

HAVANA CONFERENCE CONCLUDES LABORS

Hughes' Eloquence Sweeps Away Opposition to U. S. Policies.

Havana.—The sixth pan-American congress, which ended Monday, marked a notable departure from the character of previous conferences of this type by being dominated by controversies of a political nature instead of confining its activities mainly to the study of tangible means of inter-American intellectual, social and economic co-operation.

Following closely upon widely advertised incidents in Nicaragua between United States marines and bandits and upon the unsuccessful efforts of the Argentine ambassador at Washington to obtain mass importation of Argentine products through United States tariff barriers, the present conference began its labors last January amid general predictions of disaster.

Events in Saturday's plenary session brought American diplomacy at this conference to its climax and provided the most dramatic scene ever witnessed in a Pan-American conference. Arising to face a hostile majority, Charles Evans Hughes, leader of the American delegation, shattered insinuations and denunciations of American imperialistic purposes by talking hard realities to his critics. When he had finished virtually all opposition had been swept away in a flood of applause that rocked the conference hall.

Thus, on the eve of adjournment, one of two major political issues, which kept the conference in a state of uncertainty for more than a month and which provided ground for a mass attack upon the United States' Latin-American policies, has been cleared up.

The United States also led the winning side in the tariff struggle, the other great political question which appeared for a time a serious threat to the tranquillity of the conference.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS BASIN PROJECT

Washington, D. C.—Adoption by the federal government of the Columbia river basin irrigation project, one of the largest reclamation developments in the world, was recommended by the senate irrigation committee in favorably reporting the Jones-Dill bill.

Cost of constructing the project, which embraces 3,000,000 acres of land in central Washington, is placed at \$300,000,000. A total of 1,833,000 acres would be irrigated and made into valuable farm lands, and the remaining 1,117,000 acres would be used as grazing lands.

At the same time, the committee reported favorably the McNary bill providing for government adoption of the Deschutes project in Oregon which calls for the construction of a dam at Bonham Falls on the Deschutes river.

Both measures were approved over the opposition of Secretary Work of the interior department, who has expressed opposition to the adoption by the government of reclamation projects of this character at this time.

MRS. LINDBERGH HONORED

Filer's Mother to Receive Education Association Gold Emblem.

Washington, D. C.—For "characteristics of modesty and idealism and outstanding work in the teaching profession," Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh will be awarded a gold emblem and life membership in the National Education association at its convention in Boston in March.

Secretary Crabtree, who signed the certificate, said: "It is a source of distinct pride to the teaching profession that the youth whom the nations have so singularly honored is the son of a fellow worker."

The testimonial to Mrs. Lindbergh, representing the high regard in which she is held by more than 180,000 teachers in all parts of the country, is to be presented while her famous son, Colonel Lindbergh, looks on, just as she has looked on while the world heaped honors on him.

Borah's Candidacy Launched in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho.—The republican party of Idaho virtually put United States Senator Borah out in the open in the republican presidential race as a result of the action here of the state central committee, when it passed resolutions endorsing him for the nomination.

Auto Record Set by British Driver.

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Captain Malcolm Campbell, British ace, established a new world's speed record when he drove his huge Napier Blue Bird special over the hard beach course here at an average speed of 206.95602 miles an hour.

CAPT. A. W. MARSHALL



Capt. A. W. Marshall, who is commander of the new airplane carrier Lexington, the biggest vessel in the American navy.

ONE BANK ROBBER KILLED AT PE ELL

Chehalis, Wash.—One bank robber, George Allen, was killed and his companion, Robert Stevens, was wounded on the calf of his right leg when they held up the Pe Ell State bank at Pe Ell, 25 miles west of here. Three thousand dollars in currency, gold, silver and nickels which was taken was recovered when Allen and Stevens were brought to bay 20 minutes after the robbery while attempting to make their getaway into the brush at Pe Ell automobile park, a quarter of a mile east of town.

Allen, 35, was killed by Harry Visser, Pe Ell butcher, with a 25-20 rifle. He was hit three times. One bullet passed through Allen's neck from the left side to right, one lodged in his upper left arm near the shoulder and imbedded itself in his body; a third tore a gaping wound on the front of his right leg near the groin. Stevens, who had been wounded in a street battle by Cashier E. Lee Dunlap of the bank, immediately surrendered.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The body of Eddie Foy, veteran comedian, who died at Kansas City, was brought to New York for burial and taken to New Rochelle.

The senate has ordered a "thorough and complete investigation" of conditions in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The United States government has purchased the property in Ottawa, Ont., on which will be erected offices for the American legation. The site faces the parliament buildings.

All commercial air speed records broken when an Imperial Airways liner covered the 230-mile flight to the French capital in 80 minutes.

The bodies of two Lafayette, Ind., deputy sheriffs, missing since February 7, when they disappeared while taking two youthful prisoners from Lafayette to the Indiana reformatory at Pendleton, have been found.

Oregon Will Fight Tax Refund Effort.

Salem, Or.—Members of the state tax commission held a meeting here and instructed the attorney-general to send a telegram to Oregon's delegation in congress urging that action be deferred in connection with a bill introduced by Representative Hawley providing that the counties alone shall participate in the Oregon & California land grant tax refund. The Hawley bill would amend the original refund act so as to preclude the state from sharing in the land grant refund, even though litigation now pending in the Oregon courts should result favorably to the state.

Death of Asquith Widely Mourned.

London.—The death of the earl of Oxford and Asquith awakened a universal feeling of the deepest regret, coupled throughout Britain with a sense of national loss at the exit of one who for years had been such a notable figure in the political life of the kingdom and empire.

Yankee Spying on Germans Sentenced.

Dusseldorf, Germany.—Guido Meisel, American chemist of Portsmouth, N. H., was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined 5000 marks on charges of commercial espionage in seeking to obtain German chemical and dye secrets.

Hill Jury Unable to Agree; Dismissed.

Ottawa, Ill.—The jury which for four days deliberated the fate of Harry Hill, charged with killing his mother, was discharged after it reported a disagreement.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Dr. E. J. Schuster was appointed county health officer for Tillamook county by the county court last week.

Retail merchants of Oregon gathered at Corvallis last week for the 24th annual session of the state association.

Of the total tax of \$817,389.93 levied in Yamhill county for 1926, Sheriff Manning reports that he has collected \$729,583.93.

Hal E. Hoss, private secretary to Governor Patterson, submitted his resignation, which will become effective March 1.

A shortage of horses to carry on the spring work is reported by farmers of Tillamook county. As high as \$400 is being paid for good teams.

Blasting on Coos river Monday for rock to supply highway needs, workmen brought down 40,000 cubic yards of material that will be used in riprapping the river front near Seaside.

Because of the city's increasing growth in recent years, the postmaster at Medford has been notified that his request for an additional carrier has been granted, giving Medford nine city carriers.

The Heppner American Legion post has constructed an emergency landing field for airplanes on Morrow field, located on a hill just east of town. The field will be placed on government maps.

The Columbia River highway, which has been closed to night traffic and under daily one-way regulations since the storm and tie-up two months ago, was thrown open for 24-hour service last Friday.

As soon as weather permits, construction will begin on a 10-mile railroad to tap 34,000 acres of timber in Northern Klamath county recently acquired by the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company.

Nels Skjersaa and Emil Nordine, Norwegian ski racers of Bend, traveled across McKenzie pass last Sunday and back to the eastern slope of the Cascades, making the trip of 40 miles without accident.

Bonnie Smith, 3 daughter of Herbert Smith of Sumner, a community near Coos bay on the old Coos bay wagon road, died of infantile paralysis last week. This was the only case to develop in Sumner this year.

Snow at the rim of Crater lake is 96 inches deep and drifts have mounted as high as the second story of Crater Lake lodge, John Maben, caretaker of the lodge and weather observer at the lake reported last week.

Infantile paralysis claimed its first Union county victim since the epidemic's outbreak last fall Sunday at Union when Bruce Maxwell, 15, son of W. A. Maxwell, pioneer resident, died following a short illness.

The Swift Packing company has purchased the Coquille Valley creamery at Coquille and the Norway creamery of Norway from J. H. McCloskey, veteran butter and cheese maker of Coos county. It was announced last week.

Dedication of the \$25,000 Presbyterian church at Phoenix, being constructed by Ashland contractors, will be held Palm Sunday, according to Rev. R. W. Nelson, pastor of the church, which has about 100 active members.

O.W. Arnsperger was re-elected manager of the Talent irrigation district last week. E. T. Newberry was chosen chairman of the board of directors. Due to a large carry-over of water in the district's reservoirs the water supply will be normal, according to Mr. Arnsperger.

Abraham Lincoln Comini is the name given a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Comini of The Dalles on Lincoln's birthday. Four years ago a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Comini was named Calvin Coolidge Comini, and still another son bears the name of Leo McKinley Comini.

Robbers entered the Capitol theater in Salem last week, dynamited the safe which held two days' receipts and escaped with between \$400 and \$500. The safe was badly wrecked. A strong box in the safe, which contained approximately \$1800, was carried to the stage, where it was abandoned.

North Bend high school Wednesday night captured the Coos county debate championship for 1928, both teams winning unanimous decisions. Teams from Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Coquille and Coos River took part.

At a recent meeting of Taft Chamber of Commerce a resolution was adopted unanimously against the proposed \$3 auto license law. Fear was expressed that enactment of such a law would mean an end to further highway construction.

James, the 5-year-old son of J. E. Montgomery, president of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon, died last Friday at Marshfield of infantile paralysis.

Baseball interest in the coming season throughout the Medford section is so keen that already preliminary steps are under way to form a six club league comprised of Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass in southern Oregon, and Yreka, Weed and Shasta City in northern California.

Alex Lavon of the Applegate valley rushed to the Jackson county court house in Medford last Wednesday and recorded his filings on a mining claim where last week he found a \$42 nugget. Mr. Lavon said that there had been three attempts to jump the claim since the discovery of the gold.

There was one fatality due to an industrial accident in Oregon in the week ending February 16, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Charles M. Marindale of Wallowa. There were 589 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

The first boat to be built on Coos bay this year was launched at the McDonald & Holland shipyards last Saturday, with officials of the Hauser Construction company, for which she was built, present. She has been christened "The Multnomah". The craft is a 46-foot tug boat, costing \$9000.

The state highway commission, at a meeting in Portland February 28, will open bids for the grading and surfacing of the 4.1 miles of the North Albany-Wells market road in Benton county. Bids also will be considered for the grading and surfacing of 2.3 miles of the Pine creek market road in Wheeler county.

Announcement of the impending sale of the Coos Bay Water company of Marshfield to the Oregon-Washington Water Service company was made at Marshfield by officials of the local company through its attorney. The Coos Bay Water company serves Marshfield, North Bend, Bunker Hill, Englewood and Baypark.

Births last month, numbering 436, were 8 of 1 per cent more numerous in Portland than for January, 1927, and were 78 more than the total of 358 deaths reported. Dr. John G. Abele, city health officer, said in his monthly report. Boys numbered 234 and girls 202, while the deaths claimed 202 men and 156 women.

Harris Hart of Milwaukie was operated on in a Portland hospital and physicians removed a sponge from his body. Twelve years ago Mr. Hart fractured a rib, which required an operation, and since then he had complained of illness. The operation disclosed that the trouble was caused by a sponge that the surgeon had left in the man's body 12 years ago.

Contract for the new mail route between Newport and Taft, on the Roosevelt highway, is now effective. The route will serve ranches and beach resorts between the two points. Glendon, one of the newly developed beaches, some distance south of Taft, is the first postoffice to open its doors along the route. Emily Syonta has been appointed assistant postmaster.

George Garrett, ex-city manager of La Grande, Oregon, Grand Junction, Colorado, and Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and for a number of years employed in various capacities by the city of Portland, was appointed city manager by the Astoria city commission at a special meeting last week. Mr. Garrett will succeed O. A. Kraiz, city manager there for the last five years, whose resignation was recently presented effective March 15.

Emery Olmstead, ex-president of the Northwestern National bank, and J. E. Wheeler, ex-president of the McCormick Lumber company and the Telegram Publishing company, were found guilty on each of 23 counts on an indictment charging specific misapplication of funds of the Northwestern National bank of Portland by a jury which handed its sealed verdict to Federal Judge Bean at the opening of court last Saturday.

In the annual meeting of the Coos and Curry fair stockholders the organization selected the date of holding the 1928 fair in Myrtle Point and named September 19, 20, 31 and 32. The custom of having a fair representative in every town in the county was continued, and these men named: Joe Larson, Marshfield; G. Gustafson, North Bend; Henry Hoss, Coquille; Ray McNair, Bandon; B. L. Clausen, Broadbent; Earn Wagner, Curry county.

A Schramm, state superintendent of banks, has announced a dividend of 33 1/3 per cent, aggregating \$73,634.25, to depositors of the defunct First State Bank of Seaside. This is the first dividend to be declared since the bank closed its doors September 21.

February 24 has been set by the McMinnville school board for a special election to determine whether McMinnville taxpayers shall authorize the board to incur an indebtedness not to exceed \$40,000 for a new gymnasium-auditorium and its equipment.

MISS AGNES WILSON



Miss Agnes Wilson, daughter of William B. Wilson, secretary of labor in the Wilson administration, who seeks the Democratic nomination for congress from the Sixteenth Pennsylvania district.

CANADA TO ABOLISH LIQUOR WAREHOUSES

Vancouver, B. C.—Abolition of private liquor warehouses in Vancouver and with them, perhaps, the export liquor trade is forecast by an unexpected order from the minister of customs at Ottawa.

The order rules that private warehouses must not receive liquor after February 29, and that supplies now in storage must be moved by June 30.

It has been reported that the dominion government is planning to develop legislation to the point where only the provincial government liquor control boards will be able to import liquor, so restrictions of some sort are expected. The drastic action of the minister of customs, however, came as a complete surprise to exporters here.

If the order is enforced it will mean that private liquor warehouses will be unable to operate in the city. As a result, the importing and exporting trade may suffer considerably.

GREELY HEADS LUMBERMEN

Merger of Pacific Northwest Timber Interests Approved.

Seattle, Wash.—A merger of the West Coast Lumber Trade Extension bureau and the West Coast Lumbermen's association was approved here by the 150 Pacific Northwest lumbermen whom the associations represent. Colonel W. B. Greely, chief forester of the United States, is to assume the post of secretary-manager of the new association. Robert Allen, secretary-manager of the old association for 10 years, tendered his resignation.

The new organization, to begin functioning within the year, is to be known as the West Coast Lumbermen's association and will represent a total annual lumber cut of more than five billion feet. It is expected that many of the 119 independent lumbermen in the region will join the combined bureaus in an attempt to systematize and advertise the industry.

More Candidates Enter Ohio Fight

Columbus, O.—Three more presidential candidates were brought into the Ohio fight between Senator Willis and Secretary Hoover for control of the state's delegation. Ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois, Senator Curtis of Kansas and Senator Watson of Indiana each has authorized Willis candidates for delegates to name them as their second choice, Willis headquarters announced. These written consents already have been received, it was stated.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.41; hard white, \$1.30 1/2; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.27 1/2; hard winter, western red, \$1.22; northern spring, \$1.23 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—49@52c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@26c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.50.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8@9.35.
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$11@12.35.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.27 1/2; hard winter, \$1.23; western red, \$1.22 1/2; northern spring, \$1.23 1/2; bluestem, \$1.39 1/2; dark northern spring, \$1.44 1/2; dark hard winter, \$1.38 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—51c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@26c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11.25@11.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.30@9.40.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.00.
Hogs—Good, \$9@9.10.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS FLOOD BILL

Burden of Controlling Waters Placed on the Federal Government.

Washington, D. C.—Placing the entire burden and cost upon the federal government and carrying an appropriation of \$473,000,000, a flood control bill was presented to the house by its flood control committee.

The measure, which was drafted by Chairman Reid of Illinois, was approved in committee by a vote of 11 to 6 with one member not voting.

The bill diverges sharply from the plan prepared by Major-General Jadin, chief of army engineers, and recommended to congress by President Coolidge, which proposed the expenditure of \$296,400,000 for the project, and called upon the Mississippi valley states to contribute 20 per cent of the expense.

The measure would set up a new governmental agency. This agency would be designated as the Mississippi valley flood control commission and would be composed of seven members, including four prominent civilian engineers and scientists to be appointed by the president.

The measure states specifically that the work shall be done "without local contribution" and authorizes the government to bear the entire expense of purchasing and indemnifying the property on which levees, spillways, floodways and other control works are to be built.

This cost is placed upon the states in the Jadin plan and was one of the chief targets of its opponents on the ground that it would amount to over \$100,000,000.

FEDERAL TRADE BODY READY FOR INQUIRY

Washington, D. C.—The federal trade commission has decided to proceed immediately to carry out the provisions of the Walsh resolution calling for an investigation of public utility power corporations.

The commission adopted a resolution in which it was made clear that the inquiry will be carried on "in strict and full compliance" with the terms of the Walsh resolution and that in making the investigation the commission would rely on all powers "legally available to it, whether contained in its organic act or elsewhere, which may conduce to a diligent and complete performance of the ends or purposes set forth."

By a margin of 15 votes the senate referred to the federal trade commission in the investigation of the financing of public utilities power corporations. The vote was 46 to 31, with party lines obliterated.

WATER POWER GAINS

575,000 Horse Increase in 1927 For United States Reported.

Washington, D. C.—Water power development in the United States increased 575,000 horsepower, or 5 per cent, in 1927, there being a total of 12,296,000 horsepower January 1, 1928, the geological survey discloses in a report showing that the increase was in plants of public utility power companies.

The report shows that the total amount of potential water power available 90 per cent of the time is 38,110,000 horsepower, with 56,166,000 horsepower available 50 per cent of the time.

If it were feasible to develop all the water power resources in this country 85,000,000 horsepower could be produced, the report continues.

California ranks first in the developed water power with 1,993,000 horsepower; New York is second with 1,779,000, and Washington is third with 707,000. Washington leads in potential water power with 11,200,000 available 50 per cent of the time.

5 Unaccounted for in Ferry Accident.

San Francisco.—Five persons are believed to have drowned when 30 passengers were swept from the bow of the ferryboat Peralta into the bay. The opinion prevails among United States inspectors that the forward "dip" of the Peralta was caused when some hand in the engine room turned the wrong valve and sent water into the forward balancing tank when it should have been sent astern.

Power Companies Would Merge.

Portland, Or.—The Portland Electric Power company and the Northwestern Electric company will be consolidated—if the people of Portland give their consent. This action has been decided upon by the powers that be of both public service companies. But before the merger, an election is to be held for the voters of the city to decide whether they will approve the deal.