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NAVAL CONFAB REOPENED BY BRITISH CHIEF

Delegates of Five Countries Again Plunge Into Task At London Meet

Japanese and American Difficulties Ironed Out in Impressive Style

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LONDON, March 7.—(AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, buoyant in spirit but with his face showing the strain of bearing the double burden of disarmament negotiations and parliamentary duties, today re-launched the London naval conference.

That load in seven weeks had put deeper lines in the prime minister's strong face and left dark places under his eyes, but he is still carrying on in strong fashion.

Under his chairmanship today the five chief delegates—with Aristide Briand heading the French for Premier Tardieu—gathered around the conference table in St. James' palace. They surveyed the work done and problems remaining, then plunged into the tasks of their individual delegations. The work continued with a rush all day, meetings following in quick succession at St. James' palace and at the various headquarters.

Two Pacific Powers Approach Agreement
American-Japanese negotiations moved forward, with Secretary Stimson and Keijiro Wakatsuki getting together for a long conversation at American headquarters. This was the first time they had seriously sought a solution of American-Japanese naval differences.

When Mr. MacDonald discussed the conference situation after the morning meeting he appeared relaxed in body, but intensely alert and enthusiastic regarding the prospects for success of disarmament negotiations. Those who know him best say there is no danger of his health's cracking and he will see the negotiations through but likely will need a vacation immediately thereafter.

The prime minister took evident satisfaction because of reports printed here two weeks ago that the conference never would be reassembled, and that the disarmament negotiations would be adjourned until 1935. The conference is in full working order again and, as Mr. MacDonald said, "thus the prophets of evil, as so often is the case in human history, have been confounded."

Mr. MacDonald added it "wouldn't be long now" until the work was completed and explained this meant about the middle of April. He hopes the conference will be finished by April 14, when the British budget is to be introduced to parliament.

He said, too, that all of the British delegates were tired from the strain of parliament in the last fortnight, but would get new energy from the renewed disarmament negotiations. He added (Turn to page 2, col. 3).

Williams Fills Huston's Post



Ralph Williams, of Oregon, vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee, will be in charge at the republican headquarters, Washington, until November, when the Congressional elections will be held.

ELECTION IS CALLED OFF AT SALEM HIGH

Variety of Reasons Circulated for Action by Administration

Salem high school's scheduled election to fill the vacancy in the yell kingship didn't materialize yesterday. Principal Fred Wolf called it off, or rather he postponed it until next Thursday or Friday.

Just what is behind the postponement of the election may be a toss up on two statements. Friday morning the principal called off the election because he believed all candidates should receive a square deal. Wolf, it seems, had failed to give his official recognition to the petition placing Loring Grier's name on the ballot.

However, the principal made no objection at the assembly Thursday noon when Grier mounted the platform to make his campaign speech. Grier at that time was the only one of the three nominees who failed to declare to his fellow students that he had no affiliation with a secret society.

A story in Friday's Clarion, high school publication, may lead to another opinion on the way for postponement. The Clarion, after leading with Wolf's Friday morning statement that elections were off until all candidates have a square deal, says the following: "Principal Wolf stated Thursday afternoon in a conference with members of the election committee and a Clarion reporter that if the local morning paper came out with a story of yell leader election on Friday night, the elections would be canceled."

In the time left before the actual elections, it is presumed, Bruce Cooley, whose petition was in prior to the Thursday assembly, but who made no campaign speech, will be in the running for (Turn to page 2, col. 1).

TOLL IN FLOOD AREA REACHES TOTAL OF 500

French Nation Mourns Loss Of Life and Money in Stricken Region

President and Premier Make Trip to Inspect Places Swept by Water

PARIS, March 7.—(AP)—While President Doumergue and Premier Tardieu left Paris tonight to visit the regions of central and southern France devastated by floods, the sympathies of all France and all the world flowed toward the victims.

Offers of money as well as sympathy are beginning to multiply. Parliament today voted 300,000,000 francs (\$4,000,000) for relief of the stricken districts. President Doumergue has made a personal contribution of 20,000 francs, while ministers and under-secretaries of state followed with 50,000 francs. Pope Pius contributed 50,000 francs and business houses have given 100,000 francs.

The loss of life now appears certain to equal if not exceed the highest estimate—500. Members of the chamber of deputies introduced a measure to make Sunday a day of national mourning for the dead of the dead of the flooded districts.

The Tardieu government already is asking measures to prevent repetition of the disaster.

GAS FRANCHISES ACTED ON TODAY

The county court is expected today to act upon the application for franchise for distribution of gas in the towns of Brooks and Gervais and connecting roads with the Pacific highway as well as a large rural territory south of Salem.

The proposed franchise covering territory south of the city includes roughly the country bounded on the south side by a point on the south side of Belcrest memorial park, the south line running as far as the extension of Twelfth street and thence north. The entire Salem Heights north of the city will be included in this development.

When the Portland Gas and Coke company first came into Marion county an attempt was made to get a blanket franchise covering the entire county but the court declined to grant this, giving instead a franchise for a main line through the county to Salem. The court decided at that time each individual extension would have to stand on its own merits.

Three Persons Die In Terrific Blaze Of Office Building

DULUTH, Minn., March 7.—(AP)—Three persons, an aged woman and two small children, were burned to death while a fourth man was unaccounted for in a spectacular fire that tonight destroyed a six-story office building and adjoining house in the downtown district.

The bodies of the three, one a child in a crib, were found by firemen in a room on the third floor of the building three hours after the fire had started.

The dead: Mrs. Thomas, about 70 years old; Helen Todd, 7 years old, and her five-year-old sister, Barbara. Firemen continued to search the building, which was still burning after 11 o'clock tonight for Nels Swanson, believed to have died.

GRUNDY DEFIANT AT INQUIRY IN SENATE

Pennsylvania Solon Has 'No Apologies' to Make at Use of Office

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Joining in a general debate centering about his employment of Warren F. Doane of Philadelphia, to aid him in research work on the tariff, Senator Grundy, republican Pennsylvania, told the senate tonight he had no "apologies whatever to make for the relation of the manner in which his services are being performed."

The Pennsylvania, an advocate of high protective duties whose tariff activities have been investigated by the senate lobby committee, asserted that if there were more men like Doane he could get "certainly would want to have those men here."

The debate was started by Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, a member of the lobby committee, who discussed testimony before that committee today by Doane.

Blaine said that Doane was performing the same work for Grundy now that he did before the Pennsylvania became a member of the senate and that the records and files of Grundy's downtown office had been moved to the senate office building.

E. L. DOHENY'S BRIBERY CASE TO OPEN SOON

Old Scandal of Washington Officialdom Echoes as Trial Scheduled

\$100,000 "Loan" to Albert Fall Will Be Recounted By Defendant

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Edward L. Doheny, a wealthy oil operator, came to Washington today to go on trial Monday on a charge of giving former Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall a bribe of \$100,000 for awarding his company a lease to the Elk Hills naval oil reserve.

Doheny expressed belief that he would be acquitted and Frank J. Hogan, chief counsel for Doheny, announced that the oil man would take the stand and tell his story of lending the money to Fall, an old friend who was in need. Doheny and Fall have maintained that the money was a loan but a jury in the District of Columbia supreme court found Fall guilty of accepting it as a bribe. He is free on bond pending appeal.

Same Evidence
Hogan said that virtually the same evidence would be introduced at the trial as was used in the Fall-Doheny conspiracy trial in 1924, which resulted in their acquittal on charges of having conspired to defraud the government in the Elk Hills lease. Hogan said the trial might require more than a week and possibly two weeks.

During the previous trial of Fall, Doheny was his constant companion in the courtroom but when Doheny goes on trial Fall will not be beside him as he is confined to his home in El Paso by illness. Since his conviction, Fall has seldom left his bed and recently suffered a relapse.

Hogan will be assisted in the trial by Joseph J. Cotter of Washington, who was counsel for the Pan American company when it negotiated the Elk Hills lease. Altee Promerene and Owen J. Roberts, government prosecutors, announced that the government was ready for trial and said they expected no delay. They said also that no new issues would be brought forward and the witnesses who have been summoned are those who have appeared at former oil cases.

The trial is set to be heard by Justice William H. Taft in criminal division number two of the District of Columbia supreme court. The panel which has been summoned to provide the jury consists of 15 men and 11 women.

Referee Is Loser When Cop Appears

"Foul on Mr. Grayson for blocking. One shot." Definite decisions like that are wont to issue from the lips of one Al French, Coast conference basketball referee, and it doesn't do any good to protest when he calls "foul." But Friday night Aids N. French (not brothers, the same man) was on the receiving end of an equally definite ruling. The referee, a Salem policeman piloting the north prowler car, pronounced the first of it. "Speeding," said the officer. "Forty-eight miles an hour." The remainder of the decision was voiced by the sergeant on duty at the police station: "Ten dollars bail."

Minority Faction Upon City Council Is Working Hard

O'Hara and Townsend Among First to File for Election; Independents Making no Move to Improve Position, Indication

COUNCIL LINEUP
First Ward—Henry Vandevort holds over; no candidate has appeared to succeed Varnum E. Kuhn.
Second Ward—Hal D. Patton holds over; S. A. Hughes has filed petition of candidacy to succeed W. W. Roelcher.
Third Ward—W. H. Dancy holds over; Walter H. Smith has petitions out as candidate to succeed Paul V. Johnson.
Fourth Ward—Terms of S. E. Purvine and B. B. Herrick both terminate; no candidate has appeared for Purvine's place; W. W. Averett has petitions out as candidate for two year term to succeed Herrick.
Fifth Ward—Terms of David O'Hara and L. L. Wilkinson both terminate; O'Hara has filed petition seeking reelection; Harry Elgin mentioned as candidate for Wilkinson's place.
Sixth Ward—Chris Kowitz holds over; Watson Townsend has petitions out as candidate to succeed himself; E. B. Perrine mentioned as possible opponent.
Seventh Ward—Terms of E. A. Rhoten and O. A. Olsen both terminate; names have been mentioned but no candidates are actually in the field.
Mayor—Terms of T. A. Livesley terminates; P. M. Gregory and Edward Rostela have petitions out as candidates, and others are being mentioned.
Recorder—Terms of Mark Poulsen terminates; he has petitions out for reelection and Frank T. Wrightman has petitions out as one contestant for the office.
Treasurer—Term of Clyde Rice terminates; he has petitions out for reelection with no opposition yet visible.

After a slow start, city politics is finally warmed up, and fears that may have been entertained in some quarters that seats in the city council might go begging for want of candidates are pretty thoroughly allayed.

CALIFORNIA PREXY SCORES BIG GAMES

Football Competition "Too Intense" Declares President Campbell

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—(AP)—W. W. Campbell, president of the University of California, is of the opinion that football on the Pacific coast and especially in California, "has become decided too intense for the good of the universities concerned, and especially for the good of the players."

In an article in the current issue of the San Francisco Argonaut, a weekly publication, President Campbell decries the advance of football to the detriment of other college athletic activities. Thumbs down were turned on Atlantic coast-Pacific coast games in term-time with the following observation: "In my opinion such games serve no useful purpose, whatsoever and the members of the traveling football squads sacrifice ten valuable days to each trip. Chiefly because the University of Pennsylvania had twice in the preceding four years played New York's games in Berkeley, I consented to a return game to be played in Philadelphia in October, 1929."

The rest of the article, in part, follows:
"Ten and twenty years ago there was only one 'big game'—California versus Stanford. All other games, at least for California and Stanford, were of secondary interest and football excitement on the two campuses was confined to one week in the year. Now there are two or more 'big games' in the season for each university; University of Southern California vs. Stanford, University of Southern California vs. California, California vs. Stanford, etc., and with new coaches (said to be high-priced) recently banqueting and installed at Oregon and Washington, the stage is set for yet two more 'big games' every year for each university on the coast."
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EMPLOYMENT STATUS GAINS HOOVER AVERS

Results of Extended Study Announced by Chief Executive Friday

Complete Recovery Within 60 Days Predicted by U. S. President

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—American business and industry is recovering from the shock administered it by the stock market collapse last fall, President Hoover believes, and within 60 days should be free from the distressing aftermath of unemployment which it brought. He announced the conclusion today after a study of commerce and labor department reports bearing on the situation, and a review of the results being attained by cooperation of the heads of national enterprises whom he convened in Washington last December to consider possibilities of business stimulus.

Low Prices Passed In Business, Work
Summarizing his conclusions for newspaper correspondents, the president said that unemployment "amounting to distress" had been confined to 15 states, and was not more than seasonal in the other 36 states. Low points of business and employment had been passed in December and in early January, he added, and had been followed by slow betterment. With maintenance of wage rates with lower interest rates, and with enlarged capital betterment expenditures by railroads, utilities and business generally, he said he looked for the advance of spring to restore normal prosperity. The president made his statement after conferring with Secretaries Lamont and Davis.

Aldea Decline to Fix Exact Figures
In a joint statement amplifying the findings particularly as to employment, Secretaries Lamont and Davis refused to fix a specific figure for numbers out of work but estimated it as between one-third and one-half the number of unemployed during 1921-22. Forces of recovery, the cabinet members said, were found to be gaining strength.

In congress, Representative Johnson of Nebraska, republican, raised today the proposal for starting extensive relief work in connection with constructing flood reservoirs for the Mississippi river and tributaries. He urged it as a relief to motivators by fears of the Senate, though now planning to hold a series of committee hearings on employment legislation, will not be able to legislate either on increasing roads and building appropriations, advanced by the administration as employment aid, until the tariff is out of the way.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM TOLEDO JAIL

TOLEDO, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Leo Umata, Siletts Indian held locally on a liquor charge, and in connection with the Siletts postoffice robbery recently, was removed by accomplices from the county jail today when a padlock was pried from the jail door with a crowbar, several nights ago friends passed a quantity of liquor through the jail bars and all prisoners proceeded to celebrate. Umata's release was believed to have been motivated by fears of an accomplice in the postoffice robbery that he would "talk too much" when he appeared before the federal grand jury in Portland. Jail breaks here have been frequent here of late.

Parrish Awaits Grand Jury Quiz In Local County

Falling to furnish \$2,000 bail which was fixed when he appeared in justice court Friday, R. L. Parrish was returned to the county jail to await the next term of the grand jury. Before Judge Brasier Small yesterday Parrish waived hearing and declined to enter a plea.

He was brought back to Salem Thursday from Bellingham, Wa., where he was arrested. The charge against Parrish is embroilment of public funds which are said to have been missed while at the state tuberculosis hospital here.

Jersey Club Will Hold Meet Today

The Marion County Jersey club is to meet this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the chamber of commerce rooms here. Sydney Miller of Woodburn, president of the Marion county association, will preside at the St. Clair's association, it is to be held. A good-sized attendance is expected as matters of immediate importance to the dairymen, including organization to secure better markets, are slated for discussion.

Oregon Briefs..

Retail Price of Gas Goes Into Tailspin as Portland War Continues; 200 Foot Plunge Fatal to Grants Pass Man

PRICE WAR RAGES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Signs advertising gasoline for 15¢ a gallon appeared on many local service stations today as the retail price of motor fuel dropped another cent. However, the general price was 16¢ cents and in other parts of the city ranged as high as normal, 21 cents.

As reported today that all distributors, with two exceptions, have reduced the wholesale price of gasoline from 17¢ to 15¢ cents a gallon.

That the present "war" is having serious effects was indicated by the closing of several established stations today.

ASTORIA HIGH WINS
ASTORIA, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—The Astoria high school basketball team defeated the Rainier team 31 to 20 in a game played here tonight.

W. U. FROSH WIN

ASHLAND, March 7.—(Special)—The Willamette university freshman basketball team defeated the Ashland high school hoopers here tonight 33 to 16. A second game between the same teams will be played here Saturday night.

STORE TO CLOSE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Doors of the Meier and Frank store will be closed all day tomorrow out of respect for Abraham J. Meier, president of the company for 19 years, who died yesterday at the family home here.

DEFENDANT FREED

MEDFORD, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Andrew Johnson, Jacksonville, was acquitted late yesterday on a charge of complicity in the torture of Pat Bohan, aged junk dealer.

FRAT HOLDS MEET

EUGENE, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Today marked the opening of the convention of Lambda province of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, national social fraternity for men, of the University of Oregon campus for the first time. Business sessions were held this morning and afternoon and will continue through tomorrow.

GRAPPLERS MATCHED

EUGENE, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—George "Wildcat" Pete, Eugene, and Henry Jones, Provo, Utah, will be matched for the second time here Friday night for the world's championship junior middleweight belt held by the local grappler. At their last encounter, Jones lost when he dealt Pete a rabbit punch.

Bail Furnished For Reissback By Relatives

Relatives of Oliver Reissback supplied his \$500 bail to the satisfaction of the state and Friday afternoon he was freed from the county jail. Reissback was bound over to the Marion county grand jury by Judge Small after a preliminary hearing in justice court Friday. He is accused of assault and battery against Dan Sheets who charged that Reissback struck him over the head with a quart bottle.

Sheets, who is a proprietor of a grocery store on Mill street, tried to persuade Reissback to leave his store but Reissback was said to have been under the influence of liquor and resisted the expulsion. Just as the pair passed through the door of the grocery store the argument resulted in a physical encounter. The police were called and Reissback lodged in jail on the assault charge.

Mandate Given LaFollett Case By High Court

The state supreme court Friday sent to the Multnomah county circuit court a mandate in the case involving Charles R. LaFollett, who was convicted of contempt of court through failure to pay his wife alimony at the rate of \$75 a month.

Spud Murphy Is Easy Winner of Kileen Fracas

HUBBARD, Mar. 7.—(Special)—Spud Murphy, former Hubbard middleweight, won an eight round technical knockout over Terry Kileen of Independence on the firemen's card here tonight. The fight show was well attended.

Pat Haley of Independence won a decision in six rounds over Ted Bechtel of Sherwood. Curly Sherman of Hubbard won a four round decision over Mickey Shannon of Portland. Jack Bailey of Hubbard defeated Young Bechtel of Sherwood in similar fashion.

Communist Women Dispersed by Police



City Hall Park, New York City, again the scene of a turbulent clash between Communists and police when a band of Communist women and children were dispersed by 100 patrolmen, mounted police, and detectives rushed to the spot to meet the situation. Police are shown ordering the demonstrators to move on, following their attempts to stage a mass protest presumably against unemployment and police interference during previous rallies.