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WORLD COURT ISSUE
GAIN IN CONGRESS

Flight Expected Over
Question of Adherence
to Tribunal

STILL PROBLEM

Democrat Again Leader of
Affirmative Force

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IN TODAY'S
MORNING REGISTER

The Weather
For Oregon: Fair, with rain or
snow east portion; normal tem-
perature; fresh southerly winds,
becoming gales along the coast
Yesterday's weather in Eugene:
Maximum temperature, 48; min-
imum, 29; precipitation, .03; wind from
northwest, stage of river 2 feet.

Engene and Vicinity

Boys' League program: Friendly
Indians adopt plan of living.
Page 2.
W. A. Elkins home is sold to
Methodist Episcopal church.
Page 2.

Stage and Built for Experiment

In crossing McKenzie pass, Page 2.
"E" letters awarded to seventeen
Eugene high school students.
Page 6.

Paraffin reported in Guard

Company supplies requisition-
ment, Page 2.
Official tours start to help infor-
mation bureau of state, Page 2.
Parmer hit by auto driven by son;
leg and arm believed broken.
Page 2.

Baptist church will build \$80,000

edifice at Ninth and High, Page 2.
Inventory ceremony is held by
Boy Scouts of troop No. 3.
Page 2.

Vets of foreign war elect officers

Paul Kneeland new commander,
Page 2.
Man crushed by paper roll, in-
juringly injured yesterday, Page 2.

Lane physicians elect Dr. E. L.

Zimmerman president of society,
Page 2.
Insurance division of Knights of
Pythias held Christmas eve, Page 2.

Paraffin stratum is reached by

drillers of Guaranty Oil com-
pany, Page 2.
Corps delegates named to attend
W. R. C. convention next June,
Page 2.

P. T. A. invites dads to attend

next meeting at Roosevelt Junior
high, Page 3.
Choir to sing carols in Eugene ho-
tel lobby Christmas eve, Page 2.

Eugene to hold in high regard all

over country, says president of
state chamber, Page 3.
Pupils of Gordon school will en-
tertain tonight and tomorrow
night, Page 2.

Fire damages John T. Evans' garage

on Alder street, Page 8.
Road levies in 49 districts figured,
Page 2.

Program to be given by Bible

school pupils of Christian church,
Page 2.
Social work opening up in county,
Page 2.

Donations received by Mrs. Ady

for Christmas cheer, Page 2.
Ladies of Oregon pretty well em-
ployed; Eugene makes report,
Page 2.

Club leaders to visit Colong to

night, Page 2.
Small case goes through all courts;
L. J. Smith finally pays \$25 fine,
Page 2.

Canata will be given by high

school glee clubs, Page 2.
Typing awards made at Eugene
high school, Page 2.
Ladies elect their officers,
Page 5.

Christmas plans made at high

school, Page 2.
Lane County and Oregon
Tax levy in Springfield to be 7.4
mills higher than last year,
Page 19.

Chamber of commerce at Spring-

field to have meeting today,
Page 19.
Honorary students named in Sprin-
gfield high school, Page 19.

Canata to be given at Thurston

tonight, Page 19.
Methodists to hold quarterly meet-
ing in Glenwood church tonight,
Page 19.

Mrs. Lucy Wooten dies at age of

83 years, Page 12.
Club at Cottage Grove will ob-
serve New Year's day, Page 11.
Many attend meeting of
Farmers' Union from
Dorena, Page 11.

Church table will be given by

Cottage Grove Baptists Sunday,
Page 16.
Car on siding at Oakridge catches
fire and is destroyed, Page 12.

Bain goes to Monroe; Springfield

principal cannot attend Willamette
meeting, Page 16.
Additional news notes and per-
sonals, Pages 11 and 12.

Sports

Lorane club basketball team wins
game from Cottage Grove, Page 6.
Match between Ralph Hand and
Bob Langston will be held at
Oakridge Friday, Page 6.
"Wildcat Pete" locates here and
will wrestle, Page 6.
Double main event is on coming
fight card, Tuesday, December
22, Page 6.

AMERICA INVITED
TO ARMS PARLEY

All Nations Must Attend If
Solution Be Complete,
Says Council

DOCUMENT GIVEN PUBLIC

Preparatory Commission to
Meet in Geneva

MANY TOPICS MENTIONED

Large Technical Staff Will Be
Required if Mission Is Sent
to Europe in Opinion of
State Department

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—

The document was made public
tonight by the state department
without comment. It contained a
brief summary of the work the pre-
paratory commission will be called
upon to do, showing that every
direct and related phase of land,
sea and air armaments is to be
studied. For details of the "Com-
mission and working of this com-
mission" the invitation referred to
the United States government to an-
other document which has not as
yet reached Washington. The
amplifying document should reach
here next week.

Limitations Are Considered

The subjects specifically men-
tioned in the invitation are:
"Factors upon which the war
power of a country depends."
"Whether ultimate war strength
or peace strength should be con-
sidered in applying disarmament
measures."

Various forms of limitation of

land, sea and air forces, hence re-
lative advantages and disadvantages
of such form.
Possible standards of measure-
ment of armament of one country
against that of another.
Possibility of ascertaining whether
a country is armed purely for
defense or in a spirit of aggres-
sion.

Principles under which a relative

scale of armament might be drawn
up, considering such factors as
population, resources, geographical
situation, communications, vulner-
ability of fronts and delays neces-
sary to convert peace armaments
to war footing.

Possibility of distinguishing be-
tween military and civilian aviation.

Estimate of military value of fleets.
Relation between regional and
general disarmament.
Reply Not Started

At the state department it was
said today that formulation of a
reply had not yet been taken up
with President Coolidge by Sec-
retary Kellogg. There are indications
that administrations policies will
not be shaped until the amplify-
ing document is received. Scope of
the preliminary discussion is so
wide, however, as to make clear

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ARMOUR GRAIN COMPANY
TO ACT ON STATEMENT

CHALLENGE OF WHEAT RE-
PORT MADE BY OFFICER

Chicago Board of Trade Silent
on Action of Member in
Argentine Situation

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—The
Armour Grain company of Chicago
said tonight it would issue a
statement soon, probably tomor-
row, about the communication
from the Argentine given out yester-
day by George E. Saunders, vice
president of the company.

The communication challenged
an Argentine government wheat
report.

Chicago board of trade officials
would not comment tonight on the
Argentine reports. The board has
a business conduct committee with
powers to investigate, control or
discipline its members. This com-
mittee was appointed by the board
after suggestions by Secretary of
Agriculture Jardine last summer
that the grain body adopt mea-
sures of its own making to curb
excessive public speculation, with
its consequent wild price swings,
such as occurred last winter. The
Saunders report on the Argentine
has not come before the conduct
committee.

Doubt Is Expressed

Whether it was something that
the committee could take up was
the subject of doubt tonight. L. A.
Fitz of the United States depart-
ment of agriculture who is super-
visor of grain futures trading on
the Chicago board, said:

"Whether the Saunders com-
munication would become a mat-
ter for this committee would de-
pend upon development of the facts
upon which it was based. As the
conduct committee is new there
may be some question how far
its powers extend."

Government Not Acting

Mr. Fitz said he had reported
the Saunders communication to
Dr. W. T. D. Duval of the depart-
ment of agriculture at Washing-
ton and that there was no investi-
gation now under way in his de-
partment. If an investigation were
made, he thought the request for
it would come from the state de-
partment, because the Saunders
communication concerned crop re-
porting in a foreign country.

ROAD ELECTION JAN. 25

PIERCE GIVES PROCLAMA-
TION FOR UMPQUA DISTRICT

(By The Associated Press)
ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 17.—
A proclamation issued by Gov-
ernor Pierce calling a special elec-
tion in the proposed Umpqua
highway improvement district was
received here today by County
Clerk Riddle, who is making the
necessary arrangements for the
election. The election, the first to
be held in the state under the law
passed by the recent legislature,
is to take place on January 25.

The residents of the north-
western section of the county are par-
ticularly interested in the comple-
tion of the Drain-Reedsport sec-
tion of the Umpqua highway. The
road can be designated as a
highway and government coopera-
tion secured if the state
highway commission will designate
the road on the forest highway
map.

Time for Appeal Extended

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—Circuit
Judge Kelly today signed an order
extending the time for filing tran-
script on appeal to January 2, in
the cases of Tom Murray, James
Wilcox and Ellsworth Kelley, sen-
tenced to hang for the slaying of
prison guards in an escape from
the penitentiary here some months
ago.

HOUSE GIVES APPROVAL
TO TAX BILL CHANGES

FINAL PASSAGE TO BE ASKED
OF TODAY'S SESSION

Passenger Automobiles, Jewelry
and Theatre Tickets Among
Articles Acted On

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Re-
peal or reduction of most of the
excise and occupational taxes, as
written into the revenue bill by
the ways and means committee
were approved today by the house.
A determined effort to wipe out
entire the automobile passenger
car tax, which the bill cuts from
18 to 95 per cent was rejected
188 to 95.

With virtually every rate sched-
ule in the bill having been ap-
proved and all amendments to the
measure mowed down by big
majorities, managers of the non-
partisan measure, announced to-
night they would ask the house to
pass it finally tomorrow.

The bill thus would be passed
with its provisions for a \$325,-
000,000 cut in taxes next year, in-
stead as prepared by the ways and
means committee, which would
have cut the bill from \$188 to
\$188 to 95.

Reduction of the automobile
passenger car tax from five to
three per cent.

Repeal of the levies on automo-
bile trucks, tires, parts and acces-
sories.

Repeal of the excise taxes on
jewelry, cameras and lenses, pho-
tographic films and plates, fire-
arms and ammunition, smokers'
articles, coin-operated machines,
mah jong sets and works of art.

Gift tax included.

Repeal of the levies on brokers,
howling alleys, pool and billiard
tables, shooting galleries and rid-
ing academies, automobiles for
fire, tobacco manufacturers, users
of yachts and motor boats.

Repeal of the stamp taxes on
deeds and conveyances.

Reduction of all cigar levies.

Repeal of the admission tax as
applying to the spoken drama.

SALEM STORE ROBBED

MAN HOLDS UP THREE CLERKS
AND CUSTOMER

(By The Associated Press)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—A lone
masked man held up three clerks
and a customer in the C. M. Eppley
store here this evening at 6
o'clock. He obtained between \$75
and \$80 in cash after forcing the
bookkeeper to open the cash reg-
ister at the point of a revolver. A
woman customer in the store, see-
ing the bandit, held up her hands,
bringing a sharp command from
the robber to "keep them down; I
don't want any fuss in here."

Police have been unable to find
any trace of the man.

WORKMAN TAKES LIFE

ILL HEALTH BELIEVED CAUSE
OF SUICIDE

(By The Associated Press)
BEND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Despond-
ency over ill health and a recent
injury to his hand, is thought to
have been the reason for Andrew
F. Tauscher taking his own life
here today. Besides his widow he
is survived by his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Tauscher of Kennewick,
Wash.; a sister, Mary Tauscher, and
a brother, Albert Tauscher, both
of Portland.

Tauscher has been married but
three months. He was 37 years old
and was employed as a planer
feeder at a local sawmill.



UNIDENTIFIED BANK
IN BAD CONDITION

Bramwell Investigation Is
Means of Revealing
Near Failure

NAME NOT ANNOUNCED

Worthless Bonds Held By
Small Institution

BOARD HEARS LETTERS

Note, Claimed to Be Good, Later
Admitted to Be Signed With
Forged Names, Says
Bank Examiner

(By The Associated Press)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—The pre-
carious condition of a western con-
sulting bank, unidentified in the
records to avoid publicity that
might be ruinous, was aired before
the state banking board today when
Frank Bramwell, state superin-
tendent of banks, went under in-
vestigation. The investigation is at
the instigation of representatives of
the Portland National bank and the
unidentified small bank came
into the case at first in an in-
cidental way, but later as the crisis
of the entire inquiry. Prigation
and local improvement bonds of the
city of Washington have hit it
hard.

At the outset of the formal hear-
ing today the banking board and
the Portland National bank repre-
sentatives and attorneys disagreed
as to what the inquiry was to be
about. The board took the position
that the bank representatives at
the informal hearing last Friday,
had made, or at least inferred
charges against the ability and in-
tegrity of Bramwell relative to his
attitude toward the unidentified
bank. Today J. N. Hart, attorney
for the Portland National, insisted
that no charges had been made,
and that the whole question was
whether the Portland National bank
was to be chartered by Bramwell
as a reserve depository for state
bonds. The inquiry proceeded
along the lines demanded by the
banking board, declared that the
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Manager Is Offered

The Portland National repre-
sentatives last Friday introduced a
member to officials of the uniden-
tified bank in which he proposed
that an examiner of the state bank-
ing department take over the man-
agement of the bank at a salary of
\$20,000 a year, with the option of
buying the bank within 12 months.
"He stood in the meantime to be
placed in escrow with the superin-
tendent of banks. Under the op-
tion of the person holding the op-
tion was declared by Will H. Haines,
superintendent of the state bank-
ing department, to have been unduly
arbitrary.

Defending his action, Bramwell
today showed that the unidentified
bank had been under surveillance
by his department for some time.
Its precarious condition was at-
tributed mainly to the fact that it
held irrigation and local improve-
ment bonds of the state of Wash-
ington which were being sold
under fire. Bramwell submitted
correspondence showing that the
cashier of the bank wrote a Seattle
attorney saying that "more than
half of our capital is invested in
these worthless bonds."

List of Bonds Given

Bramwell submitted a list of the
bonds and their present market
value as ascertained by submitting
them to two Portland bond houses
for the benefit of the banking
board. Bramwell said that when
the bonds were examined by the
Portland house they do not know
who held the bonds, or what the
purpose of the inquiry was. Should
the unidentified bank attempt to
liquidate, said Bramwell, its loss
would be about \$27,000.

Another startling disclosure
in Bramwell's testimony was that a
certain note held by the bank, and
which, when the bank was exam-
ined, the cashier claimed was
good, was later admitted by him
at a conference of his board of di-
rectors, to be signed with forged
names. Bramwell said he had a
list of the bank's notes, but he com-
mented only on the one.

Bramwell went into details lead-
ing up to his proposal that a mem-
ber of his department take over the
management of the bank, explain-
ing that the condition of the bank
was such as to make necessary a
readjustment or the sending in of
a competent man to take charge.

First, he said, it was proposed that
a levy of 100 per cent be made on
the shareholders. Later the bank
officials were instructed to put a
competent banking man in charge,
to be named by the president of the
bank with the approval of the bank
superintendent. At a conference
later by Bramwell, two examiners,
four directors of the bank and the
cashier, he said, it was agreed that
a manager should be employed, the
100 per cent assessment to be held
in abeyance. It was also agreed
that if the bank could not find a
proper manager, then the depart-
ment should name one.

President Sends Letter

On July 25 a letter, introduced
in evidence by Bramwell, was re-
ceived by him from the bank presi-
dent, thanking him for kindness
shown and asking him to select a
manager.

Voigt, a bank examiner,
testified that the cashier of the
bank proposed to him that he be-
come manager, but he declined to
entertain the proposal. Bramwell
introduced a letter written by him
to G. B. Kellogg, a former baker
and Moser banking man, asking

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JAPANESE TROOPS HOLD
MUKDEN ARMY SUPPLIES

ARMED FORCES PROHIBITED
FROM ENTERING CITY

General Chang Tso-Lin Will Not
Be Allowed to Return to
Capital, Is Order

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Daily
Mail announces that Japanese
troops have occupied Mukden.
The military information comes
from its Tokyo correspondent,
who announced that the Japa-
nese troops took possession of Muk-
den Wednesday, notwithstanding
the indignant protests of Chang
Tso-Lin.

A later dispatch to the Mail
says:
The city was virtually taken
over by the Japanese under an order
that forbids the entry of any
armed force."

The order also prohibits any acts
of hostilities within six miles of
the Japanese railway from Chang-
chun to Mukden. The railway passes
Mukden at a distance of about
three miles.

The Japanese action is a sequel
to the request of the foreign con-
suls renewed on Monday that Ja-
pan protect her nationals and the
consulates at Mukden.

The city contains Chang Tso-
Lin's stores and arsenal. A com-
mander Chang, who has recently been
operating with his army southwest
of Mukden, will be notified that he
will not be allowed to return to
the capital where his headquarters
is situated, unless he comes as a
complete victor.

General Kuo Sung-Ling, ally of
General Peng Yu-Hiang, head of
the national peopled army, has
also been informed that he will not
be permitted to pursue Chang to-
ward Mukden, if his entry into the
city would be likely to involve
fighting.

Two dispatches of December
15 announced that the war office
was despatching to Manchuria
1000 displacement troops from Ko-
rea and 2500 from the island of
Kyushu for the protection of Japa-
nese interests believed to be en-
dangered in the Chinese warfare.
The Korean troops, the war office
explained, would return to their
original stations as soon as the
Kyushu troops arrived.

The Portsmouth peace treaty of
September 5, 1905, transferred to
Japan considerable territory in
Manchuria, including the South Man-
churia railway. China officially
recognized this transfer and granted
Japan the right to extend the
railway from Mukden to Antung.

A Shanghai dispatch of Decem-
ber 16 reported Japan's positions
in Manchuria as seriously com-
promised by the action of General
Kuo Sung-Ling, who as General
Peng Yu-Hiang's ally, ordered
Marshal Chang Tso-Lin to quit
Mukden.

MAN ADMITS ROBBERIES

PART OF LOOT SAID HIDDEN
IN PORTLAND HOTEL

(By The Associated Press)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—Picked
up by the police at 1:30 o'clock
Monday night, while he and a com-
panion were prowling about a
south Salem residential district, a
man giving his name as George C.
Rider told the police authorities
that he had been responsible for at
least eight burglaries in Portland
recently and that part of the loot
from those robberies is still hidden
in his room in "Eaton" hotel of
Portland.

When arrested Rider had a re-
volver in his possession, which he
admits having stolen in one of the
robberies.

G. A. Rodine, who gave his resi-
dence as Longview, Wash., at the
time of the arrest, is being held
for investigation in connection
with a series of robberies which
have transpired here recently.
Rider said he met Rodine here last
night for the first time.

Rider is being held for the Port-
land police.

SCHOOL MAY BE MOVED

SEATTLE FAVORED FOR NEW
METHODIST STRUCTURE

(By The Associated Press)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—
Transfer of the Kimball school of
theology from Salem, Ore., to Se-
attle was recommended unani-
mously by 100 members of lay-
men from Methodist Episcopal
churches in Washington, Oregon,
Montana and Idaho after an all-
day meeting here today, Dr. J. E.
Crosby, pastor of the University
Methodist Episcopal church
announced tonight.

The proposal will be presented
to the board of trustees of the
school at a meeting in Portland.
Money already ordered for