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LIMITATION OF AIRCRAFT VOTED DOWN

Five-Power Committee Decides to Make Thorough Study First

MERCHANTMEN MAY BE ARMED LIGHTLY

Powers Discussing Definition of Battleship With View of Determining How Far Arming Should Go.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Limitation of development or use of aircraft is impossible at this time, the five-power armament committee decided today, but adopted a resolution for the international committee to study the question with a view to future limitation.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—As the armament conference prepares to begin discussion of the final draft of the five-power naval treaty, some delegates are studying the question of arming merchant vessels as it may relate to the agreement.

Harmony Prevails.
In no quarter is there apparent a disposition to raise an issue which might endanger the treaty at this point in the negotiations, but among foreign delegations it is predicted privately that the armed ship problem will be one of the most difficult of the collateral questions to arise when the final draft is gone over.

The question of arming merchantmen has arisen in connection with the attempt of the naval experts to include in the treaty a definition of the term "warship," such a definition is regarded by naval authorities as necessary, particularly in view of the 10,000 ton auxiliary limit and the related provision prohibiting any auxiliary craft from carrying guns of more than eight-inch caliber.

Shanting Prospects.
It is evident that the Shantung problem has been brought to a delicate stage, where either a settlement or an agreement to disagree will be announced within a few days.

FARMERS MAY PUT IN PHONES

The Union County Farm Bureau held a meeting at Cove last week on Friday. In addition to talks by the county agent and the farmers of that vicinity, Edwin Peck, manager of the Oregon Moline Plow company, explained a co-operative sales system. The matter of the forming of a rural telephone system was brought up and a committee was appointed to meet with S. D. Crow, of this city, to consider the purchase of rural lines in that community.

The annual Farm Bureau Community meeting will take place Wednesday, January 18, at Cove. It will be an all-day meeting with free luncheon.

JAPANESE BANKER DIES

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, Jan. 9.—Baron Takayoshi Mitsu, 73, president of the Dai Nippon bank and a member of one of Japan's most prominent families, died at his home Thursday, after a protracted illness.

Dobbin Alfalfa Field Produced Heavy Crop

Farmers of the valley who noticed the J. D. Dobbin alfalfa field lying one mile north of Island City will be interested in an account of the yield secured there this year, which shows what can be done in the way of producing alfalfa in this section. Three crops of hay were cut from the field, the bulk of the tonnage being secured in the first and second crops. The first crop was very heavy, the shocks seeming almost to cover the ground and a good second crop was secured with a small third crop. The field contains seventy-two acres and the weights and stack measurements indicate a yield of 52 tons to the acre for the entire field with a few loads for which the weight was not secured. This is an enviable yield for any alfalfa growing country. Mr. Dobbin attributes most of his success to the use of land plaster, which he applied at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre at a cost of \$1.80 per acre. He states that the results from the use of land plaster were very noticeable. A narrow strip of the field was missed in applying this fertilizer and Mr. Dobbin says that this strip was plainly to be seen throughout the season and that the alfalfa growing on the unfertilized strip was much shorter and had considerably less leaves than did the fertilized strip. The field was irrigated twice, the first time just previous to cutting the first crop and again just previous to cutting the second crop.

BAND LEADER IS SWORN IN BY THE CITY

Municipal Band is Now a Reality; Provisions Made for its Maintenance in Budget.

La Grande's Municipal Band has begun its existence. Budget provisions made for it last fall have become operative, and one of the last official acts of retiring City Manager Garrett was to name a band leader in accordance with the requirements of the charter.

Andrew Loney, leader of the volunteer band since its re-organization, and of the institution known as the Elks' band prior to that, has been honored with the post of leader. He is required by regulations to make regular monthly reports to the city, and has taken the oath of office.

While the budget provision for the sustenance of the band is not very large, it will, by economic management, buy the necessary music, meet incidental expenses, and partly, at least, defray the expenses of a competent leader. With the splendid talent La Grande possesses, a good leader and the monthly stipend that comes from the city to make financial ends meet, this city should, and no doubt will, have the best organization in the state, population considered.

This method of financing bands is rapidly coming to be looked upon as the most feasible of all. While La Grande is a pioneer in Eastern Oregon, it is but following popular practices in other states when it gave its band a little financial assistance. In years past the load of sustaining a band has fallen on a few along the business street, who paid quotas wholly out of proportion to the benefits accruing to them as a class. By the present means they will pay their share, but a small percentage will percolate through the city tax lists to all taxpayers who will receive benefits equal to that of any other citizen.

In the appointment of Mr. Loney as leader, City Manager Garrett chose a man with experience and talent. Mr. Loney's musical career is a long and interesting one. Some of the prominent bands with which he has been affiliated are:

Cornet soloist with Thompson's Military Band of Seattle.

Cornet soloist with "Administration Band" at A. Y. P. exposition in Seattle, under Wagner.

Cornet soloist with Shilzoni's Royal Hungarian band, enroute Pantages circuit in 1910.

Cornet soloist with Royal Rosarians of Portland 1914-15-16, under the late Joel B. Ettinger.

Cornet soloist Elks' Band for three years at Portland.

Cornet soloist Tigab's band in 1915.

First musician and solo cornetist with U. S. Naval Reserve band at Bremerton, 1918-19.

As leader R. Loney has held these positions: Portland Newsboys' band, Washington high school band, Lincoln high school band, all of Portland.

He has been assistant leader in several of the bands with which he has been associated, and in 1916 came to La Grande in search of a more healthy climate, and from that time on he has been conspicuous in musical circles, both band and orchestra.

Chris Mays is treasurer of the local organization and the personnel includes many extremely talented musicians. All in all, 1922 should be a conspicuous year for the La Grande band.

AMERICA GIVEN CREDIT.
(By Associated Press)
Paris, Jan. 9.—America's given full credit for her part in the world war in a book devoted to the struggle, written by Adolphe Agasio of Montevideo. One of the prominent French commanders, quoted in the book is General Sarrail.

DE VALERA IS TURNED DOWN BY THE DAIL

Formally Resigned This Morning and Immediately Nominated

DEFEAT WAS BY TWO VOTE MARGIN

Prayers of Thanksgiving Offered Over all of Ireland Sunday; Future is Obscure.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Jan. 9.—Arthur Griffith was placed in nomination this afternoon in the Dail Eireann for chief executive to form provisional government.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Jan. 9.—The motion to re-elect De Valera president was defeated in the Dail by a vote of 58 to 60.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Jan. 9.—When the Dail Eireann convened today De Valera placed his resignation as president of the Irish Republic formally before the house. Mrs. Thomas J. Clarke moved his re-election as president. Liam Mellows seconded the motion. The Dail adjourned at 1:30 until 3:30 with the motion still under consideration.

Prayers Offered.
(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Jan. 9.—The peace treaty has been ratified and prayers of thanksgiving went up from the people in all the churches Sunday, but Ireland continues to face internal disorganization, giving rise to the greatest anxiety.

The split in the Dail Eireann has been heightened and intensified by the vote on the treaty and the future was never more obscure. At different hours Sunday the two factions held conferences.

BRITISH LEAVE

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. 9.—The government is to arrange an immediate transfer of administration powers to the new southern Ireland government. Evacuation of British troops and a general amnesty are planned among the first steps.

LA GRANDE IS LOSER IN THE FIRST GAME

First Half Breaks Even But Union Boys Lead During Second Half and Keep it.

For the first time in several years Union high school won from La Grande in a game of basketball, played at Union Saturday night. The game began on schedule and the Union five scored three points before the La Grande quintet got started. After that the first half was a nip and tuck, the score at the end of the half being 14 to 14. In the second half Union substituted Dallon for Johnson. The final score was 36 to 19.

As this is the first game of the season La Grande's team has a good chance for the championship. The absence of Woodell and La Grier weakened the La Grande team to a considerable extent. Metcalf starred for La Grande and Dallen and Martens showed up well for Union. Cook of Union had the misfortune to sprain his ankle during the first few minutes of the second half and had to be taken from the game. The local boys fought hard all during the game, never letting up a minute.

The line-ups were: La Grande—Metcalf, center; Lynch and Hough forwards, and Coker and Bean, guards. Union—Cook, center; C. Johnson and Martens, forwards, and Maxwell and V. Johnson, guards. Both teams made several substitutions. Irvin Hess refereed.

RED CROSS HAD ACTIVE MONTH

The La Grande chapter of the Red Cross gave home service aid to 215 families during the month of December, 1921, according to the report of Mrs. Fay Catlin, executive secretary. Of these 154 represented post-war service cases and 61 civilian relief cases.

Among the other notable activities of the chapter during the month were assistance to the Elks committee in the distribution of Christmas dinners to the needy families of the city and assistance to the American Legion in giving Christmas cheer to service men who are disabled and to families of deceased service men.

Over 50 boxes of apples were distributed by the chapter just before Christmas and on Christmas day a large stock of surplus toys from local stores was distributed to the homes of the children where Santa Claus did not stop.

VESSEL LOST

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Jan. 9.—A message from Hangesund Thursday says it is feared the German steamer Signal of Kiel, with a cargo of iron ore and carrying a crew of 25 men, foundered in the North sea December 17.

Senator Newberry Proclaims Innocence Of Knowledge of Campaign Outlays in Sweeping Declaration in Senate Today

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN ACCIDENT

(By Associated Press)

CANNES, France, Jan. 9.—George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, narrowly escaped death today in an automobile accident. Accompanied by Richard Crane, former American minister to Czechoslovakia, in whose car he was riding, and Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, Harvey was on his way for a round of golf when the axle broke. Harvey was thrown out and dazed. He will be confined to his bed for several days. No serious results are expected. He asked that Ambassador Herrick at Paris relieve him temporarily as observer of the allied supreme council meeting.

WADE BROTHERS ARE EXPANDING

Further improvements contemplated by the Wade Brothers Oil company will bring the total investment of the company, which is a new concern in the Grande Ronde valley, to \$25,000. At present the company has a 50,000 gallon gasoline and oil station at Island City and the capacity is expected to be increased. At the corner of Greenwood and Adams a service station is being erected that, it is announced, will surpass anything in this part of the state. Oiling stalls, wash racks and many other modern service station conveniences are being planned.

DEATH A MYSTERY

(By Associated Press)
LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 9.—District Attorney Donnell of Essex county announced today that he would request from Dr. William Boos of Boston a report of his examination of the organs of the late Edward F. Searles, multi-millionaire of Methuen. The organs were turned over to Dr. Boos on October 28 after the district attorney had received an anonymous letter charging that Searles died of poisoning.

AUTO TOURIST CAMPS TO BE MADE UNIFORM

Meeting Held in Spokane Arrives at Definite Conclusions for Future Construction.

City Commissioner David T. Stoddard returned yesterday from Spokane where he attended the meeting of representatives of municipal and commercial organizations to discuss plans for making the auto tourist camps in the northwest more uniform.

Mr. Stoddard is convinced that the entire northwest will benefit greatly because of the decision reached to practically eliminate competition between cities and towns for tourists by supplying many fancy frills in their camps. A uniform charge of 50 cents per night per car was decided on and it was decided that this money should represent service in the form of a caretaker, lights and fuel.

Those cities that already have luxurious camps will be affected but every effort will be made to abide by the general rules laid down. Mr. Stoddard will report to the Ad club tomorrow at its weekly luncheon. He will report to the city commissioner at a later date.

FARM BUREAU CAFE CLUBS

The Union County Farm Bureau Community Committee will meet tomorrow at two o'clock in the city hall at Union. Beef cattle breeders are invited to meet with the committee. Plans are afoot to organize a beef calf club in Union County in addition to the regular routine of business.

An all-day Farm Bureau meeting under the direction of the County Agent assisted by the breeders will be held at an early date, the exact time to be decided at the committee meeting.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator McCumber of North Dakota today was selected by the committee on committees as chairman of the senate finance committee to succeed Senator Penrose. Senator (Grell) Haymond, republican of New Jersey was selected to fill a vacancy on the finance committee.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The second trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle which was to have begun today has been postponed until Wednesday.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Russian soviet government accepted the invitation to attend the economic conference, says a Cannes dispatch.

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, Jan. 9.—Marquis Okuma, whose condition of coma led to reports of death, was still alive this afternoon.

Rev. Coker Is Given A Government Plum

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Robert H. Coker, of La Grande, Oregon, has been selected by the president, on recommendation of the Oregon delegation for appointment as an examiner of securities with the federal farm loan board at \$2000 a year. Mr. Coker was until recently pastor of a church in La Grande and was strongly endorsed by many of the leading citizens of that city.

Mr. Coker was for fourteen years a clerk in the navy department.

RETRIBUTION

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 9.—Clarence Howe, 37, while rabbit hunting Friday, became angered at the behavior of his dog. Howe poked the dog with the butt of his shotgun which was discharged, killing Howe.

Four L Report Shows Lumber Business Active

Within less than 60 days both logging and manufacturing capacity of the lumber industry in eastern Oregon will be running 50 per cent of normal, according to a recent survey by the Four L organization to which practically all mills in this part of the state belong.

The George Palmer Lumber company is running both its camps and its mill in this city while the Grande Ronde Lumber company has its planers working and is making shipments as usual although its mill at Perry is shut down, as is usual during this portion of the year.

Michigan Man Declares He was in Navy and Committee Handled Funds

ASSERTS PRIMARY LAW NOT BROKEN

Made no Solicitation for Funds and Contributed \$1,500 to Republican Central Committee of State.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A sweeping declaration of innocence was made by Senator Newberry today in the senate. Taking the floor in the proceedings to have him ousted from the senate, brought by Henry Ford, defeated candidate, Newberry emphatically denied personal knowledge of the collection or expenditure of a large campaign fund spent in his behalf.

He said he was in the naval service as an officer at New York during the campaign and knew nothing of who contributed and made no promise to repay any contributions.

No Soliciting.
"I did not solicit or expend, directly or indirectly, one single dollar during the campaign, nor did I know of contributions until afterward," he declared. He said he contributed \$1500 to the republican state central committee. He did not know until after the election that his campaign committee had spent \$195,000 and contended that under the Michigan primary law if the post is not borne by the candidate himself the committee in charge of the campaign may spend whatever amount it pleases for eleven enumerated objects.

STOCKING FARM WITH JERSEYS

Earl Zundell, of the La Grande National Bank, and owner of a dairy ranch about one mile from Telocaset, purchased the original 1000 acres last fall and since then has bought an additional 400 acres, making a total of 1400 in all. At present he has 82 head of Jerseys and will increase them in the near future. He is specializing in raising thoroughbred Jersey milkers with the intention of putting them on the market. He expects to improve his ranch as time goes by and hopes to have one of the finest establishments of that kind in the valley before many years have passed.



Weather

Tonight and Tuesday probably rain in the west and probably rain or snow in the east portion of the state.