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## FOUR-POWER NAVAL PACT IS EFFECTIVE

### Naval Limitation Treaty Negotiated at Washington Now Fact.

### ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE ENDED

### Actual Scrapping of First Line Battleships Will Be Begun Immediately Is Announcement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The naval limitation treaty and four-power pact negotiated at the Washington conference finally became effective today when representatives of all signatory powers gathered at the state department formally exchanged ratifications.

The formality came shortly after noon unaccompanied by any public ceremony.

The actual scrapping of the first line ships will be begun immediately and by the terms of the four power pact the Anglo-Japanese alliance is terminated automatically.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The five power naval treaty negotiated at the Washington armament conference and the four-power Pacific treaty will become effective at noon Friday with the formal exchange of ratifications at the state department arrangements for a simple ceremony that will mark the deposit of ratifications were completed Thursday night.

Secretary Hughes will act in behalf of the United States; H. G. Chilton, charge d'affaires of the British embassy; for Great Britain; Andre de La Boulaye, charge d'affaires of the French embassy; for France; Senor Augusto Rosso, charge d'affaires of the Italian embassy; for Italy; and Ambassador Masanoo Hanhara for Japan.

Each of the foreign government representatives will deposit with Secretary Hughes ratified treaties and will receive from the state department a formal acknowledgement of the deposit.

## \$4,000 To Be County Fair Prize Money

WAGN, Ore., Aug. 17.—Over \$4,000.00 in prizes and purses will be given out by the Union County Fair at Elgin, September 25-26-27-28 and 29 and the fair board is making every effort to have the fair this year give a true insight into the agricultural and livestock resources of the county and aid in their development.

Gay I. Patten, secretary, is asking that now, while the farmers are harvesting one of the best crops in the history of the valley, that they select specimens for showing at the fair. The opportunity for a splendid showing was never better and with a general display of interest the fair can show what every locality in the county can produce.

The 1923 premium books will soon be ready for distribution. These are to be mailed to anyone desiring them. A list has been prepared to reach as many interested persons as possible, but anyone who wishes to make sure of getting a premium list without delay should list his name with the secretary.

## BAND CONCERT INVOKING CONSIDERABLE INTEREST

The concert, to be given by the La Grande Municipal Band, directed by Andrew Jones, Jr., this evening at the new temporary pavilion erected at the corner of Third street and Washington avenue, will begin promptly at eight o'clock, according to advance tickets. The band will be out

### Weather Forecast

Portland, Aug. 17.—Fair tonight and Saturday.

## GAS PRICE BREAK OF A TEMPORARY NATURE

### DATE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ALTERED

According to city officials, the date set for the hearing of claims and grievances, objections, and remonstrances on Improvement District No. 127, relating to the installation of concrete sidewalks on the north side, had been advanced from September 5, 1923, as was set by the city commissioners Wednesday evening, to September 12, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, in the city hall building.

The date of September 5 was set in an offhand manner and yesterday, checking over the minutes of the meeting, Recorder J. E. Stearns discovered that it would be necessary to advance the date one week in order to comply with the city charter rulings.

## NOW MARKETING HEAD LETTUCE

### Early Maturing Crop Is Being Disposed of on Union-Wallowa County Markets.

JOSEPH, Aug. 17.—Movement of the local lettuce crop started Tuesday when 12 crates were shipped to La Grande for local consumption. Six more were shipped yesterday. This lettuce is some that matured ahead of schedule time and was handled locally in order to save it. Harvesting of the big crop for carload shipment will start August 20, according to present prospects.

Some little uneasiness has been felt regarding the early maturing lettuce, enough of which was not obtainable to make a carload shipment, as no proviso was made in the contract with the Idaho producers association to take care of it. No crates for shipment had yet reached this point Tuesday, but on hearing of a carload being unloaded at Lostine, local producers immediately set in communication with their neighbors down the line, and had a few sent up.

As soon as the crates arrived on the 12:25 train they were hustled into the Kern-Gifford warehouse to the packing plant, where a quantity of lettuce was already on hand to be stowed into them. All was hum and bustle there during the excitement of packing the first of the lettuce crop, which has been the by-word of nearly every Joseph household since the project was undertaken, for everyone rolled up his sleeves and tied in, even to the train crew, some of whom missed their dinner to help out. It is reported that the first few crates assembled were a bit unsightly, and not altogether lettuce-like, but after holding up the train for but five minutes after schedule time to depart, the first twelve crates were in readiness for market.

Mr. Bush, representative of the Idaho association is now on the ground setting everything lined up for harvest. He has been spending a couple of days visiting all the lettuce fields in the county, and is well pleased with the present outlook. Irving W. Cornell and B. Whiffin, two Middleton, Idaho, boys have charge of the packing plant, and have everything ready to go ahead as soon as the crates arrive, which are expected any time now.

Some loss has been suffered due to over-maturity of the lettuce, some three acres of local plantings having gone to seed. The majority of this, on the Coleman place, had too rank a start, and it was impossible to save it, according to those interested in the tract. Several other fields suffered small losses from this cause. This has been practically the only drawback, however, and according to experts who have

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## Khaled Temple Is Winner In Band Concert

### Head of Standard Oil Declares Flurry Due to Large Surplus, Forecasting Liquidation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Present prices for gasoline can only be temporary, although further cuts are reasonably expected if crude oil prices are again reduced, W. C. Touge, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, declared Thursday, in a formal statement.

He expressed the opinion that the oil industry would weather the present downward trend, which would not last long.

"The present disrupted market," he said, "resulted from the pressing for sale of a relatively small amount of distressed gasoline. The large over-production of crude oil in recent months, together with the fact of the higher naphtha content and increased refinery efficiency, has resulted in piling up abnormally heavy stocks of gasoline for this season of the year, and forced liquidation by some holders, regardless of cost."

Four Cuts in East. Mr. Teagle said the cuts initiated in South Dakota, and afterward made effective throughout the midwestern and southern states, represented the only change made there in a number of months, while four successive cuts had been made in the eastern market since last February, because of lower cost of crude oil available for seaboard refineries.

At present, he said, an average of 117,000 barrels of California oil reach eastern seaports daily. Southern California fields are expected to reach their peak production next month, but he said it would be a long time before shipments from California would equal the amount of oil now available in those fields. The maximum shipments possible in American tankers, which are the only ones

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## Father Fixes Actress' Age

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—A statement purporting to have been made at Dallas, Texas, by Homer O'Reilly, father of Mary Miller Minter, movie star, that his daughter is 29 years of age and not 21, as is generally believed, was flatly contradicted Thursday at the home of Miss Margaret Shelby, sister of the actress, here. Miss Minter's birthplace and date of birth were given at Shreveport, La., April 1, 1902.

### MARY 21, SAYS FATHER

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 17.—The correct age of Mary Miller Minter, movie star, is 21 years, J. H. O'Reilly, her father, said Thursday. He confirmed the statement of her sister, Miss Margaret Shelby, at Los Angeles, that Miss Minter was born in Shreveport, La., in 1902. He also denied that he had made any statements to the effect that Miss Minter was 29 years old. O'Reilly is employed on the Dallas News.

## BOLIVAR JUST CAN'T HELP BEING NERVOUS



Illustration by W. H. R. showing Bolívar and Babson.

## La Grande Dokkie Musical Organization Places First in Class C Division.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Winners in the band contest among the visiting D. O. K. K. bands were announced as follows: Class A—El Wakodis temple, Milwaukee. Class B—Omar Al Kaymi temple, Lewiston, Idaho; second, Prihat Durkan temple, Medford, Oregon. Class C—Khaled temple, La Grande, Oregon; second, El Kallan temple, Yakima, Washington.

### Make Appropriation.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—An appropriation of \$50,000 as the foundation of a fund for benevolent purposes and a fight to change the precedent of succession of officers marked the session of the Imperial palace of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan Thursday.

The appropriation was made as a "foundation for benevolent, philanthropic and charitable purposes." A committee of five will be appointed by the new imperial prince to determine the ways and means of expenditure and report to the next imperial palace session in 1925. The fund is to be used to aid those in need, regardless of fraternal affiliation.

The attempt to change the official succession of the imperial palace came in a resolution, fathered by Harry W. Nice, past imperial prince, Baltimore. The resolution was made a special order of business for Friday. Election of William Walters of Salt Lake as an imperial trustee was announced. He succeeded J. S. Eager of Racine, Wis., whose term expires.

A telegram to President Coolidge, pledging the support of the organization to his administration was authorized and forwarded.

### Earthquake Reported.

MESSINA, Italy, Aug. 17.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 1:50 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

## GERMANY LOSER IN KIEL CANAL CONTROVERSY

THE HAGUE, Aug. 17.—The permanent court of international justice today handed down a decision against Germany in the case involving the use of the Kiel Canal by foreign vessels. It was decided that German authorities were not justified in preventing the British steamer Wimbledon from entering the canal in 1921 during hostilities between Poland and Russia, and that Germany would necessarily make compensation.

## PRESSTIME WIRE NEWS

### Flood Danger Is Passed.

DENVER—Danger from flood waters of the Platte river following a cloudburst was believed past at midnight Thursday, when the river's overflow had subsided somewhat.

Scores of residents along the lowland who had fled with what belongings they could hastily gather together were returning to their homes at midnight.

Interruption of telephone communications with Middleton, the washing out of a bridge and the flooding of basements, and several first floors of residents in the low lying section is damage to have been the only damage resulting from the flood. No loss of life was reported.

### Renew Wage Contract.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Miners and anthracite operators at a meeting today agreed to renew the wage contract negotiations at Atlantic City next Monday.

### Oil Tank Explodes.

SAN PEDRO, Aug. 17.—A large under ground oil tank of the General Petroleum company exploded here today. One half million barrels of crude oil flamed up like a volcano, endangering two other tanks and adjacent buildings. Firemen stood by protecting the buildings from being ignited from the intense heat.

### Klan Meets at Richmond.

STUEBENVILLE, O., Aug. 17.—Barred from meeting here by the mayor's orders, following an anti-Ku Klux Klan rioting Wednesday night in which four men were wounded in a gun battle, approximately 1,000 Klansmen met at Richmond, 12 miles from here, last night, after which Klansmen posted \$1,000 bond each for the release of eight members of the armed party which came here yesterday from East Liverpool.

## Seaside Trip Contest Is On

The bathing beauty contest, sponsored by La Grande American Legion post No. 42 and the Ladies' Auxiliary, opened yesterday with a flurry that promises to find keen competition between the four young ladies entered—Inez Huges Bairie, Ione Zabel, Iris King and Effie Ainsworth. All four are working diligently with a trip to Seaside primed the winner.

The method used to secure votes is the sale of tickets to the American Legion dance to be held in Zuber hall, August 31, in the evening. Incidentally, the contest closes August 31, at six o'clock in the evening.

The standing of the four competitors for the prize offered will be announced in tomorrow's issue of the Evening Observer.

## Many To See Championship Game Sunday

### Baker and La Grande to Mix at Baker City in First of Series of Title Games in Intermountain League.

Present indications, taken from a consensus of reports from Baker and La Grande, as well as surrounding cities, indicate that when the Pirates and Colts get into action at the Baker ball park Sunday afternoon, one of the largest crowds in Eastern Oregon baseball history will be gathered to cheer their team to victory. Baker is making preparations to take care of over 2,000 spectators from Union and Baker counties. It appears that several hundred La Grande fans will make the trip by car to the Queen city. Interest is high in both Baker and La Grande because it may result that the winner of the Sunday game will then be eligible to claim the championship of the league.

Cove, the other member of the three cornered tie for the leadership, is not at present in a mood to play either La Grande or Baker—or at least so it appears from reports emanating from the Cherry Town. So, if Baker or La Grande wins Sunday, they may, if the Farmers refuse to play, justly claim the pennant for 1923. With such an ultimatum sure to face them however, it is possible that Cove will come through and schedule a game with the winner or enter the series.

Both the Baker and La Grande managers are uncommunicative regarding their lineups for Sunday. Both leaders are mustering the strongest team possible together in preparation for the pennant clash and it is safe to say that when the Colts gallop onto the field to face the Pirates outlasses, both teams will be of a greater strength than has been presented to Intermountain fans during the past year. Manager Crews of La Grande will not announce his players until Sunday prior to the call of the umpire for action.

### Hitters Needed By Pirates.

One of the factors that will go a long way to decide the winner Sunday will be the batting strength. Baker is the only team in the league that has out-hit La Grande all the season and only marginally as hitting leaders. The pitching strength will undoubtedly be of a high nature and necessarily hitters of a better average than ordinarily must be on the line.

Baker and La Grande have so far broken even in the 1923 scheduled games—Baker winning both games on her home field and La Grande doing likewise. Baker won her contests by the scores of 1 to 0 and 8 to 2 and 3 to 2. Every game, including the first game of the season which was played at Baker, was a thriller from start to finish.

Reports from Baker are to the effect that the diamond there is in excellent shape, not as soft as it was earlier in the season and more likely to result in fast baseball.

The La Grande team will probably leave this city, from the Home Plate, at about eleven o'clock or possibly earlier Sunday morning and will drive to the Queen City.

### Exports Show Increase

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A favorable trade balance of \$26,000,000 is shown by the official figures on the country's exports and imports for July, issued Thursday at the department of commerce.

## COOLIDGE IS FRIEND OF BUSINESS, BABSON

WELLERLEY HILLS, Mass., Aug. 17.—Knowing that Roger W. Babson is a neighbor of President Coolidge he has been continually asked during the past two weeks to make a statement as to the probable attitude of the new president toward business. Mr. Babson has, however, refused to do so until today, believing that it was no time to talk business, and furthermore that President Coolidge should be permitted to make his own announcements. Now that the president has done so Mr. Babson has answered the question put to him.

"President Coolidge will be found to be a true friend to the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the United States," he says. "He is the first president to ever have had a thorough economic training. While at Amherst college he majored in economics. Ever since graduation he has devoted a large part of his time to economic research. Those who have heard him speak or have read his books recognize the thorough ground work which he has along economic lines. The country is very fortunate to have a president who possesses this background. Other pres-

## TODAY FIVE COMMUNISTS STILL ROWING

### Disturbances in Germany Continue With Sanguinary Results.

### EIGHT PERSONS KILLED; 50 HURT

### Fifteen Die in Hospitals Having Been Injured in Previous Disorders.

(By Associated Press) AIX LA CHAPELLE, Aug. 17.—Communist disturbances here are continuing with sanguinary results. Eight persons were killed and 50 injured in clashes between Communists and police men, while 15 who were injured in previous disorders died in hospitals.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 17.—A dispatch received here says that the report circulated abroad that Chancellor Bessentman has been assassinated is untrue.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Greater Berlin is normal again. Police headquarters report work in all the plants resumed with full shifts and no further disorder within the city limits since the communists called off their strike.

Serious food rioting however, is continuing throughout the occupied zone where the looting of shops have been daily occurrences. In Ruhr points the shutting down of shops has been general.

### Food Situation Better

In Berlin, according to the police there is a gradual improvement in the food situation and, although many shops have been forced to close their doors, these points were seen as factors as the shutting down of city shops has brought about a rush of men and women to the district to cart away produce from the farms and country shops.

The gradual improvement of the food situation is said to be contributing to the ending of the strike. The market shops are importing large quantities of beef from the Argentine, but this beef is not finding ready buyers.

(By Associated Press) DUISBURG, HOLLER, Aug. 17.—The occupation authorities had confiscated (Continued on Page Five.)

## Says Politics Responsible For Removal

"William M. Peare was removed by Governor Pierce on August 6 as a member of the state board of optometry," state a special dispatch from Salem, Oregon, to the Portland Telegram, printed in Thursday's issue of the newspaper. The article continues: "Politics was the reason, as no other cause was given."

Peare had been appointed by Governor Withycombe and is a republican. He was reappointed by Governor Grant after he had been indefinitely unannounced for resignation by the state optometry association. He was serving his third term and had been on the board for seven and one-half years. He is the son of Jack H. Peare, for many years chairman of the Union County Republican committee, and is a resident of La Grande, Oregon.

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identals may have posed certain qualities which President Coolidge lacks, but none have equaled him in judgment and ability to handle the great economic, agricultural, industrial and commercial problems facing our country.

### Manufacturers Safe.

Manufacturers may feel very safe with President Coolidge owing to his training and environment. William M. Butler, whose name has been so constantly in the papers the past two weeks, is the head of the great group of Butler Cotton Mills in New England. These mills are located in New Bedford, North Carolina, and elsewhere and employ about 5,000 operatives. Mr. Butler is also president of the Boston and Worcester street railway, a high-speed, double track, electric line operating between Boston and Worcester, which is the most successful enterprise in New England. Mr. Butler's experiences, with a practical business experience, and from his President Coolidge has absorbed a tremendous amount of industrial experience. President Coolidge's closest personal friend is Mr. (Continued on Page Five)