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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The four-power Pacific treaties will be taken up Monday by the senate and discussed virtually every day thereafter until a vote on ratification is obtained under a programme said to have been agreed to at a conference today between President Harding and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader.

Administration spokesmen, it was announced, will open the fight for ratification of the treaties with Senator New, Indiana, a close friend of the president and a republican member of the foreign relations committee, speaking Monday and Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, another republican committeeman, and confidant of the president, Tuesday. Senator Lodge, it was said, also will present some of the arguments of the administration in support of ratification.

Harding favors Lodge's plans. President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Senator Lodge's plans for proceeding with the arms conference treaties. Their conference at the White House today was said to have been to discuss procedure and inform the president as to the situation, and the effect of legislative matters also before the senate.

Administration leaders plan to give immediate technical right of way to the department of justice bill to create a number of additional federal judges, but subject to debate on the four-power treaty. It is not Senator Lodge's intention to force the treaties for the next few days, but soon, it was announced, that administration will push them to the front and hold them before the senate to the exclusion of all other business.

It was stated that President Harding concurs with Senator Lodge's programme of giving the four-power treaty precedence over the navy bill, and other treaties of the arms conference.

Strong Arguments Advanced. One of the strong arguments to be advanced by the administration forces, it was learned, involves the question of priority of the treaties. Friends of the four-power treaty, it was said, were prepared to meet opposition to it would imperil the naval limitation agreement—that it would be dangerous to ratify the naval treaty but not the four-power treaty, since if the four-power Pacific measure were rejected, the United States could not safely consent to limitation of the American navy, with the Anglo-Japanese alliance in effect and with the possibility of war in the Pacific which, it is contended, the four-power treaty would minimize.

Those supporting the four-power treaty said today that its opponents would hesitate to vote against it if they realized such a vote would imperil the naval agreement. It is contended, however, that a hard and probably long fight faces the four-power measure.

BENNETT BLOCK RISING

Work Progresses Rapidly on Structure at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 4.—(Special).—Rapid progress has been made on the Bennett block at Washington and Ninth streets. The walls are up, the floor laid and the roof is on. The contractors, Shute & Wingfield, will have the building, 50 by 100 feet, one story, ready for occupancy April 1. Now that the building is enclosed work will go ahead more rapidly and bad weather will not interfere.

In addition to erecting the building, more than 2000 yards of gravel had to be removed for the basement. Guy Bennett will occupy the new store with his motor-hardware store just as soon as he is able to move his stock. This will be the last of this month.

WORKERS TAKE WAGE CUT

Strike at Woonsocket Falls Mills Is Settled by Compromise.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 4.—The Woonsocket Falls mills at Woonsocket, R. I., announced that the strike which began three weeks ago has been settled by compromise. The mill, which employs 150 hands in the manufacture of plush, will reopen Monday.

This is the second plant in the Blackstone valley to make peace with the strikers. Earlier in the week the Acme Finishing company, in Pawtucket, had agreed to cancel its notice for a 54-hour week and a 20 per cent wage cut. According to today's announcement, the Woonsocket Falls mill will retain the 48-hour week, and the workers will accept a wage reduction of from 5 to 10 per cent.

ROAD PAVING JOB IS LET

Three Miles of Concrete in Clarke County to Cost \$74,412.15.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 4.—(Special).—The contract for paving more than three miles of road was awarded to the United Contracting company for \$74,412.15. The road will be of concrete and will extend from the car barn through Minnehaha, on the St. Johns road. The other bidders and amounts were:

Pacific Bridge company, \$77,250.80; Crowell-Bartlett, \$74,750; Northwest Construction company, \$83,375.75; Oregon Contracting company, \$75,654.44; Wall & Shattuck, \$76,554; T. M. Morgan company, \$75,000; Cochran Bros., \$74,900; Joplin & Eldin, \$86,000; S. Simonson, \$80,000; Pacific Coast Paving company, \$77,625; Yakima Paving company, \$75,000.

ALUMNI ASK RESIGNATION

(Continued From First Page.) to make up the \$20,000 to carry the school over the coming school year as well as take up a vigorous campaign for endowment for the institution, if their programme is adopted.

W. H. Hollis, Thomas Smith, W. H. Schultz and Samuel B. Lawrence. Mr. Kirkwood said that the alumni had practically pledged the money to make up the \$20,000 and, in addition, had in sight \$250,000 for endowment. This money, however, he said was contingent upon the adoption of the reorganization programme for the board.

He said that if the reorganization programme was adopted the future of the school was assured in a financial way. Mr. Platt said last night that it was intention of the present board to go forward with the campaign for the university and that there would be a meeting of the budget committee during the week. He declared that the campaign was going ahead in a satisfactory manner as conducted by the board.

It was announced that there would be another meeting of the trustees March 18 to hear the report of the committee appointed to confer with the alumni.

WINTER ROAD GANG URGED

EAST SIDE BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB PUSHES PLAN.

Letter Containing Resolutions Is Sent to Highway Commission and Other Bodies.

The plea of the East Side Business Men's club that plans be formed for keeping the Columbia river highway open at all times of the year, as expressed in resolutions adopted by the club, were forwarded yesterday by L. L. Lopper, secretary, to the state highway commission and the board of supervisors of Multnomah county. In the letter of transmittal the practicability of providing a permanent emergency maintenance gang during each winter between the Willamette valley and eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and the Idaho country, was felt that, in view of this fact, the Columbia river highway is of sufficient importance to warrant such an effort, united on the part of each winter.

The state highway commission already has such a crew in Hood River county, said the letter. "We respectfully submit this for your consideration and co-operation, in view of the fact that all other roads and passes are closed for practically six months each winter, and the Columbia river highway, if kept open, will be the only inlet and outlet for vehicular traffic between the Willamette valley and eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and the Idaho country. We feel that, in view of this fact, the Columbia river highway is of sufficient importance to warrant such an effort, united on the part of each winter."

The resolution urges that when there is no snow work do, an emergency gang be used on grading and macadamizing county roads.

GIRL HAS 13 OPERATIONS

CHILD BURNED BY LIVE WIRE NOW IS CURED.

45 Skin-Grafting Applications Are Made—Many Persons Offer Skin for Youngster.

DALLAS, Texas, March 4.—Dorothy Cannon, 6-year-old, who has undergone 13 serious operations and 45 skin grafting applications, will be discharged from a hospital here within another month. Dorothy was found lying on a live wire in a puddle of water last June and for two months after she was brought to the hospital physicians believed she would not get well.

How long she lay on the wire before she was discovered is not known. When her mother found her, her clothing had been burned away and her body was black. Members of the family and many persons who became acquainted with the little girl through her illness insisted upon giving skin.

"The only trouble we have had," the surgeon in charge said, "is selecting the skin. The children's skin is so thin and delicate. There were always too many present trying to give their skin."

Dorothy has been able to walk little more than a few steps in the last few months. She has gained several pounds in weight and recently tipped the scales at 45 pounds.

She will be dismissed with very few visible signs of her experience, doctors said.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB SINGS

University Concert Draws Crowd That Fills Woman's Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 4.—(Special).—The girls' glee club concert tonight drew a crowd that filled the women's building and the programme was replete with light and massive numbers by the club ensemble, solos, duets and feature numbers. The principal soloists were Joanna James of Rainier and Bernice Alstock of Portland.

One part of the programme was devoted to American Indian songs, which, combined with stage settings and costumes, was one of the most effective bits of interpretation ever attempted by a glee club. The splendid handling of the voices is due largely to the directorship of John Stark Evans.

The club is composed of Gladys Keeney of Portland; Ramona Roe, Enterprise; Maud Lageson, Oregon City; Florence Garrett, Hillsboro; Aigra Ragsdale, Pendleton; Jeanne James, Rainier; Viola Powell, Oakland, Cal.; Leona Gregory, Molalla; Ruth Akers, Wasco; Dorothy Polle, Baker; Mildred Hall, Eugene; Edith McPherson, Portland; Belle Chaburn, Marshfield; Marvel Skeels, Coquille; Bernice Alstock, Portland; Bess Huff, Baker; Muriel Meyers, Meritt; Margaret Powers, Portland; Maxine Buren, Salem, and Rita Ridings, Eugene.

SENTENCE IS A MISTAKE

One Year Meted Out to Prisoner Who Gets No Trial.

DETROIT, Mich., March 4.—Frederic Gonzales was awaiting examination in the recorder's court today following discovery that he had been sentenced to one year in the Michigan state prison without having been granted a trial.

Gonzales, charged with kidnapping the 12-year-old daughter of his boarding house keeper, whom he desired to marry, entered a plea of not guilty when arrested a week ago. Following his denial of guilt, Gonzales was taken by mistake before another judge, who sentenced him. Today Gonzales' attorney appeared in court to ascertain when his client would be tried and learned he had been taken to prison.

Nels Nielsen Leads at Rainier. RAINIER, Or., March 4.—(Special).—The Nels Nielsen, the largest vessel that ever loaded at Rainier, took on a cargo of lumber at the Menefee mill this week for the Japanese trade. Its capacity was 4,370,000 feet of lumber.

NEW PARTY TO RISE OUT OF COALITION

Political Battle in England Is Presaged.

CRISIS SEEMS UNCHANGED

Winston Churchill Declares Strong and Permanent National Organization Will Be Formed.

LONDON, March 4.—(By The Associated Press).—Outwardly the political crisis is unchanged. Winston Churchill's speech at Oxford yesterday, like the speeches of Austen Chamberlain and Lord Balfour, was chiefly remarkable for its omission of any direct reference to Sir George Younger, leader of the conservative secessionists, and apparently there is no intention among the conservative coalitionists to emulate Lord Balfour in reading a public lesson to the offending conservative organizer.

Mr. Churchill's speech at Loughborough today, so far as it may be supposed to reflect the premier's mind, clearly looked to the formation of a new national party out of the present coalition, whenever a political battle is joined, but when this may be he gave not the slightest indication.

Political Battle Foreseen. Mr. Churchill, secretary for the colonies, in an address in support of Prime Minister Lloyd George and the coalition government, declared there was certain to be a political battle in England in the near future.

"I look forward to the day when out of the coalition there shall arise a strong, united and permanent national party," he declared. Alluding to the coming political conflict, he said: "I think we shall go into action when the time comes under our trust—when we shall go into action with good comradeship and discipline."

During the course of his address Mr. Churchill declared: "We have a common opponent in the socialist or semi-socialist party, whose doctrines are as hateful to the principle of liberalism as they are pernicious to the empire's best interests."

Coalition Policy Upheld. The colonial secretary's speech was received with both groans and cheers. His address was a strong justification of the coalition policy, referring only indirectly to outside crises.

He asked whether they were entering the great political battle with skillful leaders, a good organization and combined armies or without plan, unity or organization and with their generals engaged in quelling insubordination at headquarters. He hoped that when the time came wisdom could prevail and they would enter the struggle with good comradeship and discipline. He warned his audience that if they entered the battle divided, they would let in "a party whose policy will be injurious to the interests of the nation and to the cohesion of the empire."

Resignation Is Intimated. His words conveyed what is regarded in political circles here as seemingly a clear intimation of the early resignation of the prime minister.

There are tonight, however, some slight signs that the immediate crisis may be smoothed over (temporarily). All the morning papers announced that the prime minister would on Sunday hold a conference with the members of the inner cabinet at Chislehurst court. The story was ostensibly denied and evidently there has been a sudden change in plans.

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CRISIS AT PERILOUS STAGE

Lloyd George and Supporters to Go Into Conference.

LONDON, March 4.—(By The Associated Press).—Austen Chamberlain's declaration of the solidity of the cabinet behind Mr. Lloyd George has had little appreciable effect on the situation which threatens to bring about the resignation of the prime minister, in the opinion of the majority of the political writers in today's newspapers.

It is generally conceded that the crisis continues at an acute stage and even the journals most anxious to preserve the coalition of the government candidly admit that the position is about as serious as it possibly can be.

No important development is looked for until after the week-end. Mr. Lloyd George has gone to Chequers court, his country estate, where he will have as his guests over Sunday Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, Sir Arthur Balfour, probably Sir Robert Horn and possibly Andrew Bonar Law, and the situation will be exhaustively discussed.

Meanwhile the friends of the coalition are continuing efforts to keep it together. A movement is reported among the conservative coalitionists in the house of commons who disagree with Mr. Lloyd George's opponents, who are the opportunity and formulate an address to the premier assuring him of their support and urging him to remain at the helm.

In spite of all the efforts of the prime minister's champions, however, his conservative opponents showed no sign of weakening. Their attitude is that the unionist leaders have betrayed their followers and their one desire is to see the death of the coalition.

SHIP SUBSIDY APPROVED

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION GOES ON RECORD FOR POLICY.

Resolutions Indorse President Harding's Efforts to Aid American Shipping.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Resolutions approving the policy of the administration for aiding the nation's merchant marine were adopted today by the National Merchant Marine association and presented to President Harding. The association's annual convention closed with the election of officers and the adoption of a programme in the interest of shipping generally.

Five vice-presidents of the organization were elected as follows: H. E. Alexander, Tacoma, Wash.; William Butterworth, Mobile, Ill.; T. F. Cunningham, New Orleans; J. Parker Kirkin, New York; and Charles Pies, Chicago.

Senator Fletcher of Florida said that direct subsidy never in all history had built up a great merchant marine engaged in quelling insubordination at headquarters. He hoped that when the time came wisdom could prevail and they would enter the struggle with good comradeship and discipline. He warned his audience that if they entered the battle divided, they would let in "a party whose policy will be injurious to the interests of the nation and to the cohesion of the empire."

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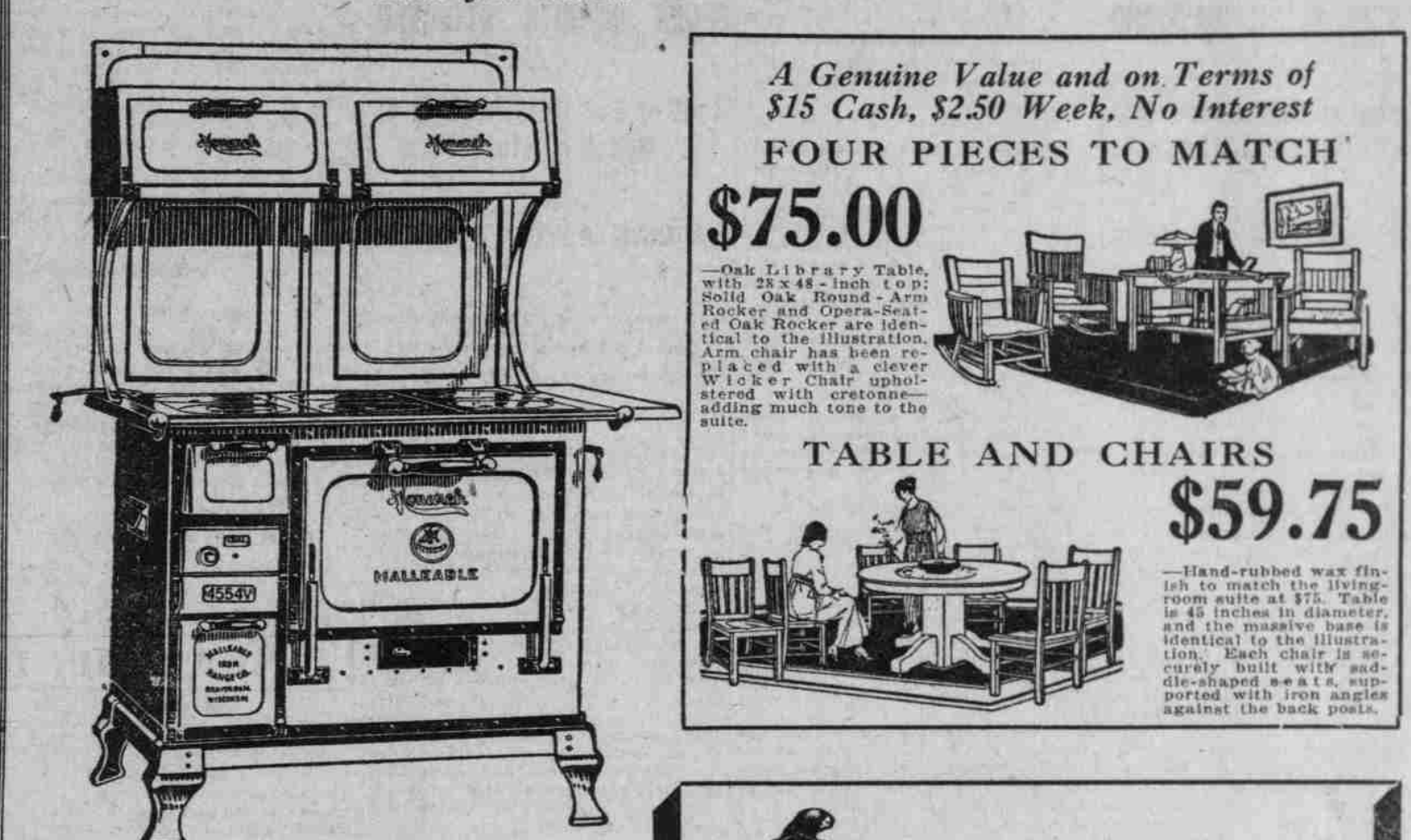
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