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## RADIO MAN JESTS AT DEATH

### DISCUSSION OF 4-POWER PACT IS STORMY ONE

Reed of Missouri Calls Agreement Farce After Listening to Explanation by Senator Lodge.

### MASSACHUSETT'S MAN PUT THROUGH GRILL

President Sends Information that Lansing-Ishii Agreement is Obviated

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Friends and opponents of the four-power treaty in the senate met in their general skirmish today at a four-hour stormy session which touched on virtually every disputed question of the arms conference program.

Taking the initiative for the administration, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and a member of the American arms conference delegation, told the senate in a carefully prepared address that the four-power pact had its "main purpose in abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance" and that if ratification was defeated it meant "failure of the conference."

Reed, says Reed Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, replied that either the treaty contemplated more than the Republican leader had admitted or else it was "a farce and a piece of international bunk."

If the international policies of Great Britain and Japan were such as to make continuance of the Anglo-Japanese alliance a real menace to the United States the Missouri senator declared, no promise to "consult" in future controversies would be worth the paper it was written on.

General Support Pledged Support of the treaty was expressed by Senator Fletcher, Democrat, Florida, while Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas; Watson, Democrat, Georgia; Borah, Republican, Idaho and Franco, Republican, Maryland, joined with Senator Reed in attacking it.

The debate eventually involved discussion of all the arms conference treaties and resulted in several spirited clashes between the elders on opposing sides.

One of the many subjects to which Senator Reed cross-questioned Mr. Lodge was the broad difference in view between President Harding and the American delegation as to application of the four-power pact to the home land of Japan.

"Understanding" Denied The Republican leader insisted that there had been no "understanding" among the delegates for inclusion of the home land within the treaty's scope, and that the subject had been signed because Japan had asked for a change in the original agreement.

While the debate was in progress, President Harding replied to the senate's request for information about the status of the Lansing-Ishii agreement which Japan

### WITTICISMS ARE SCATTERED BY WIRELESS OPERATOR AS VESSEL FILLS AND SINKS IN MID-OCEAN

#### FUNERAL OF NOTED ACTOR DRAWS CROWD

Bert Williams, Famous Negro Comedian, Honored by Masons in New York City

NEW YORK, March 8.—A throng which filled the Masonic temple of St. Cecilia lodge and overflowed into the street today attended the funeral services for Egbert Austin (Bert) Williams, famous American negro comedian, who died here last Saturday.

Scores of his former associates, officers of the lodge and prominent members of Williams' own race, who had come from southern and western states, accompanied the body to Woodlawn cemetery.

This was the first time that a negro had been buried with the Masonic ritual in this state, according to officers of the order. Williams was a member of Waverly lodge No. 597 of Scotland, and it was the cabled request of the grand lodge of Scotland that the services were held at St. Cecilia's, known as the theatrical lodge of the city.

Williams' Masonic sheepskin apron, received from the lodge in Scotland, was placed in the coffin. An orchestra from the Broadway Musical show played the funeral march. Soloists from some of New York's most exclusive churches chanted the Lord's prayer.

Among the prominent negroes present were Charles W. Anderson, supervisory agent of the department of agriculture, and Henry T. Burrell, baritone at St. Georges Protestant Episcopal church, whom the late J. Pierpont Morgan designated to sing his favorite hymn at his funeral.

### KIMBALL TO BE REMOVED FROM SALEM

SPOKANE, Wash., March 8.—Spokane may be chosen by the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church as a location for the Kimball School of Theology, now located at Salem, Or., where it is operated in connection with Willamette university, according to Dr. John L. Seaton of New York City, who is in Spokane for a conference or north-west Methodist leaders here tomorrow.

The conference will consider the new location of the school and the type of work it

NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—The grim humor of a wireless operator, who laughed at death and flashed striking bits of wit into the ether as his ship, the Norwegian steamer Grontoft, wallowed and slowly sank during a mid-Atlantic hurricane last Thursday was recorded on the radio log of the Danish steamer Estonia arriving here today.

Each detail of the ship's plight, each call for aid, was supplemented by the jesting comment of the radio man, whose identity is still unknown. He talked as if he was going on a lark in port instead of the bottom of the sea. His last message, a disjointed one, was a series of witticisms—with death as the butt of the joke.

The Estonia, herself hard hit in the 110 mile gale, made a valiant but unsuccessful effort to reach the Grontoft which first sent out calls for aid at 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, reporting her position as about 700 miles east of Cape Race. The Estonia at that time was 48 miles west of the disabled Norwegian steamer and steaming in an opposite direction. Captain Hans Jorgensen ordered his ship about, and she steamed slowly toward the Grontoft.

Irony in Message Meanwhile Radio Operator Hansen engaged the operator of the Grontoft in conversation. The latter sent out first the following stereotyped irony of the seas: "God pity the poor sailors on a night like this." Then followed a series of "ha ha." "And say," he continued, "the old man thinks this calm will be over by night-fall. We sure need some breeze."

An hour later an urgent call for aid was sent out by the Grontoft and her operator jested again. Looks Like Picnic "Well, the steward is making sandwiches for the lifeboats. Looks like we were going on a picnic."

Again he sent "The old wagon has a list like a run down heel. This is no weather for a fellow to be out without an umbrella."

"Hold on," returned the Estonia's wireless, "we'll be alongside soon." The Grontoft did not reply until 40 minutes later. Then: "We are singing stern first. The boats are smashed. Can't hold out any longer."

"The skipper dictated that—I brought to know—where did I put my hat—sorry we can't wait for you, pressing business else where—"

Poetry Quoted The Estonia's operator quoted in reply these lines: "What dam of lances brought thee forth, To jest at down with death." But there was no answer. Six hours after picking up the first call from the Grontoft, the Estonia reached her reported position, and though she cruised for about four hours, failed to find even a trace of wreckage.

The Grontoft from Galveston, New Orleans and Norfolk, was en route for Esbjerg.

### CITY TO VOTE ON \$25,000 BONDS FOR SEWER EXTENSION

Salem voters will in May pass upon a special measure to provide money by bond issue for needed sewer construction to the value of \$25,000, according to action taken at a special session of the council last night.

An effort to keep within the six per cent limitation, the 1922 budget was pared in every item, among these being the sewer construction program, which was cut to \$10,000. Sewers now approved by the council have already covered this item, despite the fact that the work is being done under municipal direction, eliminating contractors' profits.

In a survey of the situation last night Mayor George Halvorsen and members of the council found that nearly a score of petitions for sewers in various portions of the city unless Salem taxpayers will approve an additional expenditure of about \$25,000.

Members of the council point out that even with a \$35,000 sewer building fund at hand this will be far less than similar items in past years.

The ordinance committee was last night instructed to prepare an ordinance calling for submission of this sewer construction item at the special election to be held May 19, 1922.

### ORGANIC LAW FOR IRELAND IS FINISHED

Free State Constitution Is Without Effect Until it Has Been Adopted by Provisional Government.

### TREATY FOLLOWED BY NEW DOCUMENT

When Text is Submitted to People British Changes Will be Fought

DUBLIN, March 8.—(By The Associated Press)—The Irish Free State constitution which has occupied the time of the drafting committee for the past month, has been completed but has not yet been considered by the provisional government and will not have force until the provisional government has approved it.

It has been conjectured that the recent decision of the Ard Fheis, that the constitution must be submitted to a vote of the people would oblige the provisional government to adopt a more advanced document than it would have done if the Anglo-Irish treaty had first been endorsed by the country and the drafting of the constitution left to the assembly.

Procedure Not Changed There is ground for stating, however, that the Ard Fheis decision made no change in the procedure of the drafting committee. The constitution must follow the treaty closely because it has to be passed by the British parliament and Arthur Griffith and his colleagues are under the pledge that once they have submitted the text to the Irish people, they will resist every attempt at alteration by the British. Therefore it is considered necessary to make the document water tight from the start.

Uster Has Option It is understood that the constitution provides that the free state parliament shall have two chambers and that the franchise for the house of representatives shall be on a wide basis.

Third Reading Passed LONDON, Mar. 8.—The Irish free state bill passed its third reading in the house of commons today by a vote of 295 to 52.

The report stage was completed without any amendment, the only interesting point being the size of the Irish army. Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, explained that the treaty allowed of considerable latitude in this matter, but the army would probably be between 20,000 and 30,000 men, and if Uster contracted out, the quota of the free state would be reduced proportionately.

Final Attack Made On the motion for the third reading, the "die hard" in the person of Ronald McNeill, made a final attack by moving rejection of the bill. Mr. McNeill's speech followed the usual lines of the Usterite attacks. He argued that the barrier life of the country was proceeding normally. He regretted that it had not been possible to submit the treaty to Uster before it was signed but he was certain that if the treaty had not been settled on the night it was, it would never have been settled at all. He did not desire to dwell excessively on the risk of establishing a republic, but invited the house to measure the enormous power, wealth and strength of the British empire, as compared with the resources of Ireland.

Hospital Attendant is Adjudged Not Guilty HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 8.—The jury which tried Charles Burnett, charged with involuntary manslaughter, returned a verdict today of not guilty of charges that his rough handling of Louis Topich, an insane man patient being escorted from Portland to Pendleton caused the latter's death aboard an O. W. R. & N. train last November.

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### CONVENTION HERE SATURDAY RECALLS PRE-PRIMARY DAYS

The first county convention of a semi-political character held in Salem for many years will be pulled off at the armory Saturday, March 11, beginning at 10:30 a. m., when the Tax Reduction clubs assemble to choose nine delegates and alternates to the state Tax Reduction club convention to be held at Portland, March 30.

While not a political party or drawing any party lines in its composition, the convention will choose delegates, and name committees very much like an old-fashioned party conclave. County Chairman Fisher and County Secretary Endicott will be in the chairs, the convention will be called to order and the regulation committees on credentials, order of business, platform and permanent organization will be appointed according to the ancient customs.

Delegations will be present from clubs having membership running in some cases into the hundreds, such as Salem, Silverton, Woodburn, Turner, Mt. Angel, Scotts Mills, and other precincts where clubs have been organized. There will speeches for tax reduction in state and local affairs, and probably some sharp tilts between the more radical tax reducers and those who advocate going a little slower, but all aiming at marked cuts in the burdens complained of.

The state organization was formed at McMinnville some months ago and has been actively organizing county after county and will keep it up, the leaders say, until the state convention meets at Portland, when they hope to have organizations in every county in the state and a representative state gathering for the specific object of securing reductions in levies.

Whether a non-partisan gathering made up of citizens regardless of party lines, can confer around a single idea remains to be seen. In the past such fusions or citizens' movements have gone to pieces on the inherent differences between those taking extreme views on some advanced line of political thought. Anyway the first convention held since the direct primary law went into effect will be a novelty and the leaders predict harmonious action and singleness of purpose. Secretary Endicott says all taxpayers, whether members of clubs or not, are welcome to attend.

### HEWLETT RESIGNS FROM CAPTAINCY

New Commander for Company F of Salem to Be Elected Next Monday

Because of his change of residence from the military district, Captain Leroy Hewlett of this city has resigned as commander of F company, Salem's unit of the Oregon federalized guard.

This was announced yesterday from the office of Col. George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon. Captain Hewlett's resignation, although submitted some time ago, was not accepted until yesterday, when an order of acceptance was signed by Colonel White, it was stated.

Captain Hewlett has been in command of company F for over four years. During this time the organization has been changed from old company M, of the Oregon guard to form one of Oregon's newly federalized units. The company's present membership is 70. All members of the company will receive a special order for attendance at the armory, Monday, March 13, when a new commander will be nominated. The candidate chosen from the company members must pass an examination before a military board which will make its recommendations to the war department.

ROAD BOUGHT CLEVELAND, March 8.—The Van Swearingen company has acquired control of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western (Clover Leaf) railroad, O. P. VanSwearingen, vice president, announced late today. The VanSwearingens have been prominently identified with the financial administration of the Nickel Plate railroad.

TO QUIT ARMY WASHINGTON, March 8.—Major General Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army since September 1, 1918, plans to leave the active service about April 1, it was learned today. The general, a brother of Senator Harris, of Georgia, expects to take an extended leave of absence until September 1, when he will go on the retired list.

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### WARFARE OVER BONUS WAGED WITHOUT HALT

Representative Hawley Says Effective Date of Measure May Be Set for October as Compromise.

### BOTH SIDES PREDICT PASSAGE IN HOUSE

Comment Reported from White House Not Believed to Presage Veto

WASHINGTON, March 8.—While the fight against the compromise soldiers' bonus bill continued unabated, house members on both sides of the question predicted privately that the measure would be passed by the house.

Although a two-thirds vote would be required to put the bill through under such a procedure, Republican leaders were discussing the question of calling up the measure under a suspension of the rules. This would preclude the possibility of an amendment and ordinarily would limit debate to 20 minutes on each side.

To Sound Out Majority The majority membership will be sounded out on this proposition but a decision probably will be withheld until after the return of the bonus bill, and even if the latter measure were not called up under a suspension of the rules, it probably would not be considered before the week beginning March 20.

Harding's Attitude Discussed There was some discussion during the day as to President Harding's attitude with regard to the compromise bill. Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the majority leader, said he did not think the statement made at the White House yesterday, that Mr. Harding occupied the same position as late this week, of president of the bonus bill, and even if the legislation was to be taken to mean that the executive was prepared to veto the measure.

Mr. Hawley Explains Representative Hawley of Oregon, a member of the ways and means committee, said the president had suggested a 90-day delay in the enactment of the legislation as an alternative for the sales tax and that in the judgment of the committee this suggestion had been met by making October 1, 1922, the effective date of the bill.

### Three Believed Dead By Fire in Cheboygan

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., March 8.—One man is dead, two boys are believed to have been killed and three blocks of the business district are in ruins as the result of a fire which swept Cheboygan today. The loss is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The fire is believed to have been started by a cigarette carelessly thrown into a waste basket. The two boys missing are believed to be buried under the debris.

### SCENIC SIGNBOARDS LIKELY TO ADVERTISE COMMUNITY

The value of the many wonderful side trips around Salem should be utilized by the people of Salem and those interested in attracting people to this community, according to the generally expressed opinion at the open forum meeting of the Commercial club last night.

For instance, the Silver Falls district is one of the attractive scenic places of the entire west, with its four great falls within short distance of each other and a total of 11 falls in the district.

As a result of the discussion, a special committee will be appointed by J. C. Ferry, president of the club, to outline the best roads to the falls and return by way of Silverton.

Contributions Pledged The placing of large road signs 10 by 50 feet at various points approaching Salem, was also suggested as a means of attracting tourists to the city and having

### Gertrude Keber of Mount Angel is First Women Called to Serve on Jury; March List Announced

The first woman to be drawn for service for the March term of the circuit court was Gertrude Keber, housewife of West Mt. Angel. The second woman to be drawn was Cora M. Kay of Salem. Mrs. Kay also had the distinction of being the first woman ever drawn in Marion county to serve on a jury under the new law providing for women jurors. This was the January term of the Marion county circuit court, but she was not called to serve.

Other Women Called Other women living in Salem who will be called upon to serve during the March term of the Marion county circuit court are as follows:

- Elizabeth Lord, Euphemia C. Race, Cecelia M. Olmstead, Alice S. Fisher, Fannie Bishop, Nancy E. Hill, Julia E. Liston and Mae B. Lauterman.
- Women living in other parts of the county who will be called upon to serve the county during the March term are: Mattie Eldridge, Champest; Mary E. J. Coleman, East Hubbard; Emma E. Eber, East Mt. Angel; Clara E. Morris, Turner.

### CITY OFFERS \$500 REWARD FOR PERVERT, TOTAL \$900

The Salem city council last night authorized a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the pervert who Sunday morning criminally assaulted two girls, ages 8 and 9 years, as they were on their way to Sunday school.

This brings a reward total of \$900, four one-hundred dollar rewards having been offered during the past two days by local concerns and individuals.

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things and writing you a letter today.

"Whatever achievement marks the history of the past 17 years is due entirely to, and its ultimate

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according to statements made yesterday, by Acting Chief of Police W. W. Birchett and Sheriff Oscar Bower.

Suspects by the score have been questioned by the various peace officers interested in the work, but in all cases the individuals questioned were able to provide accounts of their whereabouts on Sunday morning and were released.

Acting Chief Birchett said last night that no word had been received from Oregon City regarding

the reward for the arrest and conviction of the pervert who Sunday morning criminally assaulted two girls, ages 8 and 9 years, as they were on their way to Sunday school.

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from Secretary Hughes to Ambassador Ricci of Italy, who had presented the invitation on behalf of his government which in turn was acting for the allied ambassadors. Ambassador Ricci immediately communicated the text of the note to his government.

Note Is Exploratory The note stated that while the American people were desirous of suitably assisting in the recovery of the economic life of Europe, the United States could not