

CONFERENCE CLOSES WITH DINNER, MEET

State Commander of the American Legion Is Speaker.

SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

Ex-Service Men Stand Solidly for Preparedness to Prevent War, George Declares.

With approximately 100 in attendance, representing Union, Baker and Walla Walla counties, a district conference of the American Legion and its auxiliary was held in La Grande yesterday.

The first sessions of the conference were held in the afternoon, followed by a banquet in the evening, with H. E. Brady presiding.

Valley Enjoys 'Warm' Weather Minimum At 39

Residents of the Grande Ronde valley, if their calendars had not said "Dec. 6" this morning, might have been pardoned for believing it to be March or April.

A bright sun, only a few clouds along the eastern horizon, and a temperature of 40 above was the situation at 7:30 o'clock.

Threats of snow or rain that existed during the last three days, apparently have been dissipated, and the weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow is fair and some sleet in Eastern Oregon.

Fir Trees Add To Decorations In Business Area

As part of the pre-Christmas decorations in the business section, several stores today had placed small fir trees at the edge of the sidewalk in front of their business.

The annual trek into the woods for the purpose of getting trees is now under way, with several firs being brought into La Grande from nearby hills this week.

Short talks also were made by Carl Moser, state adjutant, of Portland; by Mary Chaney, state auxiliary president, and by LaJoela Cobb, district committee woman.

A delegation from Baker reported that plans for the 1930 state convention are progressing and that favorable indications, the largest attendance in the Oregon legion history is assured.

Extra Seals Sent Out Through Error

Unintentional duplication of letters containing tuberculosis association seals has resulted in La Grande in some cases this month.

It has been learned by the committee in charge, Announcement 23 went to a number of cases where 23 went to one family, that it was the result of a mistake, and the family is urged to send back the extra \$1 worth of stamps.

The mistake, it is said, is due to the fact that this is the first time La Grande has followed the practice of mailing seals to each family, and an attempt will be made to avoid any such duplication in the future.

A. R. Hunter Speaks At Club Meeting

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church, met at the home of Robert B. Eakin last night, with Albert H. Hunter as the speaker.

Mr. Hunter used as his subject "The Work of the Chamber of Commerce," in which he pointed out many interesting facts regarding the organization and what it is doing for La Grande and Union county.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Eakin, assisted by her two sons and Mrs. H. H. Hanna, served luncheon to the 24 members present.

Harley Senekick, president, could not attend and Vice President Alfred Cook presided. Several new members were added to the roll.

County Budget Hearing Under Way Here Today

First Hour Brings No Objections — Regular County Court Session Closed Thursday.

The county budget, as prepared by the committee, was formally adopted this afternoon. No objections were received.

Members of the Union county court were holding a hearing today on the 1930 county budget, which provides for \$371,838 to be raised by taxation.

The hearing opened in County Judge U. G. Couch's office at 10 o'clock this morning and during the first hour, no one appeared to file objections or remonstrances.

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PAT HURLEY GIVEN POST IN CABINET

Oklahoma Man Selected to Succeed Late Secretary James W. Good.

WAS ASSISTANT IN WAR DEPARTMENT

New Chief, Just Under 50 Years of Age, Is Colonel in Reserve and a World War Veteran.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Patrick J. Hurley, of Oklahoma, has been selected by President Hoover to succeed James W. Good as secretary of war.

He has been acting secretary, having taken over the duties of the war department upon the death recently of Mr. Good. Prior to that time he was assistant secretary.

Hurley, a lawyer by profession, was one of the men President Hoover drew from the south to place in important posts after his election. He is just under 50 years of age.

An Ex-Service Man The new secretary is a colonel in the reserve corps. During the World War he won the distinguished service cross for a volunteer reconnaissance under heavy fire in France.

It had been freely predicted that the Oklahoma man would succeed to the cabinet post in view of the confidence which had been reposed in him by President Hoover.

Word of Hurley's appointment spread quickly to the capital. One of the first to comment was Special Counselor, who said: "The news is very pleasing to me, as I have heard nothing but good of him."

WILL ORGANIZE BUSINESS CLINIC

New Group Is First Result of President Hoover's Conferences.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—A permanent national business clinic to diagnose and correct the ills of American trade when symptoms of depression become apparent is to be established within the next few days as the first direct result of President Hoover's widely attended general business conference.

It is to take the form of a committee composed of prominent business executives whose duty it will be to maintain a close and continuing watch over the trends of business in all its phases, quickly recognize signs of retardation in any particular branch, giving warning and recommending remedies.

The names of more than sixty business and industrial leaders selected at the business conference to confer with Julius Barnes, chairman of the board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce, on the selection of the permanent committee were named today.

The men were selected from the many who attended yesterday's meeting and heard President Hoover's message on the "good old word" — "work" — as the key to business progress.

Most of those selected remained in Washington or will return after quick trips to their offices and under Barnes' direction the organization of the permanent committee, the membership of which is not limited, will proceed.

WALLA WALLA OFFICERS IN PISTOL FIGHT

Specht, Mayes Are Sentenced to Pen

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 6 (AP)—Patrolman Jack Meehan was in a local hospital with two bullets in his right hip and Charles Reed, poundmaster and special officer, was being held in jail as a result of a shooting match which terminated a political argument at police headquarters here last night.

Meehan, Detective Sam Bryant, Reed and other officers were discussing the recent city election. Meehan and Reed exchanged a few sharp words, when Reed slipped out one of his revolvers, which was snatched away from him by George Hoff, another patrolman, who laid the gun on a shelf. The argument broke out again and Reed fired twice at Meehan with his other gun.

The discussion was said to have grown out of a bit of repartee about the proposed shakeup in the Walla Walla police department.

Pacific 'Phone Company 'Cuts' Rates in Oregon

Announcement Is Made After Conference With Public Service Commissioners Today.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A general reduction in telephone rates throughout Oregon was announced by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the state public service commission after a conference in Portland today.

All members of the commission were in Portland, including the secretary, and the reduction became known here through a long-distance telephone call from Portland to the local office of the telephone company.

The new rates will be effective January 1. Under the new schedule the charges for connection of service will be entirely eliminated in one case and reduced from 14 to over 50 per cent in other cases. Monthly rates for extension telephones will be cut from 20 to 33 per cent.

The changes were summarized by H. R. Risley, state manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, who stated that they are in keeping with the fundamental policy of the company, which, he said, is to provide the best possible service at a cost as low as is consistent with financial safety.

Decision to file reduced rates was reached at a conference in Portland today attended by officials of the telephone company and members of the service commission.

The reductions according to Chairman Frank J. Miller of the commission, have been brought about after many conferences.

Elks Making Plans For An Initiation

Initiation of a class of 20 into the Elks lodge will be held at the meeting next Thursday, Dec. 12.

Last evening arrangements were planned for this event and the committee announced that a clam supper would follow the initiation ceremony.

At the meeting last night in the Elks temple which was well attended, the next dance was announced for Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Eagles To Give Christmas Dance

William Haefler, of Union, was initiated into the Eagles lodge last night at its regular meeting.

Arrangements were made at this session for a masquerade Christmas benefit dance to be given Dec. 14 to which the public is invited.

The E. O. E. and the auxiliary are working together for this affair. A meeting was also held last evening by the auxiliary.

Modern Woodmen Elect Officers

About 25 members of the Modern Woodmen selected Ray Bennett for the position of venerable consul at their meeting last night in the K. P. hall, when officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Other men selected for positions are: Harold Barker, worthy advisor; E. J. Brown, vice consul; Sherman Williams, banker; Jake Roscoe, clerk; Wallace Aiton, secretary; Grant Loozek, waiter; Robert Linton, vestry; H. E. Edwards, trustee.

Following the business an oyster supper was enjoyed.

Donald Patten To Head DeMolay Boys

Donald Patten was elected master councilor at the meeting of the order of DeMolay last night in the Masonic temple.

AMERICA'S "PEACE" ENVOYS



Members of the "American peace expedition to Europe," these men will go to London in January as the United States' representatives at the five-power conference on naval limitation and reduction.

Believe It Or Not—Chicago Good 17 Hours

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—For 17 hours, up to 5 p. m. yesterday, not a crime was reported in Chicago.

No holdups, no robberies, no murders. Nothing. Detectives sat around, twiddling their thumbs. Policemen stood on the corners, yawning.

But at 5 o'clock the bad men were heard from. There were three robberies in a row. Not long afterward a big "can of fruit" (as bombs are sometimes called) exploded in the south side, and the cops went to work.

Pittsburgh Will Play Trojans At Pasadena Jan. 1

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—The University of Southern California announced today that the University of Pittsburgh has accepted its invitation to play the New Year's day game in the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

Pittsburgh's acceptance will bring to the Rose Bowl one of the most powerful gridiron machines of the country which has weathered its season without defeat or tie.

Pacific Coast 1930 Outlook Appears Bright

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific company, today expressed confidence in the business, economic and transportation outlook for the Pacific Coast states for the next year.

\$5,000,000 HOTEL PLANNED PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Portland Telegram announced today that it had learned that construction will start on a \$5,000,000 hotel here by the first of the year.

The names of those interested in the project were not revealed. The article said six sites were under consideration and that approximately one million dollars would go for the purchase of the site.

Bloodhounds On Trail Of Negro

MIDDLETON, Tenn., Dec. 6 (AP)—Several hundred armed possoms followed bloodhounds today in search of an unidentified negro who is charged with slaying George Hoff, another patrolman, who laid the gun on a shelf.

Mukden Council Gives Approval To Settlement

Message Sent to Moscow Confirming Preliminary Agreements Looking to Peace.

MUKDEN, Dec. 6 (AP)—The Mukden political council today dispatched a message to Moscow approving the preliminary agreement reached between Chinese and Russian delegates for the settlement of the Chinese Eastern railway controversy.

After prolonged discussions over the preliminary agreement, which was negotiated by representatives of Russia and China at Nikolai-Ussuriskiy, Siberia, December 3, the Mukden council, to which the Chinese delegates reported after their initial meeting with the Soviet delegates, decided to withdraw its objection to one of the Russian demands.

Opposition Ends Accordingly the council decided no longer to oppose Moscow's insistence upon the employment of Eshenhanoff and Elsmont, respectively former manager and assistant manager of the railway, in other capacities. In the conversations at Nikolai-Ussuriskiy the Chinese delegates had refused to grant this condition and referred the matter to the Mukden council upon their return here.

The Chinese council conceded this point in view of the Soviet delegates' promise that the Sino-Russian agreement of 1924 under which the railway was being operated prior to its being taken over by the Chinese last summer, would be fulfilled. This agreement binds Russia not to carry on propaganda work in the railway area.

President Resigns It was reported that the president of the Chinese Eastern has resigned, thus making possible the accomplishment of Nikolai-Ussuriskiy arrangement for the appointment of a new president.

Teng Yun-Sheng, Chinese commissioner of foreign affairs at Harbin, was appointed as delegate to represent Mukden in further discussions of the situation with Russian representatives.

NEW EXPLOSION IN PITTSBURGH

Second Blast, Injuring Nine Persons, Occurs Near Scene of First.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6 (AP)—Nine persons were injured today in an explosion near the scene of the blast that killed five persons, injured more than a score of others and wrecked the postoffice yesterday at Marshall, a suburb. None of those hurt today was in a critical condition, the Homestead hospital reported.

The second explosion occurred as postal officials, state county and public service officers were preparing to start a joint investigation of the postoffice blast.

Unofficially it was said a flat gas leaking from a pipe under the postoffice had ignited. The steel story brick and frame structure was wrecked and a street car carrying approximately a score of persons was damaged.

Fifteen persons still were in hospitals today suffering from injuries they received in the explosion yesterday. Two of them, Martin King, 40 and Hilda Anderson, 7 were in a critical condition. Both had fractured skulls, and were believed hurt internally. Three women and two men were killed.

Martial Law Brings End To Haitian Riots

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The situation in Haiti which led to a proclamation of martial law was described today by Secretary Stimson as being "regarded as exceedingly serious because of popular excitement and dangerous outbreaks by irresponsible elements."

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 6 (AP)—Port-Au-Prince and Cape Haitien, their streets patrolled by United States marines acting with the authority of martial law, were quiet today after rioting Wednesday in which two Americans and a number of natives were injured.

Stores were open again, and the American colony was said to feel no apprehension, although there was an under current of unrest. Dispatch of a patrol of 40 marines to Cayes, where the situation was reported to be tense, was understood to have quieted that section also.

The proclamation of martial law was issued Wednesday night by Col. Richard Catts, brigade commander of the U. S. marine corps here after a strike in the customs house which threatened serious consequences, and out of which the rioting grew.

The strike began when a Haitian customs employe was discharged for fraudulent entries. Some of the clerks smashed their type-writers and forced entrance into the government buildings to find others to join them.

The scene of the shooting was across the street from a public school and hundreds of the children heard the shot.

VARE DENIED SENATE SEAT; VOTE 58-22

Three-year, \$200,000 Controversy Comes to a Definite End.

REFUSE TO GIVE SEAT TO WILSON

Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania Must Make Appointment to Get Representation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Excluding Senators-elect William E. Vare, of Pennsylvania, from membership, the senate today left the seat vacant by then refusing to declare his democratic opponent in the 1926 election, William B. Wilson, elected. The vote barring Vare was 58 to 22.

The vote on the Norris resolution to exclude Vare was opposed only by republicans.

On the other hand, 28 republicans, 22 democrats and one farmer labor voted to bar him.

Ends \$200,000 Controversy Two roll calls in quick succession ended the three-year-old senatorial controversy which has cost the government almost \$200,000 to investigate.

First the senate floors were finally and definitely barred to Vare, veteran Philadelphia republican leader, on account of his expenditure of more than \$75,000, and charges of fraud in his race for the republican senatorial nomination in 1926.

Then the senate adopted a resolution declaring that Wilson, his foe in the 1926 general election, had failed to receive a plurality of the legally cast votes for the seat.

The vote against Wilson was 66 to 15.

The Roll Call The roll call to bar Vare follows: For exclusion: Republicans—Allen, Blaine, Borah, Brookhart, Capper, Foxworth, Cutting, Dale, Frazier, Glenn, Howell, Johnson, Jones, LaFollette, McCulloch, McMaster, McNary, McCall, Norris, Nye, Patterson, Sackett, Steiwer, Thomas of Idaho, and Vandenberg—28.

Democrats—Ashford, Barkley, Black, Britton, Brock, Bourdard, Garaway, Connally, Copeland, Dill, Fletcher, George, Glass, Koyne, Hawley, Hayden, Hoffman, McCallister, Overman, Pittman, Shappard, Robinson, Swanson, Thomas of Oklahoma, Trammell, Tydings, Wagner, Walsh of Massachusetts, Walsh of Montana, and Wheeler—32.

Farmer-labor—Shipstead—1. Total for exclusion—68. Against exclusion: Republicans—Bingham, Gilllett, Goldsborough, Gould, Greene, Hale, Hastings, Hendon, Kean, Koyne, Monr, Oddie, Phillips, Reno, Reed, Schell, Shurbridge, Smoot, Townsend, Walcott, Waterman and Watson—23.

Democrats—none. Total against exclusion—23. Unoccupied for two years pending disposition of the controversy the Pennsylvania seat is now subject to appointment by Gov. Fisher of Pennsylvania, a republican.

Those voting to seat Wilson included five republicans and ten democrats. They were: Republicans—Blaine, Brookhart, LaFollette, McMaster and Norris—5.

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BANK EMPLOYEE SHOT BY TRIO; LOOT \$34,000

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6 (AP)—Samson Cook, a messenger for the Bank of Philadelphia and Trust company was shot to death today by three men who seized his bank bag containing, it was estimated \$34,000 in cash and checks. The bandits escaped.

Cook, who was about 50 years old, had stepped out of a branch postoffice at 17th and French streets in the northern part of the city when he was leaped from an automobile and pressed a pistol against him and seized the bag. Two other men remained in the car. The robber who held the pistol threw the bag in the rear of car and as he started to climb in Cook attempted to seize him. The robber backed away and fired one shot and Cook fell, a bullet through his head the men drove south on 17th street and were soon lost in the traffic.

The scene of the shooting was across the street from a public school and hundreds of the children heard the shot.

Little Jimmy was born in Pendleton and was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rice of this city and Mrs. M. E. Downs of Seattle.

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YOUTH ADMITS ATTEMPT TO EXTORT \$500

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Gordon Turner, 18, the youth, who with his sweetheart, Alice Boyd, 18, and Dorothy Weber, 18, are alleged to have attempted to extort \$500 from Dr. E. A. Marshall, Portland physician, yesterday, dropped his braggadocho manner today and told police it was his second extortion attempt.

Turner, who posed as "Jerry McKee, king of Portland bootleggers" and the leader of a Chicago-like band of gangsters, was held pending grand jury action under \$5000 bond, while his girl friend and the Weber girl were held under \$1500 bonds each.

Turner and the two girls, who were arrested yesterday after Dr. Marshall complained he was about to give Miss Boyd a physical examination when Turner burst into the room and accused him of preparing to perform an illegal operation.

JOHNNY FARRELL LEADING WATROUS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—Johnny Farrell of New York, led Al Watrous, Detroit, 3 up at the end of their first eighteen in today's 35-hole semi-final matches of the Professional Golfers' association championship.

Leo Diegel of Agua Caliente, Mexico, defending champion, completed the morning round two up on Walter Hagen, five times champion of the P. G. A. Links. They ended the outgoing nine all square.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—49 above, Minimum: 39 above, Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 58, minimum 29 above, Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER DEC. 6, 1928

Maximum 49, minimum 8 above, Condition: clear.

15 Shopping Days to Christmas!