

CONFERENCE OF PACIFIC NATIONS

Washington, June 5.—A pan-Pacific commercial conference will be held at Honolulu, Hawaii, from October 25 to November 8, under the auspices of the Pan-Pacific union, the state department has decided.

Invitations have been dispatched on behalf of the department of the interior, under whose jurisdiction Hawaii comes, to all the states and self-governing colonies that touch the Pacific.

The invitation urges that delegates be appointed to speak authoritatively on the subjects included in the agenda be appointed to the conference by the different states.

The state department, which sent out the invitations, emphasized that the conference would not be under the direction or patronage of the United States.

The agenda of the conference includes the general discussion of significant pan-Pacific commercial problems, as well as those of communication, trade and transportation and finance and investment, development and conservation of natural resources, and international relations in the pan-Pacific area.

Specific matters of communication and transportation to be considered by the conference include a survey of existing cables and wireless facilities, with suggestions for meeting present deficiencies. Establishment of lower special rates, fixing responsibility and granting generally improved facilities for the press and an analysis of present trade routes and the development of possible new routes.

Under the heading of finance and investment, the conference will take up measures to be followed for relieving exchange difficulties; the need of greater uniformity in the exchange and other commercial documents; standardization of trade certificates and the problems of how to secure reliability.

Problems of development and conservation of natural resources to be examined by the conference includes methods to be employed in saving pan-Pacific fisheries; development of pan-Pacific forest resources in order to provide for future expansion of Pacific industry and transportation, and the need to be taken toward prevention of a crisis in the world rice and sugar situations.

Looking toward a better understanding between the Pacific states, the conference will discuss arbitration of commercial misunderstandings and the need for cooperation among the various agencies interested in pan-Pacific problems.

The conference will also hear reports of special committees on these questions and will consider the adoption of resolutions setting forth recommendations for legislation for their amendment.

HARDING TO TAKE REINS IN OWN HAND

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chaos in which the government found itself after the war with respect to ships, is of the opinion that the government today, with a changing leadership, is paying money out of the treasury to keep the initiative of the private owners. He calls the present method "a subsidy of death for the merchant marine" and in his opinion the government is the only one which can take the lead which the government will transfer to the private owners as "a subsidy of life" for the American merchant marine.

The plain truth of the matter is that congress does not yet see the enormity of the shipping problem and is looking at subsidies with a complacent vision of pre-war days. Republican leaders have told the president the bill would have better chance to pass after the fall elections than before the last few republicans have said the stump speakers of the opposition would say the government has stolen taxpayers' money to favor rich interests. To all of which reply is made by the administration that the opposition party will merely change its tune if the bill is held up and decided upon.

They are "contemplating a steal" which would, so far as campaign twaddle goes, be just as effective as the other statement.

PARTISAN FEARS BASELESS

Fears of partisan opposition are largely groundless. Democratic leaders in the senate have told their Republican colleagues within the last few weeks that the Democrats as a party would not oppose the passage of the merchant marine bill, but that individual members will, of course, express their views and vote against it. When the measure comes to a vote it is assumed of passage in both houses and will have a substantial amount of Democratic support.

Neither house nor senate Republicans can risk repudiating the chief executive on a matter of this importance. The trouble is not in the house where Leader Mondell has followed implicitly the administration's wishes and has moved his legislative program nicely. It is in the senate. The house leaders, by the way, are tired of sending bills to the senate only to see them get caught in the jam for the tariff. Republicans in the house are outspoken in their criticism of a senate which has spent nearly a year on the tariff and is still far from getting it through.

HARDING TO TAKE REINS

The upshot of the whole business will be assertion of the tariff by the line by Mr. Harding. He can't get the ship subsidy bill acted upon unless the tariff and bonus are disposed of. He must take the line of the whole legislative situation. Reluctant to do so in past, Mr. Harding now has decided to lead. His conversations with Republican leaders have shown that they were different from those in the past. The executive showed that he meant business and it went without saying that neither he nor the republicans for reelection could risk at this time the public disapproval of their own party leader, and the nation's chief executive. Mr. Harding has been patient, all too patient his friends and advisers think, but the turning point has come. The merchant marine bill may not seem to have a ghost of a chance at this juncture, but when the president gets through with the campaign for action which he has in mind, the Republican congress will unquestionably follow his advice or be wrecked in the fall elections.

THE CIRCLE THEATRE

Fourth at Washington
Open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock the following morning.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN BY P. U. STUDENT BODY

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ROBBERY OF 1916 LEADS TO PRISONER

Vancouver, Wash., June 5.—George W. Johnson is in the county jail, charged with highway robbery, burglary and shooting at an officer with intent to kill.

In January, 1916, the Heights grocery store was robbed and a call was sent in from Guard's confectionery, 23d and Main streets, that the place had been held up. Police Officer Henry Burge responded and exchanged shots with the robber. In June, 1916, Chief of Police Elmer Barbeau located the holdup man in a shack near the cemetery and attempted to arrest him but the man was too quick with his gun and, as Barbeau departed, fired several shots after him without effect.

Sunday night a man giving the name of E. A. Johnson walked into the police station and told Sergeant Gilmore that he had stolen some Liberty bonds in California and that someone was following him. Gilmore recognized him as the man wanted for the crimes committed in 1916 and arrested him.

Scientists Meet to Fix Responsibility For Big World War

(Special Wireless to The Journal and Chicago Daily News)

Stockholm, June 5.—Fourteen scientists representing Norway, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland are assembled here to inaugurate the first steps in an elaborate investigation of the causes of the world war. The scientists are gathered here to discuss the responsibility of ultimately laying the blame for those four years of terror either upon the allies or the central powers.

Despite the fact that the people of Northern Europe generally have a clear idea as to who was responsible for the war, these scientists hold that the determining causes of the conflict must be traced back many years and every national character of both sides thoroughly analyzed before a scientific conclusion can be reached.

To carry out this program each neutral country will be represented by a number of graduates of history, who will delve into the musty records in half of the national libraries of Europe and seek to confirm every theory regarding the origin of international antagonisms.

Professor C. A. Rauterjold of Sweden, who is acting as chairman of the present meeting, believes that the question of war guilt will receive a more objective answer through the work of the international neutral commission.

MANY RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Oregon City, June 5.—The largest number of graduates in the history of the county—355—received diplomas from the grammar schools at commencement exercises Saturday at Gladstone. The graduates were: Gladstone Central School, 125; Dillier, 100; and Oregon City, 130.

DANCE TO OPEN PARK

Oregon City, June 5.—The official opening of Hawley park will be celebrated Saturday with a dance under the joint auspices of the local league and the park committee. The park, which has been open for a month, has been extensively improved, new buildings having been erected and added conveniences for campers installed. The dance pavilion has been re-roofed and improvements in the floor made.

CHURCH TO PLAN HOME

Oregon City, June 5.—Presbyterians will hold a congregational meeting tomorrow night in the Evangelical church to discuss plans and policies in respect to rebuilding. The church was severely damaged by fire of mysterious origin on April 22. Of the 100 members of the church have been working with the problems involved, but this is the first congregational meeting to be held in relation to the policy to be pursued.

RAILROAD BUILDS SPUR

Freewater, June 5.—The Walla Walla Valley railway building a spur to the new iron plant. The O. W. R. & N. will build a similar spur on the south side, thus connecting the plant with both railways.

POINCARÉ SAYS ARMY SAFEGUARD IS FRENCH NEED

(By United News)

Verdun, June 5.—If America thinks France is militaristic, let her remember that a spirit of revenge does not die with defeat, and that there are serious dangers still menacing France, Premier Poincaré declared at the presentation of a medal to the city of Verdun by the United States government Sunday.

France must maintain an army to support her reparations claims, he added.

The medal, presented by Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, is the only one ever bestowed on a city by the American government. It is a gift, the ambassador said, "in the name of the congress and the people of the United States, as a mark of America's appreciation of the valor of its defenders."

Premier Poincaré, in his address, said the legend has spread in the United States that France is militaristic and he tried to point out that the position of France must be taken into consideration in this regard.

ENTENTE CALLED POSSIBLE

"It is impossible," he said, "that divergences of opinion between the allied and associated peoples can be automatically suppressed. Nevertheless a sincere entente is possible and the public should not grow nervous during any temporary misunderstandings."

"A legend has been spread in the United States to the effect that France is militaristic. Official denials appear to be insufficient to dispel this legend. But let those who accuse us reflect on the dangers that menace France. Let them remember also that the spirit of revenge does not die after defeat."

The reparations that were promised are still unpaid and therefore we are obliged to maintain an army to support our claims. Should peace enrich Germany at France's expense? It would be to defeat the cause for which the allies fought. It would be the humiliation and ruin of France."

Ambassador Herrick, in presenting the medal, said that without full recognition of the terrible fight the Germans made at Verdun, no one could realize how great was the miracle which the French accomplished in withstanding the onslaught.

"But no medal will ever be struck by the United States in commemoration of German valor at Verdun, because of our deep and abiding conviction that the German valor and sacrifice were poisoned by the purpose to which they were devoted."

Ambassador Herrick continued: "This comradeship between our two countries, sealed in the blood of our bravest and best, is no unsubstantial, ephemeral relationship. It will not evaporate in the heat of the first casual disagreement. Resentment and mental ties which have lasted more than a century, strengthened by this comradeship of war, it is an underlying factor in the lives of our two nations. The ties of sentiment will rise and they will fall, but the underlying affection will remain and will prevail."

Rotarians From 4 Corners of World Are at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, June 5.—(U. P.)—Rotary orange and purple draped Los Angeles today as men in bright yellow hats directed thousands from the earth's four corners to the pillars of the world, headquarters of the thirteenth annual convention of the International Association of Rotary clubs which opens here tomorrow.

Special trains bringing the delegates from all parts of the world rolled steadily into Los Angeles yesterday and continued arriving today unceasingly.

Though a majority of delegates were from the United States, the United States, unusually large representation from foreign countries the world over have arrived.

President Crawford C. McCullough of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will deliver the keynote speech tomorrow in which he will particularly stress the growth of the Rotary idea in Europe and Australia.

President William Stephens of the Los Angeles Rotary club will deliver the welcoming address, and William McConnell of Dublin will make the response.

Double Turnover By Auto; 5 Shocked

One person was severely cut and bruised and four others were shaken up when a car driven by H. J. Elliott of Newberg turned over twice after striking into a fence along the Columbia river highway near Onesta Falls Sunday.

Elliott was the only one of the party to suffer severe injuries. He was pinned behind the wheel of the machine and was caught in the wreckage when the car finally crashed to a standstill. The car was going a good speed, deputy sheriffs say, when the steering gear failed.

FOUR DRIVERS ARRESTED

Oregon City, June 5.—Arrests for traffic law violations were: J. Schwartzman and N. Y. Zul, without lights and without a driver's license; J. W. Riley, Corvallis, misuse of dealer's plates; and W. D. Garden, speeding. Willard and Art Doublesbush were fined \$10 each for misuse of a dealer's plates, and J. T. Aitken and, respectively, Saturday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Oregon City, June 5.—The following marriage licenses were issued during the past 24 hours: Edgar W. Todd, 31, and Ethel Herman, 21, Sherwood; Paul Cochran, 20, Dallas, and Letha O. Thornton, 19, Milwaukie; James B. Caldwell, 35, and Roberta Scheibel, 24, Oregon City; George W. Klemons, 23, and Gladys I. Downing, 21, Oregon City.

RESTAURANT FLOOR DAMAGED

Oregon City, June 5.—An overheated pipe in the heating apparatus below the water tank started a fire early Saturday evening in the Quality restaurant at Fifth and Main streets. The blaze quickly spread to the floor, which was extinguished before the fire department arrived.

CHARGE IS DISMISSED

Oregon City, June 5.—Upon motion of the district attorney, made when the chief witness failed to give his expected testimony, the case against Tony Haas, charged with bootlegging, was dismissed Saturday.

Principals in Murder



Upper picture shows Mrs. Suzanne Wier, who was slain with a hammer early today as she was preparing breakfast, and her baby grandchild. Below is Walter Wier, who struck down his aged mother, saying he committed the act to "put her out of misery."

FEDERAL BOARD HITS AT MERGER

Washington, June 5.—(U. P.)—The federal trade commission today struck at the big Bethlehem-Lackawanna steel merger.

Charging that the merger, when consummated, would violate anti-trust laws and "contain a dangerous tendency unduly to hinder competition in the production and sale of steel," the commission issued a formal complaint against the two companies.

As to the proposed Midvale-Inland-Republic merger, the commission stated this probable combination would be thoroughly investigated. This proposed merger, the commission said, has not yet reached the point where it can be charged that it violates anti-trust laws.

A report on the commission's action was sent to the senate by Chairman Nelson B. Gaiskill, in response to the La Follette resolution, recently passed, which asked complete information as to what action the federal government was taking against the combination.

109 Neophytes to Become Shriners Following Banquet

A total of 109 neophytes made up the semi-annual class for initiation in the ways of a Shriner conducted by Al Kader temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in The Auditorium this afternoon. The candidates reported to Recorder Harvey Beckwith at 1 o'clock and following the ritualistic work which began at 2:30 o'clock the "new comers" will be tendered a banquet in the basement of The Auditorium after which they will start on a home stretch to the Holy City of Mecca.

A short business meeting was held this morning in Pythian hall, when the action was taken on the petition following their election many of the "prospects" signed up to attend the annual national convention in San Francisco next week. The Al Kader special trains will leave the Union station at 12:30 o'clock Saturday night.

'Glad Rags' Due to General Evolution Is Claim of Savant

Chicago, June 5.—(I. N. S.)—You may have never thought of it before, but you owe your present day "glad rags" to evolution—social evolution. The sum total of biological evolution, according to Professor E. C. Hayes of the University of Chicago, is naked savages.

But social evolution, he says, has made possible suits of clothes, Methodists, the Republican party and every refinement of our civilization.

"Biological evolution," says the professor, "produces a human species closely related to the chimpanzee. But the suit of clothes we wear embodies a great number of arts."

"Biological evolution never produced a Methodist or a Republican. Behind the boy's life might have been saved. Not until 6 o'clock Sunday evening did Dr. Cantrill notify police of the shooting."

DRINKING IS DENIED

J. R. Graham, manager of the Che-topa apartments, said today Mrs. Whitney denied published statements that Wood had several drinks in her apartment Thursday and Saturday nights.

"Drinking or any kind of misbehavior is not permitted in the Che-topa apartments," Graham said. "We will not tolerate tenants who conduct themselves in a questionable manner. If there was any drinking in this apartment the management did not know it, and I wish that clearly understood."

"Mrs. Whitney and her roommate left the apartment house today as soon as they could make arrangements at a downtown hotel."

"We would have requested them to vacate the apartment last week if there had been any objectionable behavior, or if we had heard there had been drinking parties in their rooms. Mrs. Whitney assured me this morning the account published in a morning paper was inaccurate and that there had been no drinking in her apartment."

WARRANTS FOR 4 OTHEHS WAR FRAUDS EXPECTED

(By United Press)

Washington, June 5.—Warrants for four other persons are expected to be sworn out, it was learned today, in connection with the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of John Lewis Phillips, Georgia, Republican state chairman, under section 37 of the penal code, charging conspiracy to defraud the government.

Another principal and three accessories against whom the department of justice is expected to proceed are named in the bill of complaint on which the warrant for Phillips' arrest was based.

It is pointed out there can be no conspiracy without two or more principals to the plot. The second principal is known to be outside the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia courts, which will necessitate sending the papers to the jurisdiction where he is now located or may be apprehended and the issuance of a warrant there.

The three accessories are said to be within the District of Columbia jurisdiction at this time.

PHILLIPS IS MISSING

Up to a late hour tonight Phillips' arrest had not been effected, though the department of justice agent and deputy United States marshals had been searching for him since the warrant for his arrest was sworn out Saturday.

At the Raleigh hotel, where Phillips resides when in Washington, it was stated he had not been seen around the hotel since Saturday afternoon.

Federal officials are of the opinion Phillips has left the District. Assistant to the Attorney General Goff and Assistant Attorney General Crim were at the department of justice until a late hour Saturday night and Mr. Crim spent a good part of the day Saturday afternoon receiving the report in the event of Phillips' arrest.

United States Commissioner Hitt, before whom the warrant was sworn out, held himself available Saturday night and today for Phillips to be brought before him to arrange bail in event of arrest.

Speculation war frauds grand jury sitting here has not been in session since Friday, but will reconvene tomorrow to proceed with the investigation into Phillips' contract, with the government for the purchase of surplus army lumber stocks, made in the firm name of Phillips & Stephens.

G. O. P. BACKS UP ON CEMENT TAX GOUGES

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can price has been kept so high that foreign competitors could produce the cement, ship it to this country, despite the weight of the cement, and still underbid the American producers.

Yet government statistics show that in 1929 under the Underwood law, with cement at a high price, 100,000 barrels were produced in the United States and only 500,000 barrels, or but one-half of 1 per cent, were imported, chiefly from Canada.

ARGUMENT PUNCTURED

The Canadian producers, although forced to buy their coal in this country, were able to underbid the American cement makers, after paying the heavy freight tolls because of the high price level maintained by the cement organization.

Another witness before the senate finance committee was Hala Smith, of the Huron Portland Cement company, who testified that the American Cement association, who likewise contended that the cement business needs more protection. His argument coincided with that of Mr. Crim. Both insisted that the cement manufacturers had been able to make only a small profit. Government statistics of the department of commerce show that for the year 1929 the cement business represented an enormous capitalization, representing the inflation of the war period, earned nearly 18 per cent after deducting the cost of production.

The added tax which the Republican leaders proposed to exact from the public to protect the cement trust would have fallen upon the farmer as well as the city dweller, as the farmer is a large user of cement for a great variety of purposes, from the construction of troughs and the building of barns and stables. It was an item in the general price level of the farmer, piling up tax after tax on the cost of his clothing, material and other necessities.

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FISHER ROAD BUILDERS

Similarly the cement tax, by enabling the cement trust to retain its scale of profiteering prices, would have cost road builders a huge sum, since cement is a vital part of every highway project for road construction. This applies also to bridges, aqueducts, sidewalks, and so on. So great has been the demand for cement that the industry has expanded steadily from an output valued at \$22,000,000 in 1914 to \$200,000,000 in 1929. This was under the present Underwood tariff law, with cement on the free list.

Builders were bitterly opposed to this projected raid. They said that building costs already have been affected sufficiently by the increase in the cost of the materials in the reduction of the cost of housing.

Comparison of the brief which Mr. O'Brien submitted to the senate leaders with the indictment returned by the federal grand jury in New York against the cement trust throw much light on the methods of the trust. This is what the brief said:

"The cement manufacturers of cement in the United States. Eighty-three of these manufacturers, whose aggregate product amounts to something like 90 per cent of the total production, are associated for educational and reserves purposes in the Portland Cement association, which association is represented by the committee filing the brief. The members of the association have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a protective tariff on cement and have instructed this committee to petition the senate finance committee of the senate for such a duty."

Contrasted with this statement of the "educational and research purposes" of the cement association is the following statement of the indictment returned by the grand jury:

"The grand jurors upon their oaths do further present that said corporate and individual defendants, on August 10, 1918, did agree to adopt and follow the Eddy plan of open competition under which each was to make to said cement manufacturers' association, of which said corporate defendants were the only members, detailed, daily, monthly and special reports of all current and completed transactions

BOOTLEGGERS CUT PRICE OF WHISKEY

Oregon City, June 5.—The bootleggers' union, according to a member of the inner circle, has cut the price on bottled goods sold in this district.

The drop, which it is understood has been in effect for several weeks, has been effected on nearly all specifications and is said to be the result of the quantities "run" into the district and manufactured here. Locally distilled liquor is retailing at about \$10 a gallon, a drop from the former cost of approximately \$12.

The handling of the bonded product, according to the president of the union, is more difficult, but some is said to be selling as low as \$100 a case. The price of graded liquors, dependent largely upon the individual demand, fluctuates, \$12 or \$15 a quart being not unusual. "Runners" are taking a local brother that a smack, bearing 500-odd cases, had made a successful trip from British Columbia by way of Puget sound.

The use of automobiles in conveying the booze through the states is, the most popular method. Operators of the cars are careful to violate none of the traffic rules which would bring almost certain apprehension. Using a variety of cars they are able to make their way through with little trouble, often going on "dummy" trips to evade the police.

Each of the trips are made at night, they say. Broad daylight, when traffic is heavy, is the best time for their travels. With little trouble to disguise the cargo in the rear of the machine the trips are made in short stages from cache to cache, with no transfers at night.

Philadelphia has fallen in line with Oregon in its experimenting with radio-phones for its police force.

LILLIAN RUSSELL'S CONDITION GRAVE

Pittsburg, June 5.—(I. N. S.)—The condition of Lillian Russell Moore, for years one of the foremost figures in the American stage, was reported to be grave this afternoon by Dr. L. W. Howe, one of the attending physicians.

Miss Russell, who is 41 years of age, suffered a slight injury while in England and complication have set in. She has been ill for 10 days. Specialists have been called, but the time for the consultation has not been set.

Anglers Arrested On Oswego Lake

Three arrests for angling during closed season were made on Oswego lake Sunday by R. Miles, deputy game warden, who reported to the state game commission headquarters that numerous sportsmen are forgetting the fact that fishing season does not open on that body of water until June 15.

The three were C. C. Lane and J. R. Block of Portland, and Mrs. E. Upton of Oswego. Miles also arrested George Dean of Portland on a charge of angling without a license.

Wool Rates to Be Cut Nearly in Two

Eastbound wool rates will be reduced, approximately 50 cents per hundred pounds in movements from the interior, according to an arrangement made by the transcontinental railroads to become effective Tuesday. Lower rates will control shipments coming to Portland for grading and baling before re-shipment to the East, under this arrangement.

Plan to Unite School Districts

Aberdeen, Wash., June 5.—The board of education of Cosmopolis, failing to obtain money to carry on its high school, is planning to unite with the Aberdeen district with Cosmopolis. If the two cities vote in favor of this plan the Aberdeen district will use the surplus school fund of Cosmopolis for a junior high school and also for the surplus school population in South Aberdeen, which adjoins Cosmopolis.

Child of 12 Is Run Over; Badly Bruised

Marie Hendrickson, 12, was run down and severely bruised Sunday afternoon by an automobile at East 14th and Alberta streets. The car was driven by Le. E. Erickson, 395 Minnesota avenue, who said the girl ran directly in front of the machine. The injured girl was taken to a drug store at East 24th and Alberta and later to her home, No. 1034 East 26th street north.

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