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OIL PROPERTY SUFFERS LARGE LOSS IN FIRE

SIX MEN ARE MISSING AFTER BLAZE BREAKS OUT AT AVON PLANT

SIX-TON TANKER IS BURNED

Barge Also Destroyed in Fire Which Breaks Out as Result of Broken Power Line

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—Six men are missing, damages estimated at over \$1,000,000 and the destruction of the 6000-ton tanker Alden Anderson of the Associated Oil company, and the barge owned by the Erickson Barge company, was the toll today of a fire on the Associated Oil property at Avon, 25 miles northeast of here. A broken power transmission line is believed to have been the cause.

ESSAY CONTEST WILL END

Better Home Lighting Contest Prizes Will Be Awarded

The Better Home Lighting essay contest which is being participated in by many of the pupils of the city schools and the schools throughout the state and nation will come to a close Monday and all essays must be turned in to the teachers not later than Monday evening, November 3. Local judges will examine the essays and award prizes.

The prize winning local essays will be sent to the national contest. Local prizes will be awarded about the 20th of December and national prizes on May 1, 1925.

SHIP IS WRECKED YESTERDAY

Motorship Shark, of 64 Tons, Goes on Rocks at Crescent City

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—The motorship Shark, of 64 tons was wrecked on the rocks near Crescent City, Cal., late yesterday. The craft was a total wreck. The captain, and eight men have not been accounted for.

FRANCE BELIEVES APPROVAL OF PROTOCOL HAS REFUTED ALL CHARGES OF IMPERIALISM

Paris, Oct. 30.—(U. P.)—France believes that her approval of the Geneva protocol on arbitration, security and disarmament she has finally and definitely refuted the charges of militarism and imperialism.

These charges have been repeated since the World War, both in other capitals of Europe and in North and South America.

The removal from France of the onus of militarism and imperialism is likely to go down as one of the biggest accomplishments of the administration of Edouard Herriot, the radical Premier of France.

French diplomats hope that this change of policy brought about by Herriot—if there has been any fundamental change of policy rather than an explanation of France's real intentions—will have a telling effect especially in the United States.

The Quai d'Orsay (French Foreign Office) points out that France has put herself on record by her peaceful policies at the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations recently at Geneva. With hardly a moment's hesitation, the French Government approved, and her delegates signed, the Geneva protocol on arbitration, security and disarmament. It is pointed out here that

GOVERNMENT RESTING IN NAVAL OIL CASES

Los Angeles, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—The government today rested its case against the Doehny organization for the cancellation of the naval oil reserve leases.

EASIEST WAY TO GET FARM IS TO MARRY

Chicago, Oct. 30.—(U. P.)—Returns show that 33 per cent of the farm land in the United States was acquired via matrimony. The Sears Roebuck agricultural foundation has completed a survey of the land tenure problem.

While no figures are available from the past, 33 per cent is believed to represent a marked increase in marriage titles for the past quarter century.

In five north central states, an average of 8.4 per cent of the farm owners hold their land by marriage. The biggest percentage lies with sea-board states.

PIERCE POLITICS SCORED

Thomas Kay Raps Use of State Cars for Campaign Purposes

Silverton, Ore., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—How state-owned automobiles and public funds have played an important part in the campaign now being conducted by Governor Pierce and his Democratic appointees in behalf of Jefferson Myers was told by Thomas B. Kay, Republican candidate for state treasurer at the November election, in an address here last night before a large crowd.

Mr. Kay declared that in an investigation of the public records he had discovered that Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Myers, at a recent meeting of the state board, had adopted a resolution authorizing the distribution of political propaganda at the expense of the taxpayers. Under authority of this resolution, Mr. Kay charged, the governor and state treasurer had caused to be sent out approximately 5000 circulars at a cost of not less than \$250. This expense, Mr. Kay said, had been charged against the common school fund.

It was also charged by Mr. Kay that during the last few weeks Governor Pierce and a number of his political appointees had been campaigning in state-owned automobiles. Investigation of these expense accounts, Mr. Kay said, indicated that the cost to the taxpayers would be even larger than he at first had anticipated.

the other great powers, such as Great Britain, did not go so far in this respect as France withholding their actual signatures at Geneva, for further consideration of the protocol.

The French Foreign Office also points out these important steps that have been taken by France in the direction of disarmament and world peace. During the last five years France has reduced by 50 per cent the length of the period for obligatory military service; reduced by 25 per cent the strength of her military forces; and reduced by 50 per cent her naval forces.

None of the nations that is so radically in favor of disarmament and so opposed to militarism and imperialism, has gone so far as France, it is said here.

France regards as highly important from the standpoint of the United States the arbitration provisions of the new Geneva protocol. Her diplomats point out that American statesmen for the past 100 years have made the principle of arbitration one of the most important goals toward securing world peace.

French officials in discussing this comparison leave hanging, of course the question whether the United States, therefore, should not adhere to the protocol.

COAST POINTS GET WARNINGS OF NEW STORM

ONE STORM IS MODERATING AND ANOTHER IS SEEN APPROACHING

WIRE SERVICE IS HINDERED

Eastern Oregon and Mountain Regions Report Snow Storms—Foot Falls in Cascade Range

Portland, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—While the storm swept the Pacific northwest this week was moderating today, the weather bureau forecast another storm approaching the Washington coast. Southeast storm warnings have been posted. The wire service was interrupted in Oregon today south of Eugene. Bend reported four inches of snow early today. There is a foot of snow on the Cascade range divide.

The wind blew 72 miles per hour at North Head at noon today.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION AUTHORIZES ROAD WORK

Portland, Ore., Oct. 30.—Thirty miles of the Dalles-California highway in Wasco county were ordered surfaced by the state highway commission yesterday. When surfaced this will complete the highway in that county. The section is from White River to Cow canyon. The work was awarded to Joelin & McAllister of Spokane for \$138,400. Twenty bidders competed for the award.

The highway commission is now prepared to wipe out the last of the grade crossings on the Pacific highway. The four overhead crossings in Douglas county will be started as soon as the county can finance its percentage of the cost. These overheads are at Oakland, Wilbur, Sutherlin and Shady. All are bad grade crossings, particularly the one at Oakland. Cost of the overheads is divided between the Southern Pacific railroad, the state and the county.

Quebec, P. Q., Oct. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Ismael Bedard, a French-Canadian farmer, of Charlebourg, Quebec county, claims the distinction for his family of having lived longer in one place than any other family in North America. His forebears have held the same farm, without interruption in the succession, since 1629, according to the returns of a questionnaire sent out to parish priests in the province by the Arts, Sciences and Letters Society here.

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DAVIS WOULD REVISE TARIFF

Third Statement of Series Is Given Out at New York

New York, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—The third statement of the series by John W. Davis, outlining the outstanding campaign issues, made public today, was confined exclusively to the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill which he declared will be rewritten in the event of a democratic victory.

GERMANY IS SEEKING TRADE

Economists Study Regulations Between Britain and Germans

Washington, Oct. 30.—(U. P.)—The concentrated effort of German traders to revive business relations between Great Britain and Germany is under close scrutiny of U. S. Department of Commerce economists.

Success or failure of British and German traders manufacturers and financiers to work together to mutual advantage is of great importance to the United States, they say. With extensive trade intercourse between two such great producers and consumers, there must naturally be a pronounced effect on the business of both with this country.

Records transmitted to the Department from its London trade commissioner's office show that 15,000 Germans visited the United Kingdom in the past six months. They may be called "ground floor" Germans, as they were making plans to enjoy any grade revival resulting from the Dawes plan application and the lapsing of the McKenna duties and the Anti-Dumping provisions of the British Safeguarding of Industries Act.

WEATHER VANE ROUSES ROOSTER TO DO BATTLE

West Amboy, N. Y., Oct. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Perley Bobb, a poultryman of this place, has the champion fighting rooster of the town.

Mr. Bobb placed a metal rooster weather vane on his henhouse. For an hour his white Wyandotte rooster walked around the henyard eyeing the weather vane. Just before noon Bobb went to the henhouse and was surprised to see the rooster on the roof fighting the weather vane.

BIBLE CONTINUES TO BE WORLD'S BEST SELLER

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The Bible continues to be the world's best seller, with an annual distribution of more than 7,000,000 copies issued by the American Bible society. This was attested in a report submitted today to the biennial convention here of the United Lutheran church in America.

Lutheran members of the advisory board of the Bible society announced that the largest circulation of the Bible outside of the United States was in China, which last year received more than 2,500,000 copies.

FRIENDS OF AIR MAIL FORMING ORGANIZATION

Washington, Oct. 30.—(U. P.)—The Air Mail Service of the Post Office Department has found many friends.

Commercial, business, industrial and civic organizations all over the country are pledging themselves to do everything possible to strengthen and encourage the use of the Air Mail service.

A campaign of publicity to induce the public to utilize the air service has been in progress for some time. Responsible citizens, according to the Post Office Department, have formed an "Air Mail Extension Committee." The latest organization to align itself with similar bodies for the promotion of the service is the Chamber of Commerce of the State of Nevada.

RENO DELEGATION COMING

Stage to Bring Nevada Boosters Into Grants Pass

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HE GETS 'EM

E. Van Buskirk, assistant chief of the bureau of identification of the department of justice, has been a finger-print specialist for more than 30 years. His office co-operates with foreign governments in running down criminals.

SMITH AND ROOSEVELT ARE STAGING CLOSE CONTEST FOR GOVERNORSHIP OF NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—New York's gubernatorial campaign, which impartial observers concede is the most hotly contested in years, has attracted national attention because of the prominence of the two leading candidates—Governor Alfred E. Smith and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy.

Although the issues involved are mainly state ones, the campaign between one of the most popular men who ever sat in the governor's chair at Albany and the son of the former president has been closely watched by the Democratic and Republican national leaders.

Governor Smith, seeking a third term, has made his campaign solely on his record in office. When eliminated as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president he let it be known that he would not seek renomination for governor. He explained he had given many of his best years to the state and that he would welcome a respite from office. As the weeks sped by, however, the demands that he again head the state ticket became so insistent that he finally yielded. When the Democratic state convention assembled at Syracuse the governor was nominated by acclamation.

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GRUNDY TO BE AGAIN CALLED ON SLUSH FUND

SENATE SAYS APPEARANCE IS IMPERATIVE—CANNOT BE LOCATED

SEEK TO SHOW SUBSIDY

Republicans State That Railroad Unions Are Behind Candidacy of LaFollette For President

Washington, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—Chairman Grundy of the Pennsylvania ways and means committee, whose letters to LaFollette were first quoted in charging a republican "slush fund", was notified today by the senate committee that he "must" appear. Grundy was a witness before the committee last week, and was asked to testify again. His office notified the committee that he could not be located. His reappearance is regarded as "imperative" the committee message said.

KINNEY BUILDING IS SOLD

Clarence Trumbly Is Purchaser of Business Block

The Kinney building, which contains the Truax Grocery, Woodard's and the Englewood dry goods store, as well as the old opera house, has been purchased by Clarence Trumbly, of this city. Mr. Trumbly states that he contemplates the remodeling of the building but will not undertake the improvements until a later date. The purchase price is given at slightly under \$20,000.

The Kinney building is one of the oldest structures in Grants Pass and for a long time contained the only place where shows could be presented. In recent years the opera house has not been used, the greater part of the second floor of the building not being used. The property was owned by Kate M. Kinney, formerly a Grants Pass resident, but now of Pomona, Cal.

The sale was made through E. L. Churchill.

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COOLIDGE MAY AGAIN TALK

Tentative Plans Being Made for Monday Talk

Washington, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—Tentative plans for a radio address by President Coolidge on Monday night are being made by the republican national committee.

MASSACHUSETTS SCENE OF LAFOLLETTE ACTION

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—Senator LaFollette left today for a 34-hour invasion of Massachusetts, President Coolidge's home state.

NEWS SERVICE WILL BE PART OF O. A. C. PROGRAMS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oct. 30.—Radio news service supplied by the department of industrial journalism will from now on be a thrice a week feature of the program from the college station KFDV. The first news program will be given Thursday night commencing at 7:30 o'clock, and thereafter news will be broadcast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the same hour. This service is not to be confused with the regular agricultural extension programs, but will give news of campus events and the activities of students.

MAY NOT TAKE APPOINTMENT

Rector Says He May Refuse to Accept Bishopric

Chicago, Oct. 30.—(A. P.)—Dr. Frederick Sidney Fleming, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of Atonement, who yesterday at Seattle was elected Bishop of the Olympic diocese, said today he has not yet decided whether to accept the Bishopric.

BRITAIN ENDS LABOR'S RULE BY HUGE VOTE

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