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CENTRALIA SUSPECT IN HOLD-UP PLOT

WAR LAWS TO BE REVISED, IS PROPOSAL

As Arms Conference Draws to Close Talk of New One Starts

GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN PREPARED

International Rules of Conducting Wars Are to be Thoroughly Gone Over.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. — The ground work for another international conference to rewrite the the laws of war for submarine and other agencies of attack on land and sea completed by the arms delegates.

Under a resolution adopted by the armament commission, preparations for the new conference will begin immediately upon conclusion of the Washington negotiations. The United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy will be represented and the American government will select the exact time and place of meeting.

The first step toward revision of warfare regulations is to be taken by a "commission," presumably composed of international law experts without plenipotentiary powers, but the resolution provides that after they have agreed, the five governments shall "confer as to the acceptance of the report and the course to be followed to secure the consideration of its recommendations by the other civilized powers."

It is taken for granted that questions of national policy as well as legal consideration will enter into the final decisions reached and that the whole problem of the submarine will be re-opened when the powers gather once more about the council table.

Senior Play Is to Be Presented Here On March 10 and 11

The Senior play is now underway. The cast has been selected, Miss Jean Whitney is in charge and the rehearsals will begin shortly.

The play selected is Booth Tarkington's "Clarence." This is one of his latest works and is regarded as one of the big comedy lights of the season—on both the amateur and professional stage.

The dates selected are March 10 and 11, which will give the cast sufficient time to prepare the comedy fully.

The cast selected is: Mrs. Martyn, Edith Pierce; Mr. Wheeler, Grant Bean; Mrs. Wheeler, Margaret Palmer; Bobby Wheeler, Alfred Meyers; Cora Wheeler, Ruth Hill, Violet Pinney, Marjorie O'Brien, Clarence, Ted Larson; Della, Thelma Kitchen, Dinwiddie, Lanier Pearson and Hubert Stem, William Heughan.

MANY LEADING DIVINES ARE ON PROGRAM

Methodist Conference Next Week Promises to be of Much Interest to Church Members.

Plans for the entertainment of the most conspicuous team of Methodist bishops and Eastern Oregon and Idaho ministers and laymen that has been in La Grande for many years, are going forward jointly between the Methodist Episcopal church and the entertainment committee of the Ad Club. Beginning on Monday evening, the various delegations will begin to arrive and by early Tuesday morning approximately 60 will be here Eleven of these are educators, divines and specialists from many parts of the United States, and one from Shantung, China.

The entertainment features will include entertainment in the various homes on the Harvard plan of all the visitors, a luncheon by the Ad Club Tuesday noon, and a reception Tuesday evening. All the laymen who will be here come from the La Grande conference embracing Oregon east of Pendleton and much of Idaho.

Concerning the type of men that are coming in the special team of 11 to conduct the institute Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, District Superintendent dra R. Aldrich said:

"The personnel of the program of the La Grande District Methodist Institute Conference is of a high order. Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, D. D., LL. D., is one of the greatest preachers-orators of America. He is an administrator of unusual vision and vigor. He has been credited with demonstrating the essential democracy of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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M. I. A. Pageant Attended by Many Yesterday Evening

Silent Drama at L. D. S. Tabernacle a Success and Attended By a Large Crowd.

The pageant illustrating the work of the M. I. A. of the L. D. S. church was presented in the L. D. S. Tabernacle last night. A large number of members of the L. D. S. took part in the silent drama presentation of the eight slogans and the La Grande Boy Scouts also took part.

The basis of the pageant was the eight slogans that have been adopted by the organization for the past eight years. These slogans, in order of their portrayal in the pageant, are: We stand for state and nation-wide prohibition. We stand for the non-use and no-sale of tobacco. We stand for a sacred Sabbath and a weekly half-holiday. We stand for thrift and economy. We stand for a weekly home evening. We stand for service to God and country. We stand for spiritual growth through attendance at sacrament meeting. We stand for loyal citizenship.

During the picturization of the slogan, "We stand for spiritual growth through attendance at sacrament meeting," Mrs. E. P. Mossman presented some lantern slides on "The Life of Christ."

The slogan, "We stand for thrift and economy," several special attractions, such as indicating the various industries and products of the county, were featured.

A large crowd was present and were delighted with the pageant.

ANSWER TO REPARATIONS DEMAND MADE

Germany Will Pay Huge Sum She Says but Wants to Pay Less

FIRST PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED

Taxation Burden Heavy, say the Germans, and Therefore They Want More Time.

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 28. — Germany's answer to the allied reparations commission was delivered today. She proposes payment of seven hundred twenty million gold marks and a billion four hundred thousand fifty million gold marks worth of goods to the allies during 1922.

Germany suggests, however, that in view of Germany's taxation burden these amounts be lowered.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 28—The German government has notified the reparations commission that 31,000,000 gold marks have been deposited in various banks in compliance with the 10 days' payment schedule adopted by the commission at the recent supreme council meeting at Cannes. The first payment of 31,000,000 gold marks, under this schedule was made by Germany on January 19.

Man Killed Today In Lumber Camp Near Palmer Junction

Theodore Zimmerman was killed in an accident in one of the camps of the smallest lumber companies near Palmer Junction today, according to word received by Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp late this afternoon. Zimmerman has a brother in Seattle, it is reported.

IMPROVEMENT IN CREDIT IN WEST NOTED

Federal Reserve District Monthly Report Shows That 1922 Will be More Prosperous.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28. — States of the Twelth Federal Reserve District, being so largely dependent for prosperity upon the agricultural and livestock industries, must await the results of the 1922 crops before they will recover permanently from the severe readjustment of the past year, John Perrin, San Francisco, federal reserve agent, declared in his monthly report issued here today.

"There is already apparent, however," the report said, "pronounced improvement in the credit situation when compared with the beginning of 1921 as indicated both by the strong position of the banks generally throughout the district and by the availability and cost of bank credit for agriculture, industry and commerce.

"Total borrowings of member banks from the Federal Reserve bank at the beginning of 1921 were $171,211,000, or more than twice the $71,271,000 borrowed at the beginning of 1922.

"Improvement on the condition of the 67, reporting member banks is reflected in the reduction during the year in the ratio of their total loans and discounts to total deposits, which was 81.3 per cent at the beginning of 1921 and 75 per cent at the beginning of 1922.

"Prevailing interest rates charged by the principal member banks were reported to be easing slowly late in 1921 and it would appear that conservative enterprise in general will not be hampered in its conduct in 1922 either by lack of available bank credit or by its cost.

"Customary yearly returns to the United States Department of Agriculture show that the December 1st farm value of the 15 principal crops of the district was $518,000,000 compared with $739,000,000 in 1920, a decline of thirty per cent.

"These figures reflect the substantial purchasing power of the rural communities, however, they should be qualified by allowance for reductions which have occurred during the same period in the cost

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WASHINGTON IS ISOLATED BY SNOWFALL

Heaviest Snowstorm in Many Years in Southern States

FLORIDA FACES LOW TEMPERATURES

All Trains From South are Suspended Today; Worst Storm Since February, 1899.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The national capital is cut off from the outside world so far as transportation is concerned by one of the heaviest snow storms in the city's history. Trains from the south are wholly suspended following a two-days' storm. The snow fall of the middle Atlantic section is the heaviest since the blizzard of February, 1899.

Snowfall to a depth which smashed new records over periods of from 3 to 20 years were reported from several southern states as an aftermath of the storm which has been central off the south Atlantic coast throughout the early part of the week. The weather bureau predicted further snowfall qin 16 states in the east and in the south down to the northern Alabama-Mississippi line.

Virginia reported the heaviest fall in many years during a storm which was felt practically throughout the state Thursday night. At Danville 17 inches was recorded, a 20-year record being broken. Street car service in Lynchburg was badly crippled and Richmond reported a steady fall Friday morning. In Georgia the visitation consisted mostly of sleet.

Florida faces "freezing temperatures" unless the weather clears in the northern section, the weather bureau said Friday.

Domestic life and affection is very highly developed among wild ducks.

PLANS LAID TO SECURE ROAD MONEY

Meeting Held at Ad Club Last Night for Purpose of Pressing Claims With the Federal Government.

Conferences and discussions that have for their aim the obtaining of federal money to build forest roads in Union county were held here yesterday, culminating in a meeting last evening with Supervisor Kuhn of the Umatilla National Forest. Mr. Kuhn stopped off on his way home from Baker to consult with the committee that was waiting to see him. While the meeting was entirely preliminary and may not bring results at all points this year, it was the beginning of a campaign to get Union county's share of forest money.

Large sums of federal money are available for the building of roads that are wholly within or load to national forests and there are many counties after it.

The movement initiated yesterday will bear fruit in the next few years—some this season, it is felt.

There are two sources of money for this purpose. Some of these claims come within the meaning of both funds, for instance, the road to Mt. Emily. This is a wood-lumbers', stockmen's and recreational road, partly without the forest reserves and partly within.

In addition to this project, the Palmer Junction-Fallon project, almost wholly within the national forest was brought up by the county judge, and the Cove-Minam project was included. The last named centers at Baker, the others at Pendleton.

Present at the meeting were representatives of the Union County Ad Club, in whose headquarters the meeting was held; the county judge, U. G. Couch; the Union County Fire Association; the Union County Automobile association and the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club. Various representative citizens were also in attendance.

Letters substantiating the claims for the various projects have been or will be forwarded to the proper authorities and personal appearances will probably be made before the federal representative who has the final disbursement of the funds to make. The recommendations of Mr. Kuhn are the basis.

Secondary Roads Named Today by Highway Commission

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—The secondary road list as announced this afternoon by the highway commission consists of the west side highway from Portland to Junction City as well as the following other highways: Roosevelt, from Ochoco to Klamath Falls and Lakeview; Willamette Valley to Florence; La Grande to Enterprise; Coos Bay to Roseburg; Grants Pass to Crescent City; Medford to Crater Lake; McKenzie-John Day and that part of the Oregon-Washington highway from Willows to Pendleton. The commission decided to leave the Wallula cut-off off the list until after making an inspection of the route next week.

Fashions today are more becoming and make the woman of thirty look younger than she did ten years ago.

Taking his seventh wife recently, an Iowa man, has now married all the daughters of one family.

CALIFORNIA ROBBERY PLOT FRUSTRATED

Bandit Said to be a Radical, Lies in Hospital Badly Hurt

HOLD-UP HAD BEEN THOROLY PLANNED

Trap Is Sprung on Walter Lambertson, After He Had Planned a $150,000 Robbery for Months

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—Walter Lambertson, said to be a radical by the police and wanted in connection with the Armistice Day disorders at Centralia, Wash., was in serious condition at a hospital here today as the result of four bullet wounds sustained last night when detectives frustrated what they declared was an attempt by Lambertson to derail the Southern Pacific Shore Line Limited train bound from San Francisco to Los Angeles and rob the baggage car of a consignment of $150,000.

Lambertson, the police said, for weeks had planned to wreck the train. His actions became known to detectives who arranged a trap. Detective Sergeant Cato, posing as a "wild Dutchman" was introduced to Lambertson who hired the detective to drive him to the scene of the attempted wreck.

The train was instructed to slow

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BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 28—John B. McNamee, who came to Oregon at the age of 10 and fought Indians at the age of 16 and drove stage lines to California and Nevada, is dead here.

(By Associated Press)

PEKIN, Jan. 28.—Liang Shih Yi has tendered his resignation as premier.

(By Associated Press)

Late this afternoon it was reported that the bridge line train between here and Joseph would be continued Sundays until further investigation by the public service commission. Announcement was made by railroad officials yesterday that the train would be discontinued Sundays temporarily, beginning tomorrow.

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Fred Lamson, of Boston, William B. McKenzie of Cambridge, and James E. Patton of Boston were named trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society by the supreme court today.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—A steam column is reported issuing from Crater Rock on Mount Hood.

FULL OF SCRAPS

Boy Scouts Entertained at Cove This Afternoon

Today the La Grande Boy Scouts invaded Cove en masse. Four cars heavily laden, left at different times during the day. The first car, carrying the [illegible] left at 11:30 this morning, and the last left at 2 o'clock and [illegible] at five.

The day's program is as follows: At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the La Grande Boy Scouts basketball team will play a game with the Cove Boy Scouts. Both teams are of about the same caliber and an interesting game should result.

At 5 o'clock the Scout officials of the two cities will meet together. Others interested in [illegible] will also be present.

At the [illegible] on the "Up and Up Trail." [illegible] home probably arriving here about 10:30.

The proceeds of the trip will be used to furnish and decorate the Boy Scout clubroom in the Y. M. C. A. building. Scout Commissioner A. Edwin Pyke accompanied the boys.

Inter-Town Banquet to be held at Cove Monday

One of the banner inter-town banquets of the season will be held at Cove next Monday night. Bruce Cox, chairman of the Trade Extension Committee of the Ad Club, reports that 37 have already signed up to go. Any other member who wishes to join the caravan should notify A. W. Nelson, manager, not later than Sunday evening in order that plates may be provided.

The Ad Clubbers will leave headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. at 6 o'clock sharp, those not having cars being provided for. The Ad Club [illegible] warblers will be on the job. The citizens of Cove are hosts and the Ad Club is looking forward to a delightful evening.

Weather

Tonight and Sunday rain in the west portion of the state and snow in the east portion. Not so cold tonight in the east portion.