

HARDING IS TO RECOUNT RESULT OF CONFERENCE

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Washington, Jan. 3.—President Harding will personally assess, for the benefit of the country, what he believes to be the great advantages accrued from the arms conference.

The president's statement may be made in an address of appreciation and farewell at the last plenary session of the conference.

It is known that he has considered such an expression of view in the hope that similar conferences may be held in the future when occasion demands.

On the other hand he may wait the presentation to congress of the treaties to come out of the conference. Either occasion—and he must utilize both for the purpose—would afford an opportunity to state definitely what the conference has meant from the administration's standpoint, not only the cause of world peace, but the cause of reduced taxation.

In this connection the president's decision to withhold suggestions for further revision of the tax program "until other things are out of the way" is pointed to as evidencing his desire to show that tax reductions can actually be considered in view of savings made in the curtailed navy building program wrought by the conference.

FINAL WORK AWAITED
Congress hopes to lay off approximately \$200,000,000 in appropriations for armaments, but the administration's desire in this, as well as the definite appropriation for the navy department, naturally await the final work of the conference.

The question of converting merchantmen into war vessels is the one big nut left to crack in the conference having to do with limiting armaments. The French are understood to have instructions from their home government which will cause them to bring up rules for converting merchant vessels before they undertake to come into line on Article II of the Root submarine proposals calling for the abolition of U-boat activity against commerce. If merchantmen are to be subject to quick conversion into fast light cruisers, the French might withhold agreement on the submarine question.

The French concern on merchantmen is the same as the British concern over submarines—that in time of stress there would be as much likelihood of violating an agreement against conversion of one into light cruisers as there would be of violating an agreement against the use of the other against commerce.

AGREEMENT EXPECTED
There appears, however, a likelihood that on the questions of both the submarine rules and restriction of conversion of merchant ships some agreement will be reached this week, thus permitting of a plenary session to announce the terms of the naval treaty.

There remains only the working out of an agreement on certain Far Eastern questions. While the Shantung question is not to be settled, it is still the hope that a compromise agreement can be effected which will assure a complete cleaning up of the problem later, if not now.

All the powers having subscribed to the four Root principles providing protection against further direct, or indirect, "aggression" upon China, there remains the drafting of a resolution whereby all the powers definitely reaffirm the Hay "open door" policy in China—and the conference work will be over.

Delegates differ as to whether the last plenary session—the clean-up session—will be possible within two or three weeks.

Wife Draws Gun in Fight Over Child; Couple Go to Jail

A fight between Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ness for the custody of their 8-year-old daughter, which ended with the wife pursuing her husband down the street while she brandished a revolver, led to the arrest of the couple Monday afternoon on charges of disorderly conduct.

According to the police, Ness has been keeping the child for the last nine months at his home, 730 East Seventy-second street, since the separation of the husband and wife. Mrs. Ness went to the place Monday afternoon and demanded the custody of the child, which Ness refused. After an exciting chase on the street Ness disarmed his wife.

U. S. and Italians In Street Fights; One Gob Is Killed

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—One American sailor is dead and four others are suffering from knife wounds today as a result of a series of street fights between Italian and American sailors here. A. J. Selvey of the gunboat Wilmington died of his injuries.

A brawl in a cafe, in which an Italian sailor was beaten by an American, led to general street fighting, in which parties from an Italian man of war joined down isolated groups of Americans and attacked them with knives. Fifteen Americans, who were badly outnumbered, were injured.

Seven Sailors Are Drowned in Wreck

London, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—Seven members of the crew of the German steamer Pommern lost their lives today when the ship was wrecked in a gale in the North Sea. The ship, of 178 tons, was bound from New Castle to Hamburg.

Diamond Found in Old Shoes Returned

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Ethel Bohn gave a strange woman, who appeared at her home seeking charity, a pair of old shoes. The woman returned a diamond ring valued at several hundred dollars which had been hidden in one of the shoes.

COTTON DROPS 2 1/2
New York, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—Cotton dropped 2 1/2 a bale on the cotton exchange here today.

Pheasant Hunter Is Arrested, Convicted; Break Speed Record

Only 55 minutes after the state game commission was notified Saturday that someone was hunting Chinese pheasants during the closed season along the southern boundary of the city, V. A. Kuborn of Portland was arrested, given a fine of \$25 and was on his way back home.

Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, and F. M. Brown, chief deputy, made the arrest and the time included that taken for a drive of 20 miles in an automobile. Burghdoff said no motorcycle policemen were passed on the way through the city.

Reports were received by the game commission of the following arrests during the week-end: Emmett Brown and J. H. Smith, Grants Pass, \$10 each for having deer meat in possession during closed season; Ray Stanley of Columbia Beach and Lloyd Stanley of Astoria were fined \$25 each for trapping without license, and Cyrus Shipley of Tillamook was fined \$25 for hunting ducks after sunset.

Committee Will Discuss Site for Roosevelt Statue

To discuss the location of the equestrian statue of Theodore Roosevelt, modeled by Philip Lester Proctor and presented to the city by Dr. H. Waldo Cook, the Roosevelt monument committee will meet Friday, S. C. Pier, chairman, announced this morning.

Pier said the committee did not regard the action of the Campbell Memorial and Medal association in refusing to give up the site at Nineteenth and Washington streets as final and that he was sure a satisfactory arrangement could be made so the Roosevelt statue could be placed in the city.

He suggested that the Campbell monument be placed in front of the city hall, facing Fourth street. "The Roosevelt monument is of national importance," Pier said, "and should be located where the most people can see it. Of course the Campbell monument is also of great importance to this city and should be located in a suitable place. The meeting of the Roosevelt committee a joint session with the Campbell association will probably be called."

Steep Ramps to Garages, Filling Stations to Go

Elimination of steep ramps at entrances to garages and filling stations is to be considered by the city council at the meeting Wednesday. O. W. Gaillard, city engineer, has prepared plans for the construction of entrance ways that will slope from the property line to the curb line instead of having the rise between the curb and sidewalk lines.

"Every day some motorist breaks a spring going over these bumps," Gaillard said, "and that is the reason the requirements are to be amended. The sidewalk on both sides of the ramp will be given a slight slope to meet the lower level of the new ramps, but the difference will not be appreciable."

It is proposed that the sidewalk slope be started 12 feet from each side of the entrance ramps.

Former Portlander Serving Term in Jail

Roseburg, Jan. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irons, who reside on a farm near Comstock, were arrested Saturday evening charged with bringing large quantities of moonshine to this city and disposing of it. In their car a 10-gallon barrel and gallon jug of moonshine were found. They are also charged with delivering a large quantity of moonshine in Roseburg Christmas eve. Irons pleaded guilty, was fined \$250 and given a 10-day jail sentence, which he is serving. The still has not been located. Mr. and Mrs. Irons resided in Portland until a few weeks ago, when they moved to Comstock.

ROBERT E. SMITH ELECTED GENERAL FOR CHEST DRIVE

Robert E. Smith, president of the Lumbermen Trust Company bank, will command the second Portland Community Chest drive campaign late this month. He will bear the title of general.

He will have a staff of four brigadiers: C. C. Colt, E. H. Sensesich, S. L. Eddy and W. O. Munsell. Dow V. Walker is his adjutant and Miss Florence Knapp will have charge of general Smith's office.

Choice of General Smith to head the campaign is believed to be a happy one, since he has no end of public spirit and has had much experience in drives. He is interested in work for the general good, such as the Chest represents.

Mr. Smith had charge of government financing here during the three final Liberty Loan campaigns and raised about \$70,000,000 in this state. During the year following the war he had charge of United States treasury certificates in this state and was charged with the sale of these securities to the value of \$100,000,000 each month.

That he will be no mere figure head will be actively in the campaign at all times was assured by the spirit with which he agreed to serve as general. He said he was not in the thing merely to wear a clanking sword, but he will work early and late to put the campaign over a winner.

C. C. Colt, a former president of the Chamber of Commerce, is directly interested in Boy Scout work and various civic endeavors.

E. H. Sensesich was active in the war drives and Red Cross activities, while he has been prominent in the City club for some time.

S. L. Eddy, prominent in the Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of the Portland Association of Credit Men and has been active in Belgian relief.

W. O. Munsell, fourth brigadier general who will have charge of the East Side districts, is a prominent Rotarian and has had much experience in Red Cross and other work that is similar in nature to the forthcoming Chest drive.

Each brigadier general will have an adjutant to assist him and in addition ten or more field captains. Each captain will have 10 or more workers. A large soliciting organization is the plan of General Smith that the canvass may be so thorough that no one in the city will be overlooked.

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Jackrabbits Are Selling in Market For 75c Per Dozen

In wholesale markets today jackrabbits were selling at 75 cents a dozen. The animals, slaughtered in rabbit drives in Eastern Oregon, glutted Portland's trade to an extent that shipments of them not now on the market probably will be sold for other than for food purposes.

"How eagerly the poor of the densely populated east would clamor for such cheap and edible food," said one dealer.

Pedestrian Knocked Unconscious by Auto

A man supposed to be Mike Breen, according to papers in his possession, was knocked unconscious at Sixth and Taylor streets early Monday evening by an automobile driven by George H. Rouse, rural route No. 4, and up to a late hour in the evening had not regained consciousness.

He suffered severe bruises on the forehead, but attendants at the emergency hospital believe that his condition is not serious.

YODER CASE CLUE LITTLE CREDITED

Oregon City, Jan. 3.—Little credence is given reports reaching here from Salem that George Clauson, inmate of a Washington state reformatory, may hold the key to the mystery of the murder of Simon Yoder, Woodburn garage man, shot at Gervais about a year ago.

Recently, with the arrest of a Woodburn lad by local authorities, the scene of the Yoder investigation shifted to Oregon City, but the charges of forgery pushed against the lad brought an acquittal. Authorities here, however, do not think that the attempt upon the part of the Marion county officials to get valuable information from Clauson will meet with appreciable results.

FOREIGN POSTAL RATES
Newspapers and publications for foreign countries may be sent for 1 cent for four ounces, providing single wrappers are used, according to a recent ruling by the postal department. If more than one paper is contained in a single wrapper the same rate will apply as though two wrappers were used.

Chief Is Asked to Study Emergency Call Plans in Use

Looking to adoption, either the booth system of police patrol or a modified system of radio communication with patrolmen on their beats, Chief of Police L. V. Jenkins was instructed this morning by Mayor Baker to gather information as to the efficiency of the systems from cities now using them.

"There is need of reinforcement in the present police system," the mayor said, "and I am going to bend every effort to provide modern methods. We must know where our officers are and be able to call them in for emergency work."

J. P. O'Brien Goes South for Health

J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O-W. R. & N., who left St. Vincent's hospital last week after an attack of pneumonia, departed Monday night with Mrs. O'Brien for a month of rest in Southern California and Arizona. Most of the time will be spent at Coronado beach.

Man's Leg Broken In Fall From Dock

T. S. Mealand, 3777, Seventieth street southeast, was thrown from the Eastern & Western Lumber company dock Monday evening when he was hit by a sliding gangplank, and fell on a boom of logs 25 feet below. His body rolled into the river, but the quick action of a laborer, who fished him from the water with a boat hook, probably saved him from drowning. He was taken by an Arrow ambulance to the Good Samaritan hospital, where it was found that he had suffered a broken leg.

Telephone Changes

There will be some important changes in telephone service effective with the issue of the new telephone directory this week. There are several thousand number changes and prefix changes in the new book, the proper use of which will result in quicker and more accurate handling of your calls. Be sure to discard the old directory on the night of January 7, 1922, and begin the use of the new book on the morning of January 8, 1922.

Subscribers having automatic instruments are also requested to dial 0 (zero) when manual numbers are desired instead of the old code 7. For a short time subscribers who dial 7 will be transferred to the Zero Operator, but it is necessary shortly to release the code 7 for other purposes and subscribers having automatic service should familiarize themselves with the new code as soon as possible.

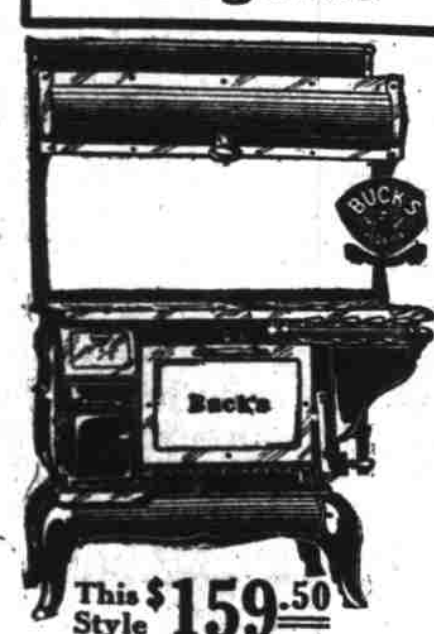
These changes are the preliminary steps in the plans for opening the Garfield and Beacon automatic offices and for the improvement of automatic service by installing apparatus in all offices so that automatic subscribers may dial manual numbers direct without having calls intercepted by interchange operators as at present.



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