

NAVAL LIMIT AGREED UPON IS INDICATED

END IS REACHED, SAYS BALFOUR

OUTCOME UNCERTAIN

Hughes Plan Considered Endangered By Japan's Demand—Takahashi Pledges Treaty Support—Ratification Seems Sure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Arthur Balfour, British delegate, indicated after the big three meeting was concluded today that a complete agreement on naval limitation had been reached. "We are through," he said. He made no further comment but indicated that his remark meant that a settlement had been reached. America's proposal for an absolute 10 year naval holiday was endangered in the arms conference today when Great Britain insisted that if Japan is allowed to complete the giant dreadnaught Mutsu, Britain must be allowed to construct two super-Hoods, or slightly smaller vessels during the holiday.

Would Add Tonnage

British counter proposals to Japanese demand that she be allowed to keep the Mutsu, included either construction of two super-Hoods and scrapping of four dreadnaughts, and one battle cruiser, or construction of two ships of the royal sovereign type—smaller than super-Hoods—and scrapping of four dreadnaughts and no battle cruisers.

Japan would scrap Sotou, sister ship of the Mutsu if she keeps the Mutsu. America would keep the Colorado and the Washington.

Such increases would mean a larger tonnage than allowed under the Hughes plan, with a slight balance in favor of Britain.

WORLD PEACE SEEN

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—Characterizing the Caspian Pacific pact as the dawn of an era of world peace through cooperation of nations that smashed Germany's dreams of conquest, Premier Takahashi today pledged the Japanese empire to support the treaty to limit. He congratulated the United States on the success of the arms conference.

NOT LEADER, SAYS McADOO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—William G. McAdoo has technically denied rumors from Washington that he was engineering the Wilsonian democratic opposition to the Pacific quadruple alliance. He championed disarmament, but admitted favoring the league of nations.

OPPOSITION WEAK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—With weak opposition from republicans, and with democratic opposition as yet not pronounced, there is little reason to believe that the senate would refuse to ratify the four-power agreement when Harding places it before the ratifying body.

GIRL SHOTS, SAYS HONOR ENDANGERED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 15.—Miss Joan Lamore, pretty French girl, is charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death of Ras Cookle, janitor in the federal building. Miss Lamore declared she shot in defense of her honor. Federal officers say she has been connected with four shootings in the past year.

YOU HAVE ONLY 8 DAYS TO SHOP



READ THE ADS

SATURDAY VOTE FINAL CHANCE TO MAKE LEVY

NEW ELECTION WOULD BE TOO LATE

NEED IS EXPLAINED

Estimates Now As Low As Possible, Say Directors—Officials of Parents' Association Refuse to Give Support On Request.

Should the voters of the Bend school district, at Saturday's special election, defeat the budget compiled as an estimate of the coming year's expenses, the district directors will be unable to levy more than would be allowed under the six per cent limitation, it was stated this afternoon by County Assessor August A. Anderson. This, with district's share of the per capita state tax, would mean approximately one-third of the amount itemized on the budget.

The assessor has already extended the time for receiving the district levy, and it would be impossible for him to make a further extension and complete his tax rolls on the date required by law.

A property qualification is made by law for voters who desire to participate in Saturday's balloting, J. C. Rhodes, clerk of the district, states. Ownership of property, or of stock in a local corporation, is a requisite, he stated.

Why the budget should be adopted is shown in statements from board members, who agree that successful administration of the city schools during the coming year will be impossible without the amount asked.

"The advisory board, composed of some of the biggest property owners in the community, who hold that good citizenship demands a high standard of efficiency in our schools considers that it is necessary," said L. M. Foss, chairman of the board. "After they had the opportunity to go into the district's expenditures, they realized that the present budget is the least amount which will take care of the obligations which the former board incurred and insure schools of high standing for the coming year."

E. P. Mahaffey, chairman of the finance committee, mentioned that the budget board had taken an entire week in looking over the audit on which the estimates are based, before making their compilation of expenses.

"Many curtailments were made," he said, "and it should be remembered that the budget adopted in May by the old board before they realized that a new statute required different procedure, was some \$12,000 higher than the budget now proposed."

"If the budget fails, it will mean that we will have to borrow a large sum as to ruin our credit, or close the schools in part at least," said C. A. Hayden. "Defeat of the budget would hurt the children, not the parents nor the board."

Mrs. Horace Richards declared that the estimate to be placed before the people is as low as it can be if the schools are to be kept going.

TACOMA MAN GETS POST IN TREASURY

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Elmer C. Dove, of Tacoma, formerly secretary of the Tacoma national committee, is to be named assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of international revenue, and customs.

ESCAPED GUNMAN MAY BE IN IOWA

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CENTERVILLE, Iowa, Dec. 15.—"Lucky Tommy" O'Connor Chicago gunman, escaped from his cell there, who was to hang tomorrow, is believed here. Members of a train crew said he rode the rods into the city, then disappeared.

BRITAIN WILL APPROVE PACT, DUBLIN DELAYS

DE VALERA CONTINUES OPPOSITION

REPUBLIC NOT ISSUE

Ulster Premier Declares Treaty Violates 1920 Understanding With Great Britain—Absolute Rejection Is Rumored.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Prospects in both houses of parliament today were that the Anglo-Irish peace treaty might be ratified before night. With no alarming opposition to its adoption in either house, the way seemed paved for concluding Britain's part in settling the Irish controversy.

At Dublin De Valera renewed his fight against the treaty in a secret Dail Eireann session, basing his opposition on his belief that the Irish plenipotentiaries exceeded their authority in signing the instrument. The question of the Irish republic was not up.

It is believed that discussion over signing in London will delay ratification, or rejection at least another day.

In a letter published here, Craig, Ulster premier opposes the pact on the grounds that the treaty violates Ulster's 1920 understanding with Great Britain.

In Belfast snipers and rioters, indulged in sporadic firing today.

DIKE BURSTS, FLOODS TOWN

DESTRUCTION FOLLOWS IN THE WAKE OF HEAVY WASHINGTON RAINS—MAROONED FAMILIES SUFFERING.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14. (Delayed.)—The great Ben Johnson dike along the Skagit river burst today eight miles above Stanwood, flooding the town, and fifty square miles in Stillaguamish valley. The population of Conway sought safety in the railroad station. A hastily constructed dam barely saved the town of Glacier, by turning aside the raging torrent of the Nooksack river. Destruction continued to follow in the wake of the heavy rains. Despite night, day work throughout Seattle, many bodies are yet not recovered from slides.

Two men seen floating down the Skagit river last night clinging to an overturned rowboat, are believed to have perished. The body of one of two persons drowned in Miller river has been recovered. Many families suffering from exposure, are marooned in their flooded homes.

CIVIC LEAGUE HAS CHARGE OF TREAT

Will Supply Candy And Nuts To Be Distributed Among Children Attending Community Tree.

The Woman's Civic league has undertaken the task of supply a treat of candy and nuts for every child attending the community Christmas tree on the evening of Wednesday, December 22, announces Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, chairman of the committee in charge.

HAVE YOU AN OPEN HEART?

Someone once said that too many hearts wore on them a sign reading, "Not to be opened before Christmas." There are very few hearts wearing this sign in Bend. We are quite sure of that. And tomorrow the proof will appear in the way the call for the Salvation Army is answered. It's a worthy cause. We do not have to argue about that. And we are not being asked for much. Let's prove our hearts are in the right place and open to this appeal.

Army of Amazons Back In Kitchen As Troops Come

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
PITTSBURGH, Kansas, Dec. 15.—The "Amazon" army, which yesterday was terrorizing southern Kansas, today had vanished as Kansas militia charged into the "riot" area to quell petticoat warfare.

ARMY BENEFIT ADDS FEATURES

BROADWAY CHORUS GIRLS TO APPEAR IN NEW DANCES—SOLOIST AND NOVELTY MUSICAL STUNTS SECURED.

The Broadway chorus girls, in new and original dances, appearing at both the gymnasium and the Elks hall, have been added to the bill which will be presented tomorrow night at the Salvation Army benefit, to be given under the auspices of the American Legion and the local Elks lodge, it was announced today by the joint committee in charge. Another number which has been secured will consist of solos by Mrs. Glenn Goodman.

Dancing is provided for throughout the evening, the Shevlin-Hixon band being secured to furnish music at the gymnasium, while Wilson George's orchestra will play at the Elks hall. Both musical organizations are donating their services, co-operating with the committee in its policy to send every dollar taken in to the Salvation Army.

FEAR BEGGARS ARE PLANNING ROBBERY

Police Issue Warning—Cases of Begging Should Be Reported At Once—Lock Houses, Advised.

House to house begging, instances of which have been reported to the local police this week, is to be discouraged, says Chief R. H. Fox. Any one who is approached with requests for aid is asked to communicate immediately with the police, for investigation of the persons engaged in begging is planned.

Three strangers, one of them a cripple, have appeared at several houses in the residence district. They have in some cases asked for clothing, which leads the officers to suspect that the ostensible beggars are looking over the ground with a view to robbery. A warning that doors and windows should be looked at night is being issued by the police department.

INVITE 100 TO JOIN PROPOSED KIWANIS CLUB

Invitations to 100 citizens of Bend, only two of them from each profession or business and no two from the same firm, to become members of a Kiwanis club to be organized here, are being circulated this afternoon. Fifty must accept in order that a charter may be assured. Walter C. Humpston, international field representative of the organization, has been in Bend for several days.

A meeting to perfect permanent organization will be held tomorrow noon. The temporary officers appointed last night by Humpston met today at a luncheon at the Pilot Butte Inn, and made up a list of men who were to be invited to become members.

Some question as to whether the Kiwanis club might not detract from the Commercial club was expressed at today's meeting. However, Humpston has assured the directors that the opposite is the case in cities where both organizations exist.

Temporary officers appointed last night were: President, Floyd Dement; Vice President, Clyde M. McKay; Secretary, J. Edgar Purdy; Treasurer, J. L. Gaither; Directors, H. E. Allen, A. Whisman, H. K. Brooks, E. P. Mahaffey, C. S. Hudson, R. S. Dart, J. P. Hennessy, L. O. Taylor, J. H. Meister, Paul C. King, E. L. Vinal, R. N. Buchwalter, Dr. H. C. Dodds, J. Edgar Purdy, Clyde M. McKay, Floyd Dement, A. G. Clark, J. L. Gaither.

COURT RULING FAVORS MINERS

CHECKOFF SYSTEM OF COLLECTING UNION DUES UPHELD—ANDERSON INJUNCTION IS MADE INOPERATIVE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The United States court of appeals allowed the coal miners of America a sweeping victory when by upholding the union's claim to the right of operating the checkoff system of collecting union dues. By its action, the court returns the recent injunction granted by Judge Anderson in Indianapolis to that court with instructions to draft a new injunction giving the miners the right to fulfillment existing contracts with mine operators in central competitive fields calling for union dues by checkoff.

The miners recently appealed from the Anderson injunction, claiming it would mean death to unionism.

LOSS \$5,000,000 IN SIDNEY WOOL FIRE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 14. (Delayed.)—A spectacular fire today destroyed the pastoral associations wool stores. Thirty thousand bales of wool were burned with a loss of five millions.

BANDIT WOUNDED, BUT TWO ESCAPE

FWLER, Cal., Dec. 15.—One man was shot, and wounded, and two others escaped, when officers surprised a trio attempting to rob the postoffice at Bowie. No loot was obtained.

KRUG MURDER IS NOW LAID TO STILLWELL

ARRESTED ON SECOND DEGREE CHARGE

WAS STATE WITNESS

Sheriff Roberts Leaves Tonight To Bring Prisoner To Bend—Portland Man Charged With Aiding A. J. Weston.

(Special to The Bulletin.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—George Stillwell was arrested here today charged with second degree murder of Robert H. Krug near Sisters on March 24, 1919. The arrest was made at the request of Sheriff S. E. Roberts of Deschutes county.

Sheriff Roberts will leave tonight for Portland for Stillwell. The date of his return to Bend with his prisoner is uncertain.

The charge against Stillwell, one of the chief witnesses for the state in the trial of the 1920 November term of the Deschutes county circuit court, resulting in the conviction of A. J. Weston, rancher and mill worker in the Sisters section on the charge of murdering Krug, aged hermit rancher living near Sisters, marks a new chapter in the most sensational case ever aired in the local courts. By the complaint drawn last night, Stillwell is charged with aiding Weston in torturing Krug in a vain endeavor to extort money from him, and in killing the aged man when the attempt proved fruitless.

Helped Convict Weston

Stillwell's testimony over a year ago was largely responsible for Weston's conviction, and the defendant was given a life term in the penitentiary. Since then, an appeal through the state supreme court has resulted in the case being remanded to circuit court for retrial, now scheduled to be held at the spring term in 1922.

At the Weston trial, Stillwell related that he, with Weston and Joe Wilson, for whom they were working at the Wilson sawmill near Sisters, had been engaged in the manufacture of moonshine whiskey, and that they had been discovered by Krug engaged in this occupation. He quoted Weston as saying, "We've got to work some way to keep him from catching us moonshining; if we don't get him, he'll get us."

Stillwell also testified regarding a note made payable to Krug by W. S. Fullerton, claimed to have been found in Weston's vest pocket.

Fortune Story Told

He related in addition that Weston had told him on the morning af-

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(Pendleton Tribune)
And so far as the 1925 fair tax is concerned, members of the legislature will save the people of Oregon money if they kill it in special session, for the measure has not a chance of passing the people next May. Any time thirty or forty heavy Pendleton taxpayers stay away from the polls rather than to oppose expenditure of \$25,000 for a tourist auto camp and the necessary money for city running expenses during the coming year because of their public spiritedness, and that alone, it is a pretty reliable sign that the people of Oregon are not in a frame of mind to add \$3,000,000 to their tax burden, especially at a time like this and for an exposition which is to benefit Portland 80 per cent and the remainder of the state 20 per cent.

The Tribune takes pleasure in reversing a stand taken early in the fall when the economic situation promised better things for this section and the state at large, and now goes on record against taxing the outside of Portland territory \$2,000,000 for a world's fair. The people of this and other sections of the state cannot afford the luxury, at the price it is offered to them, in face of more serious problems at home.