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EAST OREGON
AIR BRANCH
INVESTIGATEDLa Grande to Portland
Passenger Line May Be
Established in 1928TO CONNECT WITH
COAST SERVICEGeorge Glass Here for a
Preliminary Survey of
Conditions for Bell Air
Line Co.

The possibility that La Grande may be an air depot on a branch line of the Bell Air Line, connecting with the Pacific system by way of Portland, early next year, became known here late yesterday when George Glass, formerly a La Grande business man but now affiliated with the aerial transportation company, arrived here for a preliminary survey of conditions. The Bell service after Jan. 1 will operate scheduled air passenger service between Swan Island and Seattle. San Francisco via Medford, Seaside, Government Camp and Hood River, and the company hopes to extend a passenger branch into Eastern Oregon, touching at La Grande, Pendleton and Baker.

La Grande to Portland
If conditions here prove favorable, Mr. Glass believes that the service will be started as early as possible next year. Seven-passenger biplanes would be used and might make a round trip daily or a trip from La Grande to Portland one day and back the next if traffic justified such a schedule. Of course, Mr. Glass explained, matters of schedule, etc., are no more than conjecture now and would have to conform with the public demand to a certain extent.

He explained that if the service is installed, a local business man could take a plane from La Grande early in the morning, arriving in Portland at the Swan Island airport about three hours later, transfer to the coast line and be in San Francisco the same evening—or in Seattle the same afternoon.

Three E. O. Stops

Whether La Grande or Baker will become the Oregon terminal of the branch is not known, but in any event, if the branch becomes a reality, stops would be made at the three largest cities in this territory—La Grande, Baker and Pendleton.

Mr. Glass' preliminary survey has to do with determining business conditions as they relate to

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BOISE MAN TO
SPEAK AT SON.
FATHER DINNER

That those desiring to attend the annual Fathers' and Sons' banquet tomorrow evening make their reservations at once was the request made this morning by the members of the committee in charge. The banquet will be held at the La Grande hotel. All reservations must be in the chamber of commerce office early tomorrow morning.

Any man who does not have a son to take to the banquet is asked to telephone the chamber of commerce office and he will be furnished with one. There are a large number of boys who would like to attend the banquet, but have no father to take them.

The banquet begins at 6:30 o'clock and will be presided over by Robert S. Eakin. An interesting program has been arranged. The principal talk of the evening will be given by C. C. Goodwin, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Boise.

"WHAT
YOU DON'T
KNOW"

The old saying, "What you don't know, doesn't hurt you," may or may not apply in advertising sometimes—but it is certain that "what you don't know" DOES hurt a business when it is something that would attract your trade to his competitors.

Many firms "get along" because they have a small established following of customers who are well sold on the firm's service, goods, etc. But some of them fail to "get along" because they neglect acquainting you and others who are not customers with logical reasons why you should be. You welcome this information, give attention to these reasons when given you in advertising messages in The Observer. The Observer substitutes your contact with the active business men at the lowest cost per reader of any possible method.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

New Ford Cars
Priced at \$385
To \$570, Detroit

Company to Step Up Production—Description of Auto to Be Given Here Tomorrow.

DETROIT, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Ford Motor company which has been technically "out of production" for some months, plans to step up production immediately. Edsel B. Ford, president of the company, indicated today in discussing the new model, which formally will be shown to the public tomorrow. Prices for the new model were announced by the company last night and show a schedule ranging from \$385 for the roadster to \$570 for the "Fordor" sedan. The figures represent an increase of \$10 to \$35 over the old model.

The various types and their prices, f. o. b. Detroit, follow: Tudor sedan \$495. Fordor sedan \$570. Coupe \$495. Sport coupe \$550. Phaeton \$395. Roadster with pickup body \$395. Chassis \$225. Truck chassis \$460. Truck chassis with cab \$545. Truck chassis with cab and express body \$600. Truck chassis with cab and stake body \$610. Truck chassis with cab and platform body \$595.

Production now is averaging from 65 to 70 cars a day. Edsel Ford declared that the new model program will go into effect shortly, he said, and by February it is planned to produce daily one thousand more units than in the preceding month.

ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW

La Grande will get its first full description of the new line of Ford automobiles tomorrow.

The prices on the new Ford will be the same as on the old Ford excepting on the Fordor sedan which is \$25 higher. A public reception to be held by W. C. Perkins, the local dealer, is part of the national introduction of the new Ford models. In thousands of communities all over the United States tomorrow this new line of moderate-priced light automobiles will be introduced to millions of people.

"The doors of the showrooms are to be opened promptly at 8 a. m. and attendants will be on hand throughout the remainder of the day to explain the new and interesting features of the car which is expected to make a new chapter in automotive history."

"Nothing Like It"
The new Ford cars are said to be the product of several years of study and planning by Henry Ford and his engineers in the great Ford laboratories at Dearborn. Mr. Ford himself has announced that "there is nothing quite like the new Ford car" and has stated that it will prove just as great a pioneer in the present field of low price light cars of quality as the famous Model T was a pioneer in its field for more than 19 years.

Among the visitors to the reception tomorrow will be many city officials, executives of business, civic and professional organizations and other leaders in the life of the community, who have been specially invited.

The performance of these new cars, it is said, will be startling when viewed in the light of automobiles of the past.

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Legion Election
To Be Held Next
Wednesday Eve

The election of officers, a report of the Paris convention and the discussion of plans for the New Year's midnight matinee will feature the regular meeting of the La Grande American Legion post next Wednesday evening at the K. P. hall.

Earl Snell, of Arlington, who attended the convention in Paris, will give a report of the meeting, following the election of officers for 1928. It is expected that several visitors will be here for the meeting.

A meeting of the La Grande and Baker 49 and 8 societies will be held preceding the legion meeting to discuss the feasibility of the two societies joining. Dr. Ray Murphy is chief of the 49 and 8 society here.

Boy Scout Court
of Honor Is Held

Twenty-five merit badges, four first class, five second class and two tenderfoot badges were presented to boy scouts of Wallawa last evening, when a court of honor was held at the K. P. hall there with a large attendance. E. Russell Scott, secretary of the Eastern Oregon council, Dr. W. T. Phipps, president of the council and Mrs. Phipps were present. Dr. Phipps presented the merit badges, after which he gave an interesting talk on "Scouting."

There are two boy scout troops at Wallawa. The scout masters are Orin F. Campbell and Dr. Fred F. Jones.

AUTUMN RAIN
IN THIS CITY
13.22 INCHESRecord - Breaking Fall
Passes—Grande Ronde
River Running HighWINTER WEATHER
GRIPS MIDWEST

Sub-Zero Marks in Dakotas and Minnesota—Snow Falls over Central Portion of Nation.

The fall of 1927 will be long remembered in La Grande for its record-breaking rainfall. A check of the book kept in the municipal building this morning showed that a total of 13.22 inches of rain have fallen in this city in September, October and November, which is considerably above the average precipitation, authorities relate.

Incidentally, several long-time residents of this valley state that the Grande Ronde river and other streams are higher at this time than during any other similar period within their memory.

Since Sept. 1 there have been two periods of time longer than two weeks without rain. From Sept. 15 to Sept. 22, inclusive, no moisture was recorded and from Oct. 11 to Oct. 22—a period of 12 days—the city was without rain. Most of these days were sunny and although some were cloudy, but of 21 days in the three months 49 have been rainy and the majority of the other 44 have been cloudy.

Divided into months the rainfall follows: September, 5.77 inches; October, 2.29 inches; November, 5.16 inches.

The heaviest rain within any 24 hours of the period was Sept. 28 when .84 inches was recorded.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1 (AP)—Snow stretched from the Rocky Mountains to the upper Mississippi valley states today to support winter's threatened invasion of the east.

Originating in the Canadian Rockies over the weekend, the snow

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JUNIOR PLAY TO
BE GIVEN DEC. 8, 9

Tickets Now on Sale—Reserved Seats to Be Offered Wednesday at 2

Tickets went on sale today for the junior class play, "A Pair of Sixes," a three-act comedy which is to be presented at the high school auditorium Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9. The play will be the first of the high school presentations this season and is being anticipated locally with keen interest. Miss Zelda Ford is directing.

Several innovations were announced this morning by Principal E. D. Towler at an assembly at which tickets were distributed. Probably of greatest interest to students and adults alike was one concerning the reservations. The ticket board will be opened to the public at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Glass Drugs instead of at 8 o'clock in the morning as has been the custom in previous years.

To Simplify Concession
"We have made this change with the idea of giving the business people of the city a better chance to secure their tickets," said Mr. Towler this morning. It is believed that the new arrangement will simplify the concession to the first of the high school presentations this season and is being anticipated locally with keen interest.

School officials.
Doing away with a skill, the junior class this morning simply had the tickets distributed and announced plans for the ticket contest which will be conducted as before by live, given and class presidents. Kenneth Owen, student body manager told the students.

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Equity Case Is
Settled Today

The equity case of Parker vs. the Oregon Title Insurance company, scheduled for hearing this morning before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, was dropped just before noon today when a settlement was reached among the attorneys. H. W. Parker, plaintiff, of North Powder, was to have sued for the cancellation of a sale according to authorities. Attorneys J. H. Nichols and A. A. Smith, of Baker, represented the plaintiff, while Colonel Alfred E. Clark, of Portland, was counsel for the insurance company. District Attorney Carl Helm represented Charles H. Wood, of the defense.

Major B. C. Pittman, president of the Oregon Title Insurance company, and C. A. Higley, secretary of the company, were in La Grande today for the case. They will return to Portland this evening.

SAYS BEACH
CONFESSED
TO MURDER

Baltimore Lawyer and Layman Startles Court Room with His Story

DEFENDANT SHOWS
LITTLE EMOTION

At Ease During Time When "Friend" Tells of His Admitted Killing Dr. A. W. Lillendahl

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Dec. 1 (AP)—The state rested its case in the Lillendahl murder trial today. The action came as a complete surprise to the court room throng, which had expected that the state's witnesses would continue to occupy the stand for the remainder of this week.

He testified to talking with Beach in Baltimore last September. "I told him I saw by the papers he was wanted and he said not very bad," he testified. "He and a man named Thompson asked me for \$500, but I said I was not a bank. He said they wanted the money to take some jewelry out of a safe in Philadelphia."

"Thompson told Beach it looked like he was in a awful fix and Beach said he could beat it. Then I asked him just how he got in this fix and Beach said he got in a racket with the old man and shot him."

"Who did he mean by the old man?"
"Dr. Lillendahl. We were talking about the murder, Beach told me the old man had been having some trouble about money or dope or something."

Murder Off Atoned Road
Bark said that Beach told him the killing was atoned at the isolated spot off the Atoned road, "because we had to fix it for a get-away."

"Beach told me he met the old man, shot him in the head and ran back to his car. When he got there he said he shouted 'you-hoo' to Mrs. Lillendahl to let her know he was safely away and then she spread the alarm."

Under cross examination Bark eluded himself as a "trick" player in the shooting. He testified that he had known Beach for about a year, having been introduced in Philadelphia by Clyde Thompson, the mutual friend who was present at the alleged confession.

Beach sat calmly at ease in his chair, looking at the jury.

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MRS. MOSSMAN
TO SPEAK AT
ART EXHIBIT

Mrs. E. P. Mossman is at Enterprise today where she was to be the speaker this afternoon at a joint meeting of Women's clubs of Lostine, Wallawa, Joseph and Enterprise at which the Oregon Art exhibit is being shown. The exhibit was brought to La Grande last spring when the largest number of interest was shown in it among art lovers of the city. The exhibit has won extensive publicity wherever it has been displayed.

"The Wallawa county club women are justly proud of their accomplishment in bringing the exhibit to Enterprise," Mrs. Mossman said this morning. "It is a splendid undertaking for which they will be awarded this afternoon when they view the exhibit."

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May Eliminate 300 of Present 694
Broadcasting Stations in America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Elimination of possibly 300 of the present 694 broadcasting stations operating in the United States during the coming year has been decided upon by the federal radio commission.

Commissioner Sam P. Parker, speaking for his associates on the commission declared today that the wholesale reduction in the number of broadcasting stations had been decided upon as the only means of enabling full public utilization of radio possibilities.

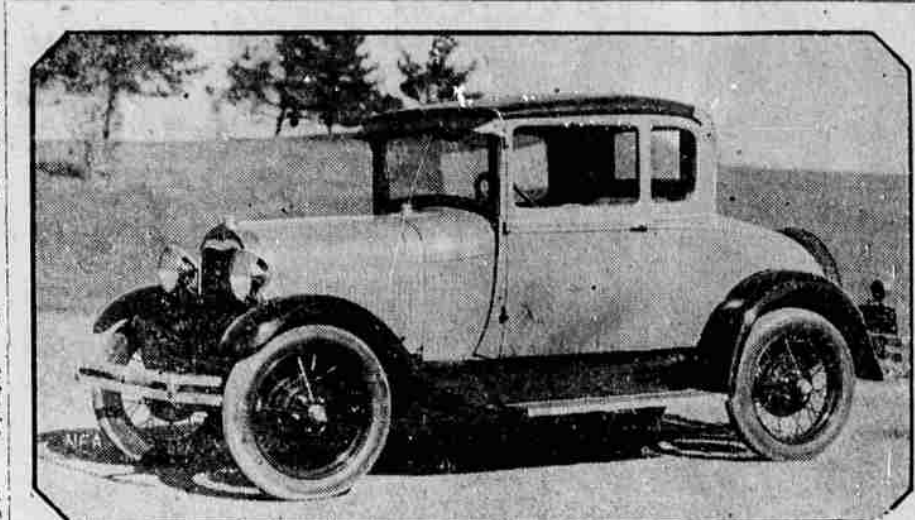
Members of the radio commission said he had fully realized the necessity of such an action, but had deemed it necessary to delay the application of the federal authority to the end desired until the law creating the body had been tested and until they had been able to make full observation of conditions in the radio field. He added that there had been sufficient court action upon the law's provisions to

insure the commission's authority, while the continuous congestion in the radio field had demonstrated the necessity of the step.

Explaining the method of eliminating stations that the commission intended to adopt, Mr. Parker said that all outstanding broadcasting licenses expiring Dec. 31, would be continued to Feb. 1. Thereafter the commission would consider elimination recommendations from its radio inspectors in the field.

In determining which stations may survive, the commission expects to use the standards set up by the radio law and to grant licenses to those enterprises which it considers to be most needed by public convenience. Interest and necessity. A secondary consideration will be the priority of the station in the field. In this connection it was pointed out that about 250 new operating stations have begun service since 1926 while the others were in the field before that date.

FIRST PICTURE OF NEW FORD COUPE



Here is the first official news picture of the new Ford Coupe, obtained by the NEA service and sent by airmail from Cleveland, arriving here early this morning. A study of this picture and comparisons with the old model coupe will show how the lines have changed.

Farmers Accept
Work's Plan On
Baker Project

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—Land owners of the Lower Powder valley at a meeting at Keating last night agreed to accept Secretary of Interior Work's proposal for a small Baker government irrigation project to include about 7400 acres.

A storage reservoir would be built at Tule, valley, providing 15,000 acre feet of water. The total cost was expected to be about \$300,000, or \$40 to \$50 an acre.

The farmers rejected a proposed charge of \$25 an acre for drainage rights as unnecessary. The decision was expected here to end a long controversy over the Baker project.

Ivory in Mouth;
Doctor Necessary

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—After winning a bet of 50 cents that he could place a billiard ball in his mouth, H. V. Harris, mill worker, had to get a doctor to work two hours last night to extricate the ivory sphere from his jaws.

Haugen Plans No
Big Bill Changes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Representative Haugen, of Iowa, co-author of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, returned here today for the reading of congressional news. He said the agricultural group would demand the equalization fee as the basic principle of farm legislation.

Haugen considered a farm board and a large fund to operate an equalization fee as necessary features of a farm relief plan. He intends to introduce a bill embodying all of the important features of the McNary-Haugen bill which was killed by a presidential veto.

Roseburg, Oakland,
Under Quarantine

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—Roseburg and Oakland were placed under absolute quarantine today as a result of the discovery of one case of infantile paralysis in each place. Roseburg High School, 17-year-old Roseburg high school student, is suffering from the disease in this city and Mark Hanna, six years old is ill at Oakland. Both cases are reported to be in mild form.

Drive Last Spike
In Rail Extension

BEND, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—The last spike was driven yesterday at 2:46 p. m. in the extension of the Great Northern railway south to Chemult, from which point the Southern Pacific company's tracks will be used to Klamath Falls. The House Bros. Construction company crews which have been laying steel will now join in the final work. The line will be ready for trains December 16, it was said here.

Family of Six
Burned to Death

CELEBRINE, Tex., Dec. 1 (AP)—A family of six persons was burned to death early today in their little home 16 miles south-east of here.

The dead: Ralph Williams and his wife, Chester, 2; Orel, 6; Odin, 4 and an infant.

It is believed that the fire started from coals falling from a stove.

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UNITY, Wis., Dec. 1 (AP)—A mother and her three children lost their lives in a fire which destroyed their home last night. They were Mrs. Paul Ostry, 23; Clover, 9; Leroy, 7 and Dulmer, 5.

PROPERTY LOSS
IN FLOOD HEAVY

Caniseto Valley, N. Y., Inundated—Eastern States Are Swept by Storms

HORNELL, N. Y., Dec. 1 (AP)—The waters of the worst flood in the history of this city, receding after causing damage that will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars today left more than 300 families marooned in their homes. Public utility facilities were crippled and railway roundabouts and highways were washed out or inundated. "No lives were lost."

The temperature dropped today and a light snow began to fall. The Caniseto valley has been inundated for miles and fears are felt for the lives of many people in that section.

Hornell is on the extreme western part of the state, and has a population of 16,000.

Dikes constructed under the city's flood abatement program gave way letting the flood waters of the Caniseto river into the city.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—Storm swept districts of New York state, Pennsylvania and Maryland in cold weather today took stock of the damage of high winds, rains and floods. After a warm ending to November, December started cold throughout the eastern states.

Wind and rain storms of almost hurricane forces swept Williamsport, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., late yesterday. No lives were lost so far as was known.

Hornell, N. Y., in the western part of the state was under four to five feet of water this morning and 200 families were marooned in their homes. Other points in the Caniseto river valley were imperiled as the river, swollen by 24 hours of rain, was out of its banks. Damage ran into thousands of dollars. Service on the Erie railroad was curtailed.

The Anti-Saloon league attack on Senator Wadsworth was made after he had announced his candidacy as a delegate with the statement that he would fight to have an anti-prohibition plank placed in the national platform.

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OIL 347 MILES
OF HIGHWAY IN
STATE IN 1928

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—The state highway commission has decided to add 347 miles to the oilled roadways of the state. This will make the total length of macadam road treated with oil in 1928 reach 1,325 miles. The entire toll improved state highway system consists of 3,390 miles.

The commission will spend \$3,628,000 on highway maintenance in 1928. The oiling will cost \$740,000.

Purchasing Power
in Northwest High

SPokane, Dec. 1 (AP)—Purchasing power of farm products in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana during the last 11 months has increased 6 per cent, it is declared in a report to the federal land bank of Spokane, issued today. The bank operates in these states.

New business of the concern for November, 1927, from the four states exceeds that of the same month last year by \$454,000. During the month 267 applications for loans were received for an aggregate of \$1,152,000. In completed loans a gain of approximately \$50,000 is shown.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—The newly appointed security committee of the preparatory disarmament commission, its head still buzzing with the soviet proposal of yesterday for the complete abolition of armaments, began its labors today.

The Russian proposals, the relations between France and Italy with regard to the Balkans and the Polish-Lithuanian controversy, although not specifically before the security committee, all presented problems uppermost in the minds of the delegates.

One feature of today's session was an attack on M. P. Mollis of Greece, and other speakers by Lord Cullenhead, the British delegate, for seeking to revive the old Geneva protocol which Britain rejected recently as impracticable and over-idealistic.

"Certain things have been definitely judged and it seems useless to re-open the question of how far objections to the Geneva protocol corresponds to reality," he said.

At the same time Lord Cullenhead stated that Great Britain was ready by every possible way in its power to encourage and assist the promotion of disarmament, arbitration and security, but insisted

Assessed Value
Of Oregon Given
At \$953,968,046

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—The state tax commission announces \$953,968,046 as the total assessed valuation of all property in Oregon exclusive of public utilities. This figure is the total for the several counties as reported by the county assessors. Tax levies for 1928 will be based on this figure, which is an increase over the valuation of a year ago which was \$948,893,354.50.

If the state prevails in the suit brought by the Western Union Telegraph company, contesting the valuation of \$1,500,000 fixed on its property, the total assessed valuation of all property in the state will be about \$1,124,000,000. The Western Union is attempting to get its valuation reduced by \$500,000. Exclusive of Western Union property in Oregon, the assessed valuation of utilities is \$148,967,161.25.

Republicans In
New York Faced
By Dry Question

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—Republicans in New York state today were stirred over the prohibition question.

While the New York Anti-Saloon league virtually declared war upon former Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr., wet, who seeks to be a delegate at large to the national convention next year, the republican members of the New York congressional delegation unanimously recommended the naming of Bertrand B. Snell, of St. Lawrence county, in the northern part of the state, as a delegate at large to the national session. Snell is generally regarded as a dry.

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Dawes Again Says
He's Not in Race

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Vice President Dawes repeated today at the White House that he was not a candidate for the presidency and said he favored the nomination of Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.

The vice president's endorsement of Mr. Lowden was based on the assumption that Mr. Coolidge would decline re-nomination. He declined to go into details of the political situation, declaring that "anything that I might say on such questions would only have interest as a possible interpretation of my personal and political motives."

General Dawes reiterated his stand in favor of changing the senate rules to render filibustering impossible.

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ENGLISHMEN
CALL SOVIET
PLAN 'FARCE'Proposal to Abolish Arms
Arouses Anger and Contempt in LondonGENEVA MEETING
BEGINS ITS WORK

Litvinoff Issues "Annex" to Yesterday's Suggestion—Criticizes Leading Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Russian proposal at Geneva for the complete abolition of armament aroused anger and contempt in the London press today. Papers of all shades of political coloring damned the soviet scheme with vituperative adjectives.

It was declared, among other things "a cynical joke," a "grotesque mockery," "stupid intrigue," "clumsy farce," "an impudent redomontade" and "theatrical buffoonery, put forward with the tongue in the cheek."

Some of the sharpest criticism appeared in the editorial columns of liberal organs, which some times themselves incur derision for their alleged weak pacifism.

"False Position"
The Russians, it was urged, could have felt little uneasiness in submitting a program of self sacrifice which they knew would not be called upon to make but which they hoped would show the world how wicked "capitalistic nations" are and how good and peace-loving are the soviet.

The labor and socialist press was in the soviet plan a challenge to the other powers to reveal to what extent they are in earnest when they talk disarmament and declared that the deply of the powers will disclose their real intentions.

MANY PROBLEMS UP
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