

ARMS DISPUTES TO OPEN TODAY

Geneva Council Delegates Meet to Discuss Reduction of World Armament

VIEW GERMAN POSITION

Right to Greater Standing Army If Neighbors Refuse to Disarm, Is Contention of Germany

GENEVA, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Will Germany demand the right to a greater army if her neighbors refuse to disarm, is the question put at Geneva on the eve of the great international effort to reduce world armaments. For tomorrow with an American delegation collaborating will be held the opening session of the preparatory commission on disarmament which is expected to probe the entire complex problem of armaments, land, sea, and air, and if possible prepare an exact agenda for the later international conference.

Hugh S. Gibson, minister to Switzerland, is chairman of the American delegation while Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador at Washington will speak for Germany.

It is reported that Count Von Bernstorff will ask that Germany be freed from the restrictive military obligations of the treaty of Versailles and that Germany be permitted such armament strength as her position warrants, provided the neighboring states, especially France, decline to out down their armaments so as to be reasonably proportionate to those of Germany.

The preliminary conference tomorrow, which will be attended by a total of twenty delegates, is primarily weakened by the defection of Russia, which has assigned as the reason for refusing to cooperate the fact that Switzerland declined adequately to apologize for the assassination of M. Vorovsky and the subsequent acquittal of the assassin, Conrad.

This absence is certain to temper the enthusiasm of Russia's neighbors to disarm, and particularly Poland, where Marshal Pilsudski is pictured as ambitious to maintain strong and effective fighting strength.

Another element which has engendered pessimism over the outcome of the deliberation is the recent Russo-German treaty, from which the allied powers read Germany's intention as a future member of the league of nations counsel to observe strict neutrality in connection with any outside conflict with Russia.

The treaty has increased the

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PASS COAST GUARD BILL

WOULD BUILD 10 NEW CUTTERS; ASK \$9,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—A bill to authorize an appropriation of \$9,000,000 for 10 new coast guard cutters was passed today by the house without a record vote. The vessels would be used against rum smugglers and for other duties of the coast guard.

Monday In Washington

President Coolidge returned from Williamsburg, Va.

The administration prohibition enforcement bill was reported to the senate.

The revised Johnson veterans bill was passed by the house.

The conference report on the \$195,000,000 public buildings bill was adopted in the senate.

The senate passed the bill to deviate water right charges on federal irrigation projects.

Construction of 10 coast guard cutters would be authorized under a bill passed by the house.

The McKinley anti-lynching bill failed to obtain a favorable report in the senate judiciary committee.

REWARD HIGH BIDDER GOVERNMENT STILL HAS \$100 TO GIVE AWAY

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Comptroller McCarl has established what is believed to be a precedent for the executive branch of the government in directing that a federal contract be awarded to the highest bidder, despite a potential saving of \$5,000 by accepting the lowest bid. For the erection of a granite monument at the grave of Lieutenant John Fitch, Revolutionary inventor and soldier at Bardonia, Ky., the top bidder, the Pressley Leland company of New York at \$14,900 will be awarded the contract, because congress decided that \$15,000 should be spent. The war department, which has supervision of the work, is worrying over how the \$100 balance can be spent, so that the law may be fulfilled.

POLISH CRISIS BELIEVED NEAR; WAR SCARE OVER

POSTS IN NEWLY FORMED CABINET ARE DECLINED

Those Receiving Appointments Declare Government Not Stable Enough

KATTOWITZ, Upper Silesia, Poland, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The provincial assembly of Polish Silesia today voted disapproval of the coup d'etat by Marshal Pilsudski. The socialists voted its support of Pilsudski's regime.

WARSAW, Poland, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—While there is an outward calm in the Polish capital, a complete settlement of the situation brought about by ousting of President Wojciechowski and the Witos government by Marshal Pilsudski has by no means been reached. There is a difference of opinion on the convening of the national assembly for the election of a new president and Premier Bartels is having some difficulty with his cabinet for it is understood that Count Skrzynski has declined to accept the post of foreign minister on the ground that he does not consider Pilsudski's position stable enough at the present time. It is reported General Dowhar Musielki refuses to accept the new situation and continues to march on Warsaw at the head of his troops.

Several regiments which were summoned from Posen to aid the Witos government still are lined up about 10 miles west of Warsaw facing the capital. All attempts of the Warsaw government to induce them to return to their garrisons have been futile. It is asserted that the present congestion of trains from Warsaw precludes their transportation to Posen.

CHERRY FLY TO BE HIT

GROWERS MEET FOR CONFERENCE ON PEST TONIGHT

Cherry growers of this vicinity will meet this evening in the auditorium of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. George H. Grabenhorst, president of the local chamber, will preside.

It is about time for the cherry fly to make its appearance, according to specialists, and it is the object of the meeting to have the growers organize in a fight to stamp out the pest before it gains headway.

Prof. C. L. Long, horticultural specialist of OAC, and W. L. Teutsch, representative of the college's extension department, will be the principal speakers of the evening.

An invitation has been extended to all cherry growers, and a promise has been made that the proper method of spraying will be explained in detail.

Canneries throughout the valley have made it known that cherries not sprayed will not be acceptable.

GETS 3 YEAR SENTENCE

IMPERSONATING OFFICER CHARGED SPECIAL AGENT

PORTLAND, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Three years at McNeil Island a fine of \$1000 was the sentence imposed by Federal Judge Wolverton today on J. J. Snodgrass, convicted recently on a charge of impersonating a federal officer. Under the name of J. J. Cary, Snodgrass was employed as a special prohibition agent for county officials in southern Oregon in 1924 and while so engaged was alleged to have swindled Mrs. Blanch L. Meeker of Medford out of an automobile.

LIVESLEY SEES REFORM AHEAD

Candidate for Mayor Favors City Manager or Commission Government

PLAN IS WINNING FAVOR

City Manager Plan Adopted by 361 Cities in Less Than 20 Years; Found Practical in Application

T. A. Livesley, candidate for mayor of Salem, put forward in his official program a proposal for the creation of a city manager or commission form of government as one of the objectives of his administration in case he is elected. That proposal has brought forth strong commendation.

Originating less than a score of years ago, the city manager form of government has spread to include 361 cities and towns, comprising more than 5,000,000 persons.

These municipalities range in size from Cleveland, Ohio, to McCracken, Kansas, with 491 population at the last census. Only a few of these cities having adopted the plan have turned back to an older form of municipal government, according to a survey recently completed by Walter Mat-schek, director of the public service institute of Kansas City, which has just adopted the plan.

For some time the proposal to change the government of the city of Salem along the more progressive business lines incorporated in the commission or city manager plan has gained increasing popularity, and comes up favorably as an issue on Friday.

Mr. Livesley is a man of substantial business interests which, while not interfering with his duties as mayor for one term, would, nevertheless, tend to give him a free hand in preparing for a change from the present system of mayors to the more business-like form of government.

Friends of Mr. Livesley point out that while he is equipped to give the city a good administration as mayor, he is equally capable of paving the way for a concrete proposal for the adoption of a city manager or commission form of government at a future date.

'Y' OPEN HOUSE DRAWS THOUSANDS OF GUESTS

APPROXIMATELY 1,500 INSPECT BUILDING MONDAY

Athletics Feature Reception This Evening; Programs to Continue

Approximately 1,500 persons filed past the receivers' line in the new YMCA building Monday evening, for the first evening's program in the week of festivities which opened on Sunday.

Members of the board of directors, business men and their wives, formed the receiving line, where visitors were met by guides and conducted through the building. The Cherrian band played in the gym and Willamette University girls glee club sang.

The program for this evening will take place in the lobby, the gym and the handball courts, the entire building again being open for inspection. A large delegation from Portland will come down for the evening, staging athletic exhibitions and contributing to the music. The program opening at 7:30 follows:

Volley ball, Portland vs. Salem, two out of three games. Handball, singles and doubles, on two courts. Pilsno Pyramids, a team presenting tumbling, will offer an exhibition. The young men's division, led by E. J. Hodges, of Portland, with 16 leaders, will execute marches, which are accompanied by parallel bar work. A hockey game, lacrosse and other contests will be staged.

Robin Reed, contender for the national wrestling championship in his weight, and instructor at O. C. will present two teams in wrestling matches of 15 minutes each.

The Portland glee club will furnish music.

More than 1,000 persons were present at the opening of the formal dedication week on Sunday, Dr. Carl George Doney, delivering the main address.

"The Big Parade"

A Salem man said, after seeing the Big Parade picture at the Heilig last night, that it is the greatest war picture ever made in the history of the world.

It is a real war picture, with the actual scenes of the World War.

This Salem man says that if every one in this city and the country around Salem can get the idea of the greatness of this picture, the Heilig will have packed houses this afternoon and evening, and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

He says that not a man or woman who saw the picture last night but would be glad to give the testimony which he gives in the above words.

LEGAL TANGLE SUSTAINS VETO

Bill Increasing Commissioner's Salary Must Be Introduced Again

ATTEMPT TO PASS FAILS

With Possibilities of Two-Thirds Ballot Lacking, Ordinance Is Tabled, Bringing Legal Tangle

Aldermen who, at the council meeting Monday night, sought to defeat Mayor J. B. Giesy's veto of the ordinance granting the street commissioner a raise in pay from the first of the year are the victims of their own motion.

This revelation was made just after the council meeting upon an examination of the city's laws by Mayor Giesy. The opinion that the motion had automatically sustained the mayor's veto was confirmed by Fred Williams, city attorney.

After the mayor had read his reasons for vetoing the ordinance, Alderman W. W. Rosebraugh asked how many councilmen it would take to override the veto. He was informed that it would take a full two-thirds of the entire council.

Thereupon Alderman Rosebraugh moved that the matter be laid on the table until the next meeting of the council. He gave as his reason that the council was not fully represented at the meeting.

Apparently the matter had been merely postponed. But an examination of the city's code brings out the following:

"Upon the first meeting of the council after the return of an ordinance from the mayor," the bill is again put upon its passage, and if two-thirds of all members of the council vote in favor of the bill, it shall become a law without the approval of the mayor, but "not otherwise."

That phrase, "upon the first meeting" after the return of an ordinance, means that the ordinance involved must be acted upon in that manner. In any other case the veto is naturally sustained, because of the words, "not otherwise."

As far as the ordinance involved is concerned, it is definitely defeated. The only recourse aldermen who wish to press the matter have is to bring in a new ordinance.

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ZONING TAX ISSUE UP

Beginning with this issue, The Statesman publishes the second of a series of four articles treating, in a comprehensive manner, the issues of the city election to be held on Friday, May 21. No attempt is made to impose opinions upon voters, but facts will be presented in a manner which will aid individual readers in forming their own conclusions.

The first measure you will find on the ballot when you go to vote on Friday, reads as follows:

"Shall the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, be authorized and directed to levy for the years 1927, 1928 and 1929, a tax of three-tenths (.3) of a mill upon all of the taxable property within the City of Salem, Oregon, to provide money for the support, maintenance and operation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission."

If you vote "yes" on this measure you have consented to be taxed approximately \$5,000 a year, for three years, a total of \$15,000.

Sunday you were asked if you thought you would get your money's worth. You are asked again today.

When you go to buy a hat, a home or an automobile, you make certain, in advance, that you are getting value for the money you spend. You do not buy, merely because the clerk has something to sell. So with a tax project. You do not vote "yes" just because the measure appears on the ballot.

Zoning commission members presented their case before city council meeting on Monday, April 19. At that time, the commission officially made known the use to which this \$5,000 yearly, for three years, would be put, if granted by you.

At that time spokesmen for the commission, presenting their case before city council with the request that the tax levy be placed on the ballot, declared \$3,000 of the \$5,000 yearly income would be used to pay an official whom the commission calls an "engineer," who would be expected to spend approximately three years on the project. The remainder of the annual income, it was stated at that time, would be used to meet "incidental expenses."

The issue which you face in a vote for or against this tax is not "shall the city of Salem be zoned?" Rather it is a case of "shall the city of Salem authorize the expenditure of \$15,000 to find

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SIX KILLED BY AUTOS

DEATH TOLL FOR NORTHWEST OVER SUNDAY IS HIGH

PORTLAND, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Automobile fatalities in the Pacific northwest over the week end reached a total of six in reports yesterday and today. Deaths included: Dr. Frank Deewester, ex-member of Bellingham Normal school faculty, killed when automobile plunged over bank.

Kirt Baxter, 30, of Durkee, Ore., killed near Pleasant Valley, Ore., in auto wreck.

Unidentified man killed near Tacoma.

Edward Travis Jones, 47, killed near Walls, Walla.

Francis B. Beougher, six year old daughter of F. B. Beougher, killed in Albany, Ore.

Four year old girl killed in Seattle by gravel truck.

MERCED, Cal., May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Miss Irene Madison, 20, who registered in a Merced hotel April 22 from Marshfield, Ore., was killed in a motor car accident near here this morning when the car in which she was riding with a male companion overturned.

PICKFORDS TO SEPARATE

JACK AND MARILYN MILLER HAVE AGREED TO PART

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Jack Pickford, motion picture actor today announced that he and his wife, Marilyn Miller, actress, have separated. He said that they planned no divorce and no legal separation. Miss Miller had previously admitted the separation.

"We mutually agreed to separate," the screen actor said. "I saw Marilyn in New York and had dinner with her. We came to an agreement to live separately. There are no hard feelings, and there will be no divorce or legal separation action, so far as I know."

Pickford arrived here from New York Saturday and yesterday gave a home warning for motion picture friends.

ROCKY ISLANDS AT NORTH POLE

Explorers Find No Land Other Than Barren Crags; Question Settled

NOME RECEPTION COOL

Residents Are Piqued Because Dirigible Chose Teller Instead of Following Flight Schedule

NOME, Alaska, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Lincoln Ellsworth of the Amundsen-Ellsworth trans-polar expedition, told The Associated Press here today that he saw much open water at the north pole when he and his 17 companions passed over it last Tuesday night in the dirigible Norge.

This statement by Ellsworth provided an answer to a question that has puzzled geographers and explorers for many years and which was not completely settled with the visits of Commander Peary and Lieutenant Commander Byrd in their trips to the pole because of the limited amount of area viewed by them there.

Mr. Ellsworth said that rocky islands were seen by his party at the pole but that these could hardly be considered land. Mr. Ellsworth said he had sent a telegram to President Coolidge in reply to one from the president congratulating him and his associates on their attainment of the farthest north point of the earth.

The explorer said he dropped an American flag at the pole, making the third time the colors of the United States had been placed there, Peary and Byrd having previously placed them there.

The Norge was being dismantled at Teller, 75 miles northwest of here, where it landed last Thursday night, ending its flight from Spitzbergen. Colonel Umberto Nobile, of Italy, designer and builder of the blimp, was supervising the dismantling.

Two other members of the expedition besides Amundsen and Ellsworth were here awaiting a steamer to the states. These are Captain Oscar Wisting and Lieutenant Oskar Omdahl.

The four arrived here in a launch from Teller yesterday.

Despite the rather chilly reception accorded the four explorers because of their failure to land here instead of at Teller, Ellsworth, the only American in the expedition, said today he was enjoying himself. He is a typical American, enjoys frontier life and is well known here.

Ellsworth came to Nome in 1913 and was associated with an attempt to extract gold from gold bearing sands in this section.

The four men are staying at a log cabin which has been named "The Explorer's Club of Nome." The explorers said they slept little on the flight. They said the blimp's gondola was too small to permit the men to lie down.

GAS PUMP BILL PASSED

SANCTION OF COUNCIL MUST BE SECURED FIRST

An ordinance providing that all service stations and all pumps used for selling gasoline, or water and compressed air devices must be approved by the council, was passed last night at the regular meeting of the city council.

Alderman George Wendoroth, author of the bill, explained that under the present system the service stations have to have a permit to build on private property while there is no ordinance requiring permits for the construction of pumps on the city's property, or along the curbing. He stated that it is only fair to require the approval of the council on all such projects.

VETERAN BILL PASSES

REVISED JOHNSON MEASURE FAVORED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The house today unanimously passed the revised Johnson bill to provide \$20,000,000 over the next three years for aid of 27,000 disabled war veterans.

