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SENATE IS CONSIDERING THE TREATY

Four-Power Pact Explained by Senator New

NO ALLIANCE IN IT, IS STATEMENT

Lansing-Isshi Agreement is Discussed With Its Bearing On the Present Pact.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—There is no "alliance" in the four-power Pacific treaty nor any obligation to use force, Senator New of Indiana, republican member of the senate foreign relations commitee, declared today in opening the senate discussion of the treaty on behalf of the administration.

Replying to criticism. New, who is a close friend of Harding, declared that the four-power treaty gave safe guards for peace to the United States and did not impair American sovreignty. Comparing the treaty with the league of nations he said the treaty was "co-operative" while the league was "drastic and compulsory."

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A resolution asking the president what effect ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty will have on the Lansing-Ishi agreement between the United States and Japan was adopted today by the senate. The resolution, presented by Borah, was agreed to without rollcall after a short debate. During the debate Senator Underwood, of Alabama, member of the American arms delegation, declared in his opinion "that the agreement would be wiped out entirely by the series of conference treaties."

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and Brandegee, of Connecticut, suggested that the four-power treaty concerned only the Pacific islands. while the Lansing-Ishi agreement decalt with China.

HI-Y TEAM IS VANQUISHED

A. E. Pryke and the La Grande Hi-Y basketball team returned from Baker yesterday with the heavy burden of defeat resting on their shoulders. They were met and vanquished by the Baker Hi-Y five Saturday evening to the tune of 23 to 19.

The game was nip and tuck all the way through and at the end of the first half the locals led 8 to 11. In the last half Baker rallied and tied and passed the La Granders.

Robertson, Baker forward, was largely responsible for the win, annexing six field baskets and converting five fouls. Kennison, Baker center, played a star game. For La Grande, Kingwell marked up 13 points and Metcalf and Rohan played their positions well.

The lineups were: Baker, Robertson and Hill, forwards; Kennison, center; Trebe and Whittaker guards. La Grande, Rohan and Kingwell, forwards; Metcalf, center; Stager and McMillan, guards.

A return game will be played here on Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A.

OPINION CONFLICTS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Conflicting opinion over the eligibility of Senator Smoot and Representative Burton to serve on the Allied Debt commission caused the senate judiciary committee to defer final action until Thursday. The majority of the sub-committee held them not eligible.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6. — By a close vote the house today refused to pass the bill authorizing the appropriation of $1,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain to be used in the drought-stricken areas of the northwest.

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Mar. 6 — Wolfgang Kapp, leader of the revolution of 1920, has made an offer from Sweden to surrender for trial provided he is given safe conduct and not [illegible]

LOUIS BEAN ANNOUNCES HIS PLATFORM

Economy and Reduction of Taxes Two of Main Planks in Gubernatorial Platform.

The platform on which Louis E. Bean, speaker of the house of representative, will make his race for nomination as governor at the Republican primaries in May. was announced by Mr. Bean Saturday evening. His platform, in full, is as follows:

I favor more efficient business administration, for greater economy in public expenditure, and for a substantial reduction of taxes. I am against any form of invisible government and the people will find me a positive governor, unequivocably standing for economy and retrenchment in public expenditure.

Following is my platform:

1. I favor the repeal of all laws creating all state commissions and the enactment, in lieu thereof, of a statute authorizing the appointment by the governor of a non-salaried cabinet of business men, seven in number, to be confirmed by the senate, and to work in an advisory capacity. To this cabinet would be entrusted the duties and powers, now imposed by law upon all such commissions, with full authority to coordinate and bring together the work of these several independent departments, under proper classification to eliminate all overlaping of authority, duplication of effort and waste and extravagance, thereby definitely placing responsibility for good or bad administration of state affairs. We have too many commissions, inspectors, supervisors and special agents following one another at great public expense in a vain effort to regulate, supervise and inspect every private activity.

2. I favor an Income Tax which will reach those sources of wealth which now, to a large extent, escape taxation under the direct property tax. The money so received to be applied directly to the administration of state affairs and lower, by the amount so raised, the tax on real property which is now so heavily overburdened. An Income Tax should not be devised to raise more money; the state is, today, expending too much money; the expense of administering the governmental affairs having been trebled within a few years.

3. All revenues from automobiles and gasoline taxes, less administration costs, should be applied first, to payment of interest on bonds; second, to sinking funds; third, to maintenance of roads. All road bonds now issued or authorized should be classified as to security value for refunding and redepmtion purposes. Excess revenues should be used to match government funds. Market roads should be encouraged. We should not authorize additional construction bonds which cannot be taken care of—interest, principal and maintenance—without increase of present motor, vehicle and gasoline taxes. I am opposed to any further increase, in automobile or gasoline taxes.

4. I am opposed to the further issuance of any bonds for any purpose until the public has full knowledge of our standing obligations and the means of meeting them. I am unalterably opposed to the issuance of tax free securities for any purpose whatever.

5. I am in favor of carefully

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COMMISSIONS INVESTIGATE

Rinehart Bridge Matter Taken Up by Public Service and Highway Commission.

Members of the public service and highway commissions met with the county court and representative bodies on Friday to hear the testimony on the matter of the Rinehart Bridge. R. E. Corey, of the State Public Service Commission, and Mr. Devers, of the State Highway Commission, met with the county court and the district attorney, Ed Wright.

The highway commission is seeking the railroad to furnish part of the necessary funds to construct a [illegible] bridge which will bridge the river and the railroad at that point. At a [illegible] further testimony is heard [illegible] the matter will be decided.

The decision is up to the Public Service Commission and in all probability a meeting will be held some time this week in Portland after [illegible] decision will be made.

Prosecution Gives Surprise

Calls Co-Defendent To Witness Stand In Murder Trial

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—The prosecution sprung a surprise on Arthur C. Burch, jointly indicted with Mrs. M. Obenchain on a charge of murdering J. Belton Kennedy, by calling him to the witness stand today in the Obenchain trial. When asked questions Burch refused to answer until he could be advised by counsel.

AD CLUB MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Concerning the practices of two families now living in La Grande, the Better Business Bureau of the Ad club makes the following announcement:

Certain parties are soliciting aid, in North La Grande especially, with a story of hardships in their homes. After careful investigation it is suggested that any housewife approached by strangers for aid in the way of food or money, first consult the Red Cross to learn of authenticity of the claims have been established. This will relieve much of the confusion now existing. By virtue of the Home Service fund recently subscribed to, it is no longer necessary that any person contribute to relief of local charity cases direct; the method that is fair to all concerned is to inform the Red Cross of any known cases that are deserving. Considerable charity has bee nextended the past few days to cases that were the true facts generally known, would probably not receive help.

Five Game Bowling Tournament Begun

A five-game bowling tournament was begun at the Club bowling alleys Sunday evening and the next contest in the Marathon series will be held on Wednesday evening, March 8, at 7:30. Those taking part in the first game and their totals are B. Workman, 900; G. Salisbury, 850; D. Scott, 761; G. Campbell, 844; C. Woods, 764; G. H. Miller, 771; R. Campbell, 772; J. Richards, 823; M. Childers, 742; and P. Palmer, 779.

WORTHY OF BEING PROBED

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, March 6—The police received a letter Saturday from a man whose name they witheld who stated he killed William Desmond Taylor in revenge for an old fued. It was sent from a city in Connecticut and made circumstancial statements which filled in with facts developed by the police and they declared the letter worthy of investigation.

FORECAST IS OPTIMISTIC FOR MARCH

U. S. Employment Service Declares Conditions Good

IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED IN REPORTS

New York City Showed Healthy Increase During Month; Much Activity Predicted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—A forcast of great industrial improvement for the month of March was made today by the United States employment service, in connection with its monthly report of employment conditions in the United States.

"Reports from 231 of the principal industrial centers, with but few exceptions, shows a general improvement in employment conditions," Director Jones of the service announced. "Weather permitting, March will begin an era of great activity."

Employment conditions showed practically no alterations during February, however, according to the bureau's studies.

New York City reported an increase in employment of 1.9 per cent, while Chicago had a decrease of one-half of 1 per cent.

PASSPORTS ARE STILL REQUIRED

(By Associated Press)

GRAZ, Austria, Mar. 6.—Central European states are not ready to sacrifice their passport requirements in the interest of better business and travel conditions. The passport conference of the succession states (of Austira-Hungary) showed only partial success.

Austria, Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia were the only governments that agreed to issue two-year passports and to give vises good for a year.

Poland objected to all efforts to simplify the intricacies that are the despair of Americans.

Rumania and Jugoslavia agreed to the proposed reforms with certain reservations.

Bonus Bill is Now in House

President Said To Favor Certificate Plan

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The bonus bill will be introduced into the house late today and formally reported tomorrow, Chairman Fordney announced. He said that the committee had reason to believe the president was not opposed to the certificate loan plan.

JAPS ARE TOO PARTICULAR

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, Mar. 6.—Japanese emigrants have shown a decided disinclination to seek their fortunes in South America in the past two years despite the "overcrowding" in Japan and offers of bonuses.

The Brazilian government pays 15 pounds to each Japanese emigrant but, nevertheless, Japanese labor contractors have found it impossible to fulfill their contracts with Brazilian coffee planters to furnish 5,000 Japanese each year.

Last year the number of Japanese emigrants to Brazil was estimated at 900. These figures are given by an official of the Commercial Bureau attached to the Foreign office.

The reason assigned for this disinclination to transmigrate to South America is the improved status of the labor market at home. Officials of the bureau predict that the coming year will see a greater exodus from Japan than for some years past.

The total Japanese population in South America in 1920 is estimated by Japanese authorities at about 40,000, of whom 31,000 are in Brazil, 6,000 in Peru, 2,000 in Argentina, 800 in Bolivia and 400 in Chile.

Emigration is being encouraged by the Japanese government says Mr. Akamatsu, chief of the Commercial Bureau. Railway fares to ports of embarkation are reduced and special steamship rates are offered.

SCOTCH DON'T LIKE GERMANS

(By Associated Press)

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Mar. 6.—There was an angry protest from Scotch fishermen here when a German steam trawler recently landed a catch of fish here. She was the first ex-enemy fishing vessel to discharge at a British port, since the great war began in 1914.

HE'S GOT THE FEVER AGAIN

LOCAL BOY IS PROMOTED TO VICE-CONSUL

Harold Newton, Once a Resident of This City, Now Located At Kobe, Japan.

Harold Newton, who graduated from the high school in this city a number of years ago and in 1919 graduated from the University of Oregon, has been appointed vice-consul at Koke, Japan.

Mr. Newton, whose appointment to the important post of vice-consul at the largest post in the Pacific, comes to him in his 25th year, has had steady advancement since he went to Japan after his graduation from the University of Oregon less than three years ago For a time he served as instructor in English in a Japanese college in Osaka, and was later appointed to the staff of the Taisho Nichi Shimbun, a metropolitan newspaper printed entirely in Japanese in Osaka. He entered the university from La Grande and served in the navy during the war. He was prominent in student journalism and received his degree in that school. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Delta Chi.

In a recent letter Mr. Newton says:

"Mr. Brodie of Oregon City and I met each other at the same party and had a pleasant conversation. I believe it was Christmas evening. Anyhow, Mr. Brodie was passing through Kobe at the time on his way to Siam to become our new minister there. I hope the climate down there doesn't get him."

Before entering high school he was a carrier boy of the Observer. His mother, Mrs. J. R. Newton, formerly lived here.

NEW GRANGE TO BE ORGANIZED

A grange meeting was held at Fruitdale school house last Friday evening and the preliminary work to wards organizing a grange was taken up. Another meeting will be held in the near future to complete the work.

A program for the evening was furnished by Mrs. R. A. Masterton, chairman of the home economic committee for Blue Mountain grange and was as follows: Instrumental music, Miss Fay Golden; monologue Mrs. Katheryn Redhead; music, Miss Fay Golden; stump speech, W. R. Gekeler; vocal solo, Mrs. Kathryn Redhead; reading, Mrs. Mattie H. Golden; address, The Grange, Its Past and Future, W. R. Gekeler, state deputy master.

INITIATIVE PETITION

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, March 6—The American Legion Executive committee announced an initiative petition for an anti-alien land bill similar in tone to that defeated by the senate at the last legislature after passing the house. It will be circulated throughout the states within a few days. The dates for this year's convention have been fixed at July 27 to July 29 at The Dalles.

LOCAL MAN IS GIVEN AWARD

Disabled because of service in the World War, Walter Higgins of La Grande, was today awarded government compensation of $67.50 a month by the United States Veteran's Bureau at its Seattle district office. He will receive $463.50 back compensation pay.

Announcement was made by officials of the Veterans' Bureau that plans are being puched for the establishment of a large hospital in the Pacific Northwest to take care of mental cases. A measure now pending in Congress will provide funds for this purpose. The hospital would at first house 250 mental cases and later 500 veterans, according to the plans.

With a total of 2,129 tubercular cases among war veterans in this district of the Veterans' Bureau, reported to date, tuberculosis among former service men is gaining steadily despite the fact that the war ended more than three years ago, according to L. C. Jesseph of Seattle, district manager. Fifty veterans have been hospitalized in Washington, Oregon and Idaho since January 1st, of the number of cases reported, 34 [illegible]

OPINION IS DIVIDED ON RETIREMENT

British Expect to Know Within Day if Lloyd George will Quit

OFFER BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE NOW

Genoa Conference May Be Postponed Until After Internal Affairs Are Settled In Great Britain.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 6.—Within 24 hours, or at most 48 hours, the world will know whether Lloyd George has decided to resign as chief of the coalition government. Experts today were diametrically opposed in the opinion of how the crisis stood as the result of a week-end conference. Some declared the outlook for a continuance of the present government and the belief that the premier would not resign. Others declared that all signs pointed to his retirement.

Mr. Lloyd George's offer to resign has been held in abeyance, but not withdrawn, He is still awaiting assurances of the continued loyalty of the Unionist party to the coalition government.

The premier points out that candidates are being chosen in various constituencies for the approaching general elections who openly disclaim Mr. Lloyd George's leadership, yet receive the approval of Unionist headquarters and he considers it impossible to go on under such conditions. It is further understood that the premier insists, in the event of a general election, that there shall be a more equal allocation of seats between the Unionists and Liberals in the coalition whereas the Unionists claim the preponderance of the seats.

Senator Robinson, o fArkansas, and fact that while the Unionist members of the cabinet are earnestly urging th premier not to resign, the coalition-liberal members of the government are almost as anxious that he should resign.

They profess to see little prospect of success for the coalition in the general elections, and many of them are anxious to seek a reunion with the Asquith Liberals under Mr. Lloyd George's leadership.

There is a growing advocacy here of postponement of the Genoa economic conference until after the general elections are held in England, unless the present crisis is solved in such a manner as to leave the premier with undiminished authority.

COURT HOUSE TO BE DISCUSSED

Ad Club At Its Luncheon Tomorrow Will Take Up Important Question; Officers To Be Eelected.

In view of the fact that there are many angles to the question of court house facilities which is now occupying the attention of the city commission and the county court, President E. P. Mossman announces that topic will be up for discussion tomorrow noon when the Ad club meets for the last meeting of the present administration.

That and the election of a board of directors will be the principal business before the club and all members are urged to attend.

NO MORE FREE SEEDS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 6—A $300,000 free seed item carried for years in the house agricultural bill was lopped off by the appropriations committee Saturday.

Weather

Tonight and Tuesday fair [illegible] portions. Moderate to fresh [illegible] winds.