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RESERVATION MADE BY U. S. ON YAP PACT

Four-power Treaty Was Formally Signed This Morning

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS NOT IN AGREEMENT

Yap Question is Expected to be Settled Within a Few Days and Reservation Will Then be Erased.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Japan's acceptance of the American proposal on the 5-5-3 naval limitation ratio has been communicated to American and British delegates and an agreement is expected to be reached late this week. Japan asked that she be allowed to retain the new battleship Mutsu in place of one of the old line ships she would have retained. The American delegates met today to consider this request but are not yet prepared to grant it.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The quadruple treaty to preserve the peace of the Pacific was formally signed today by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan. The signatures were affixed in the ante room of the secretary of the state's office. The American delegates signed first. The approval of the United States is, however, given subject to a written understanding with the Japanese providing that the American-Japanese treaty regarding Yap must be consummated before the four-power agreement is binding. This reservation is expected to be erased within a few days by the signature of the Yap treaty. Another American reservation provided that the domestic questions of various powers are not to be considered within the scope of the treaty.

Famous Musical Case Decision Reversed By Suprme Court

SALEM, Dec. 13.—The supreme court today reversed the decision of Judge Phelps in Union county circuit court on the case of the Eastern Oregon Music Co., appellant, against G. M. Ritchey. The action was on a breach of contract.

PAY GUARANTEE IS AIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Formal application was made by the Union Pacific railroad to the Interstate commerce commission today for authority to guarantee payment of interest and principal of an issue of \$16,424,000 in Oregon Short Line railroad bonds.

The money will be used to pay off a maturity obligation of the Oregon Short Line, which is a subsidiary of the Union Pacific.

Three Finger Jack Is Not Done With La Grande

"I am parked in La Grande until I am done here," Three Finger Jack Goldwin, railroad evangelist, declared last evening in his first union meeting in the Baptist church. Not until moral conditions in this city are greatly improved, will he move elsewhere, according to the statements made by him last night. Bootlegging, he alleged, was so bad in this city that he could not leave here until he had seen a great reformation in this respect, as well as in reforming other things that need to be reformed.

Until he feels that conditions have been made much better for the railroad men and their families, the evangelist declared, he would stay here. Members of the ministers' association

HARD SLEDDING IS IN VIEW FOR FAIR TAXES

PENDLETON, Dec. 13.—If sentiment which Senator Roy W. Ritner discovered among legislators in Portland is a fair index to the feeling of all lawmakers it looks as if there may be hard sledding ahead for the Portland fair measure when the special session starts on December 19. According to Senator Ritner the men whom he met in Portland Saturday were with one exception opposed to the idea of a general property tax for the fair. However, quite a few legislators are favorable to the idea of an income tax for the fair and Speaker Bean of the house is preparing a measure to that effect. Even in the Multnomah delegation there is opposition to the property tax measure.

WALLOWA MEN INCORPORATE LOAN COMPANY

SALEM, Dec. 13.—Capitalized at \$50,000, the Wallowa Valley Loan company with headquarters at Enterprise filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Saturday. The incorporators are E. F. Johnson, Wade Siler and Daniel Boyd.

POPOCATEPETL IN ERUPTION

Mexico's Great Volcano Shows Country With Ashes and Rocks.

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Popocatepetl, the great volcano southeast of this city, burst into violent eruption Sunday afternoon, a column of smoke and ashes being thrown 2500 feet above the mountain summit. President Obregon was entertaining a party of friends at Chapultepec castle, and had strolled with them on the balcony when he observed the eruption. He called for strong field glasses and after closely observing the column of smoke rising 40 miles away. He directed that two aviators be sent to the mountain to ascertain the seriousness of the outbreak.

The aviators reported upon their return that they had heard heavy rumbling in the mountain, and that lava was flowing down the slopes below the crater. Warnings have been sent to the residents of villages near the mountain, but reports indicate that these small towns have been deserted for weeks.

BOOZE MAKES CLUBS FLOURISH

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—The sudden growth in the number of Vancouver clubs licensed to sell malt liquor to members has resulted in the reopening of about 18 hotel bars with similar licenses, as a test of the prohibition restrictions. Membership in the hotel "clubs" costs 10 cents and business is flourishing. The police have decided they cannot interfere until February 1, when a new charter giving the city control and regulation of all clubs becomes effective.

La Grande Is Now Healthy

Comparison With Last Year a Big Change

According to the quarantine record of the police department La Grande is enjoying much better health today than a year ago. At this time last year there were many contagious disease cases under quarantine and many of the cases were very serious. The epidemic of last year, which began early in autumn and continued until late in winter, saw many days when there were several hundred people detained because of quarantines.

Today there are only five cases of contagious disease in the city. These are all cases of diphtheria and none of the cases is serious. The number of cases of contagious disease has been kept very low at all times since last spring and there have been very few serious cases of any kind.

Red Pepper, Bread and Butter, used as Ammunition in War

Women Rent Air With Their Shrieks and Beat Up Men at Coal Mines; Sheriff Pelted With Bread

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURG, Kansas, Dec. 13.—Mobs of shrieking women at the coal mines today beat up four men and wrecked two automobiles. They strewed dinner pails about. The women are said to have used red pepper and stones. The sheriff was pelted with bread and butter. A smaller mob was repulsed at Mulberry.

TODAY'S WHEAT

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Wheat was \$1.01 to \$1.07 today.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 13.—Rumors of the possibility of an international economic conference in Washington are current here. Vague reports that Lloyd George and Premier Briand may go are also floating around.

Gardner Gets One More Sentence Of A Quarter Century

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Roy Gardner, twice convicted mail robber, whose trial here on a charge of robbing a mail car at Maricopa, Arizona, resulted in a hung jury Sunday, pleaded guilty Monday in the United States district court to a charge of attempting to rob a mail car here and assaulting Herman F. Inderled, mail clerk in charge of the car. Judge William H. Sawtelle immediately sentenced Gardner to 25 years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Gardner now faces a total of 75 years imprisonment for sentences imposed upon him for robbery of the mails.

BONUS ACT IS UPHELD BY HIGH COURT

Supreme Court of State Today Handed Down its Decision

WAY OPEN TO THE PAYMENT OF BONUS

Act Provides For Either Cash Bonus or Loan on Real Estate; Has People's Approval.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 13.—The state soldiers bonus and loan act was upheld today by the supreme court in a friendly suit instituted on behalf of the American Legion to test the law preparatory to the issuance of bonds to make possible the carrying out of the bonus and loan features of the act.

The act provides for the payment of \$15 per month cash up to \$500 or the loan of \$9,000 on real estate to ex-service men. The act was passed by the last legislature and approved by the people at a special election June 7.

Borah Wants Public To Know Of Bombing

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—A resolution directing the war department to transmit to the senate the report of Brigadier-General Mitchell regarding the airplane bombing of naval ships off Hampton Roads was introduced today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, who said that the report was being withheld from the public.

At the war department it was said that the Mitchell report was submitted to the special joint board which later published a report based on all the data before it.

AUTOS FASCINATE INDIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The automobile "seems to possess the same irresistible fascination for the Indian that it does for many of his white brethren," said the annual report of the board of Indian commissioners, made public today.

The report recommended that citizenship be conferred on all non-citizen Indians, but that the government continue its "protective supervision over their property affairs."

Boxing Match Here Tonight

Some Fast Bouts Looked Forward to by Local Fans

This evening at 8 o'clock at the Star theater, sport fans will have an opportunity of seeing some bouts that are expected to be among the best that have been staged here in recent months. Kid Kartner, who has a record of 29 straight knock-outs, will meet Mickey Dempsey, who has fought 35 times and has never been licked.

Farmers Oppose The Proposed Tax For Portland's Fair

Ad Club Speakers See Much Harm in Proposed Tax for Fair; Farmers Would Face Ruin.

Approximately 50 men listened today noon at the Ad Club luncheon to earnest and logical presentations of the farmers' viewpoint on the proposed 1925 fair tax. Chairman Lee Bouvy had arranged for the opponents' hour and C. D. Huffman and E. L. Eckley were the speakers. Mr. Huff called the attention of the audience to the fact that the cost of raising wheat is now as much, or more, than the price of the retail bushel; he argued that land was now producing 85 per cent of the total tax and that it had about reached its limit; that he was paying more taxes today than he formerly got in rent for the same land; that, loyal as farmers are to the state, they cannot look upon the tax with favor and maintain good business judgment—that as a business proposition the farmer cannot see his way out to take on another additional cent of taxation for any purpose whatsoever. He contended that few farmers are able to see beyond their indebtedness and that the time is soon coming, if Oregon does not stay close to the shore and quit spending, that the farmers will have to give up.

Mr. Eckley took the position that it was a Portland job; that he was in no wise opposed to the fair; that the 1905 fair had made the state in a very large degree; that Portland would be immeasurably benefited by the proposed fair and that an indirect benefit would redound to all sections of the state; but, he steadfastly maintained, the project should be financed by the Portland taxpayers and such individual volunteer subscriptions as might be obtained from the state at large. It was the opinion of both speakers that the matter should not be referred to the people as is proposed through the special session of the legislature about to convene.

Work will start early in the spring on the new state training school for boys at Salem. The cost of the proposed school, including furnishings, will be \$230,000.

LAFOLLETTE AND BORAH OPPOSE PACT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator LaFollette declared in a statement on the new quadruple treaty today that it has all the "iniquities of the league of nations with none of the virtues claimed for that document." He declared that he would fight ratification.

Wants Something Real

Mr. Borah, breaking his silence with respect to the treaty, declared that his attitude toward the pact would be largely determined by what the arms conference does with respect to "real" disarmament and Chinese questions. He declared the work of the conference would be "discouraging" if it adjourned without prohibiting the submarine, poisonous gas and other "barbarous weapons."

"As it is, this alliance makes it necessary that real disarmament take place in this conference or this is nothing but a straight out military alliance," he declared. "It's no different in that respect than the Anglo-Japanese alliance."

Moral Obligation.

"They say there's no provision for military force lurking in or about this treaty. I've never seen one in which that did not show on its face. None ever have had the temerity to write it into any alliance or any league. But it's there. Even though the American representatives in whatever conference may be called under the treaty, cannot bind the congress there as yet the moral obligation."

The work of Secretary Hughes in presentation of the American naval reduction program was commended by Mr. Borah, who described the program of naval reduction as worthy of praise, but he added that the conference, "so far as the public has been informed, has not dealt with the weapons with which the next war will be fought."

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 13.—Nearly 300 workers were turned back in the packing house district today when crowds stopped street cars, turned trolley poles and forced cars to return to Fort Worth.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Charles W. Morse, whose transactions with the U. S. shipping board are being investigated, was arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner Hilton on a warrant charging conspiracy to defraud the United States.

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The enactment of the veterans' adjusted compensation bill will be completed by congress within 90 days, Hanford McNider, American Legion commander, was advised by Senator McCumber and Representative Fordney today.

(By Associated Press) DETROIT, Dec. 13.—One man and seven children were burned to death and three other persons known to be badly injured in a fire that destroyed a home near Royal Oak, a suburb, today. The dead man's name was Waken. Four of the children were his and three were visiting children.

FLOODS ARE ABATING IN WASHINGTON

Streets in Seattle and Other Places Still Under Water

ABERDEEN DEATHS NOW COUNT SIX

Thousands of Acres Have Been Flooded by Dikes Breaking Along Several Rivers.

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Flood conditions in the Puget Sound section are somewhat better but some streets in Seattle, Kent and Tacoma are still under water.

(By Associated Press) BELLINGHAM, Dec. 13.—Water is flowing through the streets of Burlington and Hamilton. Thousands of acres along the Skagit are flooded.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 13.—The streets of Stanwood are under water as the result of the breaking of a dike along the Stillaguamish river.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 13.—The third landslide today stopped rescuers who were working to find the bodies of Mrs. Gerald Willis and W. T. Labelle, who were entombed when a logging train was wrecked here Sunday night. John Lind, who was injured, died last night. This brings the death list of the slide to six.

WARM WAVE IN DENVER

DENVER, Dec. 13.—A warm wave almost without precedent, according to the weather forecaster, is sweeping this section of the west. All records for warm December days were shattered this morning in Denver when the mercury recorded 60 degrees above zero. There is no "real" in sight, according to F. W. Brist, district forecaster.

The warm wave began Sunday in the Canadian northwest after a series of low barometric pressure areas along the Canadian border and also has spread over most of the United States, Brist said.

MILLION TO AID DYING VETS VOTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Told by Senator Ashhurst, democrat, Arizona, that hundreds of ex-service men were edging of tuberculosis "on the deserts of Arizona," where they went seeking a cure for disabilities resulting from gas attacks of the Germans, the senate tonight voted an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for additional hospitalization.

The funds, which are carried in the first deficiency bill passed by the senate, would be expended by the veterans' bureau.

There are 952 ex-service men dying of tuberculosis on the streets of Phoenix, Ariz., Senator Ashhurst declared. He had "beseeched" the senate appropriation committee, he added, to relieve the sufferings, but that committee, "while agreeing to an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for American participation in an exposition in Brazil," had refused.

Former Soldier Wants The Army Much Larger

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Warning against a permanent reduction of the regular army below two hundred thousand enlisted men is sounded in the last annual report of Maj. Gen. Peyton C. March, now retired, wartime chief of staff of the army. The report covers the 12 months' period preceding the general's retirement from the post of chief of staff on last July 1, when he was succeeded by General Pershing, with Maj. Gen. Harbord as deputy chief of staff.

General March declares in his report that the idea that an army of one hundred fifty thousand men, the strength now authorized by mandate of congress, furnishes 75 per cent as much national defense as a force of two hundred thousand "is a fallacy."

"The fifty thousand men above the

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday, rain in the west and fair in the eastern portion of the state. Golden tonight.

