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EXTRA

Gas Treaty O. K.'d

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—Virtually without opposition the senate late today ratified the arms conference treaty regulating the use of submarines and poison gas.

Treaty Ratified

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The arms conference treaty limiting navies was ratified today by the senate by a vote of 74 to 1. Senator France of Maryland cast the only negative vote. No reservations or amendments were presented. The republicans, regulars and irreconcilables, and democrats supported the treaty.

Little Hope

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Mar. 29.—"Nothing but a miracle or immediate acceptance of all of our demands can avert a strike April 1," said Thomas Kennedy, district president of the United Mine Workers today.

PREPARE FOR COMING GENOA CONFERENCE

Lloyd George Will Ask a Vote of Confidence Says Leader

SOVIET DELEGATES ARE ON WAY NOW

Foreign Minister of Red Regime Is At the Head of His Government's Delegation.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 29.—Lloyd George himself will introduce a resolution on the Genoa conference next Monday in which the government will ask a vote of confidence, Austen Chamberlain, government leader, announced today.

(By Associated Press) RIGA, Mar. 29.—The Russian soviet delegation to the Genoa economic conference, headed by Foreign Minister Chicherin, arrived here today on the first stage of its journey to Italy.

ANCIENT WRECK FOUND

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 29.—Remnants of a wreck believed to date back to a Dutch-Spanish battle in 1641 have been brought to the surface by salvage workers in Lerwick harbor.

Another Movie Actor Is in Grave Trouble Now

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 29.—Herbert Rawlinson, motion picture actor, was made defendant in a suit for damages of \$200,000 that was filed in the superior court here today by Mrs. Ethel E. Clark of New York, who charged Rawlinson had committed a statutory offense against her daughter, Dorothy Clark, two years ago.

Mrs. Clark and her daughter are now in New York but their exact address was withheld by their attorney, J. K. Stickney of San Diego, Cal., who said he had filed the action at the request of Mrs. Clark.

The asserted offense, according to the papers in the suit, was committed in New York in 1920 when the girl was 15 years old.

At that time, it was said, the girl had had a brief experience in motion picture work. More recently, At-

ASSAULT ON MISS RAPPE IS DESCRIBED

Woman to Whom Dying Woman Told How Assault Was Committed Tells Story to Jury.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29.—Kate Brennan, one of the principal defense witnesses in the third trial of Roscoe, Patti, Arbuckle, according to affidavits presented by the defense to court today, said she was the hotel maid who wiped off the door on which the prosecution contended the finger prints of Arbuckle and Miss Rappe were found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29.—The first direct testimony linking Roscoe (Patty) Arbuckle with the death of Virginia Rappe was given in his trial for manslaughter late Tuesday afternoon by Miss Virginia Briggs, secretary to Dr. Francis Wakefield, at whose sanitarium the actress died. She said Miss Rappe told her:

Arbuckle took me by the arm and threw me on the bed and put his weight on me, after that I do not know what happened.

With the testimony of Miss Briggs, a surprise witness, the state rested its case. The defense immediately began the presentation of its evidence by calling Adolph Juel, head of the police identification bureau, to the stand.

This is the first time Miss Briggs has appeared as a witness, and at the conclusion of her testimony the defense made a motion that her statements be stricken from the record as hearsay. The court denied this motion.

Miss Briggs explained that she had gone into Miss Rappe's room on the day of her death. "She asked me about the amount of the hospital bill that would be due," she testified. "She said she didn't see why she should pay the bill, as Arbuckle was responsible for her being there. I told her that if Arbuckle or anyone else should pay the account after she left, the money paid by her would be returned. She replied that she was not going to leave, that she was going to die. Then I asked her why she thought she was going to die, and it was then that she told me the details of the party."

Cross-examined by Attorney Gavin McNab, defense chief counsel, as to whether it was not true that she had telephoned him asking that Miss Rappe's bill be paid and threatening that if it was not she would tell her story to the district attorney, Miss Briggs made an absolute denial. She also denied that McNab had told her to give any evidence she might have to the district attorney, although admitting that he had told her to see that official, she presumed, about the bill.

"I had someone on the line while I was talking to you," said the witness.

"So (Jury) volunteered (McNab). Miss Briggs declared that she had not told her story before or volunteered any information, because she shrank from the notoriety. She added that she had been summoned to testify only last Saturday.

Tightening On Drug and Liquor Law Asked

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—Representative McArthur, of Oregon, today asked the house immigration committee to report his bill tightening the narcotic net. J. P. Jones, assistant commissioner of prohibition, urged the deportation of aliens persistently violating the Volstead and narcotic acts.

Two Officers Under Arrest

Charged With Attempting Assassination In Berlin

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Mar. 29.—Two czarist officers were arrested charged with killing Vladimir Nabokoff and attempting to assassinate Professor Paul N. Milukoff, former minister of foreign affairs of the Russian provisional government, at a Russian meeting here last night.

White Cross Socks Funds to Carry on Its Hospital Work

Local Organization Will Establish Headquarters Downtown for Convenience of Public.

The ladies of the White Cross are enthusiastic over the work and the spirit in which people receive it. They have decided on this week as American White Cross week and Thursday and Friday as membership days.

Mrs. Geo. E. Thayer, local president, said: "We ladies will do all we can to tell everyone the story of the White Cross and give them an opportunity to become a member, but we hope no one will wait to be solicited. Our headquarters are at the La Grande Investment company, and the secretary and treasurer will be there Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. We will thank you to come in and join this great movement to promote health, care for the sick, secure young ladies for nurse training and encourage Protestant Christian hospitals.

"A large number of small contributions will make a great movement possible."

STRAWBERRY SEASON HERE

Although Grande Ronde valley strawberries will not be on the market for several months, today La Grande housewives began savoring strawberries and cream for the first time since the passing of the winter. Strawberries from Louisiana were received by local dealers this morning. They are being sold at 25 cents a pint, somewhat lower than the opening price a year ago.

Navy To Get Out of Alaska Coal Field

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The navy department's entire investment in Alaska coal lands, principally the Chickaloon mines, will be transferred to the interior department May 1, Secretary of the Interior Fall announced today.

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA PLEASES ALL

U. of O. Student Body Organization; Soloists and "Troubadours" Win Much Applause.

The University of Oregon symphony orchestra was well received by the audience at the high school last evening and the musicians were highly complimented on their work. Throughout the program, both when the full orchestra played and when groups or soloists played, the players showed that their training was thorough and although every member was a university student the performance was far better than many a professional organization of the kind could render. Not only are the individual members to be highly praised for the excellency of their playing but the leader deserves much praise for his part in making the orchestra one of the best university organizations ever heard here.

The concert began at 8:15 sharp and the orchestra delighted the audience with Rossini's Overture, from "William Tell." This was followed by the "Valse Triste," by Sibelius; the "The Only Girl," by Victor Herbert; the "March of the Boyards," by Halvorsen, an Rachmaninoff's "Prelude." The next numbers consisted of solos. A violin solo, the "Gypsy Serenade," by Valdez, was played by Miss Albert Potter, who was promptly encored by the audience. Miss Lora Teshner then furnished a cello solo which was as heartily received as the preceding number.

The stringed quartette, composed of Misses Alberta Potter and Margaret Phelps, violins; Miss Gwendolyn Lampshire, viola, and Miss Lora Teshner, violoncello, presented Beethoven's "Minuet," and followed this with "Moment Musical," by Schubert.

"A Tameful Interlude," by a group of girls composed of Alberta Potter, Margaret Phelps, Gwendolyn Lampshire, Lora Teshner, Janet O'Reilly and Helen Caples, was a novelty and very pleasing in every respect.

With the appearance of the University Troubadours the audience was presented with several snappy, late hits, which were received with much applause. "The Sheik," one of the latest popular fox trots, was delightfully rendered by the troubadours, their personnel being: "Ransom McArthur, violin; Meryl Deming, cornet; Frank Dorman, saxophone; Herbert Hacker, trombone; Ralph McGaffin, banjo; Darrel Larson, piano, and Ray Graham, drums.

The concert was closed by the entire orchestra. Nicolai's famous overture, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," was followed by "Mighty Oregon," the U. of O. college song.

At the close of the concert the University Troubadours played for a dance at the Rex Hall. The attendance was very large and the crowd was highly entertained.

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O.W. To Spend Big Amount Improving The Local Division

One and one half millions of dollars will be spent on regrading and ballasting work on this division as part of the \$5,000,000.00 that will be spent this year on the O.W., in the report received from the division engineer's office.

Ballasting is now being done between Yaquina and Pendleton, about one hundred men being employed on this stretch. This work will probably be completed this summer.

On April first ballasting will begin on the Telocaset-La Grande section and a large force of men will be employed on this work.

Regrading will be done on various sections of the road but the definite arrangements have not yet been made.

CHURCH IS BOMBED IN WISCONSIN

(By Associated Press)

GREEN BAY, Wis., Mar. 29.—Police are investigating a bomb explosion in the Congregational church last night during the address by Lewis B. Horton of Spokane, a prohibition worker. The bomb was made of gunpowder loosely packed in a small box and exploded while it was being carried out, causing a panic and injuring many.

CHURCH TO BE SKYSCRAPER

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, Mar. 29.—Plans for the erection of a twenty-story building, to cost approximately \$1,500,000 have been announced by trustees of the First Presbyterian (Old Stone) church. The building will be erected on Ontario street, adjoining the church which is one of Cleveland's landmarks. It will occupy space on which the chapel stands at present, and will have a frontage of 100 feet on Ontario street and extend back about 170 feet on West Second street.

No change is contemplated in the main church building, which has stood at Ontario street and Public Square for over 90 years.

The proposed new building will be used for Sunday school parlors, offices, dining room, committee rooms, etc., in such part as is required by the church, and the remainder will be arranged for office purposes for the general public. It is expected that the rental from the latter will be sufficient to maintain Old Stone church indefinitely in its present location.

LOWER RATES FOR COAST ON APRIL FIRST

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The Mississippi valley railroads were found justified today by the interstate commerce commission in their decision from the Chicago territory freight destined to Pacific coast points via gulf ports and the Panama canal. The commission withdrew the order of suspension issued against the new schedules and which prevented lower charges becoming effective February 15.

The railroads are allowed to continue lower rates on and after April 1. Nearly all commodities shipped by freight are affected.

DEBATERS ARE IN READINESS

Two Teams of Local High School Will Meet With Pendleton Orators Friday.

The La Grande high school debaters are rounding off the rough spots in their arguments and are making the halls ring with their lucid and convincing arguments on the question, Resolved, That the Philippines should be granted their immediate independence by the United States.

With only two more days remaining before they meet Pendleton high school they are undergoing some intensive work and are showing up in fine style. The negative and affirmative teams are having many practice debates and both teams are becoming stronger each day. Prof. A. C. Hampton and Principal E. D. Towler are directing their efforts during the lullness of the regular coach, Miss John Whitney.

The debate will take place on Friday evening of this week, the negative team, represented by Grant Bean and Everett Bennett, remaining in La Grande and the affirmative, Ted Larsen and Alfred Meyers, journeying to Pendleton.

The debate will take place in the high school auditorium, the doors opening at 7:30 o'clock and the debate commencing at 8:15. A small admission will be charged. No reservations will be made.

"The people of La Grande are cordially invited to attend and I assure them that the subject is both vital and entertaining and that the strength of both teams indicates that the debating will never lack in interest," remarked Principal Towler.

FLATS VACANT IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Mar. 29.—There are 5000 vacant flats now in Chicago and by June 1 that number will be doubled, says M. S. Walsh, secretary of the Tenants' league. The reason, he says, is that prices are too high.

Farm Bureau Will Hold Election on April 8th

The annual meeting of the Union which will be represented by membership on the new county board of directors are located at Elgin, Sumnerville, Inbler, Cove, Union, La Grande and North Powder. Several of these have been only recently organized.

Among the important matters included in the program are the election of officers, report of the county farm bureau work for the year, an address by one of the state farm bureau officials and a report of the agricultural extension work in the county.

The local farm bureau units

AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON REFORMS

Government Departments To Be Thoroughly Overhauled

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION

Over Half of Departments Already Included In Plans Outlined by Cabinet and President.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The president and the cabinet agreed upon plans for the reorganization of over half of the government departments. The plans were submitted by Walter F. Brown, chairman of the joint committee on reorganization.

The departments on which agreements have not been reached include the interior, commerce and agriculture departments. The reorganization plans are expected to be submitted to congress.

MORE SYSTEM IN STUDYING

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Mar. 29.—An appeal for deeper and more systematic study in England of American history and institutions has been made by Dr. George Peabody Gooch, a prominent political author, before the Society of Experiment and Research in Education at the University college here.

One reason for the appalling neglect on this side of American history was, he thought, "the deep and ineradicable conviction that American history was dull."

"People here have a sort of idea," he went on, "that when America became independent she didn't concern us any more, and to this day we know more about the American colonial period than about the period of independence."

American literature, Dr. Gooch continued, has been carefully studied here but there were extraordinarily few books by English writers on American history and institutions. While giving due praise to the works of Lord Bryce, Sir George Trevelyan and Lecky he had come to the conclusion he said that English people only read American historians when they were not writing about their own country.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The house passed the army appropriation bill of approximately \$288,000,000.

(By Associated Press) QUEBEC, Mar. 29.—Fire today destroyed the Basilica of Sainte Anne de Beaupre, famous for its shrine, but the statue of Sainte Anne and historic relics to which miraculous cures have been ascribed were saved.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 29.—The engineering employers' federation today posted a notice of the lockout of seven unions in addition to the amalgamated engineers' union.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—Dr. C. L. Lincoln, convicted of the illegal sale of narcotics, will be sentenced Saturday, as that prices are too high.

