

PEACE PACT WITH JAPANESE POSSIBLE

Perpetual Agreement Against War May Result from Naval Conference.

Geneva, Switzerland. — Possibility that the American government and people may soon have to decide whether they wish to negotiate a perpetual peace pact with Japan is new looking as an outgrowth of the tripartite naval conference at Geneva.

Overtures by Japan with a view to the signing of a perpetual peace pact with the United States are expected in authoritative circles of the tripartite naval conference.

Notwithstanding denials by both the Japanese delegates and Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation, that any such suggestion has been made, competent observers persisted in the belief that when he had assurance that the overtures would have a chance of being favorably considered, Admiral Viscount Saito, Japanese spokesman, possible would propose a treaty outlawing war between his country and the U. S.

In the meantime Japan has officially informed the American delegation that she wants 70 per cent auxiliary warships to every 100 per cent for the United States. This means that Japan demands a ratio of 3.5 instead of 3, as fixed at Washington for capital ships, and the Americans must decide whether this augmentation can be agreed to.

HALF MILLION SPENT IN D'AUTREMONT HUNT

Spokane, Wash.—It cost a half million dollars to bring the three DeAutremonts, confessed Siskiyou bandit-murders, to justice, Charles Riddiford, United States postoffice inspector, who directed the manhunt for four years, made this estimate at his headquarters.

The federal government, Southern Pacific railroad and American Express company have paid approximately \$500,000 for reward posters and expenses, he added.

Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 posters describing the trio were used to girdle the globe. Postoffice inspectors during the chase covered the United States and searched in Canada, Mexico, Central America, several European countries and the Philippines, Riddiford declared.

The reward for the arrest of Hugh, first of the brothers to be captured, probably will go to a soldier, who at Angel Island, Cal., recognized in the circular of Hugh the picture of the man with whom he had served in the Philippines. A \$500 reward was offered for each of the brothers.

Following Hugh's arrest, a second series of photographs, more accurate than the first broadside, was distributed. A man at Steubenville, O., recognized the twins, Roy and Ray, and told authorities. Mr. Riddiford did not give the names of the two men who first recognized the fugitives.

BOYS' CONFESSION DOUBTED

Southern Pacific Men Say Roy Shot No One in Holdup.

Medford, Or.—Doubt of the accuracy of the confessions of Hugh, Ray and Roy DeAutremont, confessors to the Siskiyou tunnel train holdup and quadruple murders, is cast by W. G. Chandler of Dunsmuir, Cal., and Maurice Corturi of Portland, special agents of the Southern Pacific railway, who worked on the case for three or more years.

In the opinion of these investigators, the brothers "equalized their share and guilt," and they hold, from their knowledge of the crime, that Hugh slew two of the train crew and shot with an automatic, while Ray fired with a shotgun at Charles O. Johnson. The special agents say Roy had no gun during the holdup.

Ray and Roy DeAutremont, in court at Jacksonville, reversed their pleas of not guilty to guilty, and made a full and complete confession of the crime. This dramatic ending to the sensational case came with surprising suddenness, immediately after Judge Thomas had sentenced Hugh DeAutremont, brother of the twins, to life imprisonment, following his conviction by a jury of first degree murder, with a recommendation of clemency. Ray and Roy were also given life terms.

Air Mail Equipment Moved to Cities.

Washington, D. C.—The postoffice department has transferred air mail field equipment and buildings on seven regular landing fields on the transcontinental air mail route to the municipalities where the fields are located. The cities to receive the gift from the government were Cleveland, Ohio; Iowa City, Iowa; North Platte, Neb.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and Elko, Nev.

HENRY C. HEINZ



Henry C. Heinz of Atlanta, Ga., who was elected president of Kiwanis International at the eleventh annual convention in Memphis, Tenn.

WAGE RAISE DENIED WESTERN TRAINMEN

Chicago.—Trainmen and conductors on 55 western railroads were denied an increase in wages, while yardmen were granted a rise of 7½ per cent in an award by a United States board of arbitration.

The order was signed by four members of the board, two of them, E. P. Curtis, secretary-treasurer of the Order of Railway Conductors, and J. A. Farquharson, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, dissenting.

Under the Parker-Watson law creating the board of wage arbitration decisions are final. The trainmen and conductors, however, have the right to appeal to the federal courts. The Parker-Watson act, passed by the last congress, has not been tested in the courts. Neither party to the award can bring its grievance to the mediation board within a year.

Virtually 65,000 employes are involved in the decision and all of the class A roads west of Chicago.

In denying an increase to conductors and trainmen, the board held that they are now receiving wages 7½ per cent greater than the wages paid the same employes on eastern roads.

U. S. PACT WELCOMED

All France for Treaty of Amity, Says Premier Poincare.

Paris.—All France would rejoice at the signature of a pact of perpetual amity between France and the United States, such as that proposed by Foreign Minister Briand, Premier Poincare told the American club of Paris at a luncheon at which he was the guest of honor.

But such a pact, the premier remarked, would only be a re-statement of the deep sentiment of friendship that has existed between the two peoples from the American revolution down to the world war and which was again revealed in the French welcome to Colonel Lindbergh.

Pay Cut Rolls Movie Actors.

Hollywood, Cal.—Hollywood is boiling beneath the surface over the recently announced slashes in all film salaries above \$50 a week. Actors and actresses of the films who face cuts of from 10 to 25 per cent are threatening to organize and fight the mandate of the producers demanding retrenchment.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.52; hard white, \$1.50; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.44; hard winter, \$1.40; northern spring, \$1.42; western red, \$1.35.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20.50@21; valley timothy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.
Butterfat—39½c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.50@10.15.
Lamb—medium to choice, \$10.50@12.75.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.42; western white, \$1.42; hard winter, \$1.41; western red, \$1.40; northern spring, \$1.41; bluestem, \$1.51; dark northern spring, \$1.50; dark hard winter, \$1.47.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.75.
Hogs—Prices, \$10.25@10.40.

Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.
Hogs—Good, \$9.50@9.75.

CLOUDBURST HITS ARLINGTON, OREGON

Property Damage is Estimated at Considerably Over \$100,000.

Arlington, Or.—A terrific cloudburst that struck on Sutler flat, seven miles south of here, Sunday afternoon, sent a wall of water seven feet high sweeping over Arlington. The torrent washed away houses and other frame structures and did damage estimated at from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The center of the property loss here was the Vendome hotel, which is almost a total wreck.

All of the buildings in Arlington swept away or wrecked were along the main street. Much of the damage done by the raging waters will be in the accumulation of mud on stocks of goods in the various basements and lower floors of business houses and stores.

There was no loss of life as far as could be ascertained, and it was believed that none was injured. This fact was attributed largely to the warning given by William Head and Frim William, who had started to drive to Condon. The men ran into the cloudburst on the John Day highway and turned around and drove for Arlington. Motorists were warned on the way and the alarm was given in the town. Residents of the city, which is situated at the outlet of several large canyons, have always feared the flood menace and they took to the hills without delay.

OREGON FISH WHEEL BAN DECLARED LEGAL

Portland, Or.—Oregon's new law, passed by the legislature at the 1927 session, barring fish wheels from the Columbia river and seines from that part of the river above the cascades, is constitutional, according to a decision handed down by Federal Judge Bean.

This decision was made in a suit brought by P. J. McGowan, wealthy cannery man of Ilwaco, Wash., who sought a permanent injunction against the state to prevent it from enforcing the law.

McGowan's attorneys contended, when the matter was argued in federal court that a contract was entered into by the states of Oregon and Washington in 1918 legalizing the use of fish wheels and seines.

This contract, it was pointed out, was approved by congress. It generally regulated the methods of fishing in the river.

The regulations could not be changed by Oregon without Washington also changing them, it was maintained. However, Judge Bean said he could see no reason why the state should not be allowed to supervise its own citizens and direct how fish should be caught by them in the river.

LEGISLATORS SEE COOLIDGE

South Dakota Solons Visit President at Summer White House.

Rapid City, S. D.—The legislature of South Dakota, made up of cowboys, bankers and farmers, came up from its special session at Pierre, the state capital, to welcome President and Mrs. Coolidge at the summer White House.

The legislators were accompanied by 110 relatives and friends in the largest delegation which has yet visited the vacation capital of the country. In the gathering were many 10-gallon hats and most of those who wore them appeared as if they had freshly come from the ranches, but they came with a "Yippee" and "Zowie" for a real western welcome to the president.

Headed by Lieutenant Governor H. E. Covey, president of the senate, and Ray Williamson, speaker of the house, the delegation went to Camp Galena, near the state game lodge, to lunch there before seeing the president.

Milton Storm Loss Heavy.

Milton, Or.—Thousands of dollars in damage was done to property and growing crops in this vicinity late Sunday when a series of cloudbursts struck the Blue mountains, south of Milton-Freewater, and the Dry creek country, west of Milton. The municipal light plant in Milton is out of commission, with 300 feet of flume washed out, and the water system is temporarily out. Many ranches along the Walla Walla river are covered with from three to four feet of mud, drift wood and debris.

Penn. Court Upholds Blue Law.

Philadelphia.—The state supreme court has upheld the "blue law" of 1794 ruling against Sunday baseball in Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH CLARK GREW



Joseph Clark Grew, under-secretary of state, whom President Coolidge named American ambassador to Turkey.

GENERAL WOOD WILL RETURN TO ISLANDS

Rapid City, S. D.—Despite the condition of his health, Governor General Leonard Wood of the Philippine islands will return to his post, probably in September, it was officially announced at the summer White House here.

"I am going back to the Philippines this fall and will remain there indefinitely as governor general of the islands," Major General Wood said.

President Coolidge is entirely satisfied with General Wood's administration of his duties. Wood's physicians have privately expressed the opinion that he will be sufficiently recovered to permit him to return in the fall. He is suffering from two broken ribs and is not fully recovered from a serious operation.

Giving independence to the Filipino people would be like putting a small boy without any training in an airplane and telling him to fly, General Wood said.

The 12,000,000 inhabitants of the islands have made phenomenal development under American leadership, Wood said. They are contented and their criminal rate is low. The plebiscite, which President Coolidge rightly vetoed, he said, would have offered no help because people there are not sufficiently educated in government, as yet, to take up the reins or vote intelligently upon such questions.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The American defense force in north China is made up of 3000 marines and 800 infantrymen.

Mrs. Catherine Cassler, of Crown Point, Ind., murderer, was sentenced to hang October 21 for the slaying of William Lindstrom last December 6. Plans for withdrawal of about 1500 marines from the United States-Nicaraguan forces at an early date have been announced by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur.

Thirty-three fires reported to the United States forest service as "forest fires" have occurred on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington this year.

Efforts to negotiate a new wage scale in the central Pennsylvania soft coal fields have failed and all the union mines will close down on July 1. Between 10,000 and 12,000 men will be affected.

Secretary of State Luken has issued a call for sheriffs in 44 counties to assemble in Boise August 5 and 6 to discuss general law enforcement in Idaho. New motor vehicle laws passed by the last legislature effective January 1 will be called to the attention of the peace officers.

Washington C. of C. Supports Plans.

Bellingham, Wash.—At its concluding session here the Washington state chamber of commerce passed a resolution which pledged the organization to stand solidly behind the Columbia river basin irrigation project and attempt to have the project brought up at the next legislature and acted on. A. S. Goss, master of the state grange, opposed the resolution, contending the project should be delayed until economic conditions of the farmers now on the land had been improved.

Dempsey Signs for Sharkey Battle.

New York.—Jack Dempsey formally signed contracts to meet Jack Sharkey of Boston at Yankee stadium, New York, July 21, as the first step in his campaign to win back his lost heavyweight boxing title.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A demonstration of poisoning gophers and moles was made at the Eagle Creek grange last Saturday.

The annual rose show of the West Linn Floral club was held last Saturday in the Crown-Willamette annex.

J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor, estimates that 125,000 sheep will graze on the Umatilla forest ranges this summer.

The Rogue River Fishermen's Protective association was organized in Gold Beach recently with a membership of over 50.

Contract for the construction of the Reedsport high school destroyed last spring by fire was awarded to Lillebo & Ash of Reedsport last week.

A two-months' tour through 10 countries of Europe will be made this summer by President and Mrs. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college.

Capt. Willis C. Snow, 73, well known figure on the Willamette and Columbia rivers for 48 years, died at his home in Portland last week.

Grange members of three counties, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook, held a picnic Saturday in Redmond. More than 2000 grangers were present.

Beginning next Saturday campfire permits will be necessary in the Crater national forest, according to the forest office headquarters in Medford.

Fifty-four residents of Woodburn past the age of 70 years were banqueted in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church last Thursday.

All of Malheur, Baker and Union counties are placed under quarantine for alfalfa weevil and shipment of hay to outside points in Oregon is forbidden.

Miss Grace Morrison, 26, a teacher of Pentone, Ill., was instantly killed in an automobile wreck near Warendale on the Columbia highway last week.

The annual state convention of postal clerks and mail carriers was held in Salem last Saturday. Between 350 and 400 of the civil service men were in attendance.

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the North Pacific Nut Growers' association at Dundee last Saturday, all officers of the exchange were re-elected.

People of Bandon will vote August 15 on the proposition of selling the city's electric plant and hydro-electric system to Portland and Tacoma interests for \$120,000.

The first bear of the season in Clackamas county has been killed near Marmot by Henry Aschoff. Snow in the mountains is forcing bears down into the foothills.

More than 700 pioneers of the Oregon country sat down at the annual banquet given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Oregon Pioneer association, held in Portland recently.

The Washington County Pioneer association and the Native Sons and Daughters of Oregon held their annual meeting at Shasta Park auditorium in Hillsboro last Sunday.

A price of 8 cents a pound for Royal Anne cherries has become general in Salem. It was said that the strawberry barreling situation had become serious because of inadequate storage facilities.

W. R. Keenan of Lockport, New York, purchased from Pickard Bros., of Marion, near Salem, "Darling's Jolly Lassie," the highest record Jersey cow in the world. The consideration was \$2600.

A \$25,000 bond issue for a new water main on the west side carried in a special election at Seaside, by four votes. The count was: For, 164; against, 160. Several weeks ago the program lost by five ballots.

Over 3000 troops with full equipment, including steel helmets, passed in review at Camp Clatsop before Governor I. L. Patterson and Brigadier General George A. White. The guardsmen marched with bayonets fixed exactly the same as they would be equipped if moving into action. In the reviewing stand besides the governor and General White were Major General Hunter C. Liggett and many other state and nationally known military notables.

The roads to Crater lake will be open to traffic by July 1. Road crews are now working overtime in the attempt to clear the roads for the first car by the first of next month. Their labors are being expedited by warm weather.

A record was set for registration at the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth last Monday when 860 signed up for work in the summer school. Many more were expected to register, and a record summer attendance was in progress.

Suddenly going mad, a large police dog attacked and bit two men and one woman in Klamath Falls and was about to charge into a group of children when a timely shot from the gun of O. W. Bratton killed the animal.

Territory between Sweet Home, Lacombe and Sweet Home and Lebanon and Lacombe is to be quarantined at once as a preventive measure in the spread of rabies, which have broken out in the Sweet Home neighborhood.

The state supreme court ordered the Eugene city recorder to place on the ballot at the special election June 28 an initiative measure looking to repeal of that part of the Eugene city charter authorizing the sale of \$500,000 bonds for construction of a public auditorium.

William A. Marshall, member of the state industrial accident commission since the creation of the department, is to resign and accept a federal position having to do with the administration of the longshoremen's and harbors act, according to reports in circulation at Salem.

The state board of education elected members of the new state textbook commission last week. The members of the commission are: J. A. Churchill of Ashland, George W. Hug of Salem, A. C. Hampton of Astoria, R. R. Turner of Dallas and Austin Landreth of Pendleton.

The enrollment of approximately 600 students the first day of the University of Oregon summer session in Eugene exceeds by 175 the total number to do summer school work on the campus last year, according to the figures released by Alfred Powers, director of the session.

The secretary of war recently approved the application of the port of Astoria and the city of Warrenton for the establishment of combined pierhead and bulkhead lines in Skipanon creek from the Columbia river to the city of Warrenton. The old lines established in 1913 were abolished.

Jackson county's expense in the prosecution of the three D'Autremont brothers is estimated at \$18,000, which does not include attorneys' fees for special prosecutors. The first trial of Hugh, which resulted in a mistrial, cost the county \$8000. The expense of the second trial is placed at \$10,000.

The 24th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Clubs' association, the biggest in the history of the organization, ended in Portland last week with the election and inauguration of Harold J. Stonier of Los Angeles as president, and the selection of Honolulu as the convention city for 1928.

Because of the low prices being offered by canners for Royal Anne cherries, the Hood River Apple Growers' association has announced that this variety will be packed and forwarded under refrigeration to eastern markets. The wage schedule for cherry picking has been announced as 1½ to 2 cents per pound.

Spanish American war veterans representing widely scattered states of the union formed the Central Oregon camp of the United Spanish War Veterans at a meeting in Bend last week. Jay H. Upton, past state commander of the organization, was elected commander. Twenty-six veterans signed the charter at the first meeting.

Major H. S. Lillagar, Portland, was elected department commander of the Oregon department, Grand Army of the Republic, at the closing session of the annual encampment held in Salem last week. Lillagar is serving his eighth consecutive term as commander of a Portland G. A. R. post. The next annual encampment will be held at Roseburg.

Cost of instruction per pupil in the Albany high school district during the year, was \$80.75, compared with \$73.90 during the previous year, according to the report of Mrs. Edna Geer, Linn county school superintendent. The increase is explained in the fact that this year interest on the value of high school buildings charged was \$3368.65, against \$600 last year, which was in error.

Mad Bull, Karook Indian from the Klamath Falls country, plugged his way to victory in the 472-mile San Francisco to Grants Pass Redwood highway marathon last week. Mad Bull limped gamely into Grants Pass with the applause of the throngs along the streets ringing in his ears. He had maintained an average of almost three miles an hour for the entire distance.

After a short, hot spell that did no damage to grain around Condon, it rained last week. Wheat is filling fine and promises a 30-bushel crop, all grading number 1. It is estimated there will be 1,500,000 bushels shipped from Condon alone.

Two old pioneers of the Siuslaw country of western Lane county, Benjamin Franklin Sweet and Charles Stonefield, died last week. Mr. Sweet settled in that section in the early '50s and Mr. Stonefield settled near Heceta Head lighthouse in 1894.