

Disarmament Parley Outcome Resting on Situation in Orient

So Declares Chinese Delegate; Better Outlook Noted

Gathering Pessimistic At Start; Hopeful Turn Follows

GENEVA, Feb. 13—(AP)—The disarmament conference today heard Dr. W. W. Yen of China declare his success or failure depended on the outcome of the far eastern conflict, and thereby the international statesmen completed two weeks of work in the course of which they have heard 25 speeches, totaling 127,000 words.

The conference, which began in deep pessimism, has developed some optimism. A few points, in fact, already are regarded as virtually settled.

Two camps have arisen but lately commentators have declared that they will eventually get together.

"Security first," is the slogan of one camp. "Disarmament first" of the other.

Conciliatory Attitude Noted in Addresses

France is commander-in-chief of the security faction with Czechoslovakia, Poland, Jugoslavia, Rumania and Belgium as her lieutenants. The commanders of the other camp are the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Italy.

Speeches and conversations during the last week have disclosed a desire for conciliation.

France, whose plan for an international police, as presented by War Minister Andre Tardieu, was aimed only at security and did not mention disarmament, later expressed her willingness to disarm as well.

Italy changed her claim for parity with France to a claim for "pre-emption" using a French term which did not appear in the English translation. This means approximate parity to be achieved gradually through successive diminutions of the difference between the two countries.

ACTIVITY LACKING IN CITY POLITICS

The past week saw only one filing of a candidate for a public office subject to the May primaries, so far as local offices are concerned. In the city election Mayor Gregory is the only announced candidate for the job he holds. A strong effort was made to get Donald McKay, prominent business man and legislator to run for mayor, but Doug declined the honor on the ground of private business. Whether pressure will be renewed or whether some other candidate will be secured remains to be seen. George Averett filed for reelection as councilman.

The flurry in county politics has subsided for the time being. The office attracting the most attention, county commissioner, has four probable entrants. Contestants for other offices, notably the sheriff's office and district attorney, but no new names have been added to these lists for a week.

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Brand Out for Justice; Other Declarations Due

James T. Brand, now serving as circuit judge of the second judicial district, Saturday filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for justice of the state supreme court, position No. 2. This office is now held by Henry J. Bean, veteran member of the state supreme court.

Brand lives at Marshfield. He previously served as district attorney of Coos county, and has held other important political offices.

Formal announcements of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, and Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, that they will be candidates to succeed themselves at the republican primary election, probably will be issued within the next two weeks, it was reported at the capitol Saturday.

Holman is now serving as state treasurer under appointment, while Hoss is serving his first elective term. Holman was appointed state treasurer to succeed the late Thomas B. Kay. Holman returned to Salem recently after a week spent in east-

Chinese Side of Quarrel Will be Told on Monday

The Chinese side of the Sino-Japanese situation will be pictured at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon by Mrs. Lillian Chin of Portland.

Since the speech here several weeks ago by Hiroshi Acino, Japanese consul at Portland, members of the chamber have expressed a desire that the Chinese side of the Oriental conflict be presented.

HIGHWAY SQUABBLE YIELDS FEW FACTS

Governor and Warring Board Members all Silent on Possible Outcome

While the public speculated on the probable fate of present members of the highway commission, Gov. Julius L. Meier held his peace and made no intimation of what his moves would be, if any. Gov. Meier is expected back in the executive offices on Monday the first time in several weeks, his absence being due to his trip to Washington and New York.

There were no developments in highway matters the last few days so far as could be learned. The Statesman on Friday morning published reports from Portland that Commissioners Alsworth and Hanley had resigned, also that Gov. Meier might dismiss C. K. Spaulding of this city in order to retain the other two who object to Spaulding's methods on the commission.

The rumors have gone so far (Turn to page 3, col. 3)

VISITORS MANY AT LIONS' NIGHT MEET

Frivolously ruled the Salem Lions' den last night, as the clubmen entertained their wives and some 45 members and wives from Portland with a ladies' night banquet, program and dance at Marion hotel.

The affair was managed by L. Leslie Springer, chairman of the club's entertainment committee. The music program following the banquet was as follows: vocal solos by David Smith Jr., accompanied by Miss Jeanette Smith; violin solos by Miss Jeanette Smith; vocal duet by Lowell Williams and Rev. H. C. Stover; xylophone numbers by Cam Wilson of the Portland den; piano solos by Polly Butler of Portland; vocal solos by Rev. P. M. Blenkinsop of Portland, and both vocal solos and anecdotes by A. M. Davidson, driver of the Pacific Greyhound stage in which the Portland delegation came to Salem.

A number of officials prominent in London spoke. Among them were: Fred Walker of Springfield, district governor; K. Weston of Corvallis, deputy district governor; Robert Hodgkinson, president of the Portland club; Al Eckleman of Portland, past district governor; Dr. C. E. Brous, president of the Linnton club; and Rudy Taggsel, president of the Sellwood club. C. Leland Smith, Salem president, and Mr. Springer presided.

Members of the club were present in large numbers. Contestants for other offices, notably the sheriff's office and district attorney, but no new names have been added to these lists for a week.

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TWO OF STATE AGENCIES FACE COURT ACTIONS

Prudential Officers Seek To Restrain Mott From Causing Removal

Bend Lumber Firm Charges Excise Tax Excessive, Demands a Review

Injunction suit against State Corporation Commissioner James Mott and a suit against another state office, the tax commissioner, were among filings in the circuit court here yesterday. Shevlin-Hixon lumber company of Bend is plaintiff in the tax suit.

In the suit against Mott, Carl H. Johnston and G. A. DeGrace seek to enjoin Mott and his deputy, J. R. Callahan, from removing them as president and vice president of associations in the Prudential group.

Records show that Johnston served as president and director of the Prudential Savings and Loan association, Union Savings and Loan association and the Federal Union Savings and Loan association. DeGrace seeks to retain the office of vice president of the Prudential Savings and Loan association.

Notice Given They Will be Removed

The complaint alleged that on January 18 of this year Mott, as state corporation commissioner, notified Johnston and DeGrace that they would be removed in accordance with authority vested in him by the Oregon statutes.

Johnston and DeGrace alleged in their complaint that the charges made against them by Mott are untrue, and that there are no legal grounds available for their removal from office.

They ask that the restraining order be made permanent.

The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company of Bend, in a suit filed against the state tax commission, demands a review of the commission's findings as to its excise tax for the year 1929, and that its tax be determined at \$1746 under the excise tax law.

It further is demanded that the state repay to the plaintiff corporation \$3808.09, alleged to be excess payment made by the company under the excise tax act.

The complaint alleged that \$94 per cent of the lumber produced in the Bend plant of the corporation during 1929 was sold east of the Rocky mountains, that only 10 1/2 per cent of its lumber was sold in Oregon by any agency in this state, and that all other lumber was made through its Minneapolis office.

SEEK LAW AGAINST MIDNIGHT MATINEE

While the matter of submitting an ordinance to the council regarding midnight matinee theaters is under consideration by members of the police committee, no bill will be introduced on the subject tomorrow night, stated Watson Townsend, chairman of the police committee yesterday. Townsend said he desired in connection with Police Chief Minto before doing anything, so the matter is expected to go over till a future meeting.

Members of the police committee report that numerous complaints from parents have come to them against the holding of these matinees because of the late hour when they are over, young people not getting home till early morning hours.

Routine business is in sight for the meeting tomorrow night of the water company. All water questions are held up pending settlement of litigation instituted by the water company in the federal district court to enjoin the city from issuing bonds, or proceeding under the December 15 election charter amendment. No date has been fixed for this hearing.

Miller Resigns As City Officer

M. W. Miller, member of the night police force here for the past two years, tendered his resignation to Chief Minto Saturday night, to take effect Wednesday. He is resigning to take a position at the state penitentiary, where he has worked previously, in connection with the new cell block recently completed, it is understood.

Former Railroad Official Called

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13—(AP)—A. A. Morse, 90, of Eugene, died here today.

Morse, born in Ellizabeth, N. J., in 1842, came to Oregon in 1888 and for many years was general freight agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company.

No Need For These Gems to be Hid; None Can Steal From Captain Kidd



—Posed by Peggy Shannon
This pirate seeks no gems nor gold; her threatening pose is just a sign she wants your heart—to have, to hold—to prove that you're her Valentine.

Valentine Day Good Date to Remember

It's Time When Thoughtfulness at Premium; Even Small Token Helps; Origin Traced Back to Ancient Religious Rites

FOR the happy and fortunate today there will be remembrances of love and friendship in token of February 14, St. Valentine's day.

Many an anxious minute will be spent by maids and matrons wondering if the doorknob will ring to the call of a messenger boy who brings violets or candy or other more or less remembrance from a thoughtful swain, or what is said to be rare, thoughtful husband.

With the token's arrival St. Valentine's day is sweet, but if it fails to come it is one more disappointment to try to forget. Thoughtful people do not abound in the world in too great numbers. Whether such days as St. Valentine's day are designed to call attention to these rare thoughtful souls and give them a bit more appreciation is a question worth pondering.

The day originated in ancient religious rites, so 'tis said, and now it promotes the standing of Cupid—promotes, or if forgetfulness falls upon the swain, perhaps, blunts the arrow of this active scoundrel.

Oregon has a bit of special celebration to do on this day because it was February 14, 1859, that the territory became a state. A real Valentine for the United States of America.

FLOODS IN ALASKA TAKE MANY LIVES

NOME, Alaska, Feb. 13—(AP)—Delayed work reaching here today told of severe floods which wiped out seven Eskimo villages just before Christmas, with the loss of many lives. In the isolated country on the mainland east of Nelson island.

After the waters subsided, freezing weather set in, the message said, and the bodies of many of the victims were found incased in sheets of ice. The number of those who perished was not given.

AIR RIFLE WOUND CAUSE OF ARREST

For allegedly shooting a small boy in the cheek with a high-powered air rifle, Louis Tanzer, 546 Statesman street, yesterday morning was arrested by city police and booked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The arrest followed filing of complaint by the nine-year old victim. Tanzer admitted, police said, that he shot the gun at a group of boys after they had refused to heed his warning that they leave the property of a North Commercial street auto wrecking company. When the officers took the boy to the wrecking plant, he pointed out Tanzer, they said. The tiny lead pellet had made a nasty wound in the child's face.

On orders of District Attorney John H. Carson, Tanzer was released on his own recognizance and cited to appear in justice court at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BUTTER MAKERS MEET

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 13—(AP)—The Oregon Butter and Ice Cream Makers' association will open its annual convention and short course here Monday and continue four days.

GIRL'S INJURY IN AUTO UPSET PROVES FATAL

Frances Monner is Fatally Hurt as Car Turns over on South Commercial

Driver Also in bad Shape; Machine Gets out of Control, Report

Frances Monner, aged about 20, died while being rushed in an ambulance to the Salem General hospital following an automobile smashup which occurred on South Commercial street near Miller at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. The driver, J. A. Starker, was reported to be in critical condition. The car, declared by witnesses to be obviously out of control, turned over.

Two other occupants of the car were bruised and suffered severe shock. Paul Bointon of Rt. 1, Brooks was in the rumble seat of the coupe and received a few cuts and bruises about the head. Agnes Monner was also in the car and was removed from the wreckage by someone and taken home. Both Agnes and Frances were at 723 1/2 North Liberty, and Starker's address was given as Route 1, Brooks.

The quartet had been out to the "Chicken Roost" and were headed back to Salem. The driver of a Star touring car, bearing the license 68,832, stated following the wreck that he was south-bound when he saw the car coming. He stated that because of excessive speed and lack of control of the coming car he pulled to the curb at the right by a parked car and stopped.

Collision Slight Driver Reports

His car was hit only lightly, putting out the left headlight and bending the front fenders.

The Chevrolet was badly smashed, the rumble seat being at the other cushion lying on the pavement. Frances Monner was removed from the wreckage and put into an ambulance after having lost much blood. Blood had run all of 20 feet to the curb from the place where she sat. Her head was fractured with her face crushed in on the left side.

Paul Bointon was taken to the police station and was able to give information about the party. He stated that both he and the driver J. A. Starker are 21 years of age and that the girls were about the same age.

The owner of the car bearing license 68,832 is Pell L. Hannan of Route 3, Albany.

HIBERNIA BANK TO REOPEN IS REPORT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13—(AP)—John F. Daly, president of the Hibernia Commercial and Savings bank, which closed here last December 19, announced tonight the bank will be reorganized or a new bank formed at the site of the Hibernia building as soon as plans already prepared are approved by the depositors and other necessary details are completed.

Under the proposed plan, Daly said, the bank will have \$1,000,000 cash capital funds, the depositors will be credited with 70 per cent of their deposits immediately and the remaining 30 per cent will be paid them from the sale and collection of the bank's slow-moving assets.

Stockholders, Daly said, will receive no returns whatever until depositors have been paid 100 per cent.

STOCK MARKET BOOMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—(AP)—The stock market surged upward with increased vigor today in the most feverish weekend session in nearly two years.

World Fellowship Meet Will Close Here Today

Officers elected for the World Fellowship Meet of Christian churches as reported by the committee last night were, Miss Miriam Yoder from Eugene, president; Miss Marjorie Gregory of Medford, secretary.

The fourth annual conference of the group, in session since Friday night, will close at noon today, following address of F. M. Rogers, secretary of benevolence, United Christian Missionary society, who arrived last night from Minneapolis.

In the three contests sponsored by the convention, awards were as follows: Scrap book, won by the Hi-Tri club of Gladstone; first poster, won by the Rambo Circle from Portland, and made by Mignon Johnson and Leta Kennedy, with Mrs. Claude Neely as advisor, and second poster, won by the Hi-Tri club of Medford, made by Miss Helen Wilson, with Mrs. A. H. Gregory as advisor, reports by Hi-Tri club of Portland,

FRESH JAPANESE TROOPS MASSING FOR NEW ATTACK

Little Advantage for Either Side Seen as Third Week Of Fighting Opens; Rebuff by Chinese Defenders at Woosung Denied; Thousands of new Soldiers Landed From Seven Nippon Transports

Endless Stream of men Coming From Vessels Anchored In Whangpoo River; Signs of Preparations for Great "Push" Seen; Tanks, Cavalry Horses, Great Loads of War Munitions Brought Along

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13—(Sunday)—(AP)—Japanese warships again shelled the village of Woosung, near the Chinese forts that guard the waterway to Shanghai, today at noon and spasmodic firing broke out afresh along Woosung Creek. The positions of the Chinese and Japanese soldiers there appeared unchanged.

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 14—(Sunday)—(AP)—Fresh Japanese soldiers poured into Shanghai today while rival guns on the Chapei battle front boomed a salute to another Sunday and the 16th day of hostilities there between China and Japan.

Japanese naval headquarters denied Chinese reports that more than 1000 Nipponese soldiers had crossed Woosung Creek and met a crushing defeat at the hands of the defenders.

The Japanese were supposed to have crossed the creek late Saturday, but the Associated Press correspondent in the Japanese lines there saw no such movement.

Foreign observers, who entered the debarcation zone here despite Japanese efforts to cover their troop movements with secrecy, said they believed 20,000 soldiers had been landed within a few hours.

Seven Japanese transports steamed up the Whangpoo river last night under the very noses of silent Chinese guns at the Woosung forts and began discharging the fighting men on Japanese docks within the international settlement.

The expeditionary force brought along a large number of tanks, cavalry horses and great loads of war munitions for use to crush the strong Chinese machine-gun positions on Chapei's vast network of trenches.

At 10 a. m. the majority of the newcomers seemed to have been landed, although soldiers continued to trickle onto the docks.

From the roof of a nearby warehouse could be observed an extensive scene of military activity.

Along the waterfront the seven Japanese troop ships lay in one long line. Emerging from each ship was a stream of soldiers, although the heaviest movement appeared to have been completed.

Within the yards of warehouses immediately in front of the wharves were several thousand Japanese soldiers, waiting orders. Their arms and equipment, stacked in military precision, were on the ground about them. There also were many cavalry horses.

A rousing send-off last night was given the "Buy Salem Bakery Products" campaign sponsored by Salem trades and labor unions, with the smoker and Salem-made products dinner following at the Labor hall. A crowd estimated at 150 attended.

Starting this week, the union groups are seeking to obtain from Salem stores pledges to handle only the locally-made bakery products. In doing so, maintain the union members, they will be providing more employment and a larger payroll for Salem men and women. As a first step in the campaign, local unions for bakers and for bakery salesmen were formed.

BANQUET LAUNCHES HOME GOODS BOOM

Prominent labor movement officials who spoke at the ball last night were: Gust Anderson, secretary of the Portland central labor council; D. N. Dahlager of Portland, national representative for union truck drivers, and Frank Yanken, bakery union organizer. Leslie A. Elwell, president of the Salem trades and labor council also spoke.

Supplies for the dinner were provided by Salem business houses.

Albany Robbery Reported Here

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