in Ladd Canyon and the narrow gauge railroad from Lone Pine to the mills in the canyon and 20 acres of land at Lone Pine where the mill burned down a number of years ago. The present plant of the company at timber will be moved here in March and the Lone Pine site will be utilized for the box factory and planer.

SIXTEEN PEOPLE WERE CONVERTED

Again filling the Methodist church to the standing room point, three evangelists Jack Godwin, the union evangelist who is holding meetings at the Methodist church preached a sermon that proved of great interest to his congregation.

He changed his subject when he entered the pulpit and instead of preaching on "Some Things I Have Observed Since Coming to La Grande," he laid bare his own life turning page after page of his history to the public gaze. The black spots were not removed nor were they retouched, for he plainly told the people he was doing it as a warning to others and his admonition was to shun the paths that had led him to the primrose way; that had caused his mother to spend sleepless nights in prayer for her wayward son; that caused him to become a lawbreaker and a criminal before the eyes of justice.

In his intense manner he appealed to parents again to look after their children claiming that the child of today is not nearly so much to blame for his waywardness as is the parent who releases the spring of discipline and obedience in the home thus letting the youngster grow up like a weed unattended and unfettered.

Sixteen conversions marked last evening's meeting when the invitation was given to come forward and sin no more. So successful did last night's meeting seem to the ministerial association and others who are backing the Godwin revival that they prevailed upon the evangelist to continue the entire week.

INTEGRITY TO BE OBSERVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The far eastern committee of the Washington conference adopted a resolution providing for the observance of the territorial integrity of China and for the neutrality of China in case of war in which China is not a party. It also adopted a resolution for only official and not commercial use of wireless stations in China.

Famous Surgeon Will Leave U.S.

Objections to Dr. Lorenz's Free Clinics Leads to His Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Austrian surgeon, announced today that in view of the opposition of the medical profession here to his free clinics, he would return to Vienna as soon as possible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Ten prominent Chicago physicians issued a joint statement today pointing out the harm to invalids they thought would arise from publicity given to Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon who is expected to visit Chicago soon. It was announced unofficially that a number of Chicago hospitals had decided not to invite Dr. Lorenz to hold clinics.

THOMPSON LAUDS NEW EXCHANGE

H. G. Thompson, who for a number of years has been with the Bell telephone company with headquarters at Pendleton, was in La Grande yesterday afternoon to inspect the new telephone exchange being installed by the Home Independent Telephone company of this city.

"I surely enjoy this visit," remarked Mr. Thompson, "for it is a pleasure for any telephone man to look over an equipment such as is being installed in La Grande. The switchboard is the last word in the telephone game, it is the product of the scientific telephone engineering and La Grande will have when this plant is completed the best that money can buy in the whole world. Improvements have been made in the past few years and this equipment which Mr. Crowe is installing has all the latest features embodied in it."

N. P. L. TURNS TO WOMEN
PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 7.—Reports that the Non-partisans would present Miss Alice Daley of Madison for governor next fall, aroused interest Tuesday as the leaders of the republican, democratic and non-partisan organizations met to endorse state candidates.

PARLIAMENT SESSION HAS BEEN CALLED

King Issues Proclamation so That Treaty Can be Ratified

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRELAND FREED

Under Terms of Treaty Ireland Will Have Something to Say About Her Military Establishments.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The King came to London from Sandringham today to sign a proclamation calling parliament in special session next Wednesday to consider an agreement for the establishment of an Irish free state.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The King today issued a proclamation releasing all political prisoners in Ireland.

Own Military Force.
LONDON, Dec. 7.—Ireland will have something to say about her military status in the future, according to the treaty signed early yesterday morning. The treaty looks to Ireland in the future of undertaking its own coastal defense and provides that Ireland shall during war give the British forces, necessary harbor and other facilities. It further recognizes the Irish free state's right to maintain its own military defense force.

Dublin Relieved.
DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—The first intimation that an agreement had been reached in the Irish peace negotiations came to Dublin through morning newspapers as a great surprise. There were no big displays of jubilation, but evidence of the people's relief was afforded by the avidity with which every edition of the newspapers was snapped up by eager readers.

MEN, WIVES, BABIES ARRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The first detachment of American troops to be sent home from the army of occupation in Germany, consisting of 11 officers and 699 men, arrived here Tuesday on the transport Cantriny. The ship's best accommodations were occupied by 73 German born wives of American soldiers and eight Rhine babies.

Bridge Work Being Rushed

Cold Weather Does Not Interfere With Contracts Under Way

Although the weather is cold, the work on the bridges that still remain unfinished along the various sections of the state highway through Union county is continuing and all under contract are expected to be finished shortly. Steel is now being erected on the first bridge between here and Perry and the second bridge along this road is now nearly finished.

The bridge at North Powder is completed while work on the Telocast, Catherine Creek and Hot Lake structures is progressing well. Because of the cold weather conditions the contractors are resorting to heating the sand before pouring the concrete to safeguard against freezing.

Bids on Grading of Highway Will Be Opened December 15

Bids will be opened for that part of the state highway between Island City and Elgin on December 15. The contract will call for the grading of the road. The road will connect with the pavement at Island City.

BULLETINS

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The packers' strike is growing more serious. National guardsmen were called out today to South St. Paul.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—H. L. Buchanan, train rules examiner, testified before the public service commission inquiry into the Cello wreck today and said that train No. 17 had the right of way. He said that the conductor at the junction with the extra engine did not have authority to take orders from the dispatcher for Train No. 12.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—Cattle were steady on the local market today and hogs 26 cents lower with prime lights \$7.50 to \$8. Sheep were strong and eggs weak to lower. Buying prices were 40 to 48 cents. Butter was steady. Wheat was \$1.04 to \$1.05.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Harding indicated today that he still had in mind a trip next summer to the Pacific coast and Alaska.

GAUTHERIA CITY, Dec. 7.—The government of President Carlos Herrera was overthrown at midnight last night after fighting in which three were killed and several were wounded. The president has surrendered his powers to the provisional government.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—The directors of the Oregon Dairymen's league in a meeting today are considering the action to be taken following the vote yesterday which failed to endorse the proposed liquidation.

CONFERENCE SIDELIGHTS



TAXPAYERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE FAIR TAX

Umatilla County Taxpayers League Condemns Any Plan for Taxing the People of State.

PENDLETON, Dec. 7.—Any plan to tax the people of the state for the proposed 1922 Portland fair was condemned, the action of Governor Olcott in calling the special session of the legislature was regretted, the representatives of this county in the state legislature were requested to oppose legislation carrying public expense, to demand review of tax laws passed at the last regular session, and to do all possible to make the session a short one and cut down expense.

Resolutions to that effect were adopted yesterday afternoon by the Umatilla county taxpayers league meeting in the county court house.

Following a hard session discussing the county budget where numerous deep cuts were proposed in the county expenditures the league without argument unanimously adopted the following resolution, proposed by Dr. F. W. Vincent of this city:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Taxpayers' League of Umatilla County, Oregon, as follows:

That we regret the action of the Governor in calling a special session of the legislature, as imposing an unnecessary expense upon the public in a time of financial stress, but in view of the fact that such session is to be held, we strenuously urge upon the men who will there represent Umatilla county:

1. To oppose by all honorable means the submission to the people of any tax proposal whatsoever, whether relating to the contemplated Portland Exposition or otherwise.

2. To oppose by all honorable means any legislation which will carry with it any public expense whatsoever.

3. To demand review of the appropriations made by the legislature at its last regular session, and the repeal of tax legislation except where the same is imperative for public safety, peace and health.

4. To urge upon the legislature the repeal of the numerous millage bills, now laws, enacted by the vote of the people,—that is to say, to urge that the legislature re-submit all such to vote of the people, upon the ground that they have become so burdensome as to be sources of unrest and dissatisfaction and a menace to the ownership of property within the state.

5. To demand that the work of the special session be attended to with promptitude and dispatch, to the end that early adjournment and cessation of expense be assured.

STILLWELL MEAT CO. ENLARGES

With arrangements made by the M. A. Stilwell Meat Co., Inc., to handle the pork products, consisting of hams, bacon, lard and sausages in Union and Walla Walla counties this company will put a man on the road in the two counties. All of the products of the Stilwell company plant in La Grande will be marketed and in addition the products of the Pendleton Packing and Produce company will be sold.

The M. A. Stilwell Meat company is a new company organized lately by Mr. Stilwell and associates, who have been in the retail meat business in La Grande. The home office is on Fir street, where their original retail shop is located. The company has lately added a retail store on Adams avenue in the Foley hotel building.

Shutdown of Coal Mines Looms With Supply Low

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 7.—More than 12,000 coal miners in Colorado will be out of work after the new year if industry, 42 days; other industries, 67 days; gas works, 87 days; electric public utility, 84 days; coal dealers, 47 days.

These are averages and many individual industries and dealers are far below the average. The next inventory will be as of January 1st.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A inventory of coal stocks as of November 1st, taken jointly by the department of commerce and the geological survey shows that there was at that date a total of about 47,400,000 tons of coal in the hands of consumers, or approximately 13 days' supply. This compares with stocks of 63,000,000 tons in the past. The estimated average number of days' supplies in various countries

ROBBER SHOT DOWN AFTER BANK HOLDUP

Bank President Slightly Wounded; One Robber Dead

MONEY LEFT BEHIND BY FLEEING GUNMEN

Crime Was Committed in East Portland Yesterday Afternoon; Other Bank Stick-ups Planned.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—James Bergstadt and Shelby Murdock, were held to the grand jury today for the attempted holdup of the Bank of East Portland yesterday afternoon in which their pal, Jack Campbell, was killed. President Newhall, who was shot in the abdomen, is recovering rapidly.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—One bank robber was shot dead and H. H. Newhall, president of the Bank of East Portland, was shot in the abdomen in a holdup of the bank yesterday afternoon. Another robber was captured after a chase. A third man escaped. F. W. Alt, cashier of the bank, shot the robber who was killed. The police recovered the stolen money. The police later arrested the alleged robber of the bank. One of the men under arrest was wounded.

Shot Through Heart.
The dead robber was Jay Campbell 30 years old, of Seattle. He was shot through the heart by Fred W. Alt, assistant cashier, who opened fire on the bandits in answer to their demand for money.

The captured robbers are James Bergstadt, 25 years old, and Shelby E. Murdock, 31 years old. They are from Seattle. Both confessed to the police and Deputy District Attorney Hammarley.

It was just at closing time — 3 o'clock — when the three heavily armed robbers rushed into the bank with drawn revolvers and demanded money.

Scopped Up Money.
Bergstadt leaped over a counter and scopped up \$1230 in currency at the teller's window. This trio then ordered the Assistant Cashier Alt in to the vault to get more cash.

Alt entered the vault and a moment later reappeared with a revolver, immediately opening fire on the bandits, who were at the front of the bank. As Alt's first shot rang out, Campbell leaped over a small railing and fired his revolver point-blank at Mr. Newhall, who was sitting at his desk near the front of the bank.

As Alt continued to shoot, the robbers ran out of the front door, turned the corner into East Washington street and started to climb into a motor car, which stood in readiness at the curb.

Just as he reached the curb Campbell fell to the sidewalk as the result of a bullet wound near his heart. Murdock stooped over and attempted to drag the limp body of his pal into the machine, but was unable to do so.

Money Hidden.
In the meantime the third member of the gang, Bergstadt, had hidden the money beneath a seat cushion and was attempting to start the car. In his excitement he stripped the gears, and both he and Murdock were unable to start the machine.

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Tonight and Thursday rain in the western portion of the state and cloudy weather in the eastern portion.