

HUGE FIRE LOSS LAST NIGHT AT ELGIN Genoa Conference Has Started

ALL EYES ON DELEGATION OF RUSSIANS

Genoa Economic Conference
Important Gath-
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PREMIER FACETA IS NAMED PRESIDENT

Central Europe and Russia
Will Have Their Recon-
struction Problems Laid
Before Many Nations.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 10.—The Genoa economic conference was formally opened this afternoon in the historic palace of St. George by Premier Faceta of Italy. The delegates agreed that Faceta be elected president and Signor Schanzer vice-president.

Nations of four continents are represented at the conference, which is regarded as the most significant assembly since the Versailles peace conference.

Representatives of 33 states are prepared to take steps for the reconstruction of Europe, particularly Central Europe and Russia.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 10.—The preliminary moves on the European chess board, to which the day before the opening of the economic conference was largely devoted, plainly showed all nations, great and small, courting Russia, although they wished to appear not over eager in the courtship. Therefore, the Russians seemed to hold a position of distinct advantage, all depending on how they manipulated their pawns in their project to be admitted to the council of nations as the representatives of the Russian state.

The conditions of Russia's entry are the outstanding and dominating subject of the conference.

In the meantime the allied chiefs have had two lengthy sessions which were marked by some sharp exchanges between the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George and Louis Barthou, representing France, and settled on a definite program of technical work for the conference.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 10.—The recognition of Russia is a dominant question in the Genoa conference and probably will be the first subject taken under consideration. All discussions will begin and end with Soviet Russia, whose 150,000,000 inhabitants and territory comprising a large fraction of the earth's surface overshadow the smaller states which make up the mass of representation at Genoa.

All eyes are upon Russia, for it is the first time this great nation has participated in world affairs since the overthrow of Kerensky's provisional government in the spring of 1917. After more than four years of experimental government, Nikolai Lenin, Russian Premier, has abandoned much of what he previously considered essential to Bolshevism and has consented to participate in a conference called by "capitalistic nations."

On the ground that the gathering will be political rather than economic, the United States has declined Italy's invitation to send representatives. The American people, Secretary Hughes said in declining the invitation, are anxious to assist Europe in recovering its economic life but feel that they cannot involve themselves in European politics.

Germany, represented in a bantua capacity in nearly all European conferences since Versailles, is expected to play a more active part at Genoa. Many observers even go so far as to predict that Great Britain and Germany will dominate the assembly by working hand in hand for the salvation of their industrial lives through (Continued on Page Five.)

EXTRA

Plane Wrecked
(By Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, Apr. 10.—Captain Amundsen's monoplane, which left New York this morning for Cleveland, was wrecked at Miola, Pennsylvania, this afternoon, according to a message from Horace Gade, a member of the party. No details are known.

CRIME WAVE RAMPANT IN UNION NOW

UNION, Apr. 10.—A lone robber and a leveled revolver was what county commissioner J. F. Hutchinson confronted Saturday evening about 11:30 o'clock as he was driving down Railroad street in Union. A terse command to stop was given but Mr. Hutchinson, taking a chance, threw his car into reverse and putting his foot on the throttle, managed to back safely away before the hold-up man could catch him. Mr. Hutchinson had in his possession, in addition to the car, a valuable diamond ring and quite a sum of money. No knowledge as to who the bandit was can be found.

Just two nights prior to that the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Webb in North Union was entered while they were attending the movies, and a small sum of money and several rings and other minor articles were stolen. The loss amounted to less than \$100.

Again no clues were found. Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Webb's father, was in the house at the time and heard noises, but as the old gentleman is hard of hearing, he thought it was Mr. and Mrs. Webb returning.

Added to the robbery of Connor's and of Haggerty & McCloy earlier in the week, it makes four robberies for Union in a period of five days.

Supreme Court Has Given Decision On Fashion Trust Case

Contract to Handle Copyrighted Articles Exclusively Cannot Be Enforced Says Court.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 10.—Manufacturers cannot enforce a contract under which dealers agreed exclusively to handle their copyrighted products, the supreme court held today in the case of the Standard Fashion company against the Magrane Houston company of Boston.

The issues involved in the case were similar in vital respects to those presented in the United Shoe Machinery case. In the latter, control was exercised, the government contended, through leases based on patents, while in the Standard Fashion case the control, it was asserted, was attempted by contracts in violation of copyright laws. In both cases the lower Federal courts held the practices complained to be in violation of section three of the Clayton Act, on the ground that the effect "may be substantially to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly."

Misappropriation Alleged in Grand Jury Report Today

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 10.—A long story of alleged misappropriations of public money for private use "without scruples or justification" was told in a copy received of a recent grand jury presentment returned in Porto Rico against Governor E. Mont Telly, his secretary, John Hall, and Auditor W. L. Kossinger.

Shot Aviator



Jean P. Day, former state supreme court justice, who shot Lieut. Paul W. Beck to death. Day says the aviator attacked his wife.

FARM BUREAU ELECTS ITS NEW OFFICERS

Frank McKennon is Named
President for Another
Year's Term.

WORK OF PAST YEAR REVIEWED AT LENGTH

The Past Year has Been
Successful One, According
to Reports Read at Meeting Saturday.

The Union County Farm Bureau met Saturday morning and afternoon in the city hall in their annual meeting. Considering the condition of the roads, which held away a large delegation from Cove and Imbler, who were planning on attending, the number present was quite satisfactory. The morning meeting began at 11:00 o'clock and with an adjournment during luncheon hour, continued throughout the day.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank McKennon, president; Hugh Huron, vice-president; and J. E. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer. A committee, consisting of Hugh Huron, L. J. McKennon and J. E. Reynolds, was appointed to meet with the Ad Club to help outline a tax policy.

The executive committee was appointed: J. A. Wilson, of North Powder; E. H. Miles, of Union; H. H. Weatherspoon and J. F. T. Galloway, of Elgin; C. M. Stackland, of Cove; W. R. Ledbetter, of Alice; A. R. Hunter, of La Grande and G. W. DeLay, of Hot Lake, were named.

Colonel William E. Aird, secretary of the state farm bureau, of Portland, was present and outlined the aims of the union. Non-union printers have already arrived, they said.

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Shot to Death



Lieut. Col. Paul W. Beck, commandant at Post Field, shot to death by Judge Jean P. Day in the Day home at Oklahoma City.

Shot in Church Proves Fatal

Young Singer Who Shot
Herself Last Night
Died Today.

(By Associated Press)
SEATTLE, Apr. 10.—Miss Bertha Haejett, 25-year-old singer, who shot herself in the breast during services at the First Baptist church last night, died this morning.

A nervous breakdown, superinduced by recurrence of mental trouble which afflicted her 12 years ago, is believed by members of the family to have caused Miss Haejett to commit suicide.

FARMER SLAYS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Apr. 10.—John Helms, a farmer, 40 years old, today murdered three of his five children with an axe and then committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun.

Amundsen Has Hopped off

Flying Across Continent In
Metal Mono-
plane.

CENTRAL PARK, New York, Apr. 10.—Captain Amundsen hopped off in his all metal monoplane today for Cleveland, on the first lap of his transcontinental flight to Seattle, where he will leave June 1 for a drifting voyage in the north polar regions.

OPEN SHOP INTRODUCED.

(By Associated Press)
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Apr. 10.—Notices announcing a seven per cent reduction of printers' wages on the Walla Walla Bulletin and the Walla Walla Union will be posted today and the papers will go on an open shop basis commencing Tuesday, according to J. G. Kelly, publisher of the Bulletin, and D. W. Swift, publisher of the Union. Non-union printers have already arrived, they said.

IT'S THE OPEN SEASON FOR PLESIOSAURUS



Incendiarism Is Believed to Have Been Responsible

WINTER GRAIN IS SOMEWHAT FROST DAMAGED

Survey of State Shows that
Alternate Freezing and
Thawing Was Hurtful.

PORTLAND, Apr. 10.—More than the usual amount of winter crop damage, particularly in the western part of the state, is a feature of the April 1st Oregon crop condition report, issued by the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, F. L. Kent, local Agricultural Statistician.

Several counties in the eastern part of the state had a snow covering on most of the wheat fields on April 1st, hence no satisfactory line could be gotten on condition of the crop in certain counties, particularly Baker, Walla, and part of Union. Much of the wheat in the heavier producing counties was sown late last fall, and growth at the present time is not up to normal for this date. In the western part of the state, winter killing is reported to be considerably greater than usual, due mainly to a lot of alternate freezing and thawing weather, with much moisture in the soil. Winter kill in the eastern part of the state appears to be less than was anticipated from the condition in which the crop entered the winter. A good many fields have had the stand materially reduced, but not to a point where it was considered that reseeding would be advisable. Most of the reseeded fields have been sown to spring wheat, but in the western part of the state other grains have been used to a considerable extent, and in some cases cultivated crops will be planted. Western Oregon soil condition has not been favorable to spring wheat seeding this season. The condition of the winter wheat crop for the state as a whole, on April 1, is estimated to be 90.0 per cent of a normal condition, compared with 89.0 per cent last year, and a 10 year average of 85.0 per cent.

The United States crop condition is placed at 78.4 per cent of normal on April 1, 1922, compared with the 91.0 condition per cent a year ago, and a ten-year average of 84.3 per cent. With an average abandonment and growing conditions, the 1922 crop is forecasted at 572,974,000 bushels, compared with 587,032,000 bushels in 1921, 610,507,000 bushels in 1920, and a five year average of 578,575,000 bushels.

A few of the heavy wheat producing states report a very low condition, (Continued on Page Five.)

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Apr. 10.—Several were injured and a heavy property loss suffered when a tornado struck Miller, Missouri, today. From Miller the storm traveled northeast, striking Ash Grove, where one man was killed and several persons were injured.

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Apr. 10.—Viscount Uchida, Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement today failed to confirm the report of an agreement at the Dairen between representatives of the Far Eastern Republic and Japanese delegates. He declared that if Japanese troops were withdrawn Japanese residents must necessarily follow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 10.—Attorney General Daugherty, who arrived today from Washington was declared to be conspiring the dismissal of indictments pending here in federal court which some operators have asserted made impossible any wage conference that would end the coal strike which began April 1.

Loss Was \$25,000, a Large Part of Which Was in Farm Implements and Grain; Heroic Efforts to Save Adjoining Building.

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Apr. 10.—Fire last night completely destroyed the south warehouse of the Elgin Warehouse company here, the loss being estimated this morning at \$25,000. Origin of the blaze is unknown but indications are that the fire may have been set.

The loss included a large stock of new farm machinery, this portion of the loss being estimated at \$15,000. Grain stored in the house was also destroyed.

The stock of grain included wheat, oats and barley. The oats and barley destroyed represented the total stock of those grains carried over from last year in this section.

The warehouse adjoining was saved by the heroic efforts of the volunteer fire department but all efforts to save the south warehouse failed. The fire was discovered at about 8:30 p. m. and the firefighters spent most of the night on the scene protecting other property that was endangered.

Harlan Huffman is manager of the Elgin Warehouse company, which is composed of local capital.

Belfast Church Is Object of Attack; Pews are Smashed

Irish Republican Forces Attacked this Morning in Barracas; Fired on But Refuse to Surrender.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Apr. 10.—Albert street Presbyterian church was attacked by disturbers last night for the second time within two weeks. Pews were smashed and several articles stolen.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Apr. 10.—The police barracks at Broad Ford, County Clare, occupied by Irish republican forces, were attacked this morning, says a Limerick dispatch. The besieged forces refused to surrender after an exchange of fire.

CIVIL WAR THREATENS
DUBLIN, Apr. 10.—In a speech delivered here today Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, declared that unless there was an immediate change in the tone and tactics of certain of the people, "it looks as if civil war can be averted only by a miracle."

L. W. W. TO RUSSIA
NEW YORK, Apr. 10.—The White Star liner Adriatic, sailing yesterday, carried in her stateroom 68 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, the vanguard of a force of 6,000 which is going to Russia.

Weather
Tonight and Tuesday rain.