

BRITAIN ORDERS RED AGENTS OUT

Six-Year Experiment With Soviet Russia Comes to an End.

London. — Great Britain's six-year experiment in trying to live in ordinary peaceful international relations with soviet Russia came to an end Saturday.

A note signed by Foreign Minister Chamberlain was delivered to Chesham House, the soviet legation, severing official relations between the two countries and requesting soviet Charge d'Affaires Rosenzweig to leave the country with his staff inside of ten days.

The British public does not appear to be greatly concerned over the severance of relations with the soviet government. Most of the concern is expressed in commercial and financial quarters where there is much curiosity over the extent to which the soviets will carry out their threat to divert the trade hitherto given Great Britain to other countries.

Except in labor circles, it is agreed almost everywhere that the government's action was fully justified.

The government's decision to break off diplomatic and trade relations with Russia was approved by the house of commons after an exciting debate, when the house by a vote of 357 to 111 adopted a motion to this effect moved by Gervais Rentoul, conservative. His motion was in the following terms:

"This house, while appreciating the long forbearance of his majesty's government and their many efforts to maintain friendly diplomatic relations with the soviet republics in the face of acute provocation, applauds their decision to withdraw diplomatic privileges which have been so gravely abused, while at the same time putting no obstacles in the way of legitimate trading relations with Russia."

OCTOPUS AND DIVER BATTLE OVER BODY

Port Townsend, Wash.—A huge octopus, bearing in its tentacles the body of one of five men who went down on the tug Warren, gave up its human prize after an hour's battle 50 feet under water with A. E. Hook, a diver.

Hook related the adventure here upon arriving with his body. The diver was under water repairing a fish trap, he said, when he sighted the devilish making its way along the bottom of the sound with the body in its embrace.

Seizing a pike pole, Hook attacked the sea monster. Centering his thrusts on the middle portion of the spider-like demon, Hook literally cut his tentacled adversary to ribbons before the death struggle was ended.

The octopus sank back, apparently mortally wounded, and lay on the muddy bottom of the sound while Hook pried loose the tentacles from around the body.

In Port Townsend the body was partly identified as that of H. Healey, cook on the ill-fated tug.

SIZES OF BILLS CUT

Secretary Mellon Says Saving to be Made in Currency Cost.

Washington, D. C.—A reduction in the size of paper currency was approved by Secretary Mellon, who announced that the first of the new form of money probably would be ready for circulation in about a year.

The bills will be reduced about one and one-third inches in length and three-quarters of an inch in width, with a lowering in manufacturing costs of about \$2,000,000 annually.

Changes in designs of the notes will not be material.

Lindbergh in Line for Promotion.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge made it known that he had directed that an investigation be made to see what appropriate promotion can be given Captain Charles A. Lindbergh. Secretary of War Davis later said that he had informed the president that he probably would be able to award the distinguished flying cross, a new army decoration for bravery, to Captain Lindbergh. The captain is now an officer in the reserve forces.

Congressional Medal for Lindbergh.

St. Louis.—A bill to confer the congressional medal of honor on Captain Charles A. Lindbergh will be introduced in the United States senate when it reconvenes. Senator Harry B. Hawes announced here.

Chicago Plans for National Convention. Chicago, Ill.—Chicago is planning to support its bid for the Republican and Democratic conventions in 1928 with a new civic auditorium seating 85,000 and costing \$15,000,000.

JOHN L. KAUL



John L. Kaul of Birmingham, Ala., president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, who has supervision of the expenditure of \$5,000,000 to promote trade in lumber.

STATES PLAN PLEA FOR NEW RAILROAD

Lewiston, Idaho.—Representatives of the public utilities commissions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, forming an executive committee for promotion of a railroad from Homestead, Or., to Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Wash., met here and agreed upon a form of complaint to be filed with the interstate commerce commission by these three states.

The meeting was attended by J. C. Denney, director of public works of the state of Washington; James P. Neal, legal adviser of the department of public works; H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission of Oregon, and W. H. Gibson, chairman of the public utilities commission of Idaho.

A general committee representing the various communities was organized.

In addition to representatives of the public service bodies, the executive committee is composed of R. C. Beach and George E. Ern, Eugene; A. Cox, Lewiston, and F. P. Lint, Lee Morris and E. J. Doyle, Clarkston.

The executive committee was authorized to constitute a general committee to be composed of representatives in each community affected by the project.

This development was said to mark the first instance where three states have united to ask construction of a specific railway line.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk was re-elected president of the Czecho-Slovak republic.

Early production of a new Ford automobile in the low-priced light car field, has been announced by the Ford Motor company.

Dr. Robert E. Speer of New Jersey was elected the new moderator of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America by delegates to the Presbyterian general assembly in San Francisco.

An application by the Northern Pacific railroad for permission to construct the 62-mile extension of its present lines from Glendive to Brockway, in Montana, was approved by the interstate commerce commission.

Washington Chambers Agree.

Seattle, Wash.—Relations between the Washington State chamber of commerce and the Seattle chamber of commerce have been maneuvered over the shoals of discord and into a temporary port of safety. Officers of the two organizations have reached an "agreement in principle," wherein the Seattle chamber holds to its opinion that the state chamber should not greatly expand scope of its activities, but leaves the state chamber free to solicit funds for its support in Seattle without open objection or protest from the local body.

Bakers Accused of Killing Sheriff.

Vancouver, Wash.—Luther Baker, 59; his brother, Ellis Baker, 47, and Lewis (Ted) Baker, 21, son of Ellis, alleged moonshiners, were charged with first-degree murder of Lester M. Wood, sheriff of Clark county, last week in an information filed by County Prosecutor Dale McMullen.

Lewiston, Idaho, Postmaster Dies.

Lewiston, Idaho.—Ransom M. Coburn, postmaster of Lewiston, died suddenly at his home here. He was 57 years of age and a native of this city, and was serving his second term as postmaster.

Three Power Naval Parley Called.

Washington, D. C.—The three-power naval limitations conference called by President Coolidge will convene in Geneva on June 20, Secretary Kellogg informed the British and Japanese ambassadors.

BELGIAN ROYALTY GREET'S LINDBERGH

America's Transatlantic Aviator Welcomed by People of Belgian Capital.

Brussels. — Captain Charles Lindbergh, America's transatlantic aviator, landed at the Evere airfield, Brussels, from Paris, Saturday.

His shining monoplane, the "Spirit of St. Louis," was sighted by the great throngs on the field at 3:12 o'clock. It began swooping downward a moment later to land amid a great storm of cheers.

He was escorted from the Franco-Belgian border by two Belgian army planes. Trailing him were several other planes which had acted as an escort from Paris.

King Albert of the Belgians received Captain Lindbergh at the royal palace two hours after the transatlantic aviator had arrived here from Paris.

It was a meeting of the flying king with the king of fliers, the Belgian sovereign having spent many hours in the air.

Lindbergh was also introduced to Queen Elizabeth, herself an aviation enthusiast; the Duke and Duchess of Brabant (the latter formerly Princess Astrid of Sweden) and all the other members of the royal household.

Paris.—When Paris said au revoir to Captain Lindbergh there was a great roar of voices, shrill tooting of whistles and honking of horns as the birdman, swooping down in a great circle from Le Bourget flying field, passed over the Arc De Triomphe and the Place De La Concorde, circled the Eiffel Tower, and then headed straight north for Brussels, Belgium, and new triumphs.

Heaped with all the honors that the French people and their government could bestow on him, the slim son of the middle west who made the non-stop flight from New York to Paris climbed into his historic monoplane and flew to Brussels, where he was greeted with a really royal welcome by King Albert of Belgium and his people.

OREGON TRUNK CREWS START CONSTRUCTION

Bend, Or.—Oregon Trunk construction crews have started work in Klamath county north of Sprague River landing, thereby safeguarding their "D" survey into Klamath Falls and eliminating any probability of joint use of the Southern Pacific trains from Paulina into the objective city.

Information received here indicates that a Hauser Construction company force is working under the very nose of the Southern Pacific's chief ally in Klamath basin, the Strahorn line, forestalling any argument over common user rights in the rich Weyerhaeuser timber areas.

Additional evidence that the Oregon Trunk realized that its rights in the Klamath basin had been jeopardized by a possible northward extension of the O. & E. was presented by the speed with which construction crews were organized to start building north from Sprague River.

The right-of-way has evidently been preempted by actual moving of dirt, leaving the Oregon Trunk in a position to bargain on equal terms with the O. C. & E. for common user rights southward in exchange for similar privileges northward.

FILE PETITION ON LAW

Assessment Measure Must Face Referendum in Special Election.

Salem, Or.—The so-called property assessment law enacted at the last legislative session will be attacked by referendum at the special election to be held June 28. This was determined when completed referendum petitions were filed in the state department by L. B. Smith, secretary of the Greater Oregon association, with headquarters in Portland.

The petitions contain 13,389 signatures, or approximately 6000 signatures in excess of the number required to place the referendum measure on the ballot.

The law under referendum provides additional powers for county assessors in determining property valuations and gave the state tax commission authority to reassess in cases where the valuations fixed by county assessors were declared to be unfair or unreasonable.

S. P. Authorized to Acquire Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The Southern Pacific company was authorized by the interstate commerce commission to acquire the Oregon & California railroad and the Marion & Linn County railroad and to issue \$61,294,000 first mortgage bonds.

CAPT. CHAS. LINDBERGH



Capt. Chas. A. Lindbergh, the young American aviator, who made the non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

PLAN AIR RACE FROM NEW YORK TO SPOKANE

Washington, D. C.—The National Aeronautic association approved plans for an air race from New York to Spokane, Wash., to start September 20 for prizes totaling \$33,000.

The project is sponsored by Spokane business men. An invitation to compete will be sent to Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, New York to Paris flier.

Prizes totaling \$3500 were offered at the same time for a similar race from San Francisco to Spokane. In both events entries are limited to commercial planes and pilots.

Tentative plans for the transcontinental race fix the route over the north section of the country with stops required at Chicago, St. Paul, Fargo, N. D., and Glendive and Butte, Mont. Other stops may be made wherever the pilots see fit.

The long distance events will be followed by the national air races at Spokane, September 24 and 25.

JAPAN PROTECTS NATIONALS

Troops Ordered to Proceed to Shantung as Emergency Exists.

Tokyo, Japan.—Orders were issued for 2000 Japanese troops to proceed from Manchuria to Tsingtao, China, for the purpose of protecting Japanese lives and property in the Shantung railway zone. The troops for the most part will be concentrated at Tsingtau, capital of Shantung province.

London.—Dispatches from Tokyo emphasized that the government was sending troops to China merely for protective purposes in the event of emergency.

The government is said to be prepared to send a naval force to Tsingtao, in Shantung, but the warships will not be dispatched unless there is need, the government being determined to adhere to its policy of non-intervention.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Japanese foreign office is drafting a stern warning to the northern and southern Chinese factions that Japan will defend the lives and property interests of her nationals, will not tolerate molestation of her subjects or interference in any military movements she deems necessary.

Endeavor Society Organizer Dies.

Newton, Mass.—Dr. Francis E. Clark, 76, founder and president of the world Christian Endeavor society, died at his home here following an illness of a month. As pastor of a church in Portland, Me., he called a meeting of young people in 1881 and started an organization that spread throughout the world. From 40 persons the society grew to four million.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.60; hard white, \$1.58; federation, 1.50 1/2; soft white and western white, \$1.51; hard winter and western red, \$1.47; northern spring, \$1.48.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$20.50@21; valley timothy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.

Butterfat—39c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@20c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.00. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.50@11.00.

Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$9.50@11.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, \$1.50; hard winter, \$1.49; western red, \$1.48; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.59 1/2; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.53 1/2; Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.51 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.

Butter—Creamery, 42c. Eggs—Ranch, 23@25c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.50@10.00. Hogs—Prime, \$11@11.15.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.25. Hogs—Good, \$10.25@10.50.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eight Salem canneries will start operations June 1 on gooseberries. The strawberry crop will follow.

Fire insurance agents of Eugene have effected a temporary organization and will organize permanently at the next meeting.

The state board of control has awarded contracts for a new dining room and ice plant at the state home for the feeble-minded.

La Grande has no fear of a water shortage this summer. The two new wells and the Beaver creek supply are furnishing 3,842,400 gallons daily.

A site has been purchased and work will start soon on a new armory at Baker, to cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000, the money to be raised by popular subscription.

T. M. Gerow, Eugene architect, is designing plans for a new school gymnasium and auditorium at Marshfield. Bonds amounting to \$70,000 will be issued to finance the building.

Dedication of the Lane county cottage at the W. C. T. U. Children's Farm Home at Corvallis will occur June 19. The building has been completed and will soon be furnished.

Albert W. McDermid, 42, of Seattle, a steeplejack, was killed at Baker when he fell from a smokestack on the Oregon Lumber company mill 75 feet to the roof of the engine room.

The organization of a Reedsport Merchant's Protective association is definitely under way. Heavy losses have been sustained by the merchants through improper placement of credit.

There will be a new Church of Christ building erected at Sweet Home in the near future. The officers already have had the blue print made. This will be quite an improvement to the town.

Grain operations on Tule lake are seriously curtailed by high water in the 96,000-acre basin, and as a result the annual crop will be below that of last year, Klamath County Agent C. A. Henderson reported.

The interstate commerce commission designated Portland as one of three western cities in which hearings on western livestock rates will be held within the next two months by the commission's examiners.

Between 700,000 and 800,000 baby chicks were shipped by Salem baby chick hatcheries during the last year, according to figures prepared in Salem recently. This year's shipments will exceed 1,000,000 baby chicks, it was said.

The city of Ashland has filed with the state engineer an application for permission to construct the Reeder gulch reservoir for the storage of 800 acre-feet of water in Jackson county. The estimated cost of the project was \$350,000.

Portland is suffering from an epidemic of measles, according to figures contained in the weekly report of the state board of health for May 21. This shows Portland had 196 cases of measles. In the remainder of the state were 122 cases of measles.

Assurance that a station of the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers' association will be established in Eugene was made coincident with the announcement that Lane farmers controlling more than 100,000 hens have signed up with the organization.

Grading of the athletic field at the Rainier Union high school was begun last week by John L. Brooks of St. Helens. The work of putting the field into shape will be completed by August 1. It is claimed for the field that it will be one of the best in Columbia county.

Actual construction work on the new nurses' home at the Oregon state hospital will get under way within the next two weeks, according to announcement made in Salem by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution. It will cost approximately \$150,000.

Construction of ten miles of logging railroad at an estimated cost of \$100,000, will be undertaken immediately by the Shaw Bertram Lumber company of Klamath Falls, it was announced. The logging road will tap timber holdings of the concern in the Squaw Flat district, 40 miles east of Klamath Falls.

Within two or three weeks motorists may again pass entirely around Mount Hood on the Mount Hood loop. That was the news H. R. Van Duzer of the Oregon state highway commission received from the commission's snow removal crew.

Improvement of the Chilcoquin-Klamath agency road became a certainty with the receipt of word from J. H. Scott, state market road engineer, that the state highway commission had designated the thoroughfare as a market road.

Two hundred thousand pounds of wool were sold with sealed bids at the wool sale held in Condon last week. Prices ranged from 31 1/2 cents a pound to 22 1/2 cents.

Klamath county's share of Oregon and California grant land tax refund was received by the county treasurer in the form of a United States treasury warrant for \$111,855.03.

California-Oregon Power company development work in southern Oregon under construction or ordered, will entail an expenditure of \$5,000,000. This does not include a proposed further development that will mean an additional expenditure of at least another million.

With 80.87 inches of rain in Astoria since the rainfall year started September 1, that city already has 3.88 inches of precipitation over the normal rainfall for the entire year. The normal annual rainfall in Astoria, based on records extending back more than 70 years, is 76.99 inches.

Portland has been named convention city for the meeting of the National Tuberculosis association next year, according to word received from Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, who is attending the convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

Value of eggs handled by the Central Oregon Poultry Co-operative in the first year of its existence amounted to over \$25,000. It was announced at the annual meeting of the co-operative in Redmond. Verne Livesay of Plainview has been re-elected president of the Mid-state Association of Poultrymen.

One-half of the \$12,000 needed by the McMinnville chamber of commerce for the purchase of the Hunt cannery building and plant was obtained last week by a solicitation committee headed by W. L. Osborn, county assessor. After the purchase of the cannery it will be used as the receiving plant for fruit during the coming season.

Following the receipt of the supreme court decision holding that the law passed by the recent legislature authorizing the removal of the county seat to Medford from Jacksonville was constitutional, at an informal conference of Medford city officials, it was decided to go ahead with preparations for construction of the new city hall-courthouse building at once.

Residents of Oregon must watch their steps a little more closely from now on, if they would escape an argument with the courts. Last Saturday, 370 new laws enacted by the last legislature became effective, the 90 days since the close of the session elapsing at midnight Friday. These 370 new laws are in addition to 81 emergency measures passed at the last session, already effective.

Douglas county will enjoy a reduction in general taxes of more than 25 per cent as a result of the payment by the government of the Oregon & California tax refund, it is estimated. Douglas county's share of the initial payment was the largest to be received by any county of the state, as it has more of the revested lands than any of the other 18 counties concerned. Douglas county's check amounted to \$1,471,640.66.

Oregon cherry growers have been invited by the United States tariff commission to send representatives to Washington, D. C., to attend the hearing June 28 in connection with the cost investigation of cherry production now being conducted under the commission's direction. Pacific coast growers had requested an increase in the present tariff rate of two cents a pound on cherries, in order that they might better meet foreign competition.

Peach growers of the Brogan vicinity report that prospects for a bumper crop are very good. Fear was felt earlier in the season that all the peaches were killed by the heavy frosts in April, but orchardists now say that only a small percentage was injured and, barring further loss, the yield will be up to normal. There is more water in the Willow creek reservoir than there has been at any time in the past three years, so no loss from drought is expected.

A bullet accidentally fired from a gun in the pocket of James F. Toney, Redmond city marshal and Deschutes county deputy sheriff, killed his 4-year-old son, James, in Redmond last week. It was believed that a knife in the pocket pressed against the pistol trigger. Toney was seated in a chair in his home, his two small sons, Bobby and James, playing on the floor, near their mother. The bullet passed between two of Toney's fingers and pierced the boy's heart.

Coinciding with the June 28 special state election, a special county and city election will be held in La Grande. Petitions already are being circulated to place a measure on the ballot proposing to reassign \$398,000 in unspent road bonds for construction of new county highways, including a 21-mile road from Union to Medical Springs, and a Summerville-Elgin connection with the Toll Gate road over the Blue mountains to connect with the Umatilla county road via forest service highway.