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Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, Thy Lord be magnified. — Psalm 40: 16.

NAVAL STRENGTH

At the conferences for the limitation of armaments, which were held in Washington in 1922 and in London in 1930, the United States and the other powers participating agreed upon certain ratios of naval strength, but the United States has never built up its navy to the ratio allowed by the treaties.

Our navy, therefore, is not equal to that of Great Britain, nor is it as much superior to that of Japan as we have the right to make it. Those facts have been viewed with alarm by many politicians, militarists, and government officials during the past year or so, and in December Senator Hale introduced a bill to authorize the President to build up our naval armament to the full strength permitted by the treaties, and to authorize Congress to make the necessary appropriations.

Last month the senate naval committee reported its opinion that the passage of Hale's bill "would have a stabilizing effect on world affairs." But there seems to be room for doubt as to the wisdom of that report.

In the first place, the United States on November 16, 1931, agreed to a one-year Armaments Truce involving fifty nations including all the great powers. In that truce we agreed "to refrain from any measure involving an increase in armaments" during a period of one year. The truce was sponsored by the League of Nations Assembly for the specific purpose of paving the way for positive results in the General Disarmament Conference which is now in session. Hale's naval bill would be a deliberate violation of our agreement.

It is difficult to understand, in the second place, just how such a bill would have "a stabilizing effect on world affairs." If our Congress authorizes increased naval strength — in violation of our agreement, and while our representatives in Geneva are struggling for reduction — other nations will have excellent cause to doubt our sincerity. Such confidence and good will as now exists would be destroyed, the conference would result in failure, and international competition in armaments would be resumed at an appalling rate.

Furthermore, Hale's naval bill would involve an expenditure of nearly a billion dollars at a time when the nation is struggling to stem the tide of a treasury deficit, and the people are crying for relief from taxation. The United States is already spending 161 per cent more money for past and future wars than in any previous peace time era. Senator Hale seems to ignore the cold facts in the case.

Of course, he has inserted a clause which would empower the president to suspend any or all construction authorized by the act in the event of any subsequent agreement for further limitations of armament. But if his bill is meant as a mere warning to other nations, and with no expectations of actual construction, it is dangerous legislation, for it would open the way to make large appropriations without full consideration at any later date when circumstances may have changed completely.

UNDERPAID

The "typical" woman teacher is the subject of a study by Teachers College of Columbia University and the verdict rendered therefrom is not especially reassuring from either the academic or the public's point of view.

This survey, said to be the most comprehensive ever made, found among other things that the average woman teacher is thoroughly provincial, uninformed and comparatively uninterested in the recognized arts; casual in her reading habits and more likely to have access to a family automobile than a decent private library; having only a second-hand acquaintance with the achievements of genius, derived from the motion pictures and the local literary society; and having a family which enjoys an average income of \$1331 a year, which is, perhaps, enough to account for much of the other conditions in the case.

If these things are true, why? Much has been said of the importance of the woman teacher, whose share in the educational processes is focused on the formative, and consequently critical, years of childhood. Too little attention has been paid to her competence and training and to making it possible for her to measure up to the full magnitude of her job.

Can the public expect teachers to travel extensively, study intensively, gather adequate libraries, acquaint themselves

with the arts, and worship at the shrines of genius on the salaries paid them?

Need any more be said than that every increase in teaching salaries has been accompanied by an appreciable rise in teaching standards?

Red propaganda has undoubtedly retarded civilization, but red tape is the worst offender in that respect.

Other Papers Say:

PARCEL POST RATES INCREASED

The most sensible thing that has been done in connection with post office finances in a generation was allowing the increase in parcel post rates asked for by Postmaster General Brown. These new rates are still low enough but will bring an added revenue to the department of \$15,000,000 — badly needed to carry on the work.

There is no reason why the post office department should be run as a clemency institution. Why should a rural carrier go to the country 30 miles, pick up a parcel and send it to Portland 150 miles where it will be delivered by a city carrier — the whole transaction costing the mailer a nickel? There isn't any sense in it. When this thing was put over it was argued that a market would thus be furnished for the farmer and the consumer would be able to buy cheaper. Neither has benefited but on the contrary each has had to pay more taxes to make up the deficit. If the same parcel had been mailed at the post office it would have cost seven cents, but if a rural carrier goes out after it the price is reduced nearly 30 per cent! Why? Oh, congress was at its usual occupation of angling for the farmer vote. If congress would turn the post office department over to the post master general to run without interference and give him carte blanche to make rules, rates and regulations, he would soon pull it out of the red.

Why should weekly newspapers, for instance, be allowed a free mailing privilege in the county in which they are printed? There isn't any reason, but because the custom was started way back in the beginning of the government when it was thought good policy to reach the people with information, the thing is still continued long after the reason has disappeared because no congressman wants to offend his old home paper.

We grumble a good deal about taxes, but most of them are the result of our own political folly—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

TIME TO CALL A HAIT

The highway commission will probably soon discontinue its emergency relief road work, now that the winter is about over. It should, for the taxpayer only receives about 25 cents on the dollar in highway construction. The commission has already spent nearly a million and a half dollars to provide relief work and it has done more than its share. It has had to carry the burden almost alone, for other agencies have done little or nothing while the millions of debt has been increased for future payment.

The growing difficulty of disposing of securities is sufficient warning that the time has come to curtail expenditures. This is realized all over the state — save in Portland, where the city seeks to evade its own responsibilities by unloading on the highway commission. Unless the highway commission lives within its income, its bonds, like those of districts, counties and municipalities, immersed in a vortex of debt, will be unmarketable.

As long as the state will provide, it will have to, for the individual will shirk his own responsibility in expectation of paternalistic care. But there must come an end to it eventually or bankruptcy will impend. There never was any justice in making one class of taxpayers, the motor vehicle owners, bear the entire burden of caring for the unemployed — Salem Capital Journal.

GERMANY SHOWS FRIENDLY SPIRIT

It was interesting to read the recent cable dispatches telling of the elaborate celebration which the German government held to commemorate the bi-centennial year of George Washington's birth.

The ceremonies were held in the historic Reichstag under the patronage of President von Hindenburg. Chancellor Bruening delivered the chief address, the stars and stripes were abundantly displayed and a German military band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" — the first time that tune ever sounded in those halls.

This would seem to indicate that the bitterness of World War days is about forgotten, as far as Germany and America are concerned. The traditional friendship between the two nations, tragically interrupted by the war-madness of the last Hohenzollern, has been resumed. Let us hope that it will never again be broken. — Klamath Falls Evening Herald.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON—Things are breaking right "on the hill" these days for that veteran wheelhorse of politics in the senate — George Norris of Nebraska.

He has been fighting long and hard, and some of the time almost single-handedly, for various kinds of reform in government. And now at the age of 71, with almost three decades of congressional service behind him, he is reaping some of the benefits of those years of fighting. "Old George," as he is affectionately known, may yet point to this session of the 72nd congress as his most successful one. And he has been in every one since the 53th. Two bills, which lie very close to

the Norris heart and are among the most far-reaching pieces of legislation ever enacted by congress, have been approved this session.

Wins Long Fight

The first was the famous "Jame duck" bill—the constitutional amendment which will be submitted to the states calling for a change in the inauguration date for presidents and sessions of congress. Years of battling and disappointments for Norris came to an end with the passage of this bill. Repeatedly he had gotten a favorable vote for the measure in the senate only to have it die in the house. A few weeks ago, however, the house, too, swung into line.

His second major victory was with the anti-injunction bill. Norris has been fighting for this measure for the past eight years. At times chances of victory looked almost hopeless, but he continued his fight until victory was his.

One other victory for Norris this session — passage of his bill for government operation of Muscle Shoals—would enable him to see written into law perhaps three as important measures even to pass congress.

Whether his luck holds up that far must yet be determined.

Relentless Battler

It must make the heart of Norris feel good to see at this late date congress come around to a way of thinking he has followed for so long.

Only seven of his colleagues in the senate voted against his "Jame duck" bill. Only five refused to go along with him on the anti-injunction legislation.

Since that memorable fight in 1910, when he led a fight to strip "Uncle Joe" Cannon of some of his power as speaker of the house, Norris has been relentless in his battles against political organization of the machine variety.

There has been little romance about Norris' fighting. Fame, money or social prestige are not the things which appeal to him as a senator—He'll battle any time for a conviction.

OPTIMISM TO RULE SPRING OPENING HERE

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devoted to the new styles in clothing and furnishings.

Continuation of the present fair weather is expected to result in a huge crowd, not only from La Grande but from nearby points—from every portion of La Grande's natural shopping territory.

GRALAPP TAKES PRINCIPALSHIP

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school basketball championship team. Mr. Gralapp was appointed principal at a recent meeting of the school board when Mr. Towler's resignation was accepted.

Arthur E. Wight, of Lebanon, Ore., arrived here yesterday and succeeded Mr. Gralapp today as head of the science department.

Coach Ira Woodie called a meeting of track and football men this morning and practice will begin this afternoon, with the football men working out simultaneously with the track men. The spring grid practice will continue for two or three weeks, and wind up probably with a game between the seniors and the other under-graduates.

The first week or two of track work will be spent largely in getting into condition for the strenuous competition that will begin in April.

WOMEN DEFENDING CHURCHES SLAIN

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Buturaga, where the soldiers were destroying religious emblems.

There were reports, too, that several peasants from the Ukrainian village of Schlotlaga tried to escape with their families across the Dniester by hiding their wives and children in barrels and driving down along the river bank as though they intended to get water out through holes in the ice.

When the coast was clear they would whip up their horses and race across the ice to the Rumanian shore. One wagon was said to have reached Rumania but the others were reported to have been intercepted and the occupants shot.

New reports of an uprising in the Ukraine were circulating here today. The reports were unverified, but they came from the Bessarabian border and said the 282d soviet infantry regiment refused to fire on a group of revolting peasants, following which a number of the soldiers were executed for mutiny.

In order to prevent further escape of Ukrainian peasants across the Dniester river into Rumania, the reports said, a two-kilometer zone has been established along the Russian side of the river, under a state of siege, and orders have been issued to shoot on sight any civilians found within the zone.

Reports frequently come from the Rumanian frontier of violence seen across the river in the Ukraine. Generally the stories tell how refugees, fleeing across the frozen river are overtaken and shot by the soviet frontier guard.

The destruction of churches or their conversion to other uses in Russia is a familiar story.

Last year the cathedral of the Redeemer, Moscow's largest church, was demolished to make room for a great modern structure to be known as the palace of the soviets. The Kazan cathedral at Leningrad is to be converted into the largest anti-religious museum in soviet Russia.

at FALK'S

Spring Opening

TUESDAY NIGHT MAR. 21

Come down town Tuesday night and see for yourself displays of correct Spring apparel for men and women who take pride in their appearance, and — again we remind you with our slogan — "Because It's Better at Falk's, It's Cheaper — Not Cheap."

LIVING MODELS

Hosiery and shoes will be shown on La Grande's prettiest feet and limbs in our windows at 8 p. m. — Be here and see what's new for 1932!

---from the crown of her hat to the tips of her shoes, she knows she's dressed correctly if it comes from Falk's...

her HAT
should be from the favored straws such as Montelupo, sharkskin or puccello — in such colors as beige, mandarin, Nassau blue and black—You'll find the most exclusive patterns from **\$7.50 to \$11.75**

her FROCK
should have rising waists, slimmer skirts and the lengths should be from 8 to 9 inches from the floor — Most popular for spring are the various blues, beige, reds and greens—a beautiful selection now shown at **\$10 to \$25**

her COAT
must have a military air — the sleeves and lapels have unusual treatments — shoulders are broad — the materials are delightfully soft rough fabrics — but best of all you'll like **\$10 to \$49.50** the moderate prices

her GLOVES
should be in a shade to match her hose with pigskin, mesh and fabrics for sports and washable capes in all-noon styles for afternoon — Colors are white, tan and brown with contrasting trims — priced from **\$1.00 to \$2.95**

her HOSE
will be generally lighter in tone — the new shades being promenade beige, French finge, Raverty and Jubilee — sheer chiffons, service, semi-service and mesh — Phoenix and Kayser, priced from **\$1.00 to \$1.95**

her SHOES
if for sport should be of elk in light shades or two tone combinations — for afternoon or evening, sandal type pumps and smart ties with heels ranging from military to spike — favored colors are beige, almond brown, dark brown, admiralty blue, black silk kid and black kid and patent combinations — priced from **\$4.95 to \$11.50**

her PURSE
should be of the new rough grain leathers, gleaming patent or silk in varied colors to match the costume — fashion smiles on the large flat style for spring. priced from **\$1.00 to \$4.95**

her NECKLACE
for the afternoon ensemble should be colorful and harmonizing but for evening should be dainty rose quartz, amber coral, jade or sparkling crystal — a large assortment from **\$1.00 to \$4.95**



"See the Spring Opening Windows"

Jackson County Bank Transfers To 1st National

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Following heavy withdrawals of deposits, attributed by state banking officials to a "whispering campaign," the Jackson County bank today voluntarily transferred its accounts to the First National bank of Medford on waivers of deposits.

Waivers totaling \$27,000 were signed Sunday and the First National today assumed the obligation to pay half of the deposit liability. The Jackson County bank, with deposits of over a million dollars, had been subject to withdrawals Saturday and resulted in the calling of A. A. Schramm, state bank superintendent.

RELAY CARNIVAL PLANNED VANCOUVER, Wash., Mar. 21 (AP)—An invitation to participate in Vancouver high school's seventh annual relay carnival, Apr. 16 has been extended to 48 Washington and Oregon high schools.

Oregon schools invited include Chemawa Indians, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Corvallis, Eugene, Oregon City, St. Helens, Rainier, Astoria, Salem, Hood River, West Linn and all Portland high schools.

Bill Terry, giant first baseman, has a desire to try out in the movies, say his Memphis friends.

POTATO MARKET

CORVALLIS, Mar. 21 (AP)—The potato markets opened the week mostly steady with San Francisco maintaining quotations unchanged from the peak reached in the recent rise, according to the O. S. C. extension service and the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics.

HOUSE VOTES MORATORIUM ON IRRIGATION

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would defer payments of \$3,000,000 to the reclamation fund.
COMPROMISE EXPECTED
WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—Indications that house party leaders and anti-sales tax chiefs may reach a compromise on the revenue bill were seen today with the announcement of Representative Laguardia (R. N. Y.) that if food, clothing and medicines were exempted from the sales levy his fundamental objections to the bill would be removed.
Hockey on roller skates is one of the most popular winter sports in Decatur, Ill.