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## BRANDEGEE AND HARDING AGREE ON RESERVATION

### NO OBLIGATION TO BE IN ANY DEFENSE OF PACIFIC POSSESSIONS OF POWERS SIGNATORY TO TREATY SAYS AMENDMENT

Senator Johnson Urged Deferring Action on Four-Power Navy Treaty Until Tomorrow; Attitude of "Irreconcilables" A Puzzle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—A compromise reservation to the four-power Pacific treaty was agreed upon by President Harding and Senator Brandegee, "irreconcilable" member of the senate foreign relations committee.

The reservation stipulates that the United States understands that under the terms of the Pacific pact, there is no commitment to employ armed force or for any alliance, and no "obligation to be in any defense" of the Pacific possessions of the powers signatory to the treaty.

It was first proposed that final action be taken on the Pacific treaty today, but Senator Johnson urged that it be deferred until tomorrow. The senate voted so.

### PRESIDENT HARDING LOSING PATIENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—President Harding was represented by the administration senators who have recently conferred with him, as "fast losing patience" with the increasing delay the armament conference treaties have encountered in the senate foreign relations committee, due to the opposition to the four-power Pacific treaty.

The committee has before it again today the substitute for the Brandegee reservation to the Pacific treaty agreed upon by Harding and Lodge, but there appears little chance of compromise being reached in view of the continued refusal of the republican "irreconcilables" and democratic members to accept one.

## U. S. PROTESTS TO JAPANESE AGAINST DOPE SMUGGLING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The United States has made a formal protest to the Japanese government against the smuggling of opium, morphine, heroin and other narcotics into this country by the means of Japanese steamships.

Replying to the American complaint, the Tokio foreign office informed this government that efforts would be made to prevent the illegal traffic in drugs and a request was being made of the Japanese ship owners to co-operate with Japanese and American authorities in suppressing the traffic.

## FORD AGREES TO MODIFY HIS BID

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Three alterations to the proposal made by Henry Ford for the government's nitrate and power project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., have been agreed to by the Detroit manufacturer. They are:

1. To write into the proposed contract a definite guarantee to produce fertilizers in their finished form at a given annual minimum tonnage.
  2. To capitalize the operating company, which is to be created for the supervising of the Muscle Shoals operations.
  3. To revise the language of the so-called farmers' clause in order to insure the delivery of fertilizers to the consumers at a profit not to exceed 8 per cent based on the most of manufacture.
- Ford's approval to these modifications were announced by W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for the Ford company, upon his return from Detroit, where he conferred with the manufacturer.

## CONGRESSIONAL AXE HANGING OVER NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS THREATENS HALF THE YARDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The congressional axe is now hanging over the army and navy appropriations threatening the existence of more than half the navy yards in the country, navy officials said today.

It was declared that should the axe fall as heavily on naval appropriations as some congressional leaders are threatening, the navy department will be forced to close all except a few of the essential establishments.

## TWO MORE GIRLS ACCUSE RICKARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The supreme grand jury yesterday returned two more indictments against George L. ("Tex") Rickard, internationally known sportsman, making four in all.

Each of the new bills charge abduction. A 13-year-old girl gave testimony for one charge, and an 11-year-old girl for the other.

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I am told that Secretary Fuller makes the flat positive statement that every one of the present directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be elected next month and that he will remain as secretary the coming year. That makes it look as though the board of directors had formed a slate which they intended to put through, whether or no.

Now, I desire to make this flat statement: If either Carter, McCoy or V. O. N. Smith are elected to succeed themselves, the chance we now have through Mr. Greer to finance the new hotel and sanitarium is absolutely killed. The men Mr. Greer is figuring with will not invest their money in a place where the Chamber of Commerce is controlled by men whom they know to be absolutely against their investment, and they would be chumps if they did.

Mr. Greer has no desire to "control" the Chamber of Commerce, but he does sincerely hope that open-minded men will be elected to the Chamber of Commerce and that the proposed hotel and sanitarium project will go forward, favorably and speedily.

In the approaching election, only paid-up members of the Chamber of Commerce can vote. Those who would rather have a big tourist hotel and sanitarium for Ashland than to have the three gentlemen named above sit in the Chamber of Commerce saddle and throttle Ashland's immediate prospects for big things, should join the Chamber of Commerce before next Tuesday, so they can have a vote, and all members now delinquent in their dues should pay them before next Tuesday so they will be entitled to a vote.

The Chamber of Commerce election is a secret ballot. If you are a member you can register your vote without fear of any of these men, by reason of their connection with banks you owe money, embarrassing you by calling your loan. The ballot is secret and they will not know who voted for or against them.

As these men are forming a combination to re-elect themselves it is essential that the opposition should have a caucus at once and formulate a ticket to run against them so that the opposition can concentrate on given candidates against the Chamber of Commerce slate. Unless this is done the opposition vote will be scattered and their efforts will be defeated. I have kept pretty closely in touch with the sentiment of citizens and feel certain that there is opposition enough to defeat these men five to one if everybody who are members pay up their dues and other interested citizens at once join the club so they will have a vote. To be in good standing you need only pay up your dues, not your budget subscription.

If you want to vote you must be a member in good standing before next Tuesday.

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## Mr. Greer Makes Interesting Talk Before Large Audience

A large and interested audience was on hand last evening at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock last evening to hear the proposition that Bert R. Greer had to present in regard to the hotel and sanitarium project. At the hour of opening, over a hundred persons were present, and they continued to come until 8 o'clock, making the total number present run in the neighborhood of 150.

Mr. Greer, in beginning his talk, took his hearers back to 1914, when he was at the head of the springs water commission, and was instrumental in mobilizing the various spring waters that we now have in Lithia park in the various fountains. At that time the city was bonded to the extent of \$175,000 for this purpose, and Mr. Greer emphatically stated that every cent of that money went for the payment of said system. This amount paid for the system but at that only the basis of what was to come had been accomplished. On that basis, it was expected to interest outside capital to invest from \$300,000 up in a sanitarium and hotel project. From that day to this, Mr. Greer has been busy endeavoring to bring such capital to Ashland.

After having various persons here, endeavoring to get them interested in the project, Mr. Greer finally came in contact with a wealthy hotel man and one who has had a wide experience in the kind of hotel Ashland is in need of at the present time. The gentleman is the owner of three large hotels in California, one at Santa Barbara, one at Los Angeles and another at El Centro in the Imperial valley. After having heard of the Ashland proposition from a number of friends, this gentleman finally was willing to talk business with Mr. Greer and told him that if everything was as represented, he was "sold" on the proposition. But, realizing the isolation of Ashland and the loss that would inevitably result at the beginning before the place could be properly advertised, he demanded some offset in return for that loss in the way of a \$50,000 bonus. After further conferences, this demand was reduced to \$30,000

in consideration of the 1925 exposition to be held in Portland, which was believed would bring many tourists to Ashland as well as Portland, and help to make up the early deficit.

This capitalist is now ready to come to Ashland, according to Mr. Greer, and is awaiting the word to start. This word depends on the outcome of the coming Chamber of Commerce election. The retiring directors, who Mr. Greer asked to be replaced by other persons, are E. V. Carter, J. W. McCoy and V. O. N. Smith, who have thrown various obstructions in his path in the past when Mr. Greer was working in the interest of Ashland. These gentlemen Mr. Greer praised in the highest way as bankers, but said he believed they must be set aside as directors of the Chamber of Commerce before the city can be expected to take its place as a large tourist center which is justly its due. In closing Mr. Greer asked that the directors elected at the coming election be wide awake and open-minded citizens who would work for the best interests of Ashland.

## Public Meeting Called Tuesday

A public meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the city hall Tuesday evening, February 28. This meeting is not confined to the membership of the chamber, but it is hoped that all who are interested in the civic betterment of our community will show their interest by attending. The directors of the chamber will be glad to listen to any suggestions that may aid them in the discharge of their duties and constructive criticism will be welcomed.

Louis E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives in the last legislature speaks at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Grants Pass on Monday, the 27th, and we have his promise to make a short address to us at our meeting, the 28th. Mr. Bean is an eloquent speaker and his talk will be an interesting one.

A report of the financial standing of the organization and the work of the year will be given by the secretary, and the preliminary steps taken toward the election of six directors for the term of two years.

At Junior High—Merl Hess has left school this week and moved with his folks to California.

The pupils who have been confined to their homes with colds for some time, are gradually returning to school.

The committee of entertainment has plans for a program to be presented in the Armory about April 1.

The county nurse has been at the Junior High and Hawthorne schools this week.

## CHARLES PURDIN ON SECOND TRIAL

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—Hearing of witnesses in the second trial of Charles W. Purdin, charged with the murder of his former wife, Agnes Purdin, and her lover, Howard Sigbsby, was continued this morning.

Leo Gotesch, deputy coroner, said that when he arrived at Mrs. Purdin's home on the morning of December 31, he found Mrs. Purdin, in her nightgown, dead on the bedroom floor, and Sigbsby, scantily attired, dead on the floor in the front room. Purdin, with a gas tube in his mouth, was on the kitchen floor. The gas was turned on and he was semi-conscious. A canary was dead in a cage near him.

R. J. Endicott, taxi driver, testified to driving Purdin to Mrs. Purdin's home, 448 East Forty-seventh street, about 10:45 o'clock the night before. A neighbor testified to hearing three shots and the scream of a woman about 11 o'clock.

There was no indication that the defense would be changed from what it was at the first trial, when Purdin claimed that he found his former wife and Sigbsby together, he not knowing that his wife had obtained a divorce, and that they attacked him when he broke through a window. Sigbsby had a gun, he claims, and Mrs. Purdin was killed when she stepped between them. He killed Sigbsby, he admitted, but claims it was in self-defense.

All was fair in love and war until they held a peace conference.

## Mabel Normand in Serious Condition

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—The condition of Mabel Normand, ill from influenza, aggravated by the nervous breakdown following the murder of William Desmond Taylor, was described today as being "grave and critical" by her physicians at her secluded temporary home.

Two nurses are in constant attendance and only her physicians are allowed to see the film star. It was reported that she was partially paralyzed.

Dr. Fulton, one of Miss Normand's physicians, issued a statement later in the day that the actress was in no immediate danger of death, but was seriously ill.

## DOG GUARDS DEAD MASTER Beside Forest Trail

STEVENSON, Wash., Feb. 24.—John Munyan, 60 years old, caretaker of the Soda Springs hotel in the Columbia national forest, was found dead beside the trail Sunday morning, his dog keeping vigil over the body. Munyan was last seen alive on Wednesday, February 15, when he came to the Stabler post office for mail and provisions.

The snow at the hotel, which is in the heart of the mountains, is four feet deep, but Munyan was able to walk upon the crust and had gone about one mile from the hotel when he apparently became ill.

Basketball Tonight—Ashland high school's team tonight will play the Roseburg quint tonight at the high school gymnasium.

## CROWDED COURT WITNESSES SHOOTING OF TEXAS MAN BY GIRL HE ASSAULTED

WACO, Texas, Feb. 24.—While a crowded court room looked on in horror, J. S. Crosslin, on trial here for criminal assault, was shot and killed by Marcie Mathews, the 17-year-old girl he is alleged to have wronged.

Miss Mathews took the stand to tell her story. Trembling and almost hysterical, she drew from her pocket and automatic and shot Crosslin three times. He fell from his chair dead.

## BEN SCOVELL AND ROSEBURG GIRL WED

Ben Scovell, Shakespearean actor, who filled a number of engagements in Ashland some time ago, and Miss Eula Flurry, of Roseburg, were quietly married Wednesday in Oakland, Or. Mr. Scovell, who was through this country and England with his uncle Sir Henry Irving, is a veteran of the Boer war and served as an entertainer with the Canadian and American forces on the western front from 1915 to 1918.

The bride is a native of Mississippi and the sister of John Flurry, commander of the American Legion post at Roseburg. They left at once for Eugene, where they will be entertained by the Phi Delta Gamma fraternity.

## BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The sales tax plan, designed to raise money necessary for the soldiers' bonus, which was rejected by the tax sub-committee of the house ways and means committee, was referred to the full republican membership of the ways and means committee today. The committee discussed the plan for a few minutes, but adjourned without taking action for or against the measure.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 24.—Seemingly positive proof that Harry N. Fields could not have been in Los Angeles at the time of the Taylor murder was communicated to Sheriff Coffin late yesterday by Edward Fox, chief of detectives, who declared he had evidence that Fields made a deposit of \$180 in a Chicago bank under the name of Sam Caplin on February 2. The bank book showing the deposit was found on Fields at the time of his arrest, Fox said. Fields admitted using the name of Caplin while in Chicago.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—Rebels under the direction of Antonio Medina, held up three trains in the last two days on the Vera Cruz line between San Marcos and Tezuitlan. Service has been halted, pending the arrival of troops.

## CELEBRATES TWELFTH BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY

Master Bill Wilson celebrated his twelfth birthday yesterday evening in various ways. To start the evening off in good shape, a number of boy friends were invited in to have dinner, which was served in the early evening and was rather mixed with various combats among the youngsters. Having had a bountiful meal the boys retired to the park and enjoyed themselves in what way you will have to find out from them direct. When it was time for the fireworks show at the theater, they were all found present and spent an hour of perfect enjoyment.

Those present at the party were, Horace Dunn, Joseph Conley, Jack Nims, Francis Sankey, Barney Miller, Dugal Young, Marion Frost and Billy Young.

Returns from Salem—Miss Mary Spencer, who was in attendance at the Christian Endeavor convention at Salem, returned to her home this week. Miss Spencer reports considerable sickness down the valley, and said the Christian Endeavor delegates were not allowed to visit the penitentiary on account of the severe influenza epidemic among the prisoners.

## NINE DEATHS IN MID-WEST STORM REPORTED TODAY

### IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION IS NOTED AS TWIN CITIES BEGIN DIGGING OUT FROM UNDER HEAVY SNOWDRIFTS TODAY.

Thousands of Dollars Damage Has Been Done by Torrential Rains and Sleet in Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota—Schools Closed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24 (2:30 p. m.)—Improvement in conditions is expected shortly. Railroads are making a determined effort to move the mails. Telephone and telegraph officials said it would be many days before normal traffic conditions can be resumed.

The Twin Cities are digging themselves out this afternoon from under heavy snowdrifts, in some places 30 feet deep. Thousands of automobiles were abandoned in the streets.

Thousands of dollars damage has been done by torrential rains and sleet storms throughout northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. All rural schools in the vicinity of the Twin Cities have been closed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 24.—The death toll of the storm that buried half a dozen states of the middle northwest, completely isolating some sections for the past 72 hours, is known to be at least nine. It is feared that when the wire connections are restored that reports from other towns will increase the death list.

Train schedules and wire communication are still seriously interrupted. One death was reported at Rochester, Minn., through a short-circuited electric wire due to the storm.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 24.—Blizzard conditions prevailed again today throughout the northwest. Sweeping in from the Rocky Mountain regions, the storm which began Tuesday night was rapidly moving eastward today.

Winds ranging from 30 to 50 miles an hour swept the snow in the Dakotas in huge drifts. Duluth, Minn., with nearly 30 inches of snow, reported drifts in many places more than 20 feet high. Most trains out of Duluth have been cancelled.

## GAME PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TO MEET MARCH 1

MEDFORD, Feb. 24.—As the time approaches for the big banquet and meeting of the Jackson County Game Protection association at the Hotel Medford on the night of March 1, interest in the event increases. A meeting was held here recently by Medford and Ashland members of the committee on arrangements.

A special invitation is extended to the stockmen and farmers of southern Oregon to attend for the purpose of discussing ways and means to handle the predatory animal situation, which is becoming such a great menace to the wild life of Oregon. The farmers and stockmen are also urged to come and participate in a discussion on the bounty law question, and the game laws pertaining to the opening and closing of the season. Their advice is wanted on many important questions.

And far more than 100 cents worth of fine eats will be served for the banquet dollar ticket, along with a fine entertainment. The banquet will be served at 7:30 o'clock, and there will be both vocal and instrumental music and 1100 feet of moving picture films, showing pictures of wild game, birds and wild Oregon life, by and under the direction of A. C. Allen.

Prof. Irving Vining of Ashland will be the main speaker of the night. Captain Berghuff, state game warden, member of the state game commission and a number of Portland hotel men will be present. Ashland expects to have a delegation of not less than 50 at the gathering.

## The End of a Perfect Day



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