

THIRD PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OPENED

United States Is Ready to Reciprocate With Sister Republics.

Washington, D. C. — The United States desires nothing from Latin America that she is not willing reciprocally to grant to her sister republics, Secretary Kellogg said in an address at the opening of the third Pan-American commercial conference.

Four hundred delegates from the United States and the 29 Latin American republics listened to the secretary's welcome, in which he stressed the "unity of purpose and unity of ideals" of the American nations.

"The more I study the conditions of this continent," Kellogg said, "the more I am impressed with the fact that the basic principles underlying the civilization of all the republics of America are essentially the same. The points of resemblance that unite us are far more numerous and far more important than any difference that may exist."

Kellogg defined Pan-Americanism as "far deeper than the existence of friendly relations between governments." It means, above all things, he said, a mutually sympathetic understanding of national ideals and purposes between the peoples of this continent.

"We are anxious," he continued, "that this hemisphere shall give to the world an example of orderly progress, of mutual respect for rights, and that there shall also be a mutual fulfillment of obligations. It is only on such a basis that real and permanent progress can be assured."

G. N. ROAD GETS SUBURBAN LINES

Washington, D. C. — The Great Northern took another step in strengthening its interests in the Inland Empire when the interstate commerce commission gave the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene & Palouse railway authority to acquire the lines of the Spokane & Eastern Railway & Power company and the Inland Empire Railroad company. This is, in effect, a gathering into the hands of the Great Northern of the network of suburban lines branching out from Spokane. Operating alone, it is said, they cannot expect to stand. Combined in one management, using the Great Northern trackage and depot in Spokane and serving as feeders for a trunk line, they are counted on to survive and thrive.

Announcement of this consolidation, coming on the heels of the Great Northern's bid for entry into Klamath Falls and for operation of Great Northern trains from Spokane through to the southern boundary of Oregon, gives emphasis to the keen interest it is showing in building up for itself various laterals of traffic without regard to the affections of the Northern Pacific.

MURDERER BREAKS JAIL

Edward Sickles, Who Shot Sultan, Wash., Marshal Escapes.

Everett, Wash.—Edward C. Sickles of Seattle, under sentence of death for murder, escaped from the county jail here early Sunday.

The board of county commissioners has offered a reward of \$500 for his capture, dead or alive.

The 27-year-old desperado, who was convicted here March 23 of slaying Percy Z. Brewster, town marshal of Sultan, Wash., was aided from the outside in his break for liberty, county officials believe.

Sickles was to be hanged at the state penitentiary in Walla Walla on Friday, May 13.

Wyoming Rancher Shot by Horse.

Laramie, Wyo.—Clarence Gothberg, ranch hand, is in a hospital here, one of the few men who can say he was shot by a horse. Gothberg was saddling a skittish animal in a barn near Millbro, when the horse kicked a .22 caliber rifle, discharging it. The bullet, deflected by a rib, tore a six-inch furrow under the skin and lodged in the back, Gothberg will recover.

\$5,000,000 Raised to Boost Lumber.

Chicago, Ill.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' association meeting here has raised \$5,000,000 to be spent in an effort to increase the popularity of lumber as a building construction material. Brick, tile and stone manufacturers have taken some of the lumber business, according to Frank G. Wisner, president.

Wind Flattens School, Injuring 16.

Scottsburg, Ind.—Sixteen children were injured, two probably fatally, when a country schoolhouse in the west part of Scotts county was blown down during a severe rain and wind storm.

COL. BLANTON WINSHIP



Col. Blanton Winship, U. S. A., who has been named military aid to President Coolidge.

FOUR NEW GREVASSES OPEN IN FLOOD AREA

New Orleans, La.—Louisiana Monday began feeling the full force of the floods which have devastated more than 10,000 square miles of territory and a score of towns in Arkansas, Mississippi and other valley states to the north.

Breaking through the protecting levees at four places south of Vidalia, the rushing Mississippi torrent was completing the inundation of Concordia parish, with prospects that it would overflow most of Catahoula, northern Avoyelles and the low parts of La Salle and eastern Rapides parishes.

The threatened territory comprises about 3100 square miles with a population of 70,000, and a property value of more than \$30,000,000.

While the main river flood was overflowing the Arkansas river was spreading over southeastern Arkansas, and the flow from the Stop's landing break above Greenville was widening over the Mississippi delta, adding hourly to the homeless and swelling the gigantic Mississippi delta.

INCOME TAXES DROP

Oregon and Washington Income Returns in 9 Months Less.

Washington, D. C.—Receipts of federal taxes in Oregon for the nine months which ended March 31, were approximately \$700,000 less than those for the same period a year ago, but only \$230,000 of the drop was attributable to reduction of income taxes, according to the latest report of the bureau of internal revenue.

The total of income tax paid by residents of the state of Oregon during the nine months ending March 31, 1927, was respectively \$4,689,272 and \$4,919,175 for the corresponding period of 1926.

The aggregate of federal taxes collected from the state of Washington, including Alaska, dropped from \$11,110,524 for the nine months ending March 31, 1926, to \$10,728,451 for the corresponding period ending March 31, 1927. Income taxes increased from \$9,306,801 to \$10,142,139, but miscellaneous taxes dropped from \$1,803,722 to \$586,311.

Lightning Bolts Kills Four Fliers.

Norfolk, Va.—Four navy airmen, two lieutenants and two petty officers, were killed by a bolt of lightning that struck their seaplane 1200 feet in the air and sent it hurtling into Chesapeake bay off New Point Comfort, a splintered and scattered wreck.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.45; hard winter, \$1.42; soft white, western white and northern spring, \$1.39; hard winter, \$1.38; western red, \$1.36.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20@20.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22.
Butterfat—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@23c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.50@10.25.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.00@10.65.
Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$11.50@13.50.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.41; hard winter, northern spring \$1.40; western red, \$1.39½; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.46½; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.43.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.
Butter—Creamery, 43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 25@28c.
Hogs—Good, \$11.00@11.35.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.50@10.25.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.50.
Hogs—Good, \$10.30@10.50.

HUGH D'AUTREMONT PLACED ON TRIAL

Charged With First Degree Murder Committed in Hold-up of S. P. Train.

Medford, Or.—Hugh De Autremont, for over three years the most hunted man in the United States, was placed on trial for his life Monday morning at the Jacksonville court house. He is charged with murder in the first degree of Coyle O. Johnson, on October 11, 1923, during a holdup of Southern Pacific train 13 in the Siskiyou mountains at tunnel No. 13, about 17 miles south of Ashland.

De Autremont's trial will be one of the most important and sensational cases which has ever been tried in Oregon courts. Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas will be on the bench.

Attorney Fred E. Smith of Eugene will be chief defense counsel. Associated with him will be Attorney John A. Collier of Portland, Attorney Gus Newbury of Medford and Attorney David Evans of Eugene.

Prosecuting the case for the state will be Newton C. Chaney, district attorney of Jackson county; George Neuner, United States district attorney, of Portland, and Attorney George Roberts of Medford.

Four men were killed in the Siskiyou holdup, the mail and express cars were blown to a twisted mass with nitroglycerin and the robbers escaped with an unknown amount of loot. The men killed were: S. G. Bates, 55, engineer, of Dunsmuir, Cal.; Cal M. Seng, fireman, Ashland, Or.; C. F. Daugherty, 35, mail clerk, and Coyle O. Johnson, 40, brakeman, of Ashland.

The holdup occurred shortly after the noon hour in a densely wooded, wild mountain district. Three men took part in the holdup, after laying in ambush and commandeering the train when it slowed down on the grade at the tunnel.

BOOTLEGGERS PAY LARGE INCOME TAX

New York. — Total federal income taxes paid by bootleggers in this city last year amounted to \$5,000,000, Hugh McQuillan, chief of the secret service unit attached to the internal revenue department here, revealed.

McQuillan said his department was not concerned with "any law violations except those dealing with the federal tax," and he had given this information to "prominent bootleggers" who came to his office to "sound him out" on the question of paying their 1926 income tax.

"They made their returns under the clause 'revenue from other sources' in the tax blanks," he said. "It is not up to us to turn their names over to the prohibition authorities."

It was intimated that when the figures on taxes paid by bootleggers and other gamblers are announced they will be just as amazing as those paid by illicit liquor dealers.

U. S. ADMIRAL BARRED

American Naval Officer Refused Soviet Permission to Traverse Russia.

Moscow. — The soviet government recently announced it had refused to give a transit passport permitting Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American naval commander in the Mediterranean, to cross soviet territory on his way to take command of the American fleet in Chinese waters.

The grounds for this attitude by the soviet government were stated to be Washington's refusal to permit Gregory Sokolnikoff, ex-finances commissioner; George Piatakoff, economic commissioner, and Mme. Kollantay, soviet ambassador to Mexico to enter the United States.

Rear-Admiral Bristol, who is high commissioner to Turkey and commander of the United States naval forces in Turkish waters, is said to have asked for a visa for himself and his wife, explaining that Mrs. Bristol was unable to stand a long Pacific voyage.

Republic, Wash., Gold Rush Keeps On.

Spokane, Wash. — With announcement of mining men that evidences bear out the belief that a vein of gold-bearing ore 12 feet in width has been discovered near Republic, Wash., excitement continued high there. Owners of agricultural and timber lands are selling options on the mineral in their holdings, and operations are continuing on the Joe Wiseman workings, where indications are said to be promising.

Ex-Senator Beveridge Is Laid to Rest

Indianapolis, Ind.—The body of Albert J. Beveridge, ex-United States senator and noted biographer, who died here of a heart ailment, was taken to its final resting place in Crown Hill cemetery here with impressive rites.

W. H. THOMPSON



W. H. Thompson, republican, who was elected mayor of Chicago, defeating W. E. Dever, democrat.

COURT TEMPORARILY PERMITS FISH WHEELS

Portland, Or. — Fish wheels were permitted to operate on the Columbia river when the salmon fishing opened.

Operators of wheels and traps won a temporary victory in United States district court when an order restraining the state of Oregon and its fish commission from interfering with operation of wheels and traps until a time when a full trial can be had and a judicial decision reached on the constitutionality of the initiative measure, adopted by the voters of Oregon last November, abolishing all wheels and traps.

The restraining order was issued in response to the petition of P. J. McGowan & Sons, a Washington corporation which operates fish wheels on the Oregon shore of the Columbia river in Hood River county.

The McGowans asked the court to restrain the state of Oregon from enforcing the law which was to have gone into effect with the opening of the salmon commercial fishing season on the ground that it was in violation of a compact entered into by Washington and Oregon in 1915 and ratified by congress in 1918. This compact regulates fishing seasons and methods on the Columbia and its terms can only be changed by the mutual consent of both states.

It was also set up by the petitioner that the Oregon law is a violation of the federal constitution in that it provides for the confiscation of property without due process of law.

Appearing for the petitioners were W. B. McCord of Seattle and E. W. Anderson, assistant attorney general of Washington.

Attorney General Van Winkle, appeared in behalf of Oregon.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Soviet Russia has decided to send a delegation to Geneva to attend the League of Nations economic conference.

Secretary Wilbur has disapproved a movement to establish a second naval academy on the west coast or some other place.

President Coolidge does not foresee the necessity of calling a special session of congress to meet the situation in the Mississippi flood area.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, formerly Virginia Fair, filed suit for divorce and William K. Vanderbilt a counter suit for divorce in Paris courts.

Charged with embezzling \$1,000,000 of the funds of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land bank, six officials and directors of the bank were indicted by a Kansas City federal grand jury.

Another record price for New York stock exchange membership was established when the seat of Reginal Fincke was sold to Charles Sincere for \$190,000. The previous price was \$180,000.

Gangster Admits Slaying Mayor.

Benton, Ill.—Solving the murder of Joe Adams, former mayor of West City, Ill., Harry A. Thomasson, 19, Birger gangster, confessed he and his brother, Elmo, now dead, shot down Adams at his front door on the afternoon of December 12, last. The confession was made in open court and Circuit Judge Charles H. Miller sentenced Thomasson to life imprisonment. Thomasson said the "murder was committed at the command of Charlie Birger, Southern Illinois gang leader.

Flier Believed Smuggler; Shot Down.

Los Angeles.—A. J. Daugherty, student aviator of Somerset, Ohio, was shot and killed by three federal immigration inspectors, who shot down an airplane believed to contain smugglers.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The season's first carload of asparagus was forwarded from Hood River last week.

The honey season this year in Clatsop county is six weeks behind the usual time.

Last Saturday was Baby day in Corvallis. It was the first baby clinic to be held in Benton county.

Cleanup day was observed last week at the Sandy union high school. Nearly all the students and faculty took part.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George, pioneer residents of St. Helens, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there last week.

The city of Bandon is preparing to oil a number of streets, last year's experiment having been considered successful.

The sixth annual reunion of the Old Wasco County Pioneer association will be held in the civic auditorium at The Dalles May 7.

The city of Springfield has requested the Eugene chamber of commerce and the Lane county court to help in a flood prevention project.

Approximately two-thirds of the city of Empire, on Coos bay, will be replanted in connection with an industrial project now under way.

Work is again under way at the Leeper Dome oil well near Sutherlin and indications are that operations will be continued indefinitely.

Despite the covering of ice and snow over Diamond lake, rainbow trout are beginning to spawn. Eggs are being taken by the game commission.

Royal Anne and Bing cherries seem to have been damaged more than other varieties, according to F. B. Harlow, an orchardist of Lane county.

Miss Mildred Cole of Albany has been elected queen of the May day exercises of Albany college, which will be held on the new campus May 6.

Delegates from all up and down the Oregon coast were in attendance last week at a meeting of the Oregon Beaches-Roosevelt Highway association.

While some damage was done to the pear crop in the Medford district, the real danger is yet to come, says the government frost expert stationed there.

A city election is to be held at North Bend for the purpose of voting on a proposition to eliminate city taxes from new industries for a period of 10 years.

Due to contamination believed to be coming from an unlocated sewage leak, drinking water from the Central Point water system must be boiled before using.

An evidence of the gradual return to normalcy in the lumber industry of Klamath county is the announcement of the reopening of several logging camps.

Cottage Grove was selected by the Umpqua Valley Baptist association as the meeting place for the 1928 convention. The annual meeting will be held in September.

An English bayonet, 20 inches long, believed to date back to the massacre of the Smith party at East Gardiner in 1828, was excavated by workmen at Gardiner, near Reedsport.

Students on the University of Oregon campus number 3054, according to registration figures for the spring term. This is an increase of 50 over the same period last year.

Irl I. Blazg, Hood River county tax assessor, narrowly escaped death last week while leveling an orchard tract for irrigation. Mr. Blazg was riding a drag, which tipped over, when striking an obstruction. Although pinned under the cumbersome implement, he stuck with the reins when the team ran away.

Bend is jubilant over the Great Northern extension plans announced last Tuesday. No formal celebration was held but a feeling of general satisfaction was expressed by business men.

Another dividend of 10 per cent will soon be paid by the defunct First National bank of Bandon. This will be the fourth dividend, making a total of 70 per cent since the bank closed two years ago.

More than 2000 Marion county school children, chosen as physically the most perfect in the county, paraded on the streets of Salem last Saturday in the first demonstration of its kind ever held on the Pacific coast.

The property of the Central Oregon Irrigation district is valued at approximately \$2,000,000 and the district's indebtedness is \$262,000, according to a report prepared by the district directors for consideration of the state engineers.

A cougar measuring nine feet from tip of nose to tip of tail was killed on Cedar creek in Columbia county by Reed Holden, according to word received at the state game commission.

Federal Judge Robert S. Bean has announced that there will be no jury service in the Oregon federal courts during May and June, because the government has no money to pay jurors or witnesses during those months.

A log scaler named Dugan, about 40, employed by the East Side Logging company near Keasey, was instantly killed last Tuesday when a stringer of a trestle gave way and a load of logs, on which he was standing, fell with him.

The annual conference of the Southern Oregon Association of Law Enforcement Officers was held in Roseburg last week. The association includes all state, county and city peace officers, as well as traffic and game officials.

While a big barn, one of two believed to have been destroyed by a firebug, burned just west of Redmond last week, men with rocks and sticks fought back a herd of dairy cows, to keep the animals from running into the blazing structure.

Jefferson Myers, members of the shipping board from Portland, has advised the Portland chamber of commerce that one of the government's new battle cruisers may be named in honor of the city of Portland, if official request is made for such distinction.

Bids for improving the Mount Hood-Wapinitia highway, Mount Hood national forest, and the Salmon river clearing and Pitner section grading, Siuslaw national forest, have been requested by the bureau of public roads, United States department of agriculture.

The three landmarks known as Castle, Tourist and Elephant rocks, opposite the town of Seal Rocks in Lincoln county on the Oregon coast, have been withdrawn from public entry by the general land office of the interior department at the request of Senator McNary of Oregon.

The special election for bonding Milton City to the amount of \$150,000 for a new hydro electric project carried by a vote of 439 to 49. The cost of the project will be \$230,000 and will be paid for with the \$150,000 bond issue, \$35,000 cash on hand, and \$45,000 short term warrants.

Proof of the profits in dairying was given on the Union Pacific Dairy-Profits special touring eastern Oregon when Bess, a Guernsey from the Oakgrove dairy at Scappoose, gave birth last Wednesday to a 75-pound calf. The train at the time was running between Hermiston and Stanfield.

McKenzie river water will flow in Eugene water mains soon after May 1, unless some obstacle arises in the next few days, it was announced recently by Carl McClain, superintendent of the city water board. Testing of the last section of pipe has been completed and cleaning and painting work is all that remains to be done.

Adjudication of water rights on the John Day river in eastern Oregon will be undertaken by the state engineer as soon as the 3000 settlers along the stream have filed their respective claims. Hearings will open at Condon June 15. Other hearings will be held at Fossil, June 17; Spray, June 20; Dayville, June 21; Canyon City, June 22, and Bates, June 25.

Two suits to restrain the state board of control from proceeding with the construction of the proposed new state office building authorized by the last legislature, and enjoining T. B. Kay, state treasurer, from selling any bonds of the state industrial accident commission to obtain funds to finance the project, were filed in the circuit court in Salem last week.

Hearing of the application of the Wilson River Toll Road company for a certificate of necessity and public convenience has been set for June 2, according to announcement made at the offices of the public service commission in Salem. The hearing will be held in Portland. The road would shorten the distance between Portland and the Tillamook county beaches by approximately 35 miles.

The state fish commission, through the attorney-general's department, resisted in the federal court in Portland a suit brought by P. J. McGowan & Sons, a Washington corporation, to restrain the defendant fish commission and attorney-general from enforcing a law enacted by the voters last November prohibiting the operation of fish wheels in the Columbia river and of traps and seines in the stream above Cascade Locks.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: Francis J. McGottigan, Portland, \$30; Robert L. Adams, Portland, \$25; Sarah A. Wintermantel, Portland, \$30; Jesse W. Kelsey, Woodburn, \$20; Robert J. Dolan, Rainier, \$30; Edwin Barker, Oregon City, \$20; Smith L. Taylor, Eugene, \$20; Franc Szopler, Klamath Falls, \$25; Lovina A. Haskell, Beaver Creek, \$50; Elmer Coleman, Milwaukie, \$25; Mary J. Cook, Junction City, \$20; Emily Modoc Faithful, Klamath Falls, \$30.