

REPORT FAVORS ENTRANCE INTO A WORLD COURT

Foreign Relations Committee Approves American Membership in Tribunal Divorced From League

NO DEFINITE ACTION IS EXPECTED THIS SESSION

Although Fifteen Months Since Harding Submitted Plan Little Yet Done

WASHINGTON, May 24.—An amended proposal for American membership in the world court was approved by the senate foreign relations committee today and placed on the calendar of the senate where it is expected to receive undisturbed during the two remaining weeks of the session.

Acting just 15 months to the day after it received the membership proposal of President Harding, the committee reported by a party vote a resolution requesting that American membership be conditional on amendment of the world court statute to divorce the tribunal completely from the league of nations and providing in addition that this country reserve to itself the Monroe doctrine and others of its cherished policies.

The resolution was prepared by Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, who said it was based on the foundation laid down by President Harding and support of Chairman Lodge and all republican irreconcilables but one, Senator Johnson of California, alone joining his voice to oppose.

The democratic members opposed the Pepper plan and gave notice they would bring in a resolution designed to follow more closely the recommendations of the two republican presidents.

Neither among the friends nor enemies of the court is there any expectation that any resolution on the subject can be brought by a vote before the adjournment of congress.

Three Dozen Girls Sign With Silvertown Scouts

SILVERTOWN, Or., May 24.—(Special to The Statesman).—Thirty-six young girls were enrolled in the Girl Scouts of America Thursday night at Trinity church.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair, west, unsettled and cooler in east portion Sunday; fresh to strong westerly winds.

MARTIN TO BE GREETED WITH A RECEPTION

Bellingham Prepares to Honor Unfortunate Commander of World Fliers

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 24.—A rousing reception is being planned for Major Frederick L. Martin, United States army world flight commander, whose plane was wrecked on the Alaska peninsula April 30, and his mechanic, Staff Sergeant Alva L. Harvey, upon their arrival here aboard the steamship Catherine D tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE PASSES TAX REDUCTION

Income Tax Measure in Final Form Receives Approval of Upper House

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The senate today approved the conference report on the tax reduction bill and it will be taken up Monday by the house.

The report is a compromise between the senate and house bills carrying the senate democratic income rates schedule and the house provision for limited publicity of returns and no change in the present corporation rate.

The vote was taken by several senators as a fair indication of the lineup should the president veto the bill.

Upsetting previous calculations, Chairman Swoot of the senate finance committee and one of the administration spokesmen in the senate declared today the measure as now framed would meet all government expenses now regarded as necessary.

TORNADO CLAIMS SEVERAL LIVES

Wind and Electric Storm Wreaks Havoc to Life and Property in Missouri

POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., May 24.—Two persons dead, about 50 injured, several probably fatally and thousands of dollars damages to property and livestock is the known toll of the wind and electric storm which swept southwest Missouri late last night.

WANT STATE GRANCE

At a meeting of the Polk county Pomona grange yesterday it was voted to invite the State Grange to meet next year at Dallas.

FLIER LISTS TRIP EVENTS OF INTEREST

Commander Smith of World Expedition Tells of Experiences on Trip Across the Pacific Ocean

PLANES ORDERED OFF ISLAND BY RUSSIANS

Machines Forced Down in Storm Not Welcomed in Bering Vicinity

TOKIO, May 24.—(By the AP).—Outstanding impressions gained in the flight of the American army aviators from Santa Monica, Cal., via Alaska to Kasumigaura, where their machines are being prepared for the next section of the around-the-world journey, were detailed today by Lieut. Lowell H. Smith, acting commander of the flight.

The principal points made by Lieutenant Smith were: That the flight had been made possible largely through the cooperation of Japanese and American navies.

That the north Pacific route followed by the aviators is not practicable for commercial flying at the present stage of aviation development.

That aside from the bad weather, the trip across the Pacific has been "the same as routine flying" for the aviators.

Lieutenant Smith declared that the flight of Paramashira island the morning of May 17, indicating the end of the trans-Pacific flight, was "one of the most welcome sights any of us had ever seen."

The fliers were entertained almost continuously today. Officials called, a luncheon tendered by the minister of war, a reception by the American association of Tokio this afternoon and another tonight at the American embassy.

MASS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Training School Site to Be Discussed With Board at State House

Arrangements have been made for a mass meeting with the state board of control at the state house Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock relative to the location of the proposed new state training school for boys.

POSSIBLE YEOMAN PAPER

Volume 1, No. 1, of the Yeoman War Cry, printed in Salem on May 23, 1917, is one of the prized possessions of Mrs. F. S. Bynon, who is in Salem to attend the present Yeoman convention.

The War Cry is printed on a typewriter and has four pages. In addition to conventional news, space is given to a department headed "Yeomen at the Front," telling of the organization's men who had joined the army.

BON DTHEVES CAUGHT

NEW YORK, May 24.—After recovering liberty bonds valued at \$47,500 which the federal reserve board at Washington announced had been stolen from the Walton State bank of Walton, Kansas, the police of New York today began an investigation to determine whether the three prisoners from whom they recovered the bonds also were implicated in the murder of the two men believed to have been members of the robber gang. Three were arrested last night.

COOLIDGE NOT YET DECIDED ON JAP BILL

President Gives No Intimation of What Action on Measure Will Be

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Coolidge had reached no definite decision tonight as to what action he will take on the bill now before him providing for further restriction of all immigration and for exclusion of Japanese immigrants after June 30.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM READY

Observance Begins Today With Veterans Attending Baptist Church

Memorial day will be observed in Salem three days this week, beginning with church services at the First Baptist church this morning, which will be attended by Civil war veterans, Spanish war veterans and members of the American legion.

Decorations of graves by veterans. Firing of a salute by guardsmen. Taps will also be sounded.

"Star Spangled Banner," led by Daughters of Veterans. Invocation by the chaplain.

Dinner will be served at noon by WRC. At 1 o'clock a water service will be held by the WRC on the Marion-Polk county bridge.

Parade, forming at Marion square at 2:30 o'clock. George P. Griffith will be the grand marshal. All schools and churches as well as civic organizations are invited to participate.

Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" will be given by A. Thompson, with Justice O. P. Coshov, of the Oregon supreme court, making the address of the day.

The singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and an invocation by Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick will complete the ceremonies.

Schools of the city will be visited Wednesday and speakers have been assigned to each. Following is the list of schools and the speakers:

Willamette University, Comrade Perkins; Englewood, Comrade Lebold; Highland, Comrade Fisher; Grant, Comrade Latham; Blind school, Comrade Lebold; Lincoln, Comrade Woolpert; McKinley, Comrade Newmeyer; Richmond, Comrade Halley and Briggs; Garfield, Comrade Lane; high school, Comrades Stolz and Moyer; Salem Heights, Comrade Rollo; Yew Park, Comrades Harrie and Hudson; Fanning, Comrades Huddleston and Perkins; Sacred Heart academy, Comrade Harris. Washington school will have a program at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will be visited by Comrades Stolz and Barber.

GOVERNORS OF THREE STATES VIEW PAGEANT

Pierce Announces Intention of Seeing Walla Walla Pioneer Performance

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 24.—Governors of three states are expected to be in attendance at the second or Governor's day performance of the Pioneer Pageant "How the West was Won," here on May 29. Governor Louis F. Harp of Washington has announced that he will attend again while both Governor Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, and Governor Charles M. Moore of Idaho have written acceptances, according to pageant officials.

YEOMEN CONFERENCE RANK OF MERIT

More Than 200 Attend Banquet—Ceremonial Is Held at Armory

Yeomen from all points of the Willamette valley, parts of Washington, and elsewhere in Oregon gathered in Salem today to bestow the Order of Rhadamanthus, the supreme degree and merit rank of Yeomanry upon a class of approximately 100 candidates.

Plates were laid for 216 Yeomen, with C. E. Albin, executive chairman of all committees, as hostmaster. Mayor John B. Gleason gave the address of welcome, with others talks by T. A. Ratley, chief state traffic officer; W. L. Hewitt of Seattle, state manager from Washington; Thomas Gross, of Minneapolis, representing the home office at Des Moines, and Mrs. Lent Rover of North Bend, president of Rowena circle, the ladies auxiliary of the Yeomen.

"Mother" Helms, as she is known to all Yeomen, was present from Portland and was a guest of honor. It was in her home back in 1900 that the first local society of Yeomen was organized in Oregon.

Headed by the band from the boys' training school a parade was staged immediately after the banquet, bringing the Yeomen to the armory. Special entertainment was provided, including a solo by Mrs. Irig Wyckoff, state chaplain. Between 3 and 5 o'clock 47 were initiated into the regular work of the Yeomen at the armory, the degree work exemplified by the local staff, and, though these were kept at McCornack hall during the Rhadamanthus degree, they were brought to the armory upon the completion of the work of the order and all participated in a dance that closed the session.

During the early part of the afternoon visiting Yeomen were taken through the state institutions. As this was primarily an entertainment and initiatory ceremony, no business was transacted.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate approved the conference report on the revenue bill.

The state department submitted its report to the president on the immigration bill.

The house disposed of a number of amendments to the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill.

The national conference on outdoor recreation adjourned after adopting a number of resolutions.

Adhesion of the United States to the world court was endorsed in resolution reported by the senate foreign relations committee.

GOODS WILL ADMITTED

The will of Jacob Goode has been admitted to probate. Grace Goode Jory and James F. Goode are executors of the estate, valued at \$3000.

CORNER STONE LAID

EUORNE, Or., May 24.—The corner stone of the new home of the craftsmen's club, Masonic organization at the University of Oregon, was laid this afternoon by George T. Cochran, grand master of the ancient free and accepted Masons of Oregon.

FARM RELIEF IS DISCUSSED BY SENATORS

McNary-Haugen Bill Under Debate for More Than Four Hours—Escapes All Attempts to Amend

ACTION IS DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT WEEK END

None of Votes on Amendments are Regarded as True Tests on Passage

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Slow progress was made in the house today with the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill as it encountered the first floor of amendments. All were rejected, either voted down or thrown out on points of order.

For four hours the measure was considered under the five-minute rule and the reading of only two of the bill's 28 pages was completed. This section disposed of was a preliminary one defining the emergency for the legislation and just before adjournment a dozen or more members were on their feet to offer amendments to the second section.

Action, however, went over until next week, probably Thursday, when consideration of the bill be resumed. It is the intention of house leaders to devote the first part of the week to other legislation.

None of the vote on the amendments today, leaders agreed, could be considered a test of strength as there was no organized effort on the part of opponents to alter the introductory provisions. Such an attack, it was indicated, probably will come next week.

Three farm relief bills were offered, as substitutes for the McNary-Haugen bill, which would set up a corporation to market surplus farm products abroad, but all went out on points of order sustained by Representative Sanders, republican, Indiana, presiding.

Representative Black, democrat, New York, was routed in a preliminary skirmish over the amendment to legalize beer, and hard cider, which he has announced he will offer. To pave the way for this proposal he offered an amendment to define more clearly the emergency requiring passage of the legislation—a provision which he contended would enable the measure to better withstand attacks in the courts—but it was voted down, 64 to 23.

Typewriter Prizes are Won By Salem Students

Two Salem high school students Alberta St. Claire and Thomas Allen, won unusual honors in a typing contest conducted yesterday by W. O. Davis of the Remington Typewriter company.

Each student who enters the contest must have previously written 55 words per minute for 10 minutes without a mistake. In the final contest 60 words per minute for 10 minutes without a mistake must be written.

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Charles Kay Bishop Is First in Race Contest

The boys of the Salem Riding academy held a picnic and riding contest early yesterday morning near Painters' woods. C. N. Wilson, riding instructor, was in charge of the boys, were were all mounted. After the racing and hurdling contests a breakfast lunch was served.

METHODISTS ADOPT ANTI-WAR MEASURE

General Conference Regards Declaration Significant—Bishops Elected

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 24.—Delighted with the speedy passage of the Methodist general conference's declaration against war, the delegates were telling one another in their hotel lobbies tonight that the church had made a great stride forward in its fight for world peace and harmony.

At yesterday's session the list of church bishops was completed by the election of Rev. Wallace E. Brown, of Syracuse, N. Y., on the 14th ballot over Dr. Ralph B. Ward of New York, formerly of Foo Chow, China. The other four which were chosen earlier in the week are Dr. Charles A. Miley of Panama City; Dr. Titus Love of New York city; Dr. George R. Gross of Greenacres, Ind., president of DePauw university, and Brenton T. Bradley of Indiana.

POWDER BLAST KILLS THREE

Premature Explosion at Rock Pile Fatal to Workers—Two More May Die

PORTLAND, Or., May 24.—The premature explosion of a heavy charge of blasting powder in the county rock pile at Kelly Butte, near Portland today, brought down an avalanche of rock which crushed the life out of three men and caused injuries believed to be fatal to two others.

Those injured were James Biero, 55, a prisoner from Columbia county, and Otto Leathers, 30, federal prisoner. At the hospital, where these were taken it was said neither was likely to survive.

Five or six boxes of powder had been carried into the tunnel in the hillside in preparation for a new blast and Hall was tamping it in when the explosion occurred. The exact cause was not determined, as Hall and those who were nearest him were killed. The explosion dislodged hundreds of tons of rock, and several hours work was required to get out the men who were caught under it.

FIND ERRORS ON ELECTION TALLIES

Change On Official Count, However, Has No Influence On Any Results

Errors in tally sheets for the primary election are coming to light as the official count is being made, but none of these have any influence upon the nomination of candidates.

The error was on a tally sheet from West Mt. Angel, where Otto J. Wilson, candidate for the legislature, was credited with 361 votes when the count should have been 57.

Only the police added little to the list of clues on which they are working. These consisted of the spectacles, a gray stocking of the slain boy found near the spot where his body was secreted, a gray automobile in which his abductors are believed to have taken him away and the letter demanding \$10,000 ransom.

Gannery at Silvertown Will Open in June 2

SILVERTOWN, Ore., May 24.—(Special to The Statesman).—John Goplerud, chairman of the board of directors of the Silvertown cannery, has given out that the Silvertown cannery will open June 2 and run "until every cannibal Silvertown berry is canned."

POLICE TRACE OUT ALL CLUES ON BOY'S DEATH

Two Letters—One Threatening and One Confessing—Center the Interest of Chicago Sleuths

CHAUFFEUR GIVES GOOD EVIDENCE OF GRAY AUTO

Car Seen Several Days Before Murder Driving Slowly Near Franks Home

CHICAGO, May 24.—What authorities believed to be the best clue thus far obtained in solving the slaying of Robert Franks, 13 year old son of a Chicago millionaire, was obtained tonight from a chauffeur, and police throughout the city were asked to search for a gray touring car of a certain make very dirty, bearing a mid-quartered 1924 license plate and of either a 1919 or 1920 model.

This was the car, the police believe, in which the Franks boy was carried away. Philip Vandevort, the chauffeur who gave the police the information, said that for two days before the kidnapping he had noticed this car with side curtains closely drawn, driving very slowly over the route taken by the boy to and from school. He said his attention was attracted to the car because of the slowness with which it was moving and because it was so dirty.

Two letters, one a threat and the other purporting to be a confession of murder added tonight to the seemingly impenetrable wall of mystery surrounding the slaying of Robert Franks, 13 year old son of a Chicago millionaire whose body was found in a swamp Thursday.

The threatening letter was received by Jacob Franks, watch manufacturer and father of the slain youth. It was written in scribbling style, was ungrammatical in phrasing and warned Franks that his daughter "would be next." A half dozen detectives were hurried to the Franks home and placed on guard although the police attached little importance to the missive.

"Dear Chief," this letter read, "I am the murderer and the kidnaper of the Franks boy. When you get this letter I will probably be a dead man. I intend to commit suicide. I am sorry I did this inhuman piece of work."

The police at first attached little importance to this missive, which was typewritten but took a sudden interest when it was compared with the typewritten demand for \$10,000 received by Franks the morning after his son disappeared.

A preliminary examination caused the police to believe that both were written on the same typewriter, the shading of the letters and other characteristics being similar.

With this theory in mind detectives hurried to a west side postal sub-station where the letter was mailed last night but secured little information of value. The police also started checking up on a man whose body was removed from the lake this morning in an effort to learn if he had any connection with the Franks case. The man apparently had been dead only a few hours.

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