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PIONEERS MEETING TODAY

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE HAS OPENED

Europe Again Makes An Attempt to Settle Her Problems

RUSSIAN QUESTION PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Work Begins Where Genoa Conference Left Off and in Spite of Gloomy Outlook Delegates Try to be Cheerful

(By Associated Press)

THE HAGUE, June 15.—Economic rehabilitation of Europe and re-establishment of Russia in the family of nations, were before the powers again today when discussions abandoned at Genoa a month ago were resumed here.

Failure of efforts at Paris to organize an international loan for Germany has augmented the pessimism in many quarters concerning prospects of the present gathering in making definite agreements with Soviet Russia concerning credits, foreign owned property and payment of Russian debts.

Nevertheless, determination was evident among the delegates to make every effort to accomplish results which the Genoa conference failed to achieve.

The new European economic conference which opens today in the Peace Palace at The Hague is called to consider questions relating to Russia in her economic relations with her neighbors. It is virtually an adjournment of the Genoa conference, which came to an end the latter part of May without having reached any solution of Russian problems. The decision to postpone action concerning Russia was induced largely by the desire of the European powers to persuade the United States to participate. But the American government is not to be represented at The Hague any more than it was at the conference in Italy.

While the Genoa conference was nominally economic, it soon developed animated political discussions. The Hague gathering, composed exclusively of experts, is designed to be confined solely to the consideration of economic questions.

When the American government declined on May 15 the invitation to be represented at The Hague, this decision was received with expressions of regret in Europe, particularly from Great Britain and France, for it was felt abroad that nothing of a permanent and international nature could be undertaken for the restoration of Russia without the cooperation of the United States, whose wealth, resources and political power made her indispensable to any great world restoration movement.

The Washington government in refusing to go to The Hague criticized the attitude of Russia as a bar to any settlement and characterized the Soviet reply to the Allied terms as lacking any definiteness as a basis for a parley. Nevertheless, Washington said, the American government always was ready to join other governments in arranging for an inquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedies.

"This government," the American communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting at The Hague, as this would appear to be the continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian communication is maintained."

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NEW BOOZE RULING WANTED
WASHINGTON, June 15.—Attorney General Daugherty will be asked for a new ruling on the question of the sale of liquor on shipping board vessels. It was indicated today at the treasury.

PREMIER ANNOUNCES STAND
TOKIO, June 15.—Admiral Kato, the new premier, today pledged Japan's faith to co-operate with the powers for further reduction of armaments and maintenance of peace.

PETITIONERS FOR ELECTION FAIL TO APPEAR

Action on Paving Matter Postponed; Baseballers Want Popcorn Concession But Fail to Obtain It.

No further action was taken at the city commission meeting last evening on the proposed charter amendment election. The committee of citizens that was to report on the 16 petitions of the 31 sent out on the matter that have not been sent in failed to make a report as all were anxious to attend the Flag Day observance at the Elks temple last evening. If the committee reports next Wednesday it is possible that the commission take action either in favor or against the proposition then.

Representatives of the baseball club of La Grande appeared before the commission and asked to have a concession regarding the popcorn and lemonade concession cleared up. The members of the club took the stand that they should be allowed to have this concession as they pay 10 per cent of the gate receipts to the city in rental of the grounds. The commission explained that the club's concession only covered the right to play ball and that an exclusive concession was given another party on the popcorn, peanut, lemonade, etc. sale. The holder of that concession also pays 10 per cent of his receipts to the city.

A petition for sidewalks on S avenue was referred back to the city manager because the signatures represented only 49.5 per cent of the property.

The city has enough property of its own so that it is not necessary to pay rental on vacant lots for the privilege of parking the sprinkler and other equipment. This was the statement made by Manager Kratz when a request from the owner of a lot where some of the city's equipment was stored for a time was read, asking that rent be paid for the lot. Mr. Kratz said that as soon as he found out that the owner of the lot wanted rental he instructed the employees responsible for leaving the equipment there several months to remove it immediately. It was decided, however, that the owner of the lot should be paid a nominal rental, \$2.50 a month, being the maximum figure mentioned and Mr. Kratz was instructed to get in touch with the owner and arrive at a basis for settlement.

There is not sufficient benefit to be derived from a trip to the state fire marshals' convention in Marshfield to justify the sending of a delegate at the expense of the city, was the conclusion reached after a letter was read in which the mayor of Marshfield invited the city to send a member of the commission or someone else to represent La Grande. It was decided that if anyone cared to go and bring back whatever information might be of benefit to the city, no objection would be had to allowing them to represent the city but the city would pay no one's expenses.

Commissioner David E. Stoddard was in the chair in the absence of President W. D. Grandy.

JAPANESE WILL LECTURE IN U. S.

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, June 15.—Dr. Eikitaro Fujisawa is going to America in July to deliver a lecture on "Japan's Mission" at the annual summer lecture meeting at Williams college. Dr. Fujisawa will also touch on the peace movement in Japan in his series of lectures. After the close of the meeting at Williams town Dr. Fujisawa may visit Chicago and a few other places where he will deliver lectures on similar subjects.

Dr. Fujisawa is an authority on mathematics and was formerly dean of the science college of the Tokyo Imperial University. After finishing his studies in the Imperial university he went to Europe and prosecuted his studies at the University college, London and later at Berlin and Strasbourg universities, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1916. On his return he was appointed professor of mathematics in the Imperial University.

MARSHFIELD HAS BIG FIRE EARLY TODAY

Garage and Apartment House Destroyed by Flames

NORTH BEND AIDS IN FIGHTING BLAZE

Many Families Routed out in Night Attack when Fire Block is Threatened.

(By Associated Press)

MARSHFIELD, June 15.—Loss started at \$50,000 was caused by fire which destroyed the Noble apartment house and the Rattmann garage, including 18 automobiles, early today. Starting in the garage, the flames for a time threatened the entire block.

Many families in nearby homes were routed out in their night robes. The North Bend fire department aided in fighting the flames. Half of the loss is covered by insurance.

SILVER JUBILEE DURING OCTOBER

CLEVELAND, O., June 15.—The 25th annual convention and exposition—the silver jubilee anniversary—of the American Mining Congress will be held in Cleveland's new Public Hall, October 9 to 14, inclusive.

The convention, C. F. Porter, manager of the convention, said, will bring approximately 3,500 delegates from all parts of the United States as well as Canada, Mexico and Alaska. Delegations from all important mines and coal mining districts are planning to attend, he said. Last year as Chicago 39 states were represented among the delegates and 25 official state delegations were appointed by Governors of states to attend.

A large portion of the exposition will be devoted to public exhibits. The government will be represented with exhibits from the U. S. Bureau of Mines, the U. S. Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture. California, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Arizona have arranged for displays. Mexico, Cuba, British Columbia and South America will be represented.

SURVEYING OF COVE ROAD IS STARTED TODAY

Residents of Union County's Champion Fruit District Rejoice over quick Action in getting under Way.

A crew of surveyors was put to work this morning by the county court to survey the Island City-Cove road and the hopes of the Cove residents that a road would be built before winter so as to give them opportunity to come to La Grande without fighting mud all the way, went high.

There are some difficulties to be overcome in regard to the financing of the project but the optimism of the surveyors is not dampened by this alone and they have confident hope that the county court will after due deliberation, be able to find a way out of this matter that will be satisfactory to all.

The estimated cost is \$275,000 and several years ago the county authorities set aside at the rate of not more than \$400,000 per year and at least a portion of the financing is expected to be done with such bond money without any further bond election.

Through an unexplainable error a newspaper of a news story Tuesday regarding a county court meeting because twisted around in such a manner as to give the impression that the Cove residents were asking another bond election. The error happened between the time of the county court meeting and the story's getting into type and when the head-writer further proof to write the head he further emphasized the error by featuring the erroneous part in the headlines.

HOTEL TITLE IS SETTLED

Judge J. W. Knowles this morning handed down a decision in the case involving title to the Grande Ronde Valley house, declining in favor of the heirs of Mrs. Anna Ferguson. The couple died without leaving any children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ferguson are deceased and the estate was contested by the brothers and sisters of Mr. Ferguson on the one hand and the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Ferguson on the other hand. The case has been in court for some time and has aroused considerable interest.

LARGE DRUG SHIPMENT IS CONFISCATED

Japanese Steamer had Booze to Offer for Sale, too.

ROUGH TACTICS USED ON CREW

Largest Amount of Smuggled Narcotics ever Taken on Coast Stumbled into by Accident.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, June 15.—Federal agents seized 10 cases of narcotics on the Japanese steamship Meiwa Maru at Astoria and arrested four members of the crew, according to Dr. Linnville, federal prohibition officer of Oregon, who estimated that the drugs when diluted and sold would have brought \$100,000.

This is the record for this district. Prohibition officers boarded the vessel to get liquor smuggling evidence and after buying a case of liquor from two firemen and the quartermaster were approached by the steward who proposed that the agents dispose of 10 cases of drugs, said Dr. Linnville. Rough tactics were necessary in making the arrests.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY IN INDIA

(By Associated Press)

DELHI, India, June 15.—A new political party, calling itself "The National Party," has been organized in the Indian Legislature to give embodiment to the ideas of the Indian Moderates. Under the leadership of Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer, it is seeking to extend its organization into the provinces and districts.

The new party stands for "The attainment by constitutional methods of full responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire." It is opposed on the one hand to those British interests which are seeking to prevent the attainment of self-government by India, and on the other hand to the aims of extremist Indians who are seeking to make India an independent republic and who do not limit themselves to constitutional methods.

MANY ATTEND FLAG CEREMONY AT ELKS LODGE

Patriotic Program Rendered Last Evening in Honor of 150th Birthday of U. S. Flag.

Flag Day was observed yesterday evening in the Elks' Temple by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, La Grande Lodge No. 435. The services commenced at eight o'clock before a well filled lodge room. The opening number was the "Opening March" when the lodge members and officers came in and took their respective places. Mrs. W. W. Berry played the opening march on the piano.

S. D. Crowe, exalted ruler, was in charge of the services and immediately following the first number on the program and the rendering of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Elks Orchestra, he led in the introductory exercises, assisted by his brother officers. Following a prayer by Brother John C. Macpherson, chaplain, and a selected number by the orchestra, which was very delightful, he introduced the first speaker, Dr. Ray F. Murphy.

Dr. Murphy gave a detailed and very interesting history of the American flag, beginning at the first rude banner, hastily constructed, taking up the making of the first real American flag by Betsey Ross, and continuing down the line until the present date when the American flag stands forth as the emblem of the free.

A beautiful solo "We'll Keep Old Glory Flying" was sung by Mrs. Lena M. Fuller. The composer of the song was Scammon.

A beautiful and picturesque altar service was held with Exalted Ruler Crowe in charge. The Exalted Leading Knight, Delile Greene, brought forward a beautiful foundation of red roses which were topped by a design of lilies, set in place by the Exalted Loyal Knight, R. A. Pratt. The Exalted Lecturing Knight, L. H. Bramwell, then placed a garland of violets on the two, forming the colors of the American flag. Mr. Crowe completed the effect when he added a design of white stars set in the customary field of blue to the colors. Then eleven strokes of the bell were given in tribute to the absent members.

The officers and members then joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and Mr. Crowe introduced the next speaker, Sherwood Williams.

"The Elk's Tribute to the Flag," as delivered by Mr. Williams was one of the most interesting spots on the program. At the close of the Elks' Mrs. T. R. Maxwell delighted the audience by furnishing a vocal solo, "You Flag and My Flag" (Frederick L. Rieder).

H. E. Dixon then delivered a patriotic address entitled "Song of the Flag." He described the wonderful rise of the American nation, how from the earliest days the Americans had fought, not for personal grandeur, but for right and for their ideals. He carried his audience through the wars in which our great country took part and clearly illustrated, in closing, how high, in standards, ideals and respect, our "stars and stripes" stand among not only ourselves, but the nations of the world. "America" was sung by the audience and Mr. Crowe gave the closing words.

The lodge room was delightfully decorated in beautiful flowers, sweet peas, roses, etc., and presented an ideal appearance well in setting with the services.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, June 15.—Two hundred pioneers registered for the 18th reunion and many more are expected.

(By Associated Press)
SEATTLE, June 15.—The police department will be turned loose to rid the city of the first tang that starts shooting, Mayor Brown declared today.

(By Associated Press)
TIENTSIN, June 15.—General Chang Tso Li's army on the Manchurian front has been surrounded by General Wu Pei's troops, driving along the railway towards Mukden, according to unconfirmed reports.

JUDGE SMITH OF BAKER IS MAIN SPEAKER

Nearly 2,000 Old-Timers and Their Descendants in Attendance.

MORNING PROGRAM OF MUCH INTEREST

Sons and Daughters Will Entertain Original Settlers This Evening; Reminiscences Exchanged This Afternoon.

Pioneers, they who blazed the trail into the Old Oregon country and who laid the foundations for the great western Inland Empire we have today, flocked into La Grande from all adjacent counties and a few from distant Union county this morning—some even attending from districts in foreign states close by attended. Two of the pioneers who attended from other counties were Judge William Smith, one of the day's speakers, of Baker, and Henry J. Taylor, of Umatilla county.

An estimate of the number, including pioneers, sons and daughters of the pioneers and their sons and daughters, is considerable over a thousand, possibly two thousand. Truly this meeting of the Union County Pioneer's Association may be remembered as one of the biggest and best held in many a year.

Judge T. H. Crawford, president of the association, opened the morning's program in the city park pavilion with a few short words, followed by the opening prayer by Rev. George H. Quigley, of the M. E. Church. Then Judge Crawford took the floor and gave the opening address. He told of the early pioneer days, how the study and determined band of settlers came into this country over sixty years ago and firmly implanted the beginnings of the towns and cities that now mark the spots which formerly was only open and uncivilized—a beauty spot of the Old Oregon Country.

The judge depicted the early growth of the country, the forming of villages and towns, the gradual—and then rapid—growth of the country and carried his audience on and on until he displayed the country as it is today—one of the richest and most beautiful counties in the state of Oregon.

At the conclusion of his speech he mentioned the program that was in store for the pioneers and others attending. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the Union County Aid Club for their aid in transporting the pioneers to the park and for their aid in making the meeting a big success, and also to the Eastern Oregon Music Co., who furnished a piano free of charge for the use of the association.

Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, one of the county's most revered and honored pioneers, gave response to the opening address with a few well chosen and appropriate words. He, too, dwelt on the life of the early country, of the hardships faced and successfully overcome, and of the remarkable and unquenchable spirit manifested by the pioneers in laying the foundations for the civilization that now stands in Eastern Oregon. He related several interesting experiences illustrating the difference between the olden days and the present.

Mrs. G. E. Bean favored the audience with a vocal solo, "Ben Bolt," following Mr. Wright's response. Her rendition of the old and beloved song brought many memories to those present, and more than one was seen to wipe away a tear with his handkerchief.

Judge Crawford then introduced Judge William Smith of Baker, the main speaker of the day. Judge Smith, after paying tribute to the pioneer in an appropriate way began with the earliest civilization and gradually depicted the westward march of civilization up to the time when the settlers "crossed the plains" and made their homes in the very valley in which we live today. "The spirit of restlessness is not a thing to be

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