

HARDING ACTS TO DISARM WORLD

Britain, France, Italy and Japan Approached.

CONFERENCE IS INTENT

Settlement of Pacific and Near East Problems Also Urged by President.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE

Chief Executive Seeks to Ascertain Whether or Not Plan Is Agreeable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—President Harding has taken definite steps looking to a conference in Washington of the principal allied and associated powers to discuss limitation of armament. He also has suggested to the interested nations that there be at the same time a discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern problems with a view of reaching a common understanding.

This announcement was made tonight by the state department by direction of the president in the following statement:

Arms Limitation Suggested.

"The president, in view of the far-reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments, has approached in informal, but definite inquiry the group of powers heretofore known as the principal allied and associated powers, that is, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject, to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable formal invitations for such a conference will be issued.

Problems Held Related.

"It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems, and the president has suggested that the powers especially interested in these problems should undertake, in connection with this conference, the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution, with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policy in the Far East.

No Comment Is Made.

The department's statement was made public without comment and the fact that the president has suggested to the interested nations a joint discussion of the Far Eastern and Pacific problems came as something of a surprise in Washington. The department's statement did not make clear what nations had been approached on these particular subjects, but aside from China, which was specifically named, it was assumed that Great Britain and Japan were among them.

Renewal of Anglo-Japanese Alliance Has Been Under Discussion by the British and Japanese Governments, but whether this was considered by Mr. Harding as within the scope of the proposed conference on Pacific and Far Eastern problems has not been disclosed.

Premier's Statement Due.

Mr. Lloyd George, British premier, announced recently in the house of commons that he expected to have a statement to make with regard to the alliance tomorrow, but this was dependent upon "the replies received from the United States, Japan and China."

Proposals for a conference on world disarmament were made in congress some months ago and a resolution by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, asking the president to invite Great Britain and Japan to confer with the United States on the question of limiting naval construction has been made a part of the naval appropriation bill and accepted both by the senate and house.

The president, however, apparent-

DISARMAMENT MOVE PLEASURES ALL BRITAIN

RELIEF FROM TREMENDOUS TAX BURDEN IS SEEN.

Press and Public Begin to Realize Far East Problem Is Closely Associated.

LONDON, July 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The action of the president of the United States with respect to a conference on the limitation of armament unquestionably will be received in all quarters of England with intense satisfaction, not only on account of its promising relief from the tremendous burden of taxation, but also because it will indirectly supply a solution, it is hoped, to the difficulties surrounding the problem of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The British press and public lately have begun to realize that there are grave difficulties in the way of renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty and there was a growing nervous apprehension that any action tending to endanger the retention of American friendship. This apprehension became distinctly observable in the changing direction of newspaper comment, where new doubts were arising and questions were being asked as to whether it was worth while to lose American for the sake of Japanese friendship.

Furthermore, the government and people alike earnestly desired retrenchment, and it has been recognized that nothing would be so conducive to retrenchment as agreement among the nations to limit armaments.

Meetings of the premiers of the overseas dominions revealed little disposition on the part of the dominions to provide the necessary large sums as contributions to impede any such measure they could by any means be avoided.

The fact that China will be invited to participate in the negotiations apparently has given the greatest satisfaction generally.

EARL OF CRAVEN DROWNS

Body Found on Rocks Following Disappearance From Yacht.

COWES, Isle of Wight, July 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Earl of Craven was drowned in the Solent last night or early today. He disappeared mysteriously from his yacht during the night and at 3 o'clock this afternoon his body was found on the rocks two miles from Cowes.

The Earl of Craven in 1893 married Miss Cornelia, daughter of the late Bradley Martin of New York. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman and had taken the Solent lodge, belonging to the Marchioness of Ormonde, for the Cowes regatta in August, yesterday afternoon on his yacht, paid a visit to the royal yacht squadron and then returned to the yacht.

STILLMAN DECISION DUE

Referee Expected to Rule on Three Questions Next Wednesday.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 10.—The decision of Referee Daniel J. Gleason on motion to permit James A. Stillman to answer three questions asked him on redirect examination at the last divorce hearing will be rendered today. The case is resumed Wednesday, it was reported today.

Mrs. Stillman's attorneys, with John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for baby Guy, will prepare conferences Monday, preparing Mrs. Stillman's side of the case.

FIRE IS SEEN FAR AWAY

Warden 15 Miles Off First to Discover Carlton Blaze.

CARLTON, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—The first news to reach the fire department of this city of a blaze that broke out here shortly after midnight was telephoned by Bob Figgins, a fire warden on duty in the mountains 15 miles away. The fire broke out on the property known as the Carlton, which is converted into a rest room and automobile camping grounds. The loss was estimated at \$2500. The origin of the blaze was not determined.

SEASIDE HAS ROBBERY

Two Highwaymen Get Only \$8 in First Holdup in Years.

SEASIDE, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—J. T. Burtis, while crossing the Twelfth-avenue bridge, was held up Saturday night at 10 o'clock by two men. As Mr. Burtis was told to hold his hands up he grabbed most of the money that was in his pocket and kept it in his right hand while his arms were up and as a result the robbers obtained only \$8 and an empty purse.

This was the first hold-up reported for years in Seaside.

CRASH INJURES WOMAN

Two Others Also Hurt When Auto Collides With Street Car.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 10.—Mrs. Bella Featherston, aged 45, suffered a fractured skull, a broken jaw and other injuries which are expected to prove fatal, this afternoon when an automobile in which she was riding collided with a streetcar. George Featherston, driver of the car, and Mrs. Alvina B. Williams also received injuries.

PLANE HITS AUTOS, KILLS 5, HURTS 50

Bomber Falls on Group of Parked Machines.

EXPLOSION TRAPS VICTIMS

Spectators in Cars Are Burned to Death.

2 FLIERS LOSE CONTROL

Effort Is Made to Throw Aircraft Into Ohio River, But Altitude Proves to Be Too Low.

MOONSVILLE, W. Va., July 10.—

Five persons were known to be dead and approximately 50 were injured at Langlin field here late today when a Martin bomber plane fell on a group of automobiles parked on the grounds. An explosion followed, setting fire to the machines.

The dead were all spectators. Lieutenant C. H. McIver, pilot, and Lieutenant T. H. Denton, assistant pilot, were rescued by Carl Miller, athletic coach of Bethany college.

Most of the injured were taken to the Glendale hospital, where it was reported five were in a serious condition. The dead are of Moonsville with the exception of Edge, whose home was at Round Bottom, W. Va.

Plane 30 Feet Off Ground.

Lieutenant McIver and Denton were taking off in the government plane from Langlin field. They had risen about 30 feet, according to the report, when the plane swung sharply to the left and seemed about to hit a hangar. An effort was made, it was said, to throw the plane into the Ohio river, but it was flying too low and crashed into automobiles lined along the river bank.

Sixteen automobiles were burned and the dead, in most instances, were trapped in the machines.

The pilots arrived at Moonsville Saturday afternoon from the Martin factories at Cleveland, and were leaving Langlin field for Langley field, where the plane was to be put into service.

AIRCRAFT TANKS EXPLODE

The known dead: Carl Pettit, Fred Edge, Ralph Hartzell, Mrs. George Long, 65 years old, and an unidentified child, aged about 9.

Three large dirigibles and 38 observation balloons for army and navy use.

J. H. ACKERMAN DIES OF APOPLEXY STROKE

END COMES SUDDENLY TO NORMAL SCHOOL PRESIDENT.

Prominent Educator Eats Breakfast, Reads Newspaper and Succumbs at Monmouth.

MONMOUTH, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—

J. H. Ackerman, president of Oregon Normal school of Monmouth and prominent educator of the state for the last 35 years, died suddenly at 8 o'clock this morning following a stroke of apoplexy. He apparently had been in good health when he arose this morning and following breakfast with the family walked out on the front porch for the morning newspaper. He had returned into the house and had read for about 20 minutes, when he was stricken and passed away without warning.

Mr. Ackerman has been president of the normal for the last 10 years and previous to that was state superintendent of public instruction in Oregon for 12 years.

He was born in Toronto, Iowa, November 7, 1885. While a young man he taught school in Wisconsin. He was a graduate of the state normal school at Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Ackerman began his career as an Oregon educator in 1899, when he arrived in Portland, and became principal of the Holladay school. Later he was superintendent of the east Portland schools. He served also as principal of the Harrison-street school in 1906. Ackerman was elected county superintendent of Multnomah county and served until 1910. He was then chosen state superintendent of public instruction, and held that office until 1911, when he became president of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, which was revived after being idle one year.

Mr. Ackerman was a member of the Unitarian church and of the Washington Masonic lodge of Portland, of which he once served as master. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. E. F. Carleton of Eugene, whose husband is superintendent of schools there; Mrs. Roy Burton of Salem, and Mrs. Alfred Lund of Corvallis, whose husband is a professor in Oregon Agricultural college.

Funeral services will be held at Monmouth at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian church of Portland, officiating. E. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the eulogy. Interment will take place in the Salem cemetery, with services at the grave by the Masonic lodge of Salem.

3 DIRIGIBLES ORDERED

Army and Navy Buy 38 Observation Balloons, Also.

AKRON, O., July 10.—A large rubber company yesterday announced that it had received a government order for three large dirigibles and 38 observation balloons for army and navy use.

COAL BUNKERS FIRE ENDANGERS STEAMER

EASTERN MARINER BLAZE IS PUT UNDER CONTROL.

Most of 400 Tons of Fuel Is Removed Before Firefighters Can Check Blaze.

Fire, thought to have been of spontaneous origin, broke out about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the coal bunkers of the United States shipping board steamer Eastern Mariner, a freighter of 8500 tons. A crew of 25 men, assisted by Portland firemen, fought the fire, which at midnight was said to be under control.

No water could be used, as it was feared that the gases which would be formed would fill the close steel compartment and explode after ignition by the live coals, so that it was not until the workmen had uncovered the seat of the blaze and the coals had been opened and spread that measures could be taken to actually extinguish it.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock, black smoke poured from the funnels, arousing fears for the vessel's safety and attracting crowds of pedestrians. It was estimated that about 25 tons of coal burned, and this comprised the actual loss. It was said that, on account of its steel construction, damage to the ship was nominal.

Spontaneous combustion was said to have ignited the coal. This theory was favored because conditions for it in the bunkers were ideal—coal dust, dampness and a muggy heat.

The Eastern Mariner was built in Japan during the war for a Seattle firm and was later taken over by the shipping board. Captain Pliz commands. It has been moored at the Victoria dock, near the Broadway bridge, for the last two months, awaiting a cargo.

ENDURANCE HIKE ENDS

Soldier, With Full Pack, Marches 1100 Miles in 40 Days.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—An endurance test has been completed by Private John McGregor of the second division, believed by veteran infantrymen here to establish a new record for distance hiking with full equipment pack. Major-General Harbord made public today the official reports of McGregor's feat, showing that he covered the last 500 miles of the march in 14 days, an average of more than 35 miles a day. The entire distance covered was 1100 miles, from San Antonio, Tex., to Denver, Colo., and was made in 40 marching days.

McGregor walked from Winnipeg to Alberta before he enlisted in the army.

NATION'S LEADERS MODERN WAR DEAD

Memorial Is Held Over Bodies of 7264 on Pier.

SCENE AT COFFINS PATHETIC

Mothers, Wives, Buddies Mingle at Giant Tomb.

WAR HATRED EXPRESSED

First Americans Killed in Battle Honored; Sacrifice Inspires New Life Plans, Says General.

HOBOKEN, N. J., July 10.—

Leaders of the nation mourned the country's war dead today at memorial services on the army pier here, where lay the bodies of 7264 men who made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France.

Congress sent a joint committee headed by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. The army was represented by Assistant Secretary of War Wainwright and General Pershing.

Scores of gold-star mothers and hundreds of war veterans attended. Every unit that saw active service in France was represented among the dead. Directly in front of the speakers were caissons of the first 300 United States soldiers to die in battle against Germany—Corporal Herbert James D. Gresham of Evansville, Ind.; Private Thomas F. Enright of Pittsburgh and Private M. D. Hay of Glidden, Iowa—all members of the 16th infantry, first division, and all killed in November, 1917, in the Lunenburg sector of Lorraine.

Pershing Eulogizes Dead.

"They fought for eternal right and justice, as did the founders of this great republic," said General Pershing. "The freedom of mankind was their battery."

"I saw them go forward, wearied of body, yet intrepid, resolute and cheerful of spirit. Scornful of danger, they advanced with undaunted courage to save a well-nigh lost cause. Only those who fought with them can ever know the heights of religious devotion and patriotism to which they arose."

Senator Lodge said that "to a few of us, there is a peculiar poignancy in this silent array of dead, because we were among those upon whom fell the grievous responsibility of declaring the war in which these precious lives were lost."

Hatred of War Asserted.

"Be assured," he continued, "that there are no men in this country who so dread, so hate war as the senators and representatives in congress, upon whom is imposed the duty of declaring war, if war must come."

Funeral hymns and the national anthem were sung at the service and prayers were said by a Protestant clergyman, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi. General Pershing and Maurice Casanave, French high commissioner, laid wreaths upon the coffins of Corporal Gresham and Private Enright and Hay.

When the solemn speeches and the songs of mourning had ceased, a bugler played "Taps." As the last note sounded, relatives and friends began looking for the coffins that bore the bodies of their loved ones. Each caisson was numbered and attendants directed kin and friends to the location of the pier which was the temporary tomb of their dead.

Visits to Dead Pathetic.

Always when the sought-for coffin was found there would be a scene of pathetic tenderness. The gray-haired mother dressed in black would look along the floor for the number which identified the coffin of her loved one among the thousands, and finding it, sometimes she would break down, and sometimes she would bury up her face in the higher places of devotion to great and unselfish ideals.

Living Example Given.

"No words from human lips can do fitting honor to the memory of these men. Their story will live to inspire future generations of Americans down through the ages. They gave all, and in the beginning left us the fine example not only of how Americans can die, but how they should live. There only remains for us to place them tenderly in their last resting place and cover them with our gifts of flowers and our tribute of tears. We shall leave them in some beautiful spot where little children may come and learn what their fathers have done for their country and for the world."

"Before us lie the bodies of the first three Americans to die in the lives on"

LONE MAN HOLDS UP HOTEL, TWO GARAGES

NIGHT ATTENDANTS ARE COMPELLED TO GIVE UP CASH.

Unmasked Robber, Wearing Khaki, Flashes Army Revolver and Escapes as Police Investigate.

A lone and unmasked automobile robber held up and robbed two garages and one hotel in Portland and Milwaukie late Saturday night and early yesterday and effected a successful escape following his last holdup while police were investigating the others.

At Milwaukie he held up the Jones where he procured \$20. He compelled the attendants to open the safe at the point of a gun, where he got what money the strong-box contained. He then jumped into his machine and fled before the alarm could be sounded.

Coming into Portland, the same robber held up the night man at the City Hall garage, Fourth and Jefferson streets, where he obtained \$15 in silver from the cash drawer. He then went to the entrance he pulled his gun on the attendant just as he entered the door and compelled the attendant to turn over what money was at hand.

A few minutes later the outlaw ran into the office of the Ohio hotel, 266 Front street, and held up Joe Blake, night clerk. He obtained \$15.25 of the hotel's money from the clerk.

In all three holdups the same description was given to the police, making it certain, to their minds, that the same man staged all three holdups. He was described as being from 21 to 25 years old, weighing about 175 pounds and wearing a khaki uniform with puttees. He was of light complexion.

The robber flourished an army revolver on all three of his victims. He showed rare coolness throughout all three holdups. It appeared to be familiar with the two garages he visited.

AUTO DRIVER IN CRASH

Chehalis Resident Has Narrow Escape When 2 Machines Meet.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—Gordon Brown, a Chehalis resident, narrowly escaped death last night in an automobile accident at McElroy creek bridge, midway between Chehalis and Centralia. Brown was driving to Centralia to bring home some friends from a dancing party when an unlighted automobile hit his machine, forcing it over the south end of the bridge. When Brown was rescued, his car was in the ditch and on end 20 feet below a clump of ash trees having broken the impact and prevented its turning turtle.

Brown had four ribs fractured and was badly bruised and cut about the face and head. He did not recover consciousness until noon today. Brown is a son of W. E. Brown, superintendent of the Chehalis & Cowlitz railroad line.

DATE IS PUT UP TO VALERA

Lloyd George Ready to Confer on Any Day This Week.

LONDON, July 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British prime minister, Lloyd George, and the Irish republican leader, Eamonn de Valera, will probably meet this week to discuss a basis for a general conference on an Irish settlement. Mr. Lloyd George has asked Mr. de Valera to name the day and has added a further invitation to "any colleagues whom you wish to bring with you."

Ireland's struggle for freedom has been a long history of baffled hopes, otherwise the present situation would be full of promise for a final peace settlement. But while past history is not food for overconfidence—a point emphasized in the way of warning by Mr. de Valera himself in a manifesto to the Irish people—there are some aspects which differ entirely from any previous peace effort.

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WARFARE BREAKS OUT IN BELFAST

15 Killed, 100 Wounded in Street Rioting.

REPUBLICANS ARE BLAMED

New Clash Is Attributed to Firing on Patrols.

ORANGEMEN JOIN FIGHT

Police Drive to Scene in Armored Cars, Fall Flat on Pavement and Engage Forces.

BELFAST, July 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—

Fifteen persons had been killed and nearly 100 wounded up to 10 o'clock tonight in rioting which began last night and continued throughout the day.

The fighting became so serious this afternoon that the military had to be summoned.

According to police accounts, the firing at patrols by republicans precipitated the outbreak. After that the shooting was almost continuous in the Falls district.

Bullets Wink in Streets.

The Catholic Irish and Millfield areas, nationalist strongholds, next became affected.

As a group of Orangemen marched four deep along Royal avenue from a service in Ulster hall today, there were scenes of excitement, the Orangemen shouting defiance which bullets whizzed.

Police rifles began to come into action and brought down a man with a gun.

This afternoon armored cars thundered along the avenue, cheered by the unionists.

Republicans Between Fires.

In the North street, the occupants tumbled about, lying flat on the pavement, opened fire. Orangemen lined up with the police and began shooting on the republican forces in Millfield, who found themselves between two fires.

In one street in this area, five houses were in flames.

All over Ulster church parades were held today preliminary to the July 12 demonstrations.

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