

U. S. WOULD LIMIT ALL WAR VESSELS

Building Program Presented by American Delegation at Geneva.

Geneva.—A concrete proposal designed to eliminate the last vestige of naval competition among the great powers was laid before the Geneva conference which opened here Monday, by the American delegation.

Gibson's proposals were immediately followed by British and Japanese suggestions.

Great Britain suggested an 11-point program centering about a reduction in the tonnage and armament of capital ships.

Japan proposed that there be no maximum limit for the tonnage of individual vessels.

The American program boiled down, was that the 5-5-3 ratio of capital ship strength, established at the Washington conference six years ago, be extended to cover all remaining classes of fighting craft.

If agreed to by the participating powers, Great Britain and Japan, the British and American navies eventually would be of the same size, ship for ship, class for class, and that of Japan would be of the ratio 3 to 5.

For practical purposes the American proposal established four classes of ships to be dealt with in the proposed new treaty, which is to be supplemental to the Washington treaty.

These classes were the cruiser class, the submarine class and an exempt class that includes all other types such as supply ships, tenders, mine-sweepers, etc.

The proposed treaty provides for a gradual system of replacement of old vessels with new ones.

MERGER PLANS OF HILL LINES PROGRESS

New York.—The plans for the unification of the northern railroads have been declared operative by the deposit committee, it was announced here. The committee also has approved the making of application to the interstate commerce commission for its approval of the acquisition of control by the Great Northern Pacific railway company, a new Delaware corporation, of the two northern companies and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle. The plan as announced provides for the acquisition of the stock of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific by exchanging stock in the new company on a share for share basis. The new company also will take over the leases of the Spokane Portland & Seattle, and roads controlled by the two northern companies. Deposits of 70 per cent of the outstanding stock of the northern companies have been made under the unification plan, the committee announced.

FRUIT SHIPPERS WIN

Delivery From Pacific Coast to Be Made in New York.

Washington, D. C.—Cherries and other fresh fruits and vegetables from Washington, Idaho and Oregon, destined for the New York market, will hereafter be delivered in New York city proper by express companies, instead of being dropped at Jersey City, leaving the shippers to bear the extra cost of getting their shipments across the Hudson river.

This, in effect, is the decision of the interstate commerce commission, announced in the case of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association versus the American Railway Express company. In former times fruits and vegetables from the northwest were delivered at piers 20 and 21 at New York, where the fruit and vegetable auction is held daily, but in 1921 the express company suspended delivery in New York and ended its service at Jersey City.

The shippers then were required to pay the Erie railroad \$46 a car to move their produce across to New York.

Believe Alleged Strangler is Taken. Winnipeg, Man.—The Winnipeg police believe they have locked up here one of the most atrocious criminals in the history of the United States. The man, who gave his name as Virgil Wilson, is believed to be the "gorilla man" or "strangler," who has murdered 12 women in the United States. The latest victims of the "strangler" were Lola Cowan, 41, and Mrs. Emily Patterson, both of Winnipeg.

Pioneer Idaho Woman Dies. Spokane, Wash.—Mrs. George L. Shoup, widow of the last territorial governor and the first state governor of Idaho, died at Salmon, Idaho, according to word received by relatives here. Her husband, who was United States senator from Idaho for 10 years, died about 20 years ago.

SEYMOUR LOWMAN



Seymour Lowman, former lieutenant-governor of New York, recently appointed assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition.

LONGVIEW SPAN IS TURNED DOWN

Washington, D. C.—Rejection of specifications for the proposed Longview bridge across the Columbia river was announced at the war department.

The plans submitted by W. D. Comer, Seattle financier, and Wesley Vandercok, Longview lumberman, were disapproved by Secretaries Davis and the war department and Hoover and Jardine, with the concurrence of Major General Jadwin, chief of army engineers, who were designated to pass upon the specifications.

Chief differences between the plans proposed by the builders and those recommended by the cabinet committee concerned the main span. The secretaries recommended a clearance of 175 feet in place of the 170 feet proposed and a width of 1060 instead of 500 feet. The cabinet members declared the location selected is "feasible for the erection of a suitable bridge," adding that a bridge there, "with suitable clearances, would not offer an unreasonable obstruction to navigation."

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Spain has a population of 22,127,600 under the census completed March 31. The last previous census figure, in 1920, was 21,347,335.

Brigadier General James E. Fochet has been named by President Coolidge to be chief of the air corps upon the retirement of Major General Mason M. Patrick.

United States Senator Borah canceled an engagement to speak in Portland at the convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising clubs, on advice of his physician.

Miss Joanna Sprague of Salt Lake City was elected president of the Pacific Northwest Librarians' association at the annual convention held in Astoria, Oregon.

The retail cost of food increased slightly over 1 per cent in May, but decreased more than 3½ per cent since May a year ago, the department of labor announced. The increase since May, 1913, amounts to 61 per cent.

Less than one-half of 1 per cent of this year's graduates of colleges and high schools of the country drink to excess and fewer than 5 per cent drink occasionally, according to a survey just completed and announced by the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Leavenworth, Wash., Rioting Fatal. Leavenworth, Wash.—One man is dead, another in the hospital with two bullet wounds, and four are in jail as the result of an encounter at 2 o'clock Sunday morning between Constable Tescher and a gang of laborers.

According to the story told Sheriff Wheeler by Constable Tescher, a gang of seven men, those named and one other, were rioting drunkenly in front of a cafe when Tescher ordered them to move on. Instead of obeying, they assaulted the officer. Residents then summoned Sheriff Wheeler from Wenatchee, who rounded up six of the gang, the seventh escaping.

Foreign Nations Pay U. S. \$69,000,000. Washington, D. C.—Foreign governments last week paid the United States approximately \$69,000,000 on their war debts. Great Britain paid \$67,000,000, France \$10,000,000, Italy \$5,000,000, Belgium \$3,500,000, and eight smaller nations contributed the rest.

Jerome K. Jerome, Noted Author, Dies. London.—Jerome K. Jerome, noted author and humorist, died in Northampton general hospital after a prolonged illness.

32 STATES PASS ANTI-CRIME LAWS

Legislatures Adopt Measures Designed to Check Grime Wave.

New York.—Measures designed to check crime have been passed by 19 state legislatures thus far in 1927, a survey revealed.

Thirteen other states adopted measures, such as those altering the penal codes to make former misdemeanors felons, which were considered general anti-crime legislation, but not specific checks on crime.

The measures adopted in the 19 states generally tended toward an increase of sentence, with a tightening of the legal net about the habitual criminal, the gangster, gunman and hold-up man.

A significant feature of the anti-crime legislation was the tendency to follow New York's pattern in curbing the activities of habitual criminals and the operations of bands of organized criminals. A number of states enacted laws comparable to New York's Baumes act, a piece of anti-crime legislation passed in 1926. It provides a mandatory life sentence for fourth offenders and generally tightens up the criminal code.

The measures enacted in the 13 states range from Montana's banning of the chewing of mescol nuts by Mexican laborers, a practice thought by some to be necessary to certain religious rites, to Oregon's new measure making it unlawful to skin dead stock without the owner's consent. The last measure is a check on cattle rustling. Oregon was also one of the 19 states adopting legislation to check crime.

The most drastic action towards curbing crime was taken in California, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and New York.

ST. LOUIS WELCOMES LINDBERGH HOME

St. Louis, Mo.—St. Louis gave Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh a tremendous ovation in its public acclaim of his youthful trans-Atlantic flier, when he arrived home.

"The most enthusiastic, yet most orderly demonstration I have seen since my landing in Paris," said Lindbergh after he had ridden two hours through eight miles of unbroken cheering men, women and children, packed two to 20 deep on sidewalks along the route.

His reception at Sportsman's park lacked only numbers to equal that of the parade. Even then, an estimated 37,000 persons, the greatest regular season throng ever to attend a St. Louis baseball game, jammed their way in to see the young flier assist Rogers Hornsby, previously St. Louis' greatest individual hero, raise the world's series pennant won last year when he managed the Cardinals.

SEIZE WAR MUNITIONS

Gun Runner's Truck Taken in California by Federal Agents.

San Pedro, Cal.—A rumored plot to ship millions of dollars worth of war munitions to some southern country was believed frustrated with the seizure by department of justice agents of \$50,000 worth of arms, ammunition and other supplies purchased in San Francisco and stacked on a dock here awaiting expected arrival of a ship to transport them south.

The capture was made 50 miles north of Santa Barbara and the four Mexicans on the truck and trailer carrying the materials were ordered to proceed in accordance with their instructions. The munitions were then brought on to Los Angeles, with federal agents accompanying the truck, and later driven here where watch was kept for the craft. Coast guard cutters stood by to assist in the seizure if the materials were loaded on to any vessel leaving this country and the shipment of arms law thereby violated.

Vienna Acclaims American Fliers.

Vienna.—Another of the central powers forgot the wounds of war to pay tribute to two Americans when Austria enthusiastically acclaimed Clarence Chamberlin and Charles Levine. Vienna's reception to the American trans-Atlantic aviators was as enthusiastic as that accorded by Germany when the fliers landed there after their record-breaking journey, and an elaborate round of ceremonies was arranged.

Victims of Flood Begin Journey Home.

Baton Rouge, La.—By scores and by hundreds, men, women and children forced to flee from the waters of the Mississippi flood, are now setting forth from the refugee camps for the homeward trek—back to homes despoiled by the muddy torrent, to lands left waste, and rotted crops.

LIEUT. C. C. CHAMPION



Lieut. C. C. Champion, United States navy aviator, who set a new seaplane altitude record by going up 33,455 feet.

YOUTH PREACHES TO PRESIDENT

Hermosa, S. D.—A 20-year-old boy, who shielded whatever misgivings he might have had beneath a calm and friendly countenance, preached the first sermon of his life Sunday before the president of the United States.

He told his tiny congregation in a direct and simple statement why it should come to church, and then stepped down from his pulpit to receive from President Coolidge a smile as beaming as the executive gave to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh after bestowing upon him the distinguished flying cross.

The youthful preacher was Rolf Lium, unordained, who decided to come into this far away hamlet to the west to earn enough money to help him through his last year at Carlton college in Northfield, Minn., little dreaming that in accepting his post he would be called upon to speak the word of God before a president.

AUTO CENSUS ANNOUNCED

27,650,267 Automotive Vehicles in Operation in World.

Washington, D. C.—A world census of automobiles made public by the commerce department indicated that on January 1, 1927, there were 27,650,267 automobiles, trucks and busses in operation all over the globe. This was an increase of 3,176,633 over January 1, 1926.

The United States had in operation 80 per cent of the total, or 22,137,334 machines. The United Kingdom was second with 1,923,610, France third with 891,060 and Canada fourth with 826,918.

Lindbergh Air Mail Stamp On Sale.

Washington, D. C.—The special Lindbergh air mail stamp, issued by the government in commemoration of Lindbergh's epochal flight to Paris, went on sale Saturday in four selected cities—Washington, Detroit, where the young flier was born; St. Louis, his present home, and Little Falls, Minn., where he spent his boyhood. The initial printing was 5,000,000. By next week it is expected the stamps will be on sale generally throughout the country.

Tacoma Man Heads Rail Veterans.

St. Paul, Minn.—W. W. Berry of Tacoma was elected president and Tacoma was selected for the next convention of the Northern Pacific Veterans' association, an organization of old-time railroaders, at the closing session of the national convention here.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.55; hard white, \$1.50; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.44; hard winter, \$1.40; northern spring, \$1.42; western red, \$1.36.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20.50@21; valley timothy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.
Butterfat—40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 17@22c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9@9.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.50@10.25.
Lamb—medium to choice, \$10.50@12.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.44½; hard winter, \$1.43½; western red, \$1.43; northern spring, \$1.43½; bluestem, \$1.56.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.
Butterfat—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$8.75@9.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$10.20@10.25.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.
Hogs—Good, \$9.50@9.65.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Continued warm weather and luck with the snowplow will result in the opening of McKenzie pass within a week or ten days.

Twenty-three Klamath wool growers sold 400,000 pounds of wool to the J. Koshland company of Boston at a price of 39 cents a pound.

More than 2000 persons who have lived in Oregon for 40 or more years attended the annual pioneers' picnic at the state fair grounds in Salem Sunday.

Ida Powell, dean of women at Albany college, was elected president of the Albany Business and Professional Women's club.

Dr. Rinehart of Wheeler has received a shipment of two dozen large eastern bullfrogs, several of which weigh two pounds each. They have been released in Lake Neah-kah-nie.

Petitions bearing 714 signatures and demanding the recall of S. G. Reed of Nehalem, Tillamook county commissioner, were filed with the county clerk. The election will be held June 28.

With four councilmen in favor of the action and Mayor Saxon opposing, the council at its regular meeting ousted Ward A. Colby, for the past several months deputy marshal of St. Helens.

Robert S. Eakin of La Grande was elected grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, by the grand lodge in session at the new Portland Masonic temple.

Tuition fee of \$100 will be charged all non-residents, including Filipinos, who attend the Salem senior high school, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the directors of the Salem district.

The capital stock of the First National bank of Tillamook has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, giving the bank a combined capital and surplus of \$150,000, and total resources of nearly \$2,000,000.

Portland's \$1,250,000 new Masonic temple, West Park and Main streets, was officially dedicated before an audience which filled the large assembly hall on the first floor of the structure to overflowing.

Rainier has won its fight to enter into the 1928 session of the state grange when in a spirited contest with Oregon City and Bend it polled a clear majority of 36 votes over its two rivals on the first ballot.

Warning that city officials everywhere throughout the state should survey their water systems to prevent further epidemics of typhoid fever was issued by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health.

Representative filbert growers of Oregon and Washington in session in Salem decided to establish two sizes in one grade as to quality for their filbert pack, with culls to be thrown out and marketed only in a cracked state.

Chemaut, not Paunina, will be the junction point of the Oregon Trunk with the Southern Pacific line south of Bend. It was indicated when it was learned that a new survey of the northern line's extension is nearing completion.

President Riley of Linfield college was the principal speaker at the sixth annual service commemorative of the historic church at Providence and the pastorate of Rev. Joab Powell, famous pioneer preacher, which was held at the church Sunday.

Twelve thousand five hundred dollars has been subscribed by the McMinnville chamber of commerce members for the purchase of a cannery, which will be handled in such a way as to benefit Yamhill county fruit growers and merchants alike.

Business men of Seaside have underwritten a fund to bring the entire personnel of the citizen's military training camp there for three days, July 5, 6 and 7, for recreation. About 600 men from the camp at Vancouver barracks are expected to attend.

Mrs. W. H. Strayer, wife of State Senator Strayer of Baker, suffered severe bruises and shock when an automobile in which she was riding with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Sanders skidded on a wet pavement and overturned near Hubbard, on the Pacific highway.

All bids for the 1927 canning cherry pool of The Dalles growers were rejected at a meeting of the board. Three large buyers all bid the same, 7 cents for Royal Annes and Waterhouses, 6 cents for Montmorencies, and 5 cents for Governor Woods.

Fire swept the fourth floor of the chemistry building at Oregon Agricultural college and water poured in by the fire fighters caused heavy damage to the lower floors of the building. The fire started from an explosion of chemicals in a laboratory on the fourth floor.

A crowd of 2200 persons attended the dedication of the new Snake river bridge, 12 miles below Homestead, Weiser, Idaho, alone had 400 people at the festivities, accompanied by a band. Baker, Boise, Lewiston and other cities were represented by big delegations.

The Canby cannery, owned by the Clackamas County Fruit Growers association, which has been idle for more than three years, resumed operations. This was necessary to save the strawberry crop for which farmers could find no market. The berries are being put up in barrels for shipment.

Clifford Brown, wealthy Salem business man, who was drowned accidentally, June 8, near Buttedale, B. C., 125 miles south of Prince Rupert, while on a yachting expedition to Alaska, left an insurance policy for \$115,000, one of the largest ever written in the Pacific northwest. The widow was named beneficiary.

State prohibition officers operating under the direction of William Levens, state prohibition director, participated in 82 of a total of 141 arrests for liquor law violations in Oregon during May. Coos county led with a total of 30 arrests, with Klamath county second with 29 arrests. There were 12 arrests in Multnomah county.

The war department has again rated the Oregon Agricultural college as a "distinguished college," according to a telegram received by President Kerr. This coveted rating is obtained only upon passing a rigid inspection each year by high officers of the army who investigate the work of every phase of the reserve officers' training corps units.

With a precision and smoothness which drew praise from regular army inspectors and instructors Oregon's 3000 national guardsmen reached Camp Clatsop and settled down to their two weeks of field training. At Camp Clatsop are members of the 82d infantry brigade while the coast artillery is at Fort Stevens, a short distance away.

Expressed in the term per capita and based on an estimated population of 335,000, the combined bonded debt of the city of Portland and the county of Multnomah is \$214.48 per capita, according to a bulletin issued by the tax supervising and conservation commission. Figured another way the debt is \$29.19 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The Douglas county prune crop for 1927 was estimated at ten to 12 million pounds by V. T. Jackson, manager of a Roseburg packing plant. The crop last year, a record season, was 18,000,000 pounds. As the estimate for the northwest this year is about 45,000,000 pounds, Douglas county will have nearly one-fourth of the entire northwest crop, based on these figures.

A granite tablet marking the spot of the first cabin to be erected in Douglas county was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies Sunday. The tablet will stand beside the Pacific highway on the banks of Cabin creek, about two miles north of Oakland, where the family of Rev. J. A. Cornwall spent the winter of 1846-47. The creek received its name from the fact that the cabin was on its banks.

Suit to enjoin the city recorder of Eugene from placing on the municipal ballot at the special election June 28 the measure calling for repeal of the auditorium bond issue of \$500,000 has been filed. The suit is brought in the name of the state of Oregon by the state attorney-general and David M. Graham, Joseph Koke and R. A. McCully. The suit is brought on the ground that it is not legal to have this proposition voted on at any but a regular election.

Forty thousand dollars for new buildings at Linfield college was added to the building fund recently in a gift from the Baptist board of education upon petition from Leonard W. Riley, president of the college, who has just returned from the east seeking aid in the college building campaign. Cash on hand for the new buildings now totals \$10,000 and pledges amount to \$65,000. McMinnville has pledged \$25,000 as soon as the college raises the first \$125,000.

A student at Oregon Agricultural college, if frugal, can get through a year of work for \$450 without stinting necessities. He can be an average spender and need only \$650 a year, and can be liberal on \$850, above which all is undue extravagance. This is the decision of a special committee of the Oregon State Grange appointed at Baker last year to investigate costs of attending the Oregon Agricultural college, and which has just made an exhaustive report on the subject to the annual convention in session at Corvallis.

Oregon's birth rate decreased slightly last year, while the state's death rate remained stationary, according to an annual summary for the birth registration area issued by the department of commerce. The bright spot in the summary was reserved for Portland, which reported the lowest rate of infant mortality for 1926 of any city, 37.2 for each 100 births. The infant mortality rate for the whole state of Oregon was 21.6 a thousand births, but that was the lowest figure given for any state among the 28 from which complete returns were obtainable.