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UNITED STATES AID TO LEAGUE IS NECESSARY

Only Prospect for League of Nations to Become Truly Great Is to Have Support of America

COMMISSION TO CODIFY INTERNATIONAL LAW

Appearance of Former Attorney General of United States Important

ROME, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The league of nations can become truly great only when the United States adheres to it in some form or other declared Aristide Briand, former premier of France to the American correspondents tonight.

M. Briand spoke to the newspaper men after a public session of the council, which took a step calculated to help in the maintenance of peace by naming a commission for the codification of international law. He emphasized what he termed the supreme importance of the idea of compulsory arbitration for any and all disputes and of inference, he laid stress on how important is the appearance of George W. Wickersham, former attorney general of the United States on the law codification commission.

Place Hope in Law

In his talk with the correspondents, M. Briand, like Senator Guarn of Uruguay, and M. Uden, Swedish, in the formal session, referred to the great hopes pinned on the work of the law commission. He showed himself a steadfast advocate of the Geneva peace protocol during a frank discussion of world political conditions but he seemed to consider any practicable suggestion of other powers looking to perfection of the protocol, which he described as a powerful medium for the prevention of war.

"The only possible hope, for the future, is for the nations to go before judges," said M. Briand.

"This, he declared, is what the protocol provides, and he added, 'if there is any country in the world which is ardently devoted to such a method of settling conflict it is the United States.'

Position Understood
Concerning the so-called Japanese amendments touching upon the league council's powers to examine into disputes which have arisen out of domestic problems, M. Briand remarked that President Wilson found it appropriate during the great war to intervene and ask the European powers to state their war aims. No one, the French statesman added, deemed this extraordinary and no one objected, because all understood the request was based on a desire to help humanity and stop war.

The only idea of the protocol, in the opinion of M. Briand, was to offer mediation. He asserted that it was not intended to interfere in domestic matters. Any cause of world conflict, he said, naturally was of concern to the league of nations, which was devoted to maintaining peace.

M. Briand affirmed his belief that the league of nations was growing stronger every day.

STRIBLING WINS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 12.—Young Stribling of Mason, Ga., decisively defeated Joe Lohman of Toledo in a 10 round no-decision fight here tonight.

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

Consideration of Muscle Shoals continued in the senate.

The house committee began an investigation of aircraft manufacture and operation.

The American reply to the British note on German war claims was delivered in London.

The advisory council of the national conference on outdoor recreation ended its meeting.

Rear Admiral Beason gave more testimony before the reconstruction board investigating committee.

The future course of the conference for progressive political action was considered at a meeting of its leaders.

President Coolidge undertook to bolster senate forces opposed to an early vote to override the veto of the postal pay bill.

Secretary Work submitted to President Coolidge the reclamation program which is expected to form the basis of the administration policy.

Speeders Past School Will Face Fines When Ordinance Is Drafted

Because motorists insist upon speeding past the J. L. Parrish junior high school on North Capitol street, patrons of the district are seeking ways to enforce strict legislation and offenders are to be brought before the court.

Such an ordinance will be presented to the city council Monday night. It provides that all motorists shall come to a full and complete stop at signs which will be erected on Capitol street to the north and south of the school. The stop signs will replace the "slow" signs now painted on the pavement.

The ordinance will also carry penalties for its infraction and the licenses of drivers, who disregard the warning, will be suspended by the judge.

RECLAMATION THREAT TO KILL REPORT GIVEN

Secretary Work Submits Program for Adoption By Administration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Many suggestions for legislation were made in a report that Secretary Work today submitted to President Coolidge embodying a program expected to be adopted by the administration as its reclamation policy. A joint congressional committee to draw up a reclamation code was made.

Regarding the reclamation code he advocates, the secretary in his letter to the president, outlined methods and measures which he said his department has tentatively adopted, as follows:

"The obligations of settlers on existing projects should be adjusted and a basis provided for future payments. This will require a re-appraisal of areas to determine their ability to produce profitable crops under irrigation. The government has expended a large amount of money in the construction of reservoirs which are only partly used, with a consequent heavy loss of income. There are other projects where storage is needed to utilize the distributing works. A definite construction program for the completion of works needed to secure

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INQUEST HELD ON OAKLAND COLLISION

Both Train Crews are Held Equally Negligent; Block Signals to Close

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 12.—A coroner's jury at the inquest over the victims of a rear end collision here recently between a Sacramento Short Line train and a Key system train, in which nine were killed today found "both companies and V. C. Brubaker, motor man of short line train, were equally negligent." The verdict declared that block signals on the section of the system where the wreck occurred were placed too close together.

Tom Gibbons Wants Match With Tunney and McTigue

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight, filed an official challenge with the state athletic commission today for matches with Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion, and Mike McTigue, world's light heavyweight champion. The challenges will be acted on at the next meeting.

Graphic Story Told of Plane Wreck; Survivor Describes Fatal Crash

Attempt to Right Seaplane in Noctive Proves Fruitless; Water Hit at Speed Greater Than One Hundred Miles Per Hour

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 12.—A graphic story of what happened in the fatal few seconds elapsing during the 1200-foot fall of the H-16 seaplane off Point Loma last Wednesday morning when the officers and enlisted men of the aircraft squadron on the battle fleet perished, was narrated to the board of inquiry convened at the naval hospital today by H. R. Davenport, aviator machinist mate, one of the three survivors.

According to Davenport's testimony, Lieut. A. P. Thurston, assistant pilot of the ill-fated plane, realized that Lieutenant Giochino Varini, chief pilot, was in dire trouble, but did not wrest away the controls.

"When the plane went into the spin," said Davenport, "Lieutenant Thurston grabbed hold of the control wheel and looked toward Varini. The latter knew by Thurston's look that the assistant pilot wanted to help, but Varini

GOMPERS DIES AT 4:10 A. M.

Veteran Leader of American Federation of Labor Passes Away at San Antonio; Nation Mourns

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Labor, died at 4:10 this morning. The primary cause was acute heart disease with pulmonary oedema, complicated by advanced nephritis and arterial hypertension.

Mr. Gompers had been improving early in the night and had taken two or three naps at a change occurred at 2:30 a. m., and his heart began to fail, refusing to respond to drugs.

WELLER BROTHERS BUY BUREN BLOCK

Sale Does Not Include Corner Property, Which Is Under New Lease

Sale of the new addition to the Max O. Buren property at Ferry and Commercial to Weller Brothers was announced yesterday by Mr. Buren. The consideration is in the neighborhood of \$13,000. The W. H. Grabenhorst firm handled the transaction.

The Used Car Corner, occupying the corner lot, has been leased to Day & Zosel, effective January 1. The Day & Zosel tire repair shop, located across the street, will be moved as soon as the new location is available. Verne Anderson, proprietor of the Used Car Corner, does not yet know where he will be forced to locate.

Upon the removal of the shop, Clark's Tire shop, located on North Commercial, will move into the quarters vacated by Day & Zosel.

Former Salem Resident Loses Hand in Accident

Word was received in Salem Friday that Paul Hardy, a former resident of Salem, suffered the loss of his right hand in a sawmill accident at Maytown, Wash. Details of the accident were not available, but it is understood that he was carried 16 miles to Centralia, in order to get him into a hospital.

Hardy's father, William H. Hardy, is an employee of the C. K. Spaulding Logging company and resides at 1676 Berry.

SPEAKER STATES JAPAN WAS ONLY SPORT IN FACT

Gentleman's Agreement With United States Was Kept By Nippon, Minister Says

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Japan was the only gentleman in the terminated "gentleman's agreement," with the United States, Dr. Robert F. Speer, Presbyterian secretary of foreign missions, declared amid applause in the closing address of the National Presbyterian conference tonight.

"A gentleman's agreement requires two gentlemen," he said. "Japan was keeping it. The only gentleman was the gentleman across the sea."

"To keep out 150 Japanese annually—the maximum number that would have been admitted under the quota—we struck a friendly nation in the face. Before that the Japanese were ready to listen to our slightest word. They are taking it like Christians."

Thief Takes Checks and Uses Office Equipment

HOOQUIAN, Wash., Dec. 12.—The quiet manufacturing company of this city, was robbed of a pad of 100 checks, probably on Thanksgiving day, president C. O. Cooper believes, and six have arrived at the Lumbermen's Bank & Trust company here for a total of around \$600. The thief used a typewriter in the factory office, rubber date stamp, check protector, and ink from Cooper's desk. He signed the name of J. Cooper, not C. O. Cooper. The firm was only recently put on its feet following a fire which destroyed the entire plant.

Z. J. RIGGS AGAIN SUED FOR DAMAGES

Collision in Which Junior Was Injured Is Basis for Another Action

Z. J. Riggs, former proprietor of the Capital Drug store is made the defendant of another damage suit growing out of the collision on the Pacific Highway on March 11 of this year.

The suit, growing out of injuries sustained in the wreck of the Riggs' car at the time of the accident, and states that as a result of the crash she has been unable to work since. In the allegations filed, it is stated that Riggs failed to exercise proper caution when attempting to pass a stage, and that the brakes on the car were in improper condition.

The collision was the same one in which Andrew B. Junior, golf instructor, was injured, and which was the basis of a suit which was settled a month or so ago.

HUBBARD POULTRY SHOW IS SUCCESS

Large Number of Birds Entered Third Annual Event; Corn Show Held

The Clackamas and Marion County Poultry association closed a very successful show in Hubbard yesterday, when the third annual exhibition was brought to an end. The last day of the show, in particular, was very well attended. Approximately 500 birds were entered from the two counties, and many breeds and strains were represented. Entries from other than Clackamas and Marion counties were excluded.

The Governor Pierce silver trophy cup for the best display of any one breed was won by George Speight for his exhibition of Black Minorcas. Governor Pierce was unable to attend, and the presentation speech was delivered by his private secretary, W. A. Delsell, who gave a very interesting and much appreciated talk.

Professor C. S. Brewster, formerly head of the poultry husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, and now connected with the Brewster-Hodgen Milling company, spoke on the pressing need for a state poultry veterinary. Professor Brewster did all the judging in the poultry department.

The special prize for the best bird in the show went to J. J. Hershberger on his White Rock cock birds. All birds of the American breed were included in this entry. In the Mediterranean breed, the first prize went to the Gribble poultry farm on their showing of White Leghorn cock birds. The best pullet in the show was entered by George Speight, and the best cockerel by H. M. Robbins in his Rhode Island bantam entries.

Three specials were offered for

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Curtis, New Republican Floor Leader in Senate, and Butler, Who Succeeds Late Senator Lodge



Shown above with Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, is William M. Butler, the new senator from Massachusetts. Senator Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, is President Coolidge's spokesman in the upper house. The accession to the senate leadership of Senator Curtis crowns

GOMPERS MUCH BETTER, SAID WOULD ABOLISH STATE AGENCIES

Condition of Labor Leader Shows Marked Improvement Over Yesterday

At 3:40 o'clock, a call was sent out from the sick room for physicians in addition to those which had been summoned.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers' condition took a turn for the worse early this morning.

All members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, of which Mr. Gompers is president, were awakened and summoned to his room.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here this afternoon shortly after 5 p. m., after a forty-six hour ride from Mexico City. He was much improved over the condition in which he left the Mexican capital.

The improvement began as soon as he reached the American soil and he has retained the advantage through the trip from Laredo.

A great throng at the station greeted Mr. Gompers, who was taken immediately to a local hotel where he will remain until a change comes.

Mr. Gompers' personal physician, Dr. Julius Auerbach of New York, who was telegraphed from here, was said to be on his way to San Antonio. It is believed that if Mr. Gompers had remained six hours longer in the high altitude of Mexico City his condition would have been more serious. Physicians said the lower altitude had greatly relieved Mr. Gompers.

Fatigue from overwork has played a great part in the reported debilitated condition of Mr. Gompers, physicians said, which led him to proceed to Mexico. The leader of the American labor forces appeared at meetings of the Pan-American labor council in Mexico City, following strenuous days in the American Federation of Labor convention at El Paso just preceding his trip to Mexico. He also participated in the inaugural ceremonies of President Calles of Mexico.

Several long automobile trips about the Mexican capital also overtaxed his strength. He has been in Mexico City since November 30 and was on the verge of leaving when he became ill.

Christmas Carols Are Featured in McDowell Club Concert Last Night

Notable Event in Salem's Musical History Offered to Many Vacant Seats in Auditorium of First Methodist Church

BY AUDREY BUNCH
Chorus after glorious chorus, in which were sung the most beautiful of the Christmas carols, and the most magnificent of the "Messiah" arias, made the McDowell club Christmas concert last night a notable event in Salem's musical history. The audience which but partly filled the First Methodist church auditorium, was entirely unworthy of such a performance.

The prelude of Christmas melodies with Professor T. S. Roberts at the organ for the evening was crowned with the first chorus number the thrilling, beautiful "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Forsyth's vicarious "Christmas Bells" followed, with Professor W. H. Boyer proving himself at once an eminently masterful director, in charge of the chorus work. Miss Dorothy Pearce at the piano assisted in the success of the evening with her able accompaniments.

"Oh, Holy Night," sung by Mrs. Arthur J. Rahn, was a number of matchless solemnity. Her whole voice poured forth in glorious rhythm, literally fulfilling the song. It was a marked addition to the success of the number that her accompaniment was played by Professor Paul Petri with whom she studied her art.

Kremser's "Hymn to the Madonna," a striking number in which only the tenors, basses, and altos sang, was followed with the picturesque work of Chaminade's "The Sailor's Christmas." Mrs. Ada Miller Harris took the solo part, her soprano voice, long a favorite with Salem music lovers, adapting itself with artistic discrimination.

No number on the program was received with a greater ovation than "Combs' Brightest and Best" at it was consummated in its chorus work, expressing a melodiousness that was a thrilling

COOLIDGE WILL FAVOR POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Conference With Republican Leaders Held in White House; Action to Bloc Bill Discussed

LETTER MAIL NOT TO BE TOUCHED BY BILL

Increase of Wage for Clerks Necessitates Higher Postal Rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Legislation proposing increased postage rates on practically all classes of mail matter except letter mail to take care of pay advances for postal employees is expected to have active administration support as a result of a White House conference today between President Coolidge and a dozen republican senators. The conference was held by the executive after the bloc in the senate yesterday of efforts to postpone action on the president's veto of the postal bill passed at the last session. There was a rather general discussion of the whole situation including the prospective opposition to mail rate advance, particularly those on the second class matter, embracing newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Coolidge was represented as holding the view that such advances should be made in order to provide the necessary revenue for what he regards as a merited raise in the pay of the employees of the postal service. Some senators said they carried away the impression that such legislation would have his support.

Bill Drawn
The conference was held an hour before the cabinet meeting. Postmaster General Now is having prepared in his department a bill which would increase the rates on mail rates touching all the mail except letter mail. He expects to have this ready for transmission within a day or two to Chairman Sterling of the senate post office committee.

Christmas Fund Shows Substantial Increase

Clothing and Supplies Also Being Received for Needy Salem Families

This morning shows up somewhat better. The Statesman cash fund has now reached substantial proportions. There are also a few families reported and there will be more. The time is getting short and the fund ought to be closed so that it can be apportioned out. This is not charity in any sense. This is a fund of neighborly kindness and helpfulness. It will be given to the people who need it and not to people who are cared for by the Associated Charities or the Salvation Army. It is not interfering with them in any way.

In addition to the cash noted below, Jessie Crawford, a Wilamette student, sent some clothing. Mrs. Baker of North Eighteenth street sent some apples. A "friend" brought a bundle of clothing but asked that her name be withheld. Mrs. J. W. Chambers of Court street brought clothing. A "friend" telephoned yesterday morning that she would supply a bed and spring for the family mentioned yesterday. This still leaves a cook stove to be supplied.

A woman with a number of small children was found destitute in the streets. A Salem woman provided for them until yesterday when they were turned over to the Associated Charities and received prompt attention. There is still a need for two cook stoves—a very imperative need. Those who have stoves they can spare, either notify the Associated Charities or The Statesman. The cash fund is as follows:

D. A. White	5.00
Henry Jaquet	5.00
I. L. McAdams	1.00
Edis Belle Matheson	2.00
Ida Miller Harrison	2.00
Daniel J. Fry	5.00
Francis Rollow	5.00
Royal Neighbors of Am.	5.00
J. L. Ingrey	2.00
A. Friend	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Chapman	5.00
A. Friend	5.00
Tom Kay	10.00
A. Friend	1.00
Elmo S. White	25.00
E. A. Rhoten	5.00
A. Friend	3.00
W. H. Henderson	5.00
W. C. Conner	5.00
Edw. T. Barber	5.00
Mrs. P. H. Strand	2.00
Total	\$107.00

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