

## BRITAIN TO AVOID OFFENSIVE TREATY

### Deal With Japan to Consider American Views.

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### Lloyd George Tells Premiers Discussion Is Welcomed.

## CONDITIONS ARE VIEWED

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LONDON, June 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George, in opening the imperial conference, attended by the overseas premiers today, referred to Anglo-Japanese relations in terms generally regarded in American circles as assurance to the United States that any renewal of the agreement with Japan could be in a nature unobjectionable to America.

While he avoided a declaration on the direct issue of the treaty, he alluded to the war-time friendship with Japan and said Great Britain was anxious to apply this friendship to a solution of the questions connected with the Pacific ocean and the far east, among them the future of China.

### Arms Limitations Favored.

Great Britain desired to avoid competition in armaments in the Pacific, he declared, and he emphasized his willingness to discuss limitation of armaments with the United States. He pointed out that the life of the United Kingdom, as also of Australia and New Zealand, was built on sea power—the axis of the whole empire's existence.

### Discussing Relations Between Great Britain and the United States, he said:

"Friendly co-operation with the United States is a cardinal principle, dictated by what seems to me the proper nature of things by which we are bound together."

### Conditions Are Reviewed.

The first session was without ceremony. Mr. Lloyd George welcomed the visitors, who he said, met as "equal partners in the dignities and responsibilities of the British commonwealth."

### He summarized post-war conditions and said German disarmament was virtually accomplished and the reparations problem was "in a fair way of being solved."

The problems of Silesia and the Near East remained; their solution lay in adherence to the treaties, and he was hopeful as to both.

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### Premiers Are to Talk.

After the premier's speech the conference adjourned until tomorrow, when the overseas premiers and the representatives of India will talk. It is understood that if the Anglo-Japanese agreement is renewed, Premier Hushes of Australia plans to return to his country by way of the United States, where he will make a speech and attempt to explain the situation to the American people.

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Officials of the line decided today, after a conference with post officials, to exclude the public to "avoid discrimination."

There have been reports that proponents and opponents of the admiral's London speech, in which he dealt with Irish-Americans, were planning demonstrations. The pier will be heavily policed.

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### BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

### Report of Lewis' Slush Fund Stirs Federation.

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### DRESS ORDINANCE VIOLATED IN THREE PLACES.

### Sleeves Declared Too Short, Blouse Transparent, Exposing Skin, and Cut Too Low.

ZION, Ill., June 20.—Mrs. Sarah Johnson, aged 21, of Winthrop Harbor is in jail here today charged with fracturing Wilbur Glenn Voliva's modest dress ordinance in three places.

Mrs. Johnson was arrested as she stepped from a train and booked on the following charges:

Wearing short sleeves which exposed the arm above the middle of the forearm.

Wearing a blouse of transparent material which exposed the bare skin.

Wearing a blouse with neck cut below the junction of the base of the neck and the collarbone.

"Whenever you pay for my clothes you can tell me what to wear," the young woman was said to have told Chief of Police Becker. Her trial was set for tomorrow.

## BALLOON TO AID SHOOTING

### Observation Service Planned for Artillery Practice.

TACOMA, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—The 14th balloon company at Camp Lewis may be used for observation purposes in connection with the target practice of Battery A, heavy field artillery, of Walla Walla, according to Lieutenant J. H. C. Hill.

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## CANNON IS GIFT TO STATE

### Presentation Slated at Ceremonies Tomorrow Night.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Formal presentation of the siege cannon recently appropriated by the federal government to Sedgewick post, Grand Army of the Republic of this city, to the state of Oregon will take place on the capital grounds here tomorrow night, preceding the usual band concert.

The presentation will be made by C. A. Hunter, a member of the local post, and the cannon will be accepted officially on behalf of the state by Governor Olcott.

## FARMERS CUT COAL BILL

### Co-operative Buying Through Farm Bureaus Planned.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Purchase of coal by farmers of nine middle-western states through their county and state farm bureaus was decided upon today when a plan drawn up by the American farm bureau federation committee was adopted.

It is estimated that at least \$150,000 will be saved through co-operative buying.

## STOCK PRICES DROP WHEN SUPPORT FAILS

### LOW RECORDS OF ONE TO 20 YEARS REGISTERED.

### Market Generally Shows Collapsing Tendency—All Classes of Securities Affected.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Low records of one to 20 years were registered during a further collapse of prices on the stock exchange today, when sales totaled about 1,250,000 shares. A class of stocks were affected, but investment rails, steel, oils and railway equipments were hardest hit.

United States Steel, losing more than three points, dropped to 71, the lowest since 1915, when it declined to 35 before the war boom lifted it to 89 1/2.

Canadian Pacific, once a favorite of the international stock markets, including Berlin, was the weakest rail, extending last week's loss by four points to 101. That quotation was the lowest since the 1901-03 period, when it fell to 87.

Oils, motors and railway equipments were often without support, even at pronounced concessions. Mexican Petroleum repeated its recent loss of 103, after rallying to 169, and Studebaker, Baldwin and some two score issues once partly known as "war brides" closed at losses of two to five points.

## CLOUD CAP INN TO OPEN

### Snow Still Deep at Resort; Highway Work to Be Pushed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Crews of men this week will rush improvements of the Cloud Cap inn and the hostelry, according to Homer A. Rogers, manager, will open next Saturday. Snow is still deep in the vicinity of the mile-high resort, which sits at the foot of Elletts glacier at the edge of the forest.

Mr. Rogers, who also operates Mount Hood lodge, says that his guest lists so far this season have been eclipsed in numbers those of any former years.

## FIRE MARSHAL MARRIED

### Fred Roberts of Portland and Mrs. Eva Duhrook Wedded.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Fred W. Roberts, assistant fire marshal of the city of Portland, and Mrs. Eva Duhrook, who gave her address as the Bligh hotel, Salem, were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church here today. Rev. Elaine E. Kirkpatrick officiated.

Mr. Roberts formerly resided in Salem, where he was connected with the state fire marshal's office. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will make their home in Portland.

## MESSINA REGION ROCKED

### Strong Earthquake Shocks Felt In Island of Sicily.

PARIS, June 20.—Strong earthquake shocks have been felt at Messina, Reggio and Calabria, Italy.

A Havas dispatch brought advice of the disturbances.

## SHIPS DISAPPEAR, LEAVING NO CLEW

### GRAVE APPREHENSION FELT AT WASHINGTON.

### CASE OF CYCLOPS RECALLED

### Crewless Carriers Reported Adrift at Sea.

### QUEER COINCIDENCE SEEN

### Several Vessels About Same Time Vanish; Bolsheviks Thought to Be Responsible.

### WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—

The government is confronted with a sea mystery that has given rise to the greatest apprehension. Steamers and schooners have disappeared from the ocean leaving no clew to the manner or cause of their vanishing. It is no new thing for a ship to sail and not be heard from again—the incident of the Cyclops during the war is an example of this—but now three and perhaps more steamers have gone, with no storms reported along their routes.

One theory is that the crews of some of these vessels may have seized the vessels and are taking them to Russia to make up a bolshevik merchant marine. Crewless ships have been reported drifting on the ocean; one has smashed on the beach with no trace of anybody having been on board.

So uncertain are officials who have cognizance of the disquieting situation that they refuse to say what ships are missing; they do not see how it could be, but they say there is a possibility that these vessels were simply disabled and may show up some time, and they do not wish to alarm the friends of those on board by premature announcement.

### Queer Coincidence Noted.

Again, the element of coincidence makes this improbable. One ship might have lost its engine or suffered a breakdown, but that occurred in the same one within a few weeks should have had this experience in beyond the bounds even of sea conviction.

A few hundred years ago pirates would have been blamed for the disappearance of ships, but the black flag cannot fly without on every ship and every vessel afloat accounted for by clearance papers. And yet, the missing ships suggest some such agency.

Three coastal steamers have vanished and the crews of an American schooner has disappeared. The mystery that the disappearance of these vessels and the crew of the schooner Carol Deering was the work of bolsheviks and that the vessels have been taken to Russian ports, was advanced by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

But few details of the disappearance of the ships could be learned heretofore, either from governmental or private shipping interests.

### Investigation Under Way.

Senator Hale of Maine is understood to be primarily responsible for an extended investigation, stretching over the past month or so, by agents of the department of justice and by the bureau of navigation of the department of commerce.

According to information obtained several months ago the tug Rescue owned by the Merrick & Clark Wrecking company, while proceeding down the coast, sighted a five-masted schooner with all sails set and evidently in distress. The master drove his tug close to the vessel, but was unable to get a man or a tow line aboard her by heavy seas. On reaching port he reported sighting the five-masted 2500-ton schooner Carol Deering, owned by G. G. Deering company of Bath, Me., out of Barbadoes for Portland, Me., with all boats gone and no sign of life aboard.

## COAST GETS HOSPITAL

### Government to Spend \$450,000 at Fort Walla Walla.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Approval of seven hospital projects, involving an expenditure of \$4,010,000, is recommended by the board of consultants on hospitalization for the treatment of ex-soldiers, was announced by Secretary Mellon.

The recommendations include provision for the expenditure of \$850,000 at the United States public health service hospital No. 55, Fort Bayard, N. M., for the construction of a permanent hospital unit of 250 beds and the improvement of existing facilities.

At Fort Walla Walla, Wash., the expenditure of \$450,000 was approved for the construction of a general hospital of 150 beds. The statement of the secretary of the treasury says, "It appears that of the great number of buildings at this post only two brick buildings are suitable for remodeling for other purposes than patients' quarters, so that this project involves the construction of practically entirely new buildings for 150 patients."

## AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK U-BOAT IN ATLANTIC

### GREAT ARMADA OF PLANES READY TO PARTICIPATE.

### Attempt Will Be Made to Prove Army Contentment That Day of Capital Warships Past.

LANGLEY FIELD, Va., June 20.—The greatest armada of airfighters ever gathered by the army during peace was ready to "hop" from the field tomorrow for a practical demonstration of air service contention that the day of capital battleships is past.

Across Hampton roads at the naval base several acres of Uncle Sam's airships were prepared to take first action in the bombing of the ex-German submarine U-117 tomorrow off the Virginia Capes.

The vanguard of attacking planes will reach the target anchored 50 miles off Cape Charles at 9 A. M., none but navy machines participating in the opening attack.

Immediately behind will fly nine planes of the F-2-L type, each carrying four bombs. A torpedo plane division of five Martin bombers will follow with six bombs each. Four machines of the NC type, similar to those used in the first trans-Atlantic flight, will come next with four bombs each and the column will be closed by a marine corps division of six De Havilland bombers, carrying two bombs each.

Fliers at Langley field did not expect to have a chance at the U-117. Expert opinion given unofficially did not expect even the last navy planes would find it necessary to release their bombs. But provision was made for the Langley bombers to try their hand if the U-117 remained afloat when the navy finished.

If necessary, the army flight will consist of 12 Martin bombers, with six bombs each, and 11 De Havilland, carrying two bombs each. Should the U-117 still remain on the surface guns of destroyers will sink her.

Army and navy officers considered most important, however, the second phase of the bombing test June 25, that time the battleship Iowa, radio-controlled by the existing between Cape Charles and Cape Henlopen, from 50 to 100 miles off shore. The aviators with no further idea of the ship's location will take off and search her out. If the Iowa is located dummy bombs will be rained on her and the planes will return to the base.

The Iowa is not to be destroyed because she is the only radio-controlled vessel in existence.

### EAGLES AT ABERDEEN

State Convention Opens and Much Entertainment Is Planned.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—The 25th annual Washington state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles opened in Aberdeen this morning in a burst of sound and color. Until tomorrow night, when the convention will close with a grand ball in Eagles hall, between 1000 and 1500 Eagles, representing every acre in the state, will dominate Aberdeen, the other cities and the resorts of the harbor district.

An elaborate programme of entertainment, including baseball games, bowling tournaments and lodge, musical and drill team competitions, has been arranged. A smoker, at which the welterweight championship of Pacific coast will be at stake, will be the crowning sport event.

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## WILHELM LEADS QUALIFYING FIELD

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### WOMEN'S ROUNDS TODAY