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Naval Reduction Program Upset by France's Demand for Super-Arming

WANT SUBS PUT INTO THE DISCARD TOO

Balfour Says Great Britain is Willing to Scrap Hers

OTHER GROUPS IN OPPOSITION TO IT

Britain Characterizes Undersea Boats as "Weapons of Assassination"; More Discussion Planned.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, gave notice today that Great Britain would propose to the arms conference the total abolition of submarines. Balfour will take the question before the open session.

Naval opinion in the American, French and Italian groups is understood to be opposed to the British contention that submarines of necessity are "weapons of assassination."

UNITED EFFORT IS TO BE MADE

Co-ordination of effort and better co-operation of the law enforcing bodies has been accomplished, according to Evangelist Three Fingers Jack Godwin, whose series of union revival meetings have been attended by probably the largest crowds that have ever turned out to hear a religious speaker in this city. And with this co-ordination the evangelist feels certain that greater results will be obtained, which will, in turn, destroy a great deal of the waywardness and crime that marks present day life not only in La Grande but all over the country.

The evangelist has been speaking in the Baptist church for several evenings, having removed from the Methodist church where the meetings were held for so many nights. The Baptist church is crowded at each meeting and he delivers in his usual forceful manner his evangelistic broadsides, using illustrations and language that all can understand.

Last evening a band of the P. P. A. girls, a protective organization of more than a hundred strong, was given in the basement of the church. Mothers of the young ladies were guests also and the occasion was one thoroughly enjoyed, carrying its religious bearing throughout the social meeting.

The series of meetings will close Sunday evening.

Work on the Mount Hood Loop highway, delayed because of difficulties in securing rights of way, has been resumed.

Basketball Schedule Is Announced for Season

The first team basketball squad, and is as follows: January 7, La Grande vs. Union at Union. January 17, La Grande vs. Elgin at La Grande. January 18, La Grande vs. Union at La Grande. January 20, La Grande vs. Joseph at La Grande. January 21, La Grande vs. Elgin at work. Coach Lodell has very little to say regarding the requested strength of his team as only one or two experienced men are available. In fact the team has practically a new lineup. After the final cut, before the regular schedule begins, La Grande will probably be arranged with the Mount and Senior League teams. By their something will be known of the team's strength and with Lodell coaching it is certain that a real team will be developed.

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County Court Gets Contract

State Highway Commission Awards Highway Grading to Court

The Union county court was successful yesterday in being awarded a contract for the grading of the Island City-Elgin section of the La Grande-Enterprise highway. The county court put in a bid for the work, the cost of which is to be met by the state highway commission, and the highway equipment of the county will be used for doing the work.

The distance to be graded is 18.1 miles and the contract price is \$67,000. Concrete pipe is to be used on the culverts along the highway. The county roadmaster will have general supervision of the work for the county.

Railroads Forced to Reduce Rates on Grain Products

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Sixteen Per Cent Cut Effective Dec. 27th.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Reduced rates on grain, grain products and hay west of the Mississippi river which carriers sought to have suspended six months, were sustained by the interstate commerce commission today.

They will go into effect December 27. The reductions average about 16 per cent and are further decreased by the commission's order today which requires that corn and other coarse grain products be carried for 10 per cent less than wheat and other bread stuff grains.

INTERCLASS GAMES BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Next week soon the beginning of the interclass high school basketball tournament. The following captains have been elected: Special: Clifford Horstman; Freshmen: Willard Clark; Sophomores: James Coker; Juniors: Clarence Woodell; Seniors: Grant Bean. The following schedule has been drawn up terminating in the championship contest on Friday, Monday after school the senior class with sophomores, Tuesday the Specials battle the Juniors, Wednesday the freshmen playing the winners of the senior-sophomore game and Friday, in the deciding game of the series, the Tuesday winners will contest the Wednesday winners. About one hundred and fifty boys are in school and some pretty fast games should result.

JUNIOR PLAY REHEARSAL

At a dress rehearsal last night, the finishing touches were put on the junior play "All of a Sudden Peggy." The performance went through without a hitch and everybody on the cast are in top notch shape for the staging Friday and Saturday. The above play has been played many places with much success and is certainly of the highest merit.

Investigation by Authority City to be in Lead With on Dancing Shows This No Improper Dances.

La Grande is without a peer in the northwest when it comes to clean dances, according to P. J. Powers, dancing master, who has spent over a score of years in teaching dancing as it should be taught. Powers learned the art of dancing in the east and since coming west has always been actively engaged in giving dances and teaching his art although he has been actively engaged in the management of the Medical Springs hotel for a number of years in addition to his interests as a dancing master.

During the past few weeks he has investigated conditions in Walla Walla, Pendleton, Baker and La Grande, making a visit to every dance hall in these cities and as the result of his investigation he announced today that there is no doubt that La Grande has the cleanest dances of any city in the northwest.

"Dances are good and clean if they are danced as they should be danced," he declared today. "If dancing is taught in this manner there can be no objection, but individual styles creep in and these usually result in corruption. No reputable dancing master will allow such demoralization of dances under his direction and it is to the credit of the floor managers of the dances in this city that they have succeeded in putting into effect a code of behavior that places La Grande far above the cities surrounding her."

In discussing the regulation of dances Powers expressed the opinion that each city should have some means of regulating dances. "Practically all signs of objectionable dancing could be eliminated if the floor managers of dances were required to post the names of all dancers ordered off the floor for improper dancing," he said. "The first offense should be the offending parties for 30 days from all dances in the city and subsequent offenses should impose a prohibition of 60 and 90 days and then permanent. Failure to observe these rules should confiscate the license of those conducting dances."

Mr. Powers believes that statements to the effect that the dances are improper are unfounded.

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MONEY ASKED FOR OREGON IMPROVEMENTS

Annual Report on Rivers and Harbors Improvements Asks Benefits for Western Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An expenditure of approximately \$43,000,000 for rivers and harbors in the fiscal year 1922, exclusive of a proposed \$7,500,000 for the Muscle Shoals, Ala., project in the Tennessee river, is recommended by Major General Beach, chief of army engineers, in his annual report today to the secretary of war.

The following projects along the Pacific coast are included in the recommendations:

Oregon—Coos Bay \$220,000; Coos river, \$3,000; Yaquina Bay and harbor, \$300,000; Columbia river, Celilo Falls to mouth Snake river, \$12,500; Snake river, \$10,000; Clatskanie river, \$6,200, and Willamette river above Portland and Yamhill river, \$43,000.

Washington—Lewis river, \$17,700; Cowlitz river, \$11,000; Skamokawa creek, \$2,000; Grays river, \$2,000; Willapa river and harbor, \$265,000; Puget Sound and its tributary waters, \$50,000; Waterway Port Townsend Bay to Oak Bay, \$10,000; Lake Washington Ship Canal, \$40,000; Swinomish slough, \$5,000; and Bellingham harbor, \$4,000.

Alaska—Nome harbor, \$10,000.

Hawaii—Honolulu, \$150,000; Hilo harbor, \$150,000 and Nawiliwili harbor, \$150,000.

California—San Francisco harbor, \$30,000; Oakland harbor, \$100,000; Richmond harbor, \$260,000; Petaluma creek, \$50,000; Crescent City harbor, \$50,000; San Joaquin river, \$33,000; Stockton and Mormon channels, \$10,000 and Sacramento river, \$95,000.

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Irrigation Congress in Pendleton Gives Endorsement of McNary Measure.

(By Associated Press) PENDLETON, Dec. 16.—One of the most vital needs of irrigation districts is more settlers of the right kind, said the irrigation congress delegates in the round table discussion last night. The chief difficulty is finding people financially able to leave their homes and come west. The delegates this morning toured the Umatilla project.

PENDLETON, Dec. 16.—The opportunities that are afforded the state of Oregon for progress by reclaiming arid lands, and some methods to follow in realizing this ambition were some of the features of the first session of the 11th annual meeting of the Oregon irrigation congress which got under way here yesterday morning. President Fred Wallace of Tumalo presided at the meeting which was attended by something less than 100 delegates.

One of the first official acts of the congress was to authorize a telegram to Senator Charles L. McNary at Washington thanking him for his efforts in behalf of reclamation and pledging him the support of the congress in his efforts to get the McNary-Smith bill passed. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"We, the delegates to the Oregon Irrigation Congress at its eleventh annual session today representing 61 organized irrigation districts in the state of Oregon, desire to express our deep appreciation of your hard work in the interests of reclamation, and to assure you of our continued support and endorsement of your efforts."

A note of optimism was struck by Whitney L. Biese of Portland in his speech on "Methods to be Pursued for Better Cooperation." He declared that the success of the arms conference and the settlement of the age-old controversy between England and Ireland are two steps which will stabilize world credit to a degree which should strengthen the position of the United States in a great measure and make it possible for the west and the south to secure the passage of the McNary-Smith bill.

The bill, which calls for the use of \$350,000,000 of federal money for reclaiming arid lands in the west and drainage of swamp lands in the (Continued on Page Five.)

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L. D. S. Church To Hold Conference Here This Week

Member of Council of Twelve from Salt Lake City Will Be Among Church Dignitaries to Attend.

The quarterly conference of Union Stake of the L. D. S. church will be held in the Tabernacle in this city tomorrow and Sunday. The opening session will begin at 10 o'clock and sessions will be held tomorrow afternoon as well as on Sunday at 10:00 and 2:00. Delegates from all sections of the stake will be in attendance. Union Cove and Baker are among the wards that will be present. Among the Salt Lake church officials who will be here for the conference will be Elder Melvin J. Ballard, member of the council of twelve.

Union Audience Well Pleased With Ad Club

A pleased evening was spent at the La Grande delegation and Union Stake last evening when a delegation of Ad Club members and their wives visited the sister town to present "Jerry the Tramp," which was shown here recently. The audience appeared to be well pleased with the production and was very generous with their applause and praise. The men's chorus because of cramped quarters, was reduced to eight, and it seemed to please, too, for the singers were called back for two encores on each of their appearances. Mrs. Edith Fry and Miss Ruth Schibler sang two delightful numbers as an added specialty.

After the features at the opera house, a dancing party attended by people was enjoyed for a time, followed by a luncheon in the Union hotel. The evening was a splendid success for all who attended from La Grande and, to all appearances, the Union people enjoyed the inter-club function equally well.

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Ten Super-Dreadnaughts Wanted by The French

WOULD MAKE FRANCE OUTSTRIP JAPANESE

Demand of French Would Give Her Preponderance of "Post Jutland" Type and Make Italy Demand More Ships.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The French delegation presented a proposal for so great an increase in the French naval strength that the British declare such a program would upset the whole plan on a 5-5-3 ratio basis. The British understand that the French plan provides for the construction of ten superdreadnaughts of 35,000 ton capacity. During the 10 years subsequent to 1925. The vessels will be of a type similar to the American battleship Maryland and would give France a capital ship tonnage of \$50,000 against 315,000 for Japan, and a preponderance of the new "post Jutland" type of craft over all nations. Italy, although indicating disapproval of such a building program, is said to have told the arms conference that if France constructs 10 such ships Italy must carry out a similar building program.

AUTO OVERTURNS. An automobile driven by Harry Moore went into the ditch along the highway between this city and Island City Wednesday night. The driver in some manner lost control of the car. No one was injured, according to reports.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) MADRID, Dec. 16.—The Spanish gunboat Donifaz captured two French sailing vessels conveying arms to the Moroccan insurgents and sunk another engaged in the same occupation, an official report said today.

(By Associated Press) COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 16.—Albert Moore was acquitted today on a charge of murdering his brother-in-law, Clarence Gray, on October 13. Moore shot Gray when the latter interceded in domestic troubles and pleaded self-defense.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Cattle and hogs were steady today and sheep were 40 cents to \$1.00 higher. East of the mountains lambs brought \$8.50 to \$9.00. Eggs were weak and butter was steady.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Wheat was \$1.06 to \$1.07 today.

Tonight and Saturday fair and cool, with a chance of rain.

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